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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-eighth day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain of the day is Father Robert Tucker of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln...from Lincoln, Senator Foley's district. Father Tucker.

FATHER TUCKER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Father Tucker. Members, we'll call the session...today's business to order. Please record your presence.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have neither messages, reports or announcements at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Clerk, legislative confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, confirmation report offered by Retirement Systems, found on page 621.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR BRUNING: Mr. President, members of the Legislature the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee recommends Denis Blank for your confirmation to the Public Employees Retirement Board. Mr. Blank is from Lincoln; he's the Chief Administrator for the Department of Agriculture; he's worked there for 20 years, and we feel that he'll be an excellent addition to the Public Employees Retirement Board. His term will expire in 2005, and