## PRESIDENT NICHOL PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. We have with us this morning, as our chaplain of the day, Pastor Gordon Patterson, of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Would you please rise for the invocation. Pastor Patterson.

REVEREND PATTERSON: (Prayer offered.)
PRESIDENT: Thant: you, Reverend Patterson. We appreciate your giving us the invocation this morning. Please come back. Roll call, please.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.
PRESIDENT: Thank you. Do you have any messages, reports or announcements today?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one item. I have three reports from a variety of Natural Resource Districts regarding payment of attorney fees. Those reports are required by statute, will be on file for member review in my office. That's all that $I$ have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 235. Move on to introduction of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 1136-1139 by title for the first time. See page 329 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Move on to the motion by Senator Wesely, please.
CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wesely would move to withdraw LB 1012. That motion was filed on January 12. It's found on page 309 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Wesely, please.
SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I rise to ask the eternal question of what are we here for? I ask that question in light of this particular motion because it's clear that what we are here for in the Nebraska Legislature is to

