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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 Vrtiska from Table Rock. Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Vrtiska, for doing that for us. We appreciate it. I call the fortieth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: No corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: One item at this time, Mr. President. Retirement Committee gives notice of committee hearing on certain gubernatorial appointments. And that's all I have at this time. (Legislative Journal page 973.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now go to Select File, 2004 committee priority bills. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, with respect to LB 999, it was considered by the body yesterday. At that time, Senator Chambers had offered FA1554. That matter is before us now. (Legislative Journal page 943.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chambers. Is Senator Chambers on the floor? I did, Senator. Thank you. We are the Chambers amendment, FA1554, to LB 999. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment that I offered to Senator Quandahl's bill gave me an opportunity to express some views that are deeply held by me