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

**DeBOER:** O Holy One, thank you for this beautiful day, for the mists on the fields, for the sunflowers in bloom, for the blue skies, for this beautiful building, for the beauty of the prairie. Thank you for this beautiful place where we all get to call home. Pour out your healing and comfort today on all of those who mourn, who suffer or are sick. And we ask that you strengthen in each one of us, each one of us who meets here today, your virtues: patience, kindness, peacemaking, understanding, forgiveness, and grace. Bless us as we undertake our work and bless all those who labor this day and every day. Encourage in us a spirit of caring for our neighbor. Stir in us the desire to work together as you would have us work together. Help us see your image in each one we meet today. Be with our families, our friends, and our animal companions. Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful day, for the beautiful place in which we get to live, and for the beautiful people who live with us here. In your name, amen.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator DeBoer. Senator Lowe, you are recognized for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**LOWE:** 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 Lowe. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Special Session. Senators please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**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. Do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

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**CLERK:** Mr. President, the General Affairs Committee gives notice of public-- confirmation public hearing, two different notices. That's all that I have in terms of messages, reports, and announcements.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll proceed to the introduction of new bills.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, a new bill. Senators McKinney and Hunt offer LB15. It's a bill for an act relating to redistricting; it provides for counting Nebraska residents confined to a prison in Nebraska and declares an emergency.

**HILGERS:** Colleagues, as you know, the Redistricting Committee has a hearing at 9:00. This is the last day of bill introduction. If you anticipate having a bill, please let me know right away because we aren't-- we don't intend to keep this window open very long. So if you have a bill that you intend to introduce, please let me know right away. Thank you.

**HILGERS:** Mr. Clerk, for items.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, name adds: Senators Dorn and Brandt to LB12. I also have an announcement. The Health Committee will meet in Executive Session today in Room 1510 following their afternoon gubernatorial appointment hearing. Health Committee, 1510, this afternoon. Mr. President, Senator Williams would move to adjourn the body until Thursday, September 16, at 9:00 a.m.

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