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SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-fourth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Sister Barbara Brumleve, who is from Alegent Health in Omaha, Senator Thompson's district. She actually resides in Senator Redfield's district. We welcome you. Please rise.

SISTER BRUMLEVE: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Sister. I call the twenty-fourth day of this session to order. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

SPEAKER BROMM: Mr. Clerk, are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: (Read corrections, Legislative Journal page 595.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements at this time?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no messages, reports, or announcements at this time.

SPEAKER BROMM: We'll proceed to the agenda. Mr. Clerk, first item on the agenda.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Natural Resources Committee reports on the appointments of Mr. Steve Oltmans and Jodi Thompson to the Environmental Quality Council. (Legislative Journal page 581.)

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, on February 6, the Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on