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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our acting chaplain this morning is Senator Dwite Pedersen from the 39th District. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We thank you, Senator Pedersen, for doing that for us. We appreciate it. I call the eighth day of 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?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, an announcement that the Banking Committee will have an Executive Session at 10:15 today; Banking Committee at 10:15 in Room 2022. Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring LB 379 through LB 418. New resolutions: LR 19, LR 20, and LR 21, offered by Senator Stuthman. All will be laid over, Mr. President. Mr. President, I have the report of registered lobbyist activity for this past week, registration materials, to be inserted in the Legislative Journal. I have hearing notices from the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, and the Transportation Committee, signed by their respective Chairs. Communications from...communication received from the Douglas County Board of Commissioners; and the final item, Mr. President, this morning is the series of reports that have been received in the Clerk's Office, acknowledging receipt thereof, will be available for member review. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 237-242.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Brashear, you

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are recognized to speak.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the body, if I could just briefly have your attention, I...if this...if this turns out not to be helpful then tell me, but I'm assuming that at the start of a day, in the start of a particular day's proceedings it might be helpful to have a forecast, and that's the practice I'm going to use, rather than the one where at the end. That way, you can do your planning. There are a number of things I'd like to just briefly mention. One, we will be convening on Tuesday at 11:00. We will convene on next Wednesday, which is the tenth day, at 10:00, and that is solely to accommodate the volume of bills which will go in and must be processed by the Clerk and his staff in order that we can adjourn at 12:00 noon. Thursday will be 11:00. And bear with us, if you will. I'd like to preserve a little flexibility for planning purposes on Friday, because what we are dealing with is when Governor Johanns might be confirmed and when Lieutenant Governor Heineman might assume the office by a very brief swearing in ceremony here, to be followed later by State of the State and those kinds of things. So that's what we're working with next week in terms of planning. I want to relieve everyone's mind. Please don't spend a lot of time beginning to stake out your place in line or decide on your breakfast treat on the eleventh day, because I'm not accepting priority bills yet. One of the...one of the prerogatives of this office, you get to decide when, and I am in consultations with a number of people to look at some of the issues which many of you raised with me over the interim about what you did and didn't think about the priority bill system. And so it is under active consideration and planning now, and you will be advised as to what the rules of engagement are for getting your place in line. Other than that, I hope you have a restful weekend and, as with any national holiday, let's focus on what we are remembering and appreciating on Monday. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Speaker Brashear, for the comments. We appreciate it. We will stand at ease, introduction of new bills. Mr. Clerk, do you have any to read in? You may do so, if you care to.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 481-498 by title for the first time.)
And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative
Journal pages 242-245.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now stand at ease
for further bill introduction. (Visitors introduced.)
Mr. Clerk, further bills read into the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have a series of items. The
Building Maintenance Committee will meet under the south balcony
now; that's Building Maintenance Committee. I have a
communication from the Speaker referring LR 15 to the Reference
Committee for referral to the appropriate standing committee.
Notice of committee hearings from the Education Committee, the
Natural Resources Committee, and the Business and Labor
Committee.

Mr. President, more new bills. (Read LB 499-508 by title for
the first time.) That, Mr. President, is all I have at this
time. (Legislative Journal pages 245-248.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll stand at ease
for further bill introduction. Mr. Clerk, further bills to be
read into the record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LB 509-529 by
title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 248-251.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, if you have
any bills ready, why, please bring them forward as we'll try to
adjourn around 11:00, if possible. Further bills read into the
record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB 530-546 by title for the first time.)
LR 22CA by Senator Brashear is a proposed constitutional
amendment to amend Article VII, Section 5, to change the
distribution of money forfeited and seized pursuant to the
enforcement of drug laws. (Legislative Journal pages 251-255.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Further announcements,
messages?

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LR 17

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are. The Building Maintenance Committee has selected Senator Thompson as Chair and Senator Connealy as Vice Chair; a motion from Senator Chambers to withdraw LR 17CA; a notice of committee hearings offered by the Revenue Committee and the General Affairs Committee. Series of name additions: Senator Price to LB 6, Senator Hudkins to LB 28, Senator Raikes to LB 47, Senator Howard to LB 64, Senator Price to LB 332, Senator Cunningham to LB 404, Senator Bourne to LB 417, Senator Howard to LB 417, and Senator Thompson to LB 445. (Also Senator Kopplin to add his name to LB 500.) And that, Mr. President, is all that I have, other than a priority motion. (Legislative Journal pages 255-257.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Senator Erdman would move to adjourn until January 18 at 11:00 a.m.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the motion by Senator Erdman to adjourn till January 18, 2005, 11:00 a.m. All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed to the motion say nay. We are adjourned till January 18. Members, drive careful, it is very slippery, and have a nice weekend.

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