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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 McDonald. Senator McDonald.

SENATOR McDONALD: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. We appreciate you doing that for us. I call the sixty-third day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please check in.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing at this time to report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move to agenda item, General File, 2003 senator priority bills. The first item is LB 454. Mr. Clerk, what's the standing of LB 454?

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 454 by Senator Aguilar. (Read title.) The bill was discussed yesterday. A series of amendments were offered to the bill, some of which were adopted. Mr. President, when the Legislature adjourned for the day, Senator Hartnett had pending amendment FA1308. That amendment is pending. (FA1308, Legislative Journal page 1276.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Aguilar, would you give us a short review of LB 454?

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, I will. LB 454 is the drug court bill, which allows drug courts to be established. Allows participants to avoid jail time by participating in a program where they receive counseling. They have to maintain their job or stay in