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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain this morning is Pastor Harold Backus, from the First United Methodist Church in Auburn, Nebraska, Senator Heidemann's district, District 1. Pastor.

PASTOR BACKUS: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Pastor Backus, for being our chaplain today. We appreciate. I call the fifty-seventh day, the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any corrections for the Journal, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay. We now go to General File, 2005 senator priority bills. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, first agenda item, LB 689A.

CLERK: LB 689A, Mr. President, a bill by Senator Stuhr. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The A bill, as we have been discussing yesterday, asks for \$10 million. And then there's also an allocation of about \$10,000 to help do the work of the task force that was passed yesterday. I do have an amendment to this bill to reduce that amount to \$8 million. So we will be discussing that shortly. But I know that from the discussion yesterday, the task force,