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Floor Debate August 12, 2024

KELLY: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the tenth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Special Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator DeBoer. Please rise.

DeBOER: Colleagues, please join me in a moment of prayer. Holy One, we ask that you grant to us wisdom, generosity of spirit, kindness, and patience. Thank you for those who serve in this building. Everyone who is working on the renovation, everyone who cleans our offices, everybody who answers our phones, and all the way to the Governor. We thank you for the beautiful day and the wonderful weather, and we ask that you watch all of us as we return to our homes this evening. In your name. Amen.

KELLY: I recognize Senator Albrecht for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALBRECHT: Please join me. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

KELLY: Thank you. I call to order the tenth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Special Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

KELLY: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. Two corrections: Pursuant to Section 49-1481, the weekly report of registered lobbyists was placed in the Journal on page-- and on page 121, lines 10-12, strike "Senator Bostelman moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report, the confirmation the following appointments found on page 97" and insert "Senator Bostelman moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report found on page 97, for the retention of the following gubernatorial appointment(s) to be acted upon at a later date." And on page 121, line 21, strike "The appointment was confirmed" and insert "The Bostelman motion prevailed." The only corrections I have at this time.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President, your Committee on General Affairs, chaired by Senator Lowe, reports LB6 and LB32, both as indefinitely

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postponed. Additionally, your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB4 as correctly engrossed and placed on Final Reading. Notice that the General Affairs Committee will be having an Executive Session taking place under the south balcony at 1:15. General Affairs, Exec Session under the south balcony at 1:15. Additional notice: the Appropriations Committee will be holding an Exec Session in Room 1003 today upon adjournment. Appropriations, 1003, Exec Session upon adjournment. That's all I have at this time.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Arch, you're recognized for a message.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. The Revenue Committee will be meeting in Executive Session shortly to consider the advancement of the property tax reduction proposal to the floor for consideration of the full Legislature. They're waiting on the draft amendment, the actual language, and from our information, Revisors will be delivering that shortly. If the committee does advance a bill with a committee amendment, we will need to stand at ease to allow the bill to be reported to General File today, and this will allow debate on the measure tomorrow. To file the paperwork with the Clerk today, the Revisor's Office will need to finalize the committee report and the committee amendment after they vote in Exec Session, and that will take up to an hour once the committee advances a bill. So once the committee completes its Executive Session, I'll inform the body of their actions. In the meantime, we will now stand at ease until we hear back from the Revenue Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Speaker Arch. Members, Senator Bosn has a guest under the south balcony, Josie Garrett of Lincoln. Please stand and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. The Legislature will now stand at ease.

[EASE]

KELLY: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, correction on my part, the Appropriations Committee will be holding an Executive Session, Room 1003 at 1:30 p.m. Appropriations, 1003, 1:30 p.m. That's all I have at this time.

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KELLY: Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Revenue, chaired by Senator Linehan, reports LB34 with committee amendments. Additionally, series of motions from Senator Linehan to LB4 [SIC--LB34] as well as a series of motions to LB34 from Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. Series of amendments from Senator Linehan as well as Senator Machaela Cavanaugh to LB34. Additionally, a priority motion, Senator Lowe would move to adjourn the body until Tuesday, April 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Excuse me, Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

KELLY: Members, you've heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. The Legislature is adjourned.