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Floor Debate July 30, 2024

**DORN:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the-- I don't know what-- what day is it?

**CLERK:** Fourth day.

**DORN:** Fourth day. Excuse me. Fourth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Special Session. Our chaplain today is Senator Lippincott.

**LIPPINCOTT:** Lord, we pray to be equipped as salt and light in this darkened world. We ask for your wisdom that love would abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight so we may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless. Give us grace to be godly leaders, where the righteous thrive and the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan. We pray for peace, if possible, with everyone. Keep our mouths free of perversity and corrupt talk far from our lips. May we be transparent in our conduct. And may corruption be exposed wherever it, it may be found. Give us power to walk in integrity so as to walk securely, not like the one who takes the crooked path who will be found out. We petition you for vigilance, to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. In the holy name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**DORN:** Leading the pledge today is Senator Bostelman.

**BOSTELMAN:** Please join me in the pledge. 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.

**DORN:** Thank you. I call to order the fourth day of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, First Special Session. Senators, please record your presence.

**KELLY:** Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

**KELLY:** Thank you. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

**CLERK:** I do, Mr. President. Correction for the Journal. On page 37, strike lines two through six and insert the following: "This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines." That's the only correction from this morning.

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**KELLY:** Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. Amendments to be printed from Senator Ibach to LB2 and LB3. In addition, communication from the Governor concerning appointment to the State Fair Board. Notice of hearing from the Business and Labor Commission-- Committee. Excuse me. The-- additionally, notices from the Revenue Committee. Notice that the Natural Resources Committee will meet today, July 30, 2024, at 9:30 in room 2102 rather than room 1113. Natural Resources hearing today has been changed from room 1113 to room 2102. Additionally, an Exec Session announced by the Government Committee following their hearing today. Government Committee, Exec Session following the hearing set for Tuesday, July 30. Additionally, a report of registered lobbyists from July 29, 2024 has been placed in the Journal. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Speaker Arch, you're recognized for an announcement.

**ARCH:** Thank you, Mr. President. Last Wednesday, I provided all of you, colleagues, with a schedule for the first six days of session, indicated I'd provide further guidance once bill introduction and-- was completed. So yesterday was the last day for bill introduction. And as of this morning, all bills have been referenced to their respective committees and I'm sure will be read across shortly. The final referencing report will be read into the record. 81 bills and 24 constitutional amendments were introduced. Record number of bills introduced for a special session by far. The Revenue Committee received 68 of those bills and resolutions. Rule 9, which governs special sessions-- excuse me-- indicates that all public hearings during a special session must be held within five calendar days after the date the bill resolution or gubernatorial appointment has been referred to the committee. Pursuant to this rule, committees must complete their public hearings by Sunday, which is the fifth calendar day following today's referencing report. To comply with this rule, Senator Linehan will be scheduling Revenue Committee hearings on Saturday. We will not be meeting in session on that day, and the only activity will be the Revenue Committee's public hearings. The next three days-- Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday-- will be check-in days with a start time of 9 a.m. to allow the other affected committees to complete their public hearings this week. And on Friday, I will be announcing next week's schedule to the extent known. With regards to the committee hearings, committee hearing notices need to be turned in to the Clerk today specific to the referencing that occurred this morning. So committee clerks that are listening to this, please bring

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those up to the Clerk. And we will stay in session until those have been read across. Thank you, Mr. President.

**KELLY:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk for items.

**CLERK:** Mr. President: a reference report from the Reference Committee concerning LB36 through LB7-- excuse me-- LB81, as well as LR7CA through LR24CA. And additionally, a gubernatorial appointment. Pursuant to that reference report, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee would give notice of public hearing. That's all I have at this time.

**KELLY:** Mr. Clerk.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Additional notices of committee hearing from the General Affairs Committee.

**KELLY:** Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Notice of committee hearing from the Agriculture Committee, the General Affairs Committee, the Appropriations Committee, the Executive Board, Natural Resources Committee, and the Urban Affairs Committee. Additionally, a series of name adds: from Senator Blood, name added to LB55; Senator Conrad to LB27, LB30, and LB57; Senator Dungan to LB12; Senator Erdman to LB57; Senator Raybould to LB34. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Erdman would move to adjourn the body until Wednesday, July 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

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