

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 Charles Tyler of the Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in Omaha. Would you please rise for the invocation.

PASTOR TYLER: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT: Pastor Tyler, thank you. We appreciate it this morning. Roll call, please. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: One item, a report received from the Nebraska Energy Office required to be filed with the Clerk's Office pursuant to statute and that will be on file in my office, Mr. President. That's all that I have.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. We'll move on to Legislative Resolutions, LR 396.

CLERK: Mr. President, LR 396 was a resolution introduced by Senator Wesely. It's found on page 1602 of the Journal. It asks that the month of April be proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Wesely, please.

SENATOR WESELY: Fine. I was talking to Senator Hannibal. Mr. President, members, I appreciate the opportunity to introduce LR 396, recognizing this as child abuse month. Child Abuse Prevention Month is recognized during April, and I have passed out for you an article that came out this morning in the Lincoln Star talking about the problem of child abuse. And I think it highlights again for the general public the concern there is and the desire to deal with the problem of child abuse. As you can see from the chart that I've passed out, we have seen