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PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-sixth day of the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Paul Coen from the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Syracuse, Nebraska, Senator Heidemann's district. Would you all please rise.

PASTOR COEN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Pastor Coen. I now call to order the twenty-sixth day of the One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session. Senators, please record your presence. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB800, LB1118, LB446, LB801, LB841, and LB790 to Select File, some having Enrollment and Review amendments. Enrollment and Review also reports LB40, LB216, LB216A, LB310, LB391, LB426, LB427, LB459, LB473, LB507, LB612, LB633, LR19CA, all reported correctly engrossed. Priority bill designations: Natural Resources, LB1043; Senator Sullivan, LB845; and Senator Adams, LB913. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 493-495.) [LB800 LB1118 LB446 LB801 LB841 LB790 LB40 LB216 LB216A LB310 LB391 LB426 LB427 LB459 LB473 LB507 LB612 LB633 LR19CA LB1043 LB845 LB913]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR388. Mr. Clerk, we'll move to the first item under legislative confirmation reports. [LR388]

CLERK: Mr. President, the General Affairs Committee reports on two appointments to the Nebraska Arts Council. (Legislative Journal page 453.)

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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Karpisek, you're recognized to open on your General Affairs Committee confirmation report.

SENATOR KARPISEK: Thank you, Mr. President. And good morning, members of the Legislature. The General Affairs Committee voted unanimously to confirm two new appointments to the Nebraska Arts Council. Both of them will serve a three-year term. Jon Hinrichs of Lincoln replaces Vicki Bromm of Wahoo, whose term has expired. Mr. Hinrichs is a retired family practice physician and past chief of staff at Bryan Hospital. He currently serves on the BryanLGH Systems and Foundation Boards. Dr. Hinrichs is an enthusiastic supporter of music in Nebraska and has served for several years on the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra and Nebraska Jazz Orchestra Boards. In 2009, he received the Golden Baton Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. His faithful commitment to the arts in his community will serve the council well. Pam Price of Grand Island replaces Arts Council Chair Julie Jacobson from North Platte, whose term has also expired. Mrs. Price is executive director of the Stuhr Museum Foundation in Grand Island. As a former high school social sciences and English teacher, Mrs. Price is a strong advocate for cultural and arts education, and continues to serve Grand Island Public Schools as an Education Foundation trustee and an activities ambassador. She spends much of her time on the job and off to promoting quality education about the state's arts and cultural history. I appreciate both of these candidates volunteering and I urge your support for both of these candidates. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Karpisek. You've heard the opening to the General Affairs Committee confirmation report. Member requesting to speak, Senator Gloor.

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, members.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: (Gavel)

SENATOR GLOOR: I speak on behalf of the confirmation of Ms. Price. I've known Ms. Price for a number of years as a community leader. We've worked together on a number of projects. The quality of applicant that she represents would be hard to top I believe. And so I would urge the body to support the candidates brought forward in this confirmation report, especially Mrs. Price. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Gloor. Seeing no additional requests to speak, Senator Karpisek, you're recognized to close. Senator Karpisek waives closing. The question before the body is on the adoption of the confirmation report from the General Affairs Committee. All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 495-496.) 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the report.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The confirmation report is adopted. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, a second report, this report from the Education Committee involves appointments to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. (Legislative Journal page 481.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Adams, you're recognized to open on the Education Committee confirmation report.

SENATOR ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. We have three appointments this morning, all of them to the Coordinating Commission of Postsecondary Education and all three are reappointments to the commission. The first is Carol Zink. She is a retired educator here in Lincoln, Nebraska, who has served on the commission. And again I repeat, this is a reappointment. Riko Bishop, an attorney here in Lincoln, she, too, is a reappointment to the commission; and finally, Joyce Simmons, an orthodontist from Valentine, Nebraska. And again I repeat, Joyce also is a reappointment to the Postsecondary Commission. Those are the three appointments. All three of these were unanimously approved by the Education Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Adams. You've heard the opening of the Education Committee confirmation report. Member requesting to speak, Senator Fischer.

SENATOR FISCHER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise in support of all the appointments, but I would like to make note about Dr. Joyce Simmons. She's been an excellent member of the Coordinating Commission, in fact she took my place on it when I was elected to the Legislature. She has served as chair, she is at the meetings and she is an important part of the discussions that take place within that body. So I would urge you to support the confirmation report. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Seeing no additional requests to speak, Senator Adams, you're recognized to close. Senator Adams waives closing. The question before the body is on the adoption of the Education Committee confirmation report. All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 496-497.) 36 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the report.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The Education Committee confirmation report is adopted. Items

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for the record, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, Government Committee reports LB772 and LB823 to General File, and LB782 to General File with amendments. (Legislative Journal page 497.)  
[LB772 LB823 LB782]

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Lambert would move to adjourn the body until Tuesday morning, February 14, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: You have heard the motion to adjourn until Tuesday, February 14, at 9:00 a.m. All those in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. We are adjourned.