

**SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. With us this morning for the prayer, who we have for the Chaplain of the day, we have Father Joe Walsch, who is the Director of Catholic Social Services here in Lincoln. Father Walsch.

**FATHER WALSCH:** (Prayer offered.)

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Roll call.

**CLERK:** A quorum present, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Any corrections to the Journal?

**CLERK:** I have no corrections, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** Mr. President, the Report of Registered Lobbyists for this week will be inserted in the Journal. And I have amendments to be printed to LB 773 by Senator Warner. (See pages 1814-15 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER BAACK:** Before we continue, I would like to introduce a guest of Senator Wehrbein. Under the north balcony, we have Fritz Von Meijenfeldt, who is the Chief of the Trade Policy Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs, from the Netherlands. Would you please stand and be welcomed by the Legislature. Also now I would like to recognize Senator Crosby for a point of personal privilege.

**SENATOR CROSBY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning, members. It is a privilege to carry on the tradition in District 29 to provide you with a seedling tree as our observance of Arbor Day in the Legislature. I am just going to read quickly to you what the Nebraska Forest Service wrote on this little card. Each one of you is getting your tree at your office. "The seedling tree is from improved genetic stock developed by the Tree Improvement Program in the Nebraska Forest Service to better withstand the rigors of Nebraska's climate. Plant it in a special place in remembrance of those early Nebraskans who gave the world Arbor Day, and who, through their