

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: Welcome to this, the fifth day in the Second Session of the Ninety-first Legislature. For our opening prayer this morning, we are privileged to have with us Pastor Dale Holt, Grace Lutheran Church in Walton, Nebraska. Pastor Holt, please. (Gavel.)

PASTOR HOLT: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you so much, Dale. We're pleased to have you with us. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any announcements, messages or reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, a report regarding the filing of interim study reports which is done pursuant to our rules by a number of committees. That will be inserted in the Journal.

I've also received from the Upper Republican NRD a report regarding payment of attorney fees which is required by Nebraska state law. That will be on file in my office. That is all that I have, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. In addition to continued introduction of new bills, we turn to item 5 on the agenda, LR 231. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 231 was a resolution that was introduced by Senator Rod Johnson. It is found on page 125 of the Journal. (Read resolution.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) The Chair recognizes Senator Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, I do not wish to take a lot of the legislative time this morning, but there is a problem that I think has been brought to light by the students of our State of Nebraska, in particular my alma mater, Nebraska Wesleyan and also the University of Nebraska to take a look at ways that we can replace styrofoam cups which, as this resolution has indicated, take a number of years to decompose,