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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Langemeier.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Mr. President, members of the body, as a former NRD member coming into the Legislature prior to today, on many occasions, as you were, and I was, as treasurer on the executive committee, on a committee--I happened to be on projects committee--and then with a board meeting, if you take the \$2,800--I'm going to help Senator Stuthman on the math--the \$2,800 divided by the \$70 at 12 months is three meetings a month. And what happens to our district in LB 962 has no relevance to the NRD district I came off of. But what happens is, is you go to an executive meeting one day, a projects meeting another day, your regular board meeting, you end up with that. I was also the NARD director for our Lower Platte North NRD. It's very easy to hit the cap, especially the chairman, who attends multiple meetings. And so this is a very small amount of your board members ever come close to the cap. And also, in our board, we did not choose to go to the \$75, because we didn't think it was justified. We're at \$50. I know some are clear down to \$30. But you do have one or two individuals that are active and very into the system as far as trying to make a change or a difference that is very active. So I think the cap raising is very important for those people. And return the rest of my time back to the Chair. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Langemeier. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, items. Your Committee on Government, chaired by Senator Schimek, reports LB 321 to General File; likewise LB 474, LB 475, and LB 566. Government Committee also reports LB 160 to General File with committee amendments; LB 273, LB 373, LB 473, LB 682, LB 683. And LB 512 is reported indefinitely postponed. Confirmation report from Government Committee. Priority bill designation: Senator Langemeier, LB 675 is his personal priority bill. And Transportation Committee selected LB 645 as one of the committee priority bills. Motions and amendments to be printed: LB 287, Senator Chambers; Senator Don Pederson to LB 211. And I have a series of adds, Mr. President: Senator Burling would like to add his