SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Discussion on the advancement of the bill? Anything further, Senator Weihing, there are no lights on?

SENATOR WEIHING: Nothing further, thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is then the advancement of LB 53 to E & R. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 53.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 53 is advanced. Anything for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 662-682 by title for the first time. See pages 313-17 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair also reminds members of the body of the Lied Center tour today. Transportation is available at the south door of the Capitol, south door, Lied Center tour. Returning to General File, Mr. Clerk, LB 57.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 57 was a bill introduced by Senator Coordsen. (Title read.) The bill was introduced on January 5, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, this bill last year existed in the form of a friendly amendment to a bill that later came up on consent calendar, and I subsequently withdrew the bill and introduced it this year as a...or withdrew the amendment and introduced it as a separate bill. What this bill does in the use of wheel tax funds in a city, if we remove from statute the words "or for related equipment purchases as a use of the wheel tax funds", words that were put into by the...put in statute by the bill last year. To the best of my knowledge there are four cities in the State of Nebraska that currently levy a wheel tax, none of which use those funds for purchasing of equipment up to this time. It was

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Microphone not activated) ...everyone. morning. For the opening prayer this morning we have a real live Irishman from Philip Neri parish in Florence, Omaha, Dan Lynch, Senator Dan Lynch's parish. We're glad to welcome today from Ireland, ancestors in Tipperary, Father Fitzgerald from St. Philip Neri in Omaha. Please rise for the invocation. (Gavel.)

FATHER FITZGERALD: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: (Gavel.) Thank you, Father Fitzgerald. We're happy to have you with us. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, sir. Any corrections to the Journal, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Any reports, announcements or messages?

CLERK: Mr. President, Health and Human Services reports LB 422 to General File; LB 429, General File with amendments; LB 665, indefinitely postponed. Those are signed by Senator Wesely. (See page 1196 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a new A bill, LB 54A by Senator Weihing. (Read LB 54A by title for the first time. See page 1197 of the Legislative Journal.)

Notice of confirmation hearing from the Transportation Committee offered by Senator Lamb. (See page 1198 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, received a report from the Department Personnel pursuant to statute. That will be on file in my office. That's all that I have Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Before proceeding into the first item on the agenda, the confirmation report to be offered by Senator Withem, just a reminder that we will momentarily be proceeding into the Mother of the Year presentation which has