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Floor Debate February 8, 2023

**ARCH:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-fourth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Monsignor Robert Tucker from St. Vincent de Paul in Seward, Nebraska, Senator Hughes's district. Please rise.

**MONSIGNOR TUCKER:** Good morning. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to be here present in this Chamber today. May the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are present here. And we appeal to God this day to bless all who are in this Chamber this day as they deliberate and vote, vote on the bills that will be presented today. Bless them with wisdom, prudence, humility and collegiality to help them accomplish your will in the decisions that they make this day. Let wisdom open their minds to see issues as you see them. And may prudence help them to realize the effect that their decisions will have on every person in our state. Give them the humility to be true servants to our state. And may they work together harmoniously for the common good. Let the judgments that they make today be grounded in truth and justice. In every decision that they make, may they diligently seek truth, courageously defend that truth and vote in a manner that always upholds the truth. If tempers flare and harsh words are exchanged in the course of discussions, may they be quick to forgive and resolve their differences so that harmony can be restored and your work completed. If they reach an impasse, may they be resolved to continue their discussions later and not be tempted to leave issues unresolved or be satisfied with bills that do not meet the needs of the common good. When the day comes to an end, give them the ability to see the imprint of your hand upon their work. And as the sun sets and light gives way to darkness, may they give praise to you in reverence to you for the help that you give them today and every day now and forever. Amen.

**ARCH:** I recognize Senator McDonnell for the Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you. I call to order the twenty-fourth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

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

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

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**ASSISTANT CLERK:** There are. I have notice of committee hearings from the Government Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, General Affairs, Revenue, Urban Affairs. All those will be placed in the Legislative Journal. Amendments to be printed: Senator Briese to LB589 and to LB685 as well as to amendments to LB242 and LB243 and LB244, all from Senator Briese. Amendment to be printed from Senator Briese to LB15, Senator Clements to LB681, Senator Holdcroft to LB590, Senator Slama to LB535, Senator Brandt to LB144 and Senator Erdman to LB230. An announcement that the General Affairs Committee has selected LB376 as a committee priority bill. New resolu-- new resolution, LR38 from Senator DeKay. Calls for the-- a recognition of the significance of Nebraska line workers. Series of name adds this morning: Senator Aguilar to LB4, Senator von Gillern to LB145, Senator Brewer to LB218, Senator Slama to LB610, Senator Blood to LB736.

**ARCH:** Colleagues-- oops. Colleagues, I'd like to introduce our family physician for the day, Dr. Steven Williams from Omaha, a guest of Senator John Fredrickson. Welcome, Dr. Williams. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR35. Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Mr. President, priority motion, Senator Bostelman would move to adjourn the body until Thursday, February 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

**ARCH:** Colleagues, you have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed. We are adjourned.