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LB 407

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good afternoon. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chambers. Senators, the afternoon session is about to reconvene. Please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Do you have any corrections or anything?

CLERK: I have just one item Mr. President, and that's the report from the Appropriations Committee with respect to LB 407, filed pursuant to Rule 6, Section 14. (Legislative Journal page 2045.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We thank you, Mr. Clerk. It is 2:00. And as the agenda states, motions to override gubernatorial vetoes. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Wehrbein, as Chair of the Appropriations Committee, would move that LB 407 become law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Wehrbein to open on your motion.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm not going to speak a very long time, because I think most of you, if not all, know the issue well. But I'd simply say that this is a time that I guess the rubber meets the road, if you will, in terms of the work that we've done over the last few months. As I've said before, I think we have a good, broad-based, balanced budget. We've cut quite a bit. We've cut the increases. Then, some are true cuts. And...actually, over half of that. I forgot a sheet I was going to hand out. But I think if what we did was sound two weeks ago, it ought to be considered sound policy today. And I hope many of you will think of it that way. If you voted for it once, it ought to be good today. If we have to try again, it's certainly going to be difficult to balance