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LB 614A

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Father Paul Witt from Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Lincoln, Nebraska; a guest of Senator Foley, District 29. Father, please.

PASTOR WITT: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Father Witt, for coming over and being with us this morning. Appreciate it. Call the seventy-sixth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: No...(recorder malfunction).

SENATOR PAHLS: (Recorder malfunction)...in fiscal year 2006 from the Electrical Division Fund to the State Electrical Board, Program 197, to aid in carrying out the provisions of this bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pahls. You've heard the opening on LB 614A. Now open for discussion. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise reluctantly to express once again my opinion on the underlying bill for this A bill, and I believe the bill itself is going to be up tomorrow, so I will save more of my comments for tomorrow, but I just want to add a cautionary note. I am going to be voting red on this A bill. Don't generally do that. Once a bill is passed, I figure we need to fund it. But I think that perhaps we're enacting a bad public policy here, in the