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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: (Recorder malfunction)...chaplain of the day is Pastor Paul Coen, from the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, in Syracuse, Nebraska, Senator Heidemann's district, which is number 1. Pastor.

PASTOR COEN: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Pastor Coen, for being with us this morning. We appreciate you being here. I call the twenty-eighth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please check in.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Just one item, Mr. President. A notice of hearing from the Appropriations Committee, signed by Senator Don Pederson. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal page 517.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Brashear, you're recognized.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, if I could have just a moment, please. You probably all got this the first time, but I'm worrying about it and not wanting to be misinterpreted. One of my goals is to give you an agenda so that when you come to the floor on any given day, you can really rely on that agenda being followed. So as I indicated to you, when someone is going to be absent, their bills are not going...and they have worked with us; from time to time, people are absent, they don't work with us, their bills are going to be on the agenda. (Laugh) You probably ought not do that. But if you've let us know, we're going to try to accommodate a day's absence. In that case, you'll see bills