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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 Wehrbein. Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein, for doing that for us. We appreciate it very much. I call the thirty-first day, Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any reports, announcements, or messages?

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. We now go to the first agenda item, legislative confirmation report. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report is by the General Affairs Committee, involves the appointment of two individuals to the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Chairman of the General Affairs Committee, Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on the first confirmation report.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. The gubernatorial appointments were heard on February 9 to the Nebraska Advisory Commission on Compulsive Gambling. We had two nominees for those appointments. The first one was John Atherton, of Omaha. He was there. It's a