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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. This morning our chaplain of the day is the Reverend Mike Gruhn. He's from the Trinity Lutheran Church in Lexington, which is Senator Cudaback's district. Reverend.

REVEREND GRUHN: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: I call the twenty-fourth day of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call.

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

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any corrections?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, at this time I have neither messages, reports, nor announcements.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: This morning, members, I'm going to yield a little of the Chair's time to Senator Wehrbein for an explanation of some materials that he handed out. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Good morning, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. I thought I'd just briefly, I had several questions you had on the handout that we did yesterday, and I'd just encourage you to read it if you haven't. I'm sure most of you went home and read it last night anyway, so this is probably all superfluous what I'm doing. But I'm going to call your attention to about three different pages, first on page 3, and I want to explain the General Fund financial status. If you'll notice the line 30, where it says we're \$80 million in the hole, and then the out years \$171 million, I want to emphasize to you, so you really understand, this is a snapshot based on two weeks ago. We always have to make a decision when we print this