

April 11, 1989

LR 74

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to the 63rd working day. Our chaplain of the day, the Reverend Ron Knapp of the First Unitarian Church in Omaha which, incidentally, happens to be Reverend...or, excuse me, Senator Ron Withem' parish. Reverend Knapp, please. (Gavel.)

REVEREND KNAPP: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Reverend Knapp. Hope you can come back again. Roll call.

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

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

CLERK: No corrections this morning, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, for the second day I have no messages, reports or announcements at this time.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to advise that Senator Rod Johnson has some guests in our north balcony. We have 15 high school students, a Modern Problems class from Palmer, Nebraska with their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for being here. We're glad to have you. Legislative resolution, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 74 offered by Senator Chambers, found on page 1612. (Read brief description of LR 74.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, because of the nature of this resolution, I don't think a great deal needs to be said about it. But what it does is make mention of the fact that a national committee called A Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse has been fighting against child abuse for years and has given as its goal the reduction by a certain percentage, by 1990, the rate of child abuse that occurs. It is a serious problem in this country and it cuts across cultural, ethnic, economic and social lines. So what I'm