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LB 865A

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is the advancement of LB 865A. Those in favor say aye; those opposed nay. The bill is advanced. Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. Before we move on, I think this is an appropriate point to pause this afternoon. And I don't ordinarily do this, but I think while there's a number of members here this afternoon, I want to lay out what I have as some idea for the rest of this session. And I think that this body has the potential to go down as one of the more efficient, productive, and civil legislatures in quite some time. If you'd realize and look at the agenda and where we've worked and what progress we've made, we've gone quite some ways. And when we began this session, we had scheduled only 89 days, and the 90th day was somewhere in the future as being a nebulous point that was assigned, and that was primarily as a guarantee or as a working mechanism with this body and the administration on vetoes. That relationship has been good thus far. I expect it to continue. And certainly, we have many things that we've tackled this session. We've tackled school finances, property taxes, livestock waste. We've...housing...I think. We've done a wide variety of things. And as a result of that, we've also revisited a number of issues this session, and had some "pathed", and reaffirmed what we've done and what we're going to do. We have...we could take more time this session and do other things. I don't know how productive they were, but we have tackled more priority bills this year than we've ever tackled before, senator and committee priority bills. We've been through all the committee priority bills. On the agenda you will see, there are two senator priority bills left that we have not physically addressed or had some time on them. I would intend to get to those two bills. The rest of the measures on Select File, I think, if we work productively and follow the path that we have, we ought to be able to get all those done without serving 90 days. To accomplish that, I would suggest...and the plan that I'm going to follow at this point, and I want to tell you about that at this point so you can make some plans, is that we would meet tomorrow. Tomorrow we would have to read most all the Final Reading that we have available. There's quite a list of it. It depends on how long people want to talk about certain bills. It depends on how many times you want to bring a bill back for amendment. If those bills were