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SENATOR CROSBY PRESIDING

SENATOR CROSBY: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain for the day is Pastor David Haynes of the Kingsway Christian Church in Omaha, and he is Senator Quandahl's guest this morning. Pastor.

PASTOR HAYNES: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Pastor. I now call to order the forty-fifth day of the Ninety-Sixth Legislature, Second Session. Senators, roll call. Will you please record your presence.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

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

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any messages, announcements or reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, a motion to reconsider a vote on an amendment taken late yesterday afternoon (re LB 973); that will be laid over. A report of registered lobbyists for this week to be inserted in the Legislative Journal. Received a report from the Employment...Department of Revenue regarding the Employment and Investment Growth Act, and the State Highway Inventory Report, both reports on file in the Clerk's Office, available for legislator review. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 1103-1104.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Before we move to Final Reading, I have several announcements this morning. (Doctor of the day and visitors introduced.) Standing at the front of the Chamber is Senator Brashear, it's his birthday, and in honor of that he's provided you with doughnuts. I don't know the color of those. Happy Birthday, Senator Brashear. They might be red. (Laughter) Senator Kiel announces that she has Shamrock cookies this morning, from Gerda's in Omaha, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, tomorrow. They are underneath the north balcony. It's also my understanding that today is Senator Matzke's birthday and he has not provided doughnuts or rolls. (Laughter) Happy Birthday, Senator Matzke. We next move to