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Floor Debate February 1, 2024

KELLY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twentieth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Lippincott. Please rise.

LIPPINCOTT: Dear Father, we thank you for your love for us. Your care is like a shepherd for your sheep. In your wisdom, you gave us three institutions to keep order in this world. You gave us each parents who gave us life and our parents created in your image. You gave the power and ability to create life. They then helped nurture us early on in life. We thank you for the second institution, your church, a body that promotes the Kingdom of God on Earth, which is the reign and rule of the Lord Jesus Christ within the hearts and souls of those who put their trust in you through the redemptive power of the blood of the lamb. And we thank you that you established the third institution, government. In this fallen world, we're grateful that this institution exists to keep peace. And when that peace is violated, to provide justice for all. When faced with the awesome challenge of leading Israel as a very young man, following the footsteps of his father, David, a man after your own heart, Solomon asked for discernment in administering justice. Lord, give us wisdom and discernment in administering justice just as recorded in Job, where he says the fear of the Lord that is wisdom and to shun evil is understanding. May we be bold and courageous, as you commanded Joshua when leading your people and let us never be passive or cower in fear. May we pursue the qualities you spoke through Moses when he sought leaders of thousands and hundreds and fifties and tens, qualities of being capable, honest, to fear God, that is, to walk before you in reverence and obedience, and to possess the character of trust. Finally, let us fix our eyes on what is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, whatever is excellent or praiseworthy, let us think about these things. For it is the kindness of God that leads a person to repentance. May we pursue the only two qualities that Jesus ascribed to himself, that of gentleness and humility. And it is in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

KELLY: Thank you, Senator Lippincott. I recognize Senator Ibach for the Pledge of Allegiance.

IBACH: Please join me in the pledge. 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.

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KELLY: Thank you. I call to order the twentieth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you. Were there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

KELLY: Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Senator Hunt has Motion, MO27 to IPP LB374 pursuant to Rule 6, Section 3(f). Additionally, Senator Hunt would move to bracket LB374 and LB811, MO28 and MO29. Notice of committee hearings from the Government, Revenue, Transportation, Judiciary Committee. New LR: Senator McKinney, LR35. That will be laid over. Additionally, name adds: Senator Dorn and Senator Dungan to LB31; Senator McDonnell to LB84 and LB88; Senator Dungan to LB88; Senator Dorn to LB90; and Senator Hunt to LB385. Finally, Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Walz would move to adjourn the body until Thursday, February 2, at 9:00 a.m.

KELLY: Senators, you've heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. We are adjourned for the day.