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LB 38, 382, 551, 683A

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our acting chaplain this morning is Senator Deb Fischer. Senator.

SENATOR FISCHER: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer, for doing that for us. Senator Fischer represents the 43rd District. I call the seventy-fifth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. (Recorder malfunction, quorum present, no corrections to the Journal, Legislative Journal page 1417.) Any messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: One item, Mr. President. LB 38, LB 382, and LB 551 have been received by the Governor, and they were signed and delivered to the Secretary of State. (Legislative Journal page 1417.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move to General File, members, appropriation bill. Mr. Clerk, LB 683A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 683A was introduced by Senator Schimek. (Read title.) The bill was read on May 5. I do have an amendment pending, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, it's a little hard to hear up here, and hear your other...out of respect for your other members, please try to keep the buzz down. Thank you very much. Senator Schimek, to open on LB 683A.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. This is the A bill for the increase in salaries for the elected constitutional offices, and you will notice that...on the bill's fiscal note that, with all the kinds of things like retirement and other extra charges, that the total bill will actually come to \$143,058. And the original fiscal note was written to reflect that; however, in the years 2006-2007, it's only going to be in effect for half a year. So the fiscal note needs to be