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Floor Debate February 8, 2021

**HILGERS:** Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-third day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Murman. Please rise.

**MURMAN:** The prayer today is from my son-in-law, Grant Hewitt, who is the director for the southeast region of the United States for the Christian Medical and Dental Association, CMDA. Let us pray. Lord God, creator of all things, we thank you for this privilege to speak to you as the true and living God. This morning we confess that you are real and that you hear our prayer not because we are important, but because Jesus Christ has opened the way to God by his sacrificial death. We speak to you this morning because you can do wonderful things, which we cannot. We ask your blessing and protection on these leaders who venture out into an often hostile public square in order to help their fellow man and to defend those who can't defend themselves. Thank you for each person here who is working hard to give others a better life, a life more closely aligned with your design for us. You are the true source of light and you alone give wisdom. Left to ourselves, we are so easily confused and misguided. I ask your courage for us to stand for what is honorable, true, and just, despite the many evil forces at work in this world. We also pray for our political enemies, for the grace to truly love them and for you to draw them to yourself in the same mercy that you-- that we depend upon. You are the only great and awesome God and we love you and serve you. May we go forth in your name, in your love, and in your power. In Jesus name, Amen.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Murman. Senator Moser, you're recognized for the pledge.

**MOSER:** Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Moser. I call to order the twenty-third day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

**HILGERS:** Thank you. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** No corrections this morning.

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

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. I have notice of committee hearings from the Education Committee, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and the Retirement Systems Committee. Your Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs reports LB35, LB93, and LB94 to General File, as well as LB368 and LB369 to General File with committee amendments attached. Attorney General's Opinion (LB580) addressed to Senator Moser. Amendments to be printed: Senator Brandt to LB600 and Senator Kolterman to LB16. That's all I have at this time.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh would like to recognize Dr. Joe Miller of Omaha, who is serving as our family physician of the day. Dr. Miller is seated under the north balcony. Please rise and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk for items.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Additional items for today: Senator Sanders has selected LB389 as priority bill; new resolution, LR39, by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, congratulates Amanda Gorman for presenting poetry at the inauguration of the President. Name adds: Senator Morfeld to LB4; Senator Hilkemann to LB4; Senator Brandt, Senator Murman, Senator Moser, Senator Lindstrom, Senator Albrecht, Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Senator Williams, Senator Vargas, all to LB4; Senator Hunt to LB11; Senator Geist to LB461; Senator Moser to LB542; Senator Murman to LB595; Senator Murman to LB596. And finally, Mr. President, Senator Murman would move to adjourn until Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

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