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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Bishop David deFreese, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Nebraska Synod, Omaha, Nebraska; Senator Byars' district. Bishop, please.

PASTOR deFREESE: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Bishop, for being with us this morning. Senator Byars represents the 30th District. Call the twenty-third day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: One item: Performance Audit Committee has selected LB 956 as a committee priority bill. That's all that I had, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 577.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move on to the next agenda item, legislative confirmation report. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Natural Resources Committee reports on the appointment of Michael Griffin to the Environmental Quality Council. (Legislative Journal page 557.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, you're recognized to open on your report.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Nebraska Legislature, I am here this morning to present Michael Griffin's