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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the seventy-ninth day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain this morning is Pastor Mary-Ellen Gaither from the United Methodist Church, serving the Humboldt-Table Rock area, guest of Senator Vrtiska and Senator Schrock. Pastor Gaither.

PASTOR GAITHER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Pastor Gaither. We call the Legislature to order. Members, would you please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Just one item and I have a hearing notice from the Government Committee regarding a confirmation hearing, and that's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 1921.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. First item this morning is legislative confirmation report from the Education Committee.

CLERK: Mr. President, Education Committee offers a confirmation report found on page 1826 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report of the Education Committee.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. It's a pleasure to report to you that the Education Committee