

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: We are pleased to have with us for the opening prayer this morning Reverend Louise Munkel, Christ Unity Church, Lincoln, Nebraska. Reverend Munkel.

REVEREND MUNKEL: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you so much Reverend Munkel. Pleased to have you with us. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, on page 2056 show Senator Wehrbein as excused and not voting instead of present and not voting. On the vote indication on page 2069, line 6, after the word "amendment" insert "as amended". That is all that I have.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: I have none of those items, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: That being the case, we will proceed to General File, item 5, appropriations bills, beginning with LB 288.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 288 was discussed yesterday. It's a bill introduced by the Revenue Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 15, referred to Revenue. Yesterday, Mr. President, the Legislature began its consideration by discussing the committee amendments. That is what I currently have pending.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Vard Johnson, would you care to bring us up to speed on the status and the condition of LB 288, please.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, yesterday I opened on LB 288 and it was an absolutely sterling opening. There were huzzahs all around the balcony. There was loud applause in the Chamber and then the fire alarm went off. I told you to remember what I had said yesterday and you all walked out of here trying to commit this to memory, but it soon