

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. The opening of today's business, our chaplain of the day, Colonel Meredith Thomas, Offutt Air Force Base, Colonel Thomas. (Gavel.)

COLONEL THOMAS: It's good to see you, some of you. It's good to see some of the senators, glad we have all the Pages. I believe the Pages and the "red coats" are ahead, God love you. Let us pray. (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Colonel Thomas. We're glad to have you back with us again today. Roll call.

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

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

CLERK: Mr. President, no corrections this morning.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any reports, announcements, messages?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Education, whose Chair is Senator Withem, reports LB 69 as indefinitely postponed and LB 134 to General File, both signed by Senator Withem. (See page 404 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a series of reference reports referring certain gubernatorial appointees to the appropriate Standing Committee for confirmation hearing.

I have a rereferral of LB 543 from Appropriations to Education, and I have a reference report referring LBs 600-808 as well as well as certain constitutional amendments.

Mr. President, I have received a communication from the Governor regarding a predisbursement plan for the oil overcharge monies from the Nebraska Energy Settlement Fund. Pursuant to that communication I have forwarded that on to Senator Labeledz as Chair of the Executive Board and received back from her a communication referencing that particular item to the Appropriations Committee for comment and review. That is all that I have, Mr. President.