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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our acting chaplain this morning is Senator Hudkins. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Hudkins, for doing that for us. We appreciate it. I call the seventy-sixth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, first session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I'm pleased to report we have a quorum.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Sorry about the delay. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, just one item at this time. LR 93, a study resolution introduced by Senator Kremer. It will be referred to the Executive Board. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal page 1665.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now go to General File, appropriations bills. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first bill this morning, LB 574A, introduced by Senator Raikes. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes to open on LB 574A.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 574, as you may remember, is the Education Committee priority bill dealing with higher education...student finance, I guess I should say, in higher education. There are...first I would mention that on your machine you'll find a fiscal note, written by Phil Hovis in the Fiscal Office. He's