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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain this morning is Pastor Darwin Keeney, Calvary Bible-Evangelical Free Church, Wayne, Nebraska, Senator Engel's district. Chaplain.

PASTOR KEENEY: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We thank you, Pastor Keeney, for being with us. We appreciate it. I call the forty-seventh day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have no corrections.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Just one item at this time. A hearing...notice of committee hearing from the...a gubernatorial appointment confirmation hearing by Retirement. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 967.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We're now on the agenda. First agenda item, legislative confirmation report. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report is by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, involving the appointment of Dennis Hohbein, State Fire Marshal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, as Chairperson of that committee, you're recognized to open on your confirmation report.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President and members, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment of Dennis C. Hohbein