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Twenty-fifth Day

Pursuant to Uniform Rule 13 the House was called to order by Speaker pro tempore Foster at 10:16 a.m.

Roll call showed 38 members present.

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that Representatives Fields and Zulkosky be excused from a call of the House today. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The invocation was offered by the Chaplain, the Reverend Tari Stage-Harvey of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the invocation be spread on the journal. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Today, 141 years ago, Martin Buber, one of the great Jewish thinkers was born, so I offer his poem as part of our prayer.

We cannot avoid
Using power,
Cannot escape the compulsion
To afflict the world,
So let us, cautious in diction
And mighty in contradiction,
Love powerfully.
-Martin Buber (1926)

Open our hearts to love not as a fuzzy feeling, but as a commitment to defend the humanity in ourselves and others. Open our eyes to see the gifts in others as well as the blind spots in ourselves. Open our hands so we don't cling tightly to power and control but reach out for help and guidance. Help us to love powerfully. To use our influence in this world so all creation might live in its fullness. Amen.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Representative LeBon.

CERTIFICATION OF THE JOURNAL

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the journal for the 23rd and 24th legislative days be approved as certified by the Chief Clerk. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The Speaker pro tempore stated that, without objection, the House would recess; and so, the House recessed at 10:23 a.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Speaker pro tempore called the House back to order at 11:51 a.m.

SPEAKER

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations for Speaker of the House be opened. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

Representative Jackson nominated Representative Talerico as Speaker of the House.

Representative Wilson moved and asked unanimous consent that nominations be closed. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

The question being: "Shall Representative Talerico be elected Speaker of the House?" The roll was taken with the following result:

Representative Talerico
Speaker of the House

YEAS: 20 NAYS: 17 EXCUSED: 2 ABSENT: 1

Yeas: Carpenter, Eastman, Jackson, Johnson, Johnston, Kopp, LeBon, Merrick, Neuman, Pruitt, Rasmussen, Rauscher, Revak, Shaw, Sullivan-Leonard, Talerico, Thompson, Tilton, Vance, Wilson

Nays: Claman, Drummond, Edgmon, Foster, Hannan, Hopkins, Josephson, Kreiss-Tomkins, LeDoux, Lincoln, Ortiz, Spohnholz, Story, Stutes, Tarr, Tuck, Wool

Excused: Fields, Zulkosky

Absent: Knopp

And so, lacking the necessary 21 votes, Representative Talerico was not elected Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

House committee schedules are published under separate cover.

ADJOURNMENT

Representative Kopp moved and asked unanimous consent that the House adjourn until 11:00 a.m., February 11. There being no objection, the House adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Crystalline Jones
Acting Chief Clerk