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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain today is Pastor Jason Hanselman, Platte Valley Bible College, Scottsbluff. That is Senator Smith's district. Pastor.

PASTOR HANSELMAN: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Pastor Hanselman, for being with us. We appreciate you being our chaplain of the day. I call the forty-eighth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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, messages, or announcements?

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

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

CLERK: Mr. President, the Transportation Committee reports on several appointments to the Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council. (Legislative Journal page 1182.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Baker, as Chairman of that committee, you're recognized to open on your report.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I have a list of 11 reappointments to the Nebraska Transit and Rail Advisory Council. As you recall, they have been working on the proposal to at least look at rapid transit