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**KELLY:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Clements. Please rise.

**CLEMENTS:** Thank you, Mr. President. Please join me in an attitude of prayer. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the opportunity to represent the people of Nebraska. 1 Peter 4 says, as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's grace. From Psalm 139: O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know our sitting down and our rising up. You understand our thoughts. You comprehend our paths. And you are acquainted with all our ways. We thank you, Lord, for creating us with a purpose. Help us to recognize our gifts and use them wisely to serve the people of Nebraska. Help us to remember to be good stewards of your grace as we discuss issues and make decisions here. We pray today for understanding, to make decisions that honor you and that benefit our state. Today, we pray that you watch over and give your grace to our governor and his staff, each senator and our legislative staff, and the Supreme Court and judicial staff. We ask you to watch over and protect our families and our state and national leaders. We pray for protection for first responders and the military who keep us safe and free. We pray that we will be God-fearing and recognize we are accountable to you for each decision. From Psalm 19: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer. As we honor you, may you continue to bless the people in the great state of Nebraska. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**KELLY:** I recognize Senator Armendariz for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ARMENDARIZ:** Please join me in the pledge. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**KELLY:** Thank you. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**CLERK:** There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

**CLERK:** I had no corrections this morning, sir.

**KELLY:** Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

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**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. Proposed rule changes. Proposed Rule Change 7 from Senator Lonow-- Lonowski. Proposed Rule Change 8 from Senator Lippincott, as well as Proposed Rule Changes 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 from Senator Lippincott, and Proposed Rule Change 19 from Senator Clements. Those will all be placed in the Journal. Additionally, agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found at the Nebraska Legislature's website. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Meyer would like to recognize the physician of the day: Dr. Dave Hoelting of Pender. Please stand and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Speaker Arch, you're recognized for an announcement.

**ARCH:** Colleagues, if you look at your agenda today, you'll see that the second item of action today is to take up the motion to adopt the report from the Committee on Committees. The committee's preliminary report was filed in yesterday's Journal. As is the practice, we need the committee to finalize their report for consideration to-- by the full body. I've been informed the committee intends to meet this morning to do just that. We will take up introduction of bills until such time as we have a final report from the Committee on Committees. And then we will move on to the motion to adopt their report. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB82, introduced by Senator Rountree. It's a bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; amends Section 38-1015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 38-1001, 38-1004, 38-1058, and 38-1061, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections. LB83, introduced by Senator Rountree. It's a bill for an act relating to public health; amends Section 38-131 and 38-1-- 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require criminal background checks under the Uniform Potentially-- Credentialing Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB84, introduced by Senator Rountree, is a bill for act relating to public health; to amend Section 38-3113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB85, introduced by Senator DeBoer. It's a bill for an act relating to decedents' estates; to amend Section 30-24,125,

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Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change requirements for collection of personal property by affidavit as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB86, introduced by Senator Dorn, is a bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources, Resources; and declare an emergency. LB87, introduced by Senator Dorn, is a bill for an act relating to the Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired; to amend Section 71-8616, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; provide for development of a statewide support service program for deaf-blind persons; to state intent regarding appropriations; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original section; and declare an emergency. LB88, introduced by Senator Dorn, is a bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development; and state intent regarding future appropriations. LB89, introduced by Senators Kauth and others, is a bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Stand with Women Act; and to provide for severability. LB90, introduced by Senator Clements, a bill for an act relating to improvement districts; to amend Sections 16-617, 16-617.01, 16-618, 16-619, 16-620, 16-621, 16-622, 16-623, and 16-624, Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to establishment and creation of improvement districts, funding and costs of improvements, including property, notice of creation, objections of property owners, bids, special assessments, and bonds; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB91, introduced by Senator DeKay, is a bill for an act relating to public power; to amend Section 70-650.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the conveyance of electrical distribution system by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; and to repeal the original section. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. LB92, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to civil actions; to adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act; to provide an operative date. LB93, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for an act relating to criminal procedure; to amend Section 29-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Section 29-1912 and 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; provide for discovery of information contained in computers and electronic communication devices in matters relating to expert witnesses; change provisions relating to continuing duty to disclose; define terms; to repeal the original section. LB94, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to job

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training; to amend Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act; to change the use of the Workforce Development Pro-- Program Cra-- Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB95, introduced by Senator Fredrickson, is a bill for an act relating to the federal child care subsidy program; to amend Section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; provide for a pilot program; to require a report; repeal the original section. LB96, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for an act relating to the medical assistance program; to amend Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit applications for certain Section 1115 waivers as prescribed; repeal the original section. LB97, introduced by Senator Fredrickson. It's a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 37-1202, 60-101, 60-102, 60-121, 60-137, 60-158, 60-167, 60-337, 60-399, 60-4,113, 60-4,1-- 60-4,117, 60-4,1118.06 [SIC-- 60-4,118.06], 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-4,126, 60-4,127, 60-636, 60-6,211.05, 60-2904, and 66-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Sections 29-2292, 77-1201 [SIC-- 37-1201], 60-146, 60-169, 60-393, 60-396, 60-4,115, 60-44-- 60-4,120, 60-4,124, 60-4,148, 60-4,148.01, 60-4,149, 60-4,150, 60-4,181, and 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change provisions relating to deferred judgments; change provisions of the State Boat Act relating to amphibious vi-- vehicles; change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to junk vehicles and cert-- certificates of title, minibikes, applicability of the act to fertilizer trailers, applications for certificates of title, identification inspections, and lienholders and bonded certificates of title; change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to minibikes and credit of fees and prohibit modification of license plates; change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to fees, surcharges, ignition interlock devices; change provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to minibikes and ignition interlock devices; change provisions relating to the source to-- the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; change provisions relating to the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act relating to personal information and sensitive personal information; to provide for the Department of Motor Vehicles to credit money to the Motor Carrier Services Division Distribution Fund and eliminate certain provisions of the fund relating to the State Treasurer; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide-- harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency. LB98, introduced by Senator Moser, is a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; to amend Sections 60-103, 60-135.01,

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60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to repeal the original section; declare an emergency. LB99, introduced by Senator Spivey, is a bill for an act relating to treatment and corrections; to amend Sections 83-170, 83,173.03, and 83-4,114, Reissue Revised Statute of Nebraska; change-- to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to restrictive housing and solitary confinement; and repeal the original section. LB100, intr-- LB100, introduced by Senator Spivey. It's a bill for an act relating to economic development; to adopt the n-- the Business Innovation and Startup Act. LB101, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for an relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend Sections 76-1415, 76-1442, 76-1445, and 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 76-1441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a right to the-- a jury trial under the act; to prohibit waivers of rights under state and federal law; change provisions relating to summonses; to provide duties for courts; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB102, introduced by Senator Spivey, is a bill for an act relating to Aid to Dependent Children program; to amend Section 43-513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements related to the standard of need; and repeal the real-- original section. LB103, introduced by Senator DeBoer, is a bill for an act relating to Nebre-- Nebraska Evidence Rules; to amend Sections 27-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of past sexual assault; provide-- prohibit questions relating to past sexual behavior of sexual assaults in pretrial proceedings; and repeal the original section. LB104, introduced by Senator Raybould, is a bill for an act relating to health and human services; to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act. LB105, introduced by Senator Hughes, is a bill for an act relating to public power and irrigation districts; to amend Sections 70-604.03, 70-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; provide for the division of voting precincts for purposes of establishing boundary lines for operating areas, chartered territory, and district elections and eliminate the requirement of approval of the Secretary of State; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section; declare an emergency. LB106, introduced by Senator Hughes. It's a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 60-6,257, Reissue Revised Statute of Nebraska; change provisions related to the luminous reflectance and light transmission of certain motor vehicle windows; and to repeal the original section. Additionally, Mr. President, proposed rule change from Senator Machaela

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Cavanaugh: Proposed Rule Change 20 concerning Rule 2, Section 3 and Rule 3, Section 11. That's all I have at this time.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk for items.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, notice that the Health and Human Servi-- or-- excuse me-- the Committee on Committees will meet in Room 2102 at 11:15. Committee on Committees, 11:15 in Room 2102.

**KELLY:** Mr. Clerk for items.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. A few items. Proposed rule change: Proposed Rule Change 21 from Senator Ibach, as well as Proposed Rule Change 22 and 23 from Senator Kauth. That's all I have at this time.

**KELLY:** Senator Lippincott, you're recognized.

**LIPPINCOTT:** Thank you, sir. I'd like to remind members that rules proposals that have been drafted with the Clerk need to be filed with the Clerk prior to adjournment today, which would be approximately no later than noon. Thank you, sir.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Lippincott. Mr. Clerk for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. LB107, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 77-2715.07 and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an income tax credit for renters as prescribed; change provisions relating to the property tax credit; and repeal the original section. LB108, introduced by Senator Jacobson, is a bill for an act relating to Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act; amends Sections 16-1024 and 16-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change provisions relating to contribution to the retirement system; repeal the original section; declare an emergency. LB109, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to insurance; to amend Section 44-4606, 44-4610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit certain provisions in insurance policies and health plans relating to clinic-- clinical [SIC] administered drugs; to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers taking certain actions; change provisions related to a pharmacy benefit manager's specialty pharmacy network; to provide severability; and repeal the original section. LB110, introduced by Senator Hughes, is a bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; provide requirements for pelvic examinations as prescribed. That's all I have at this time.

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**KELLY:** Speaker Arch, you're recognized for an announcement.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to clarify intentions here as far as schedule goes, and, and that is that the Committee on Committee has met. My understanding is there is now a final report that will be read across shortly. And we will take that up, and we will, we will continue debate until we conclude that. At which point, then we will adjourn. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Speaker Arch. Senator Hansen, you're recognized for an announcement.

**HANSEN:** Colleagues, I got a couple of announcements here that you might be interested in. A reminder that Thursday, January 16 at noon is the deadline to submit a bill request to the bill drafting staff in order to guarantee the bill will be ready for introduction before adjournment on the tenth legislative day. So again, especially for the newer senators, the tenth day doesn't always mean that your bill's going to be done in time. So Thursday, January 16 at noon is one of your primary goals to get your bills turned in before that. Requests received after noon on the 16th will be drafted in time-- if time permits. However, priority will be given to the requests received before the Thursday noon deadline. Members are advised to please submit your drafting requests as soon as they can and not wait until the Thursday deadline if at all possible. One more: a reminder that the Legislature's workplace harassment policy requires that all senators and staff attend a workplace harassment training session. The mandatory training for senators will be next Monday, January 13 from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Room 1525. Staff will have two opportunities to attend the training on the 13th. The first session will be from 8:30 to 10 a.m. and the second from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Both sessions will be in Room 1525. Staff only need to attend one session, although space is limited, so please plan accordingly to be able to attend either session if the room is full for the first session. Senators unable to attend the 10:30 a.m. senators-only session may attend either of the two staff sessions. It is very important that senators and other supervisors recognize it is a responsibility to make sure their staff attend one of the sessions. Representatives from Creighton University will be conducting the training. Please let me know if you have any questions afterwards. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Hansen. Mr. Clerk for items.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. First proposed rule change from Senator Holdcroft: that'll be Proposed Rule Change 24 to Rule 7,

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Section 7. Additionally, Mr. President, a report from the Committee on Committees concerning appointments to the various standing committees of the Legislature.

**KELLY:** Senator Armendariz, you're recognized to open-- for a motion.

**ARMENDARIZ:** Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adopt the final Committee on Committees report. Thank you.

**KELLY:** And you're recognized to open on that motion. And waive. Senator Conrad, you're recognized to speak.

**CONRAD:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. I rise to speak to the committee report. And to be clear, I'm planning to vote for it and would encourage all members to do so. I'm excited to return to my work on the Education Committee and I'm excited to learn more about the important issues before the Natural Resources Committee, and here's why. It's time that we state this publicly and put this on the record. It's abundantly clear since I have rejoined this body two years ago after serving our state for eight years prior that the institution does not acknowledge my seniority or expertise. Colleagues, we take an oath of office to uphold our constitution, which enshrines and requires a nonpartisan approach to legislating as demanded by the people of Nebraska. Many of you throughout this process recently in terms of committee leadership and assignments have created and then parroted talking points about things like consecutive service and spin an alternate reality about commember-- committee memberships needing to mirror political demographics. These points are simply not found in our constitution, our statutes, our rules, or our precedent. Your actions and motives speak for themselves and say very little about the work that I ha-- and others have done in this body and will continue to do. It is my honor to serve here with you. As a lifelong Nebraskan, I agree wholeheartedly with Governor Pillen when he describes Nebraska as extraordinary. And that's not rhetoric; it's backed up by fact. We're consistently at the top of those lists in terms of overall state comp-- competition and performance. We're fiscally responsible. We have low unemployment. We have a low cli-- crime rate, a clean environment, abundant natural resources, great public schools, and the hardest-working, kindest people in all of America, along with key features in our laws and institutions and political culture, which actually should liberate us to do the people's business in a unique and mon-- nonpartisan way. The petty political squabbles many of you have orchestrated in these crucial opening days of session do nothing to make Nebraskans' lives better. I do not care what committee I serve on. I care about the moms and dads who are stressed out because they can't

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provide for their families. I care about the increasing number of vulnerable kids losing their lives in our broken child welfare system that we actually have less information about what's happening and how to fix it because of radical government overreach and lawlessness that you helped to facilitate. We have a Supreme Court that's thrown out decades of precedent that now allows little kids who are sexually abused in their schools or foster homes from seeking justice so they can pay for counseling and medical care. And you facilitate that. We have passed law after law to end the yun-- inhumane practice of holding children in solitary confinement. And the radical, lawless executive thumbs its nose at this Legislature and the law. And the number of kids in solitary has risen exponentially. And you facilitate that. You rail against big government and government overreach, yet you facilitate its intrusion into our personal liberties and let the most vulnerable who are powerless to help themselves suffer. This lack of leadership diminishes our proud institution and emboldens other branches of government to ignore us, the people's branch, and the laws that we pass together. And it happens at a time where-- we have never before in Nebraska seen such a consistent and brazen abuse of executive power from our Attorney General, Secretary of State, and the governor, not only disregarding checks and balances and legislative oversight but also individual voting rights. Modest yet meaningful criminal justice reform passed by this Legislature that's now subject to a ta-- challenge that was heard by our Supreme Court just this week and awaits decision. And now that abuse of power has extended to full-scale attack not only on the people's branch, but on the people's precious right of initiative. And you facilitate that. The petty internal battles reflected in this committee report are a distraction, and they are meant to deter me and others from stopping my work to give voice to the voiceless and to speak truth to your power. And, dear friends, it will not work. We need to commence as the people's branch with doing the people's business. And that's why I'm encouraging your support of this committee report. The committee bills will have to come through this floor first. And I will be on this floor every day and every ready and deeply honored to work with each of you enthusiastically and in good faith on every measure that comes forward. And I look forward to doing that.

**KELLY:** That's your time, Senator.

**CONRAD:** Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Conrad. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, you're recognized to speak.

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**M. CAVANAUGH:** Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to yield time to Senator Conrad, but she got it just under the wire. I too am going to vote for the Committee on Committees report. And since I have this time, I want to take this time to thank CD2 Caucus Committee on Committee members. This is-- the way that they conducted themselves is how it's supposed to happen. They took the priorities of our caucus and they fought for the priorities of our caucus. They did not care what our political party affiliations were. They kept-- kept people who had a seat in their seat. They did not remove people from seats just to make the math work on political divides. They kept and fought for Senator Holdcroft to stay on Judiciary. They never even entertained taking Senator Armendariz off of Appropriations even though she was put on Appropriations two years ago over me, over my seniority. They did not force Bob Andersen to stay on Natural Resources. He wanted to switch with somebody in another caucus. And they helped facilitate that. That's what you're supposed to do. That's what you're supposed to do. We're here. You may not like working with Democrats. It's kind of strange to treat us this way, considering how many of you know the political affiliation of people that you work with in everyday life. You probably don't know everybody's political affiliation, nor should it matter. It's really disappointing how that process went and how people conducted themselves in that process. You're going to have to serve with me for two years. Whether you like it or not, you're going to have to serve with me for two years. And whatever you think you know about me, you probably don't. I have three kids. I am silly. I like to Hula-Hoop. I like to cook, and sometimes I'll talk about it if I need to take up time. I will always stand up for what I think is right even if it isn't politically expedient for me to do so. And I will always try to work with every single one of you when I can. But this, this showed a lot to a lot of us about who is willing to do the right thing, who is willing to stand up for vulnerable people. And it was disappointing. It was very disappointing. And I am sorry for the people of CD1 and CD3 that you didn't have better representation in your caucus, that you didn't have people fighting for you the way that we had them fighting for us in CD2. That's too bad. But I guess that will be a lesson for you in the future when you're voting for your Committee on Committee members. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Raybould, you're recognized to speak.

**RAYBOULD:** Good morning, colleagues. Good morning, fellow Nebraskans watching us on TV. You know, I too was disappointed for being removed from the Government Committee based on political machinations and party politics. I'm not deterred nor daunted from the efforts to continue to

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work tirelessly on behalf of all Nebraskans. I was disheartened that the most senior member of this body was treated inappropriately with no recognition of her seniority and years of service. You know, I was raised to-- every day is a good day to always do the right thing. I want to switch gears a little bit and I want to share a quote from Rod Stewart. And it goes like this. If I listened long enough to you, I'd find a way to believe that it's not true. Knowing that you lied straight-faced while I cried. Still I look to find a reason to believe. If we gave you time to change your mind, we'd try to leave all the past behind. Again, knowing that you lied straight-faced while I cried. Still I hope to find a reason to believe. And sorry, Rod Stewart, if I messed up your song that he has so graciously done. But, you know, it was, it was disheartening to be removed from a committee that I served on and not have my years of service rec-- recognized as well. Here's my commitment: I will continue to work to safeguard the integrity and traditions, such as seniority, of this amazing Unicameral. I made a commitment when I ran for this legislative seat that I would work with anyone and everyone for the betterment of our state. I'm still dedicated to that pledge. I am dedicated to public service and am resolved to continue to do good for the people of Nebraska and certainly advocate for working families no matter what committee assignment the body votes on. So I'm sorry for butchering the song. I really sang it a lot better when I was rehearsing it. If Senator Conrad would like me to yield some more time-- nope. She's good. Thank you.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Raybould. Senator Jacobson, you're recognized to speak.

**JACOBSON:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. I just want to publicly say thank you to Senators Conrad and Raybould for their comments, specifically the fact that they're taking the big view of this, they're prepared to move forward. I think anybody spending time around Senator Conrad knows that we're going to definitely get her input on every bill that comes through. She's very focused on why she's here, and that's why she's been here so long over the years, so. I do appreciate her input and, and truly want to thank her for taking the position she has. And I would echo that also with Senator Raybould. I think we have an opportunity now to move forward. We could all dissect and rehash all of the discussions that went on on the Committee on Committees, but it wouldn't serve any productive purpose. We had a very large freshman class last year, which I was a part of, and I did sit on the Committee on Committees last year, and it is like making sausage. There's only certain slots that are open. You've got to arrange people accordingly. This year, we have an even bigger freshman class, and that all becomes very challenging. And people don't get the, the, the--

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always the first choice or the second choice. And, and it is an art as opposed to a science. But at the end of the day, I appreciate all of the members of the Committee on Committees and certainly want to thank Senator Armendariz as chair. I-- we, we reached a conclusion. It, it's kind of like most agreements that I've found over the years: nobody's completely happy, but hopefully nobody's totally upset. But we have a lot of work to do this session. And I'm really hopeful, though, with the large sophomore class now and the large freshman class that we can set a tone in this Legislature that we will work together for the common good of the taxpayers and the residents of this state. That's what, that's what they deserve and that's what we owe them. So thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator Jacobson. Senator DeBoer, you're recognized to speak.

**DeBOER:** Thank you, Mr. President. Sorry, colleagues. I am still getting over a bit of a cold that I caught from one of those adorable little petri dishes my nieces-- over Christmas. So I wanted to stand up and say that there are a lot of unsung heroes in this Legislature that we don't always see, who work behind the scenes. And if you're like me, you don't know a lot of what happens on Committee on Committees because it's complicated and you have other things that you work on. And so when someone tries to talk to you, you put your fingers in your ear and you say, don't tell me, don't tell me. Just make it work. But this year, I happen to know that one of our more senior members sacrificed the committee that she's been on since she got here in order to get a freshman not of the same party of her into their first or second choice. And since she doesn't want to take credit for this, I'm not going to say it, but I just want to say people who do that sort of thing are pretty spectacular. It happens every day. And Nebraskans see the, the headlines where we fight with each other, but they don't see these people who do amazing things for each other in here because it's the right thing to do. And I would also add to that that Senator Conrad is a pretty spectacular person because she is the most senior member of this body. It's not even close. And two times in a row, two bienniums in a row, she has been kicked off of her committees. And two bienniums in a row, she has said, I will bloom where I am planted. And by the way, she has bloomed. And I think that if we can get back to remembering these roots instead of trying to beat each other or be victorious-- I remember my freshman biennium-- at the end, we do little, like, tributes to the senators who are leaving. And I sat where Senator Sorrentino sits and Senator Crawford set-- or, sat, sat where Senator Andersen sits-- that was hard to get out-- and I did a little tribute to her because she'd been chair of the Rules Committee. And I

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remember one thing that I said-- and if you knew Senator Crawford, you know this is true, that she leaves with her our better angels. And there are a lot of better angels who came out in this committee report and who've had to come out. But I ask us all to find our better angels because we have a lot of work to do ahead of us. And there will be days when you are disappointed and the unlikeliest of lunch partners will help you get through that. And remember that we are all humans together. And I hope that this is the tone, the unknown heroes amongst us. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Senator DeBoer. Senator Armendariz, you're recognized to close. And waive. Members, this is a machine vote on the motion to adopt the Committee on Committee report. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** 44 ayes, 2 nays on adoption of the committee report, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** The motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Additional new bills, Mr. President. LB111, introduced by Senator Quick, is a bill for an act relating to insurance; to define terms; prohibit certain actions of insurers relating to repairing motor vehicles and nonoriginal equipment manufacturer parts; to require insurers provide notice to consumers as prescribed; and provide a penalty. LB112, introduced by Senator Quick, is a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; to amend Sections 60-171 and 60-173, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to salvage branded certificates of title; define and redefine terms; repeal the original section. LB113, introduced by Senator Quick. It's a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend Section 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change provisions relating to the rights of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, microdistillery license; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB114, introduced by Senator Moser, is bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; amends Section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 60-483, 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase fees related to record requests; change distribution of cert-- of certain revenues; to define a term; to eliminate obsolete provisions; harmonize provisions; provide an operative date; repeal the original sections; declare an emergency. Apologies, Mr. President. Continuing new bills. LB115, introduced by Senator Ballard, is a bill for an act relating to Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; amends Section 77-3105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase the amount of

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income tax credit; change qualification criteria; and repeal the original section. LB116, introduced by Senators Ballard and Bosn-- excuse me-- Ballard, Bosn, and Bostar. It's a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; amends Sections 13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717, and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; repeal the original section. LB117, introduced by Senator Holdcroft, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; amends Section 77-2704.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer utilities as prescribed; provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB118, introduced by Senator Hardin, is a bill for an act relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend Sections 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change the number of pharmacy interns and pharmacy techsi-- technicians supervised by a pharmacist; and repeal the original section. LB119, introduced by Senator Hardin, is a bill for an act relating to postsecondary education; require a memorandum of understanding regarding the Rural Health Opportunity Program; provide for tuition waivers to eligible students as prescribed; and to state intent regarding appropriations. LB120, introduced by Senator Hardin, Senator Lippincott, is a bill for an act relating to the Motor Vehicle Lic-- Operator's License Act; to amend Section 60-44-- 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; provide an exemption for when a digital image may be released; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB121, introduced by Senator Hardin and Lippincott, is a bill for an act relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; amends Sections 13-2039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit land disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and the component parts of solar, solar panels and wind turbine blades; and repeal the original section. LB122, introduced by Senator Meyer and others, is a bill for an act relating to schools; to require display of the state motto and the national motto; and authorize contributions. LB123, introduced by Senator Sanders and Sorr-- excuse me-- Senator Sanders, is a bill for an act relating to public subdivisions-- political subdivisions; to amend Sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions; repeal the original section. LB124, introduced by Senator Holdcroft, is a bill for an act relating to the Homicide and, and-- of the Unborn Child Act; to amend Section 28-394, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change penalties for motor vehicle

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homicide of an unborn child as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB125, introduced by Senator Hughes, a bill for an act relating to tobacco and related products; to amend Section 28-1418.01 77-4001, 77-4002, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; provide for regulation, licensure, and taxation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; change provisions of the, of the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to harmonize provisions; provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB126, introduced by Senator Holdcroft, is a bill for an act relating to bonds; to amend Section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change provisions relating to the redemption of certain bonds; repeal the original section. LB127, intro-- introduced by Senator McKeon, is a bill for an act relating to criminal actions; to amend Section 29-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for damages of defendants in criminal actions that are dismissed or in which the defendant is found not guilty; define a term; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB128, introduced by Senator McKeon, is a bill for an act-- excuse me-- McKeon, Lippincott, Hardin, and Lonowski, Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend Section 75-426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the investigation of railroad accidents; repeal the original section. LB129, introduced by Senator McKeon-- pardon-- Lippincott, Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to political subdivisions; to amend Section 13-407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services; and to repeal the original section. New LL-- LR: LR5CA, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey. It's a constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions relating to recognition of marriage and marriage licenses. LR6CA, introduced by Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey, a constitution amendment to change pro-- provisions relating to marriage. LR7CA, introduced by Senator Dorn. It's a constitutional amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature to \$30,000 per year. LR8, introduced by Senator DeKay, and LR9 from Senator DeKay. Those will both be laid over. Name adds, Mr. President: Senator Clements, name added to LB80; Senator Hunt, name added to LB14, LB15, LB17, LB24, and LB44. Announcement: the Rules Committee will have a hearing January 16, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525. Rules Committee, hearing notice for January 16, 2025 at 1:30, Room 1525. The Referencing Committee, Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 2102. Referencing Committee, upon adjournment, Room

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2102. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Prokop would move to adjourn the body until Monday, January 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

**KELLY:** Members, you've heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. We are adjourned.