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SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. With us this morning we have, for the Chaplain of the day, we have Pastor Don Riordan from the East Lincoln Christian Church. Pastor Riordan.

PASTOR RIORDAN: I have chosen for my text, Proverbs 16. When I was in San Diego on the Mayor's Council Advisory Committee for Fete Wilson, I asked members of his cabinet and what have you the question we began to bat around one day was, can you be a Christian and still remain a politician and still serve your faith, as aggressively as the Lord demands you. And I think the general consensus was, yes, you can, as long as you don't go for reelection. Today you have before you a question on the House involving the battle of the ballots. I would remind you that what Jesus says that the law kills, the letter of the law kills, and that we are to do justice and mercy, and I would hope the legislative body here today debates on justice and mercy. Hear the words of the Lord before we enter into prayer. The plans of the heart belong to man but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord. All the ways of man are clean in his own sight but the Lord weighs the motives. Commit your works to the Lord. Almighty Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, you have called us to be a loving, caring community. You have raised up a leadership for the State of Nebraska that is to administer the desires of the citizens of this great state. That is not an easy task for each of us come from different kinds of backgrounds and different kinds of allegiances, but help us as we do your work here, as a legislative body, to do the work in the form of justice and mercy. Help us to rise above the politics of life, continue to struggle with our faith as we make those kinds of decisions that are necessary, give us the strength and the courage to continue the walk and carry the cross, in your son's precious name we pray to you, most Holy Father. Amen.

SPEAKER BAACK: Roll call.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Mr. President.