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Floor Debate January 25, 2021

**HILGERS:** Morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the thirteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Bostelman. Please rise.

**BOSTELMAN:** Good morning, colleagues and Nebraska. This morning's message, this morning's prayer, words come from Pastor Wilson Metz, who's pastor of Word of Hope Lutheran Church in Ashland, Nebraska. Please join me in prayer. To the triune God, God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in the scriptures we discover what God's divine power offers, may each member receive everything God offers. The apostle Peter writes: His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him, who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these, he has given us his very great and precious promises so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. And in the scriptures we discover all authority is given by God. And the apostle Paul writes: Let everyone be subject to the governing of authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. And in the scriptures we discover we are called to pray for those in authority, for those over us in leadership. Many across our great state are praying for each of you today. The apostle Paul writes in Timothy-- to Timothy: I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for all people, for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peacefully and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness in the scriptures we read about acquiring wisdom. And James writes: If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault and will be given to you. Pastor Metz writes: My prayer for this Unicameral body of Legislatures [SIC] is that they would govern using the wisdom you offer them, the compassion of your heart, the justice of your righteousness, and the knowledge that ultimately each of them is accountable to you and the one true God. Amen.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Bostelman. Senator Gragert for the pledge.

**GRAGERT:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Gragert. I call to order the thirteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections to the Journal?

**CLERK:** I have no corrections.

**HILGERS:** Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** I do, Mr. President, a series of hearing notices. Education Committee provides a set of four hearing notices; Transportation, I have four separate hearing notices; Banking, Commerce and Insurance, I have four hearing notices; the Agriculture Committee, two hearing notices; the General Affairs Committee, two hearing notices; Retirement Systems Committee, a hearing notice; Government Committee has provided me with six hearing notices. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hughes for an announcement.

**HUGHES:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. One last time, a reminder that the Redistricting Committee nominations need to be in my office by 5:00 today. So if you have any interest in being considered for that Redistricting Committee, please submit an email to my office by 5:00 today. Thank you, Mr. President.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Hughes. Members, we're waiting for a notice of hearing to come down. When that comes down, we're going to adjourn. You're free-- obviously, we have committee hearings starting at 9:30, so you're free to go down and get ready for those if you would like. We have no other business other than waiting for the notice for the hearing. Thank you. Mr. Clerk for items.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Hearing notices from the Business and Labor Committee, two separate notices. I have also a series of name adds this morning: Senator Dorn to LB8; Matt Hansen to LB8, LB11, and LB12; Erdman to LB212; Sanders, LB264; Lindstrom, LB309; Hunt, LB567; Linehan, LB581; Wayne, LB633; Matt Hansen, LB657, LB665; Hunt, LB665; Matt Hansen, LB666; Hunt, LB666; Briese to LR1. Senator Williams would like to announce that there will be an Executive Session following their afternoon hearing today. Banking Committee will have an Executive Session following their afternoon hearing. And, Mr. President, Senator Bostar would move to adjourn the body until Tuesday, January 26, at 9:00.

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**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. We are adjourned.