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SENATOR KRIST PRESIDING

SENATOR KRIST: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the forty-eighth day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Crawford who represents the 45th District. Please rise.

SENATOR CRAWFORD: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Crawford. I call to order the forty-eighth day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections.

SENATOR KRIST: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, a new A bill, LB509A, by Senator Ebke. (Read by title for the first time.) I also have an announcement. The Appropriations Committee will be meeting in Executive Session at 10:00 this morning in room 2102. Appropriations at 10:00. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 725.) [LB509A]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to the first item on the agenda. Senator Chambers, you are recognized to close on your amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, there were other things discussed yesterday, but I want to focus on this amendment I'm offering because this is my closing. What this amendment does is to put language back or retain language in the statute which prohibits the wearing of religious garb or clothing in the classroom of a public school. It strikes from the existing law everything that smacks of a penalty: the fine, the jailing,

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and other such things as that. The only thing that would be left in this particular statute is the state policy that in the classroom of a public school there will be no wearing of religious garb that designates a person as being an adherent of or believer in a sect, a denomination, or whatnot. I have stated before why I think that is inappropriate in terms of allowing people to wear such garb. There are contentious circumstances in Nebraska. There are divisions between and among various religions. There is no justification for allowing in the classroom this contentiousness that attends religions. And such being the case, we should make it up in our minds that the classroom, if no place else, is going to be like a safe haven, a haven of refuge, if you will, where when the student comes into that environment, all of the clamor, all of the rancor, all of the anger and animosity generated by religions will be on the outside. When that child enters that classroom, that classroom will always mean to that child a place where whatever else is happening in the world that can weigh upon a child's mind creating doubt, confusion, pressure, depression, will not be in this classroom. I cannot think of anything, even politics, which divides people to the extent that religious differences have divided people, continue to divide people, and in my opinion, always will divide them. Nobody's freedom of speech, as some people have maintained, would be affected by banning religious garb in the classroom. People are free to practice any religion they please, say anything about their religion, proselytize, condemn other religions, off the school premises. This is like an island, an island of tranquility, an island of peace for our children. I will never sacrifice the well-being of children to the convenience of adults who can do what they are talking about doing any other place they want. There are businesses which will tell you, you cannot wear religious garb in the work place. Why should grown people be kept free from that rancor in the workplace... [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB62]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...but allow it in the classroom, because adults can speak for themselves in the workplace, but the children cannot speak for themselves. And on this floor they have nobody, generally, except me, who will speak for them in their behalf. How are they going to know that it's inappropriate for these kind of displays in the classroom? Anything they see there, they're entitled to think it is appropriate. I strongly disagree. I will always disagree. A cloture motion is looming on the horizon, and I'm hoping that it will not obtain 33 votes. I know people make that appeal. Think about the children. But that's what I'm saying this morning. Let the adults have their wars on the battlefields of adults. Don't bring it into the classroom where the children are. If this once, you could forget party labels, religious badges, and think about the children and what they're in that classroom for, and vote to maintain that level of safety and serenity that the children are entitled to expect. Mr. President, at this point, I would withdraw any pending motions I have on this bill. [LB62]

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SENATOR KRIST: Without objection, so ordered. (Doctor of the day introduced.) And Doctor, I think you need to have a talk with Senator Kolterman. He's giving us bad doughnuts on his birthday. Happy birthday, Senator Kolterman. Mr. Clerk for a motion. [LB62]

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Scheer would move to invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Section 10 on LB62. [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Scheer, you're recognized. [LB62]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Mr. President, I don't believe we'll need a call of the house. I believe most of the members are on the floor, so I would like to move forward with the cloture vote. [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: Just a regular board vote? [LB62]

SPEAKER SCHEER: Regular board vote is fine. [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: You've heard the motion for cloture. The question is, do we invoke cloture? All those in favor vote green; opposed red. There's been a request for a record vote. Have all those voted that wish to? Please record, Mr. Clerk. [LB62]

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal page 726.) 38 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to invoke cloture. [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: The motion succeeds. Senator Wishart for a motion. [LB62]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB62 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB62]

SENATOR KRIST: There's been a request for a record vote. All those in favor vote aye; opposed nay. Have all those voted who wish to? Please record, Mr. Clerk. [LB62]

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 726-727.) 41 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB62. [LB62]

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SENATOR HUGHES: LB62 is adopted. Next bill, Mr. Clerk. [LB62]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB11, no Enrollment and Review amendments. However, Senator Krist would move to amend. Senator Krist, AM552. (Legislative Journal page 653.) [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB11]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues, and good morning, Nebraska. I have to thank the judiciary, in particular the Chief Justice, and several of the judges who helped me with this particular amendment. If you recall, the purpose of LB11 was to make sure that when juveniles are put from the juvenile court to the adult court, we would give them an opportunity to have that reversed at the beginning and give the lawyers an opportunity to talk about it so that we didn't have to go through the entire judicial process which could be months or even years before they would have an appeal process back to juvenile. The language in AM552 makes it very expeditious and I'll just quote for you on line 2 of the amendment: "Upon entry of an order, any party may appeal to the Court of Appeals within ten days." On line 5, "except upon a showing of exceptional cause. Appeals shall be submitted, assigned, and scheduled for oral argument as soon as the appellee's brief is due to be filed. The Court of Appeals shall conduct its review in an expedited manner and shall render the judgment and opinion, if any, as speedily as possible." And that's what we're looking for is expeditious justice for our youth. With that I would ask you to vote green on AM552 and move LB11 to Final. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Krist. Senator Chambers, you are recognized. [LB11]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think Senator Krist explained things very well. I wanted to see two additional judges rather than one, but due to practical considerations, I cannot have that accomplished this session, but I think with the addition of one judge, we're taking a giant leap toward resolving the situation which I was and remain believing could be done or achieved a lot quicker with two rather than one. But facing reality, not wanting to be a dead cat on the line, so to speak, I'm going to support Senator Krist's amendment, and I'll support the bill. And I want everybody to know that this constitutes a great capitulation for me. Down through the years, I have prevented an additional Douglas County juvenile court judgeship being created because there was then and remains now a person as a judge who I think lacks judicial temperament, does not do anything that redounds to respect for the judiciary, that has caused consternation among family members and some officials. Those in the judiciary have not seen fit to try to do anything to remove this person. I thought that I was on a path toward forcing their hand. Since that cannot be done and I cannot get all that I want, I have to satisfy myself with wanting what I can get. And I'm going to mention what was brought to my attention today. This is the third month, the 16th day. If you put John in front of that, it's

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John 3:16. This is a verse that everybody knows. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. I know there's nobody on this floor who is going to have everlasting life because the condition is that you believe in and on Jesus. And Jesus said, why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say? So I suspect that if people believed in and on Jesus, they would do what Jesus said. But until you breathe your last, that tantalizing promise is waived before your unbelieving, hypocritical eyes. When the day comes that you genuinely believe and when the "Bible" says believe, it's talking about mating, or marrying, appropriate conduct to that asserted belief. When I see those things practiced, that will be the point at which I will make additional inquiry into whatever it was that caused hard-hearted, hypocritical people to make a change. And maybe I'll see it, or at least semblances of it, when we consider the budget bill and the cut... [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB11]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that is to be made in Medicaid. It will take the form of reducing the reimbursement to those who provide services pursuant to Medicaid. That includes pediatricians who practice pediatric medicine, obviously, dentistry, and everything else. So the final verse where Jesus talked about how much he loved the little children and that if you offend any of them, it would be better for you if a millstone were hanged about your neck and you'd be drowned in the heart of the sea. I would never put the millstone around your neck, but if you're at water's edge, I cannot promise that I wouldn't give you a shove into the water. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Wayne, you are recognized. [LB11]

SENATOR WAYNE: Good morning. For those who didn't realize today, according to Senator Chambers, I started a Wayne's Bakery with all the doughnuts you guys put on my desk today, so I appreciate that. As you know, I just want to mention that I was in opposition of two judges and because I practice in the area and I see day to day what goes on in Douglas County, I am going to support one judge reluctantly, but I do need this body and all those involved in juvenile justice to continue to work hard. I just want to throw out two quick stats that I want this body to hear about DCYC. Youth that are enrolled in IEP special education have over a 60 percent recidivism rate. This goes back to my conversation yesterday about education and the importance of the prison pipeline, and how our special education system in Nebraska is failing particularly African-American males. But another quick note, and this would be one that Senator Murante is here, if he is in the Chamber, would appreciate, because he has a bill about mentoring. Youths not receiving a family or mentoring visit in the first 30 days at DCYC have over 65 percent recidivism rate. I tell you that to say that kids want to be around positive adults, and kids want

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positive adults in their lives to help guide them. If we can help with these two areas, special education and finding ways to connect kids with positive adults, we will start to receive the benefits of declined enrollment in our juvenile detention centers. I truly believe that. But with that, Senator Krist, I want to thank you for your leadership in this area and working with all parties to make sure we come to a reasonable compromise in which we all can live with. So with that, thank you, Mr. Speaker, Mr. President. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Wayne. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB11]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I cannot help making a comment with reference to my good friend, my fellow colleague on the learning community, and now my colleague in the Legislature, I cannot help making a comment based on a reference he made to my remark about the Wayne Bakery being started this morning. When I first came, there was a doughnut on his desk. Then I had to believe that that doughnut was not really a doughnut but a giant microbe because the next time I looked, it has replicated itself and expanded and expanded and expanded until they covered the face, the top of his desk and what I thought Senator Wayne was going to do was convene a doughnut convention of police officers at his desk. But I think I was mistaken in that regard, the doughnuts have disappeared, so I will retract what I said about the Wayne Bakery. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Krist, you're recognized to close on your amendment. [LB11]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. And I know that Senator Wayne and Senator Chambers both realize that this is LB11 and coming up in one more bill will be LB10 and their comments were directed towards both of those bills, and I really appreciate their support on LB10 and LB11. This one basically makes sure that our juveniles can be treated as juveniles through the process and expeditiously a process is there for a negotiated placement in either adult or in the juvenile system. So with that, I'd ask you to vote green on AM552 and move LB11 to Final. [LB11 LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Krist. The question is, shall amendment to LB11 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB11]

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Krist's amendment. [LB11]

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SENATOR HUGHES: The amendment is adopted. [LB11]

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart for a motion. [LB11]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB11 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. LB11 is advanced. Mr. Clerk. [LB11]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB57 on Select File. No Enrollment and Review. Senator Morfeld would move to amend with AM453. (Legislative Journal page 653.) [LB57]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Morfeld, you are recognized to open on your amendment. [LB57]

SENATOR MORFELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, just as a reminder I introduced LB57 at the request of the Uniform Law Commission. The purpose of LB57 is to adopt the Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act. Nebraska's laws sometimes requires the use of sworn statements as many of you know. False statements under oath are then subject to the Nebraska perjury statutes which provide for misdemeanor or felony charges if the statement is false. The purpose for this bill is sometimes it is very inconvenient or impossible for a person who is in a foreign country to get a statement sworn to. In some countries this means going to the U.S. Embassy or consulate and this is especially difficult in war torn countries or where terrorist activities are present. This helps streamline this process. As you may recall, Senator Schumacher had some concerns with the bill. The Uniform Law Commission representatives sat down with him and I went and talked to Senator Schumacher after they sat down with him about some amendments. The amendments would do the following. First, the first amendment would strike the section requiring consideration of the need for uniformity and construction. This is kind of intent language. The second amendment would make it so that it would apply to any official proceeding of the state of Nebraska. The third amendment is actually just a typo, subordination, instead of subornation from the bill drafters. And then the fourth amendment would strike language that excludes the application of the act to declarations made on property within the boundaries of the United States, but not within the jurisdiction of the U.S. And so I think this alleviated many of the concerns of Senator Schumacher, and I'd urge your adoption of AM453, and I'm happy to answer any questions that you may have. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB57]

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SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Morfeld. Senator Schumacher, you're recognized. [LB57]

SENATOR SCHUMACHER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I rise in support of AM453 to LB57. It was the result of some very productive and nice discussions between the Uniform Law Commission folks and the professor who had worked on this at the University of Nebraska law school and myself. I think we did not take very long in order to see what things could be done to the bill to improve it and take away a lot of the ambiguities that were in there. And AM453 represents what I believe is a far superior bill and worthy of your consideration and adoption. Thank you. [LB57]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Schumacher. Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Morfeld, you're recognized to close. Senator Morfeld waives closing. The question that's before us is the adoption of AM453 to LB57. All those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB57]

CLERK: 41 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the amendment. [LB57]

SENATOR HUGHES: Mr. Clerk. [LB57]

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. Excuse me, Senator, I just have one other item. I had a motion from Senator Wayne, but I have a note he wishes to withdraw. Now, I have nothing further on the bill, Senator. [LB57]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart for a motion. [LB57]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB57 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB57]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've all heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. Nay? The motion is advanced. Mr. Clerk. [LB57]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB10, no E&Rs. Senator Krist would move to amend with AM485. (Legislative Journal page 639.) [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Krist, you're recognized to open on your amendment. [LB10]

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SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. If you will recall during the General File debate on LB10, we amended a second judge, added a second judge on the list, which would have taken the judges, the juvenile court judges in Douglas County and Omaha to seven. This amendment simply takes that number back to six or just adds one judge. I negotiated a little bit with Douglas County Commissioners in terms of space, talked to the judiciary in terms of docket issues that were brought up by Senator Wayne and others, and this is the right move for now, one judge to be added. And I would ask for your support on AM485 to LB10. [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Krist. Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB10]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, for the record, the comments I made on LB11 should have been more appropriately made with reference to the adding of a judge on LB10. So I just transfer those remarks to LB10 supporting the amendment, and will support the bill too. Thank you. [LB10 LB11]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Krist waives. Senator Wishart. Excuse me. We have to vote on the Krist amendment. All those in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB10]

CLERK: 39 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Krist's amendment. [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Amendment is adopted. [LB10]

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart. [LB10]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB10 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB10]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I support this bill. I support Senator Krist for what he's doing on this bill, and also I respect him as a man of conviction. And I'm not saying that facetiously. Now I'm going to become somewhat facetious. I quoted a verse, thanks to the agitation of Senator Walz. I was trying to think of an appropriate word. And I handed out a little rhyme which was brought to my attention might

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benefit those who are watching us that were not the recipients of a copy of this rhyme, so I'm going to do it on this bill quickly because it's clear I'm not trying to delay the bill. First, there is the quote of a verse, Matthew 25, the 21st verse. His lord said unto him. Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then this is the rhyme. Caption--satisfied customer. Jesus at the restaurant was seated at his favorite table. Said the hostess, you'll be served, sir, just as soon as we are able. Straightway there arrived a server, smiling and accommodating. Sir, it is our practice here to never keep our patrons waiting. Jesus nodded, took a menu, opened it, and started reading. I will place my order, said he, no more time will I be needing. I'll have steak, said Jesus. How cooked, asked the server tilting his head? Well done, good and faithful server. Well done, smiling Jesus said. Thank you. [LB10]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. The question is the adoption of the E&R amendment to LB...excuse me. The question before the body is the advancement of LB10. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, nay. Motion carried. Mr. Clerk. [LB10]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB10A, no E&R. Senator Krist would move to amend with AM558. (Legislative Journal page 727.) [LB10A]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Krist, you're welcome to open on your amendment. [LB10A]

SENATOR KRIST: This is a necessary amendment obviously. We went from two on General File to one, so it would be...amount of money would be cut in half, and I ask you to support AM558 to LB10A. [LB10A]

SENATOR HUGHES: Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Krist waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM558 to LB10A. All in favor vote aye; all opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB10A]

CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Krist's amendment. [LB10A]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're recognized. Senator Wishart for a motion. [LB10A]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB10A be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB10A]

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SENATOR HUGHES: The question is the adoption of the E&R amendments to...this is the motion to advance. All those in favor say aye. All opposed nay. Motion carried. Mr. Clerk. [LB10A]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB16. Senator Wishart, I have Enrollment and Review amendments first of all. (ER10, Legislative Journal page 584.) [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart, you're recognized. [LB16]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the E&R amendments to LB16 be adopted. [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. All opposed nay. Motion carried. [LB16]

CLERK: Senator Lindstrom would move to amend with AM448. (Legislative Journal page 611.) [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Lindstrom, you're recognized. [LB16]

SENATOR LINDSTROM: Thank you, Mr. President. AM448 would add the provisions of my LB549 to LB16, a bill introduced by Senator Craighead on behalf of the state Real Estate Commission. I want to extend my thanks to Senator Craighead. The Nebraska Real Estate License Act requires real estate brokers to maintain trust accounts for down payments and earnest money deposits. These accounts may either be interest bearing or noninterest bearing. However, beginning July 1, 2017, all of these accounts must be noninterest bearing. AM448 would repeal the sunset. Because the sunset is July 1, the bill would add the emergency clause to the bill. Until 2011, the Nebraska Real Estate License Act required that all broker trust accounts must be noninterest bearing. Last year, the Legislature provided for the option of interest bearing or noninterest bearing accounts. The Legislature also required that interest could only be distributed to tax exempt nonprofit organizations. A sunset of July 1, 2014, on interest bearing accounts was also put into place. Two years later in 2013, the Legislature provided that tax exempt nonprofit organizations receiving interest distributions must promote housing in Nebraska. That year the Legislature further provided that a broker must use an interest bearing account for a transaction only if the use of the account for purposes of promoting housing in Nebraska have been approved by all parties whose money would be deposited into the account. Finally, that year the Legislature moved the sunset from July 1, 2014, to the current July 1, 2017. That brings us to where we are today. It must be acknowledged that to date there has not been

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much money generated by these interest bearing broker trust accounts. However, it is hoped that more brokers will come on board and this will increase total distributions. That is why we should repeal the sunset and allow the interest bearing accounts to remain in place and then be joined by additional ones. At its hearing, LB549 was supported by the Nebraska Realtors Association. There were no opponents and the Banking Committee advanced the bill to General File on an 8-0 vote. I would urge the adoption of AM448 to LB16. Thank you very much. [LB16 LB549]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Lindstrom. Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Lindstrom, you're invited to close. Senator Lindstrom waives closing. The question is, shall the amendment to LB16 be adopted? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB16]

CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Lindstrom's amendment. [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: The amendment is adopted. [LB16]

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart. [LB16]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB16 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB16]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed vote nay. The motion is adopted. Mr. Clerk. [LB16]

CLERK: Mr. President, LB140. I have Enrollment and Review amendments first of all, Senator. (ER14, Legislative Journal page 592.) [LB140]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart, you're recognized. [LB140]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the E&R amendments to LB140 be adopted. [LB140]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye...say aye. All those opposed vote nay. The motion is adopted. [LB140]

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CLERK: Senator Williams would move to amend with AM437. (Legislative Journal page 679.) [LB140]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Williams, you're recognized. [LB140]

SENATOR WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning. AM437 would add three provisions of three noncontroversial bills to LB140. Those bills are LB196, introduced by Senator Craighead; LB341, and LB454 both introduced by Chairman of the Banking Committee, Senator Lindstrom. LB196 as reflected in AM437 contains the annual equal rights updates for Nebraska's state-chartered depository financial institutions, traditionally known as the wild-card bill. This provides the same rights, powers, and privileges to state-chartered financial institutions and credit unions as those enjoyed by the federally chartered financial institutions and credit unions doing business in the state of Nebraska. Due to state constitutional restrictions on delegation of legislative authority, the statute needs to be amended annually to provide a current reference date. The reference dates provided in AM437 are January 1, 2017. The remainder of the amendment would incorporate the provisions of LB341 and LB454. Under current law, all executive officers in a state-chartered bank must be licensed by the Department of Banking and Finance. Executive officers of national banks do not have this requirement. AM437 would allow banks to opt out of this requirement. For banks that continue to require executive officers to be licensed, the department may suspend the ability of such executive officer to continue to act as an executive officer and level a civil penalty in the amount of not to exceed \$10,000. Similarly, LB454 as reflected in AM437 would allow credit unions to opt out of the requirement that loan officers and state-chartered credit unions be licensed by the Department of Banking and Finance. All three of these bills were advanced by the Banking Committee on an 8-0 vote and had no opposition testimony, and there is no fiscal impact on the General Fund. I would appreciate your support of AM437. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB140 LB196 LB341 LB454]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Williams. Seeing no one else in the queue, you're welcome to close. Senator Williams waives closing. The question is the amendment to LB140 be adopted. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB140]

CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Senator Williams' amendment to the bill. [LB140]

SENATOR HUGHES: The amendment is adopted. [LB140]

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President. [LB140]

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SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart for a motion. [LB140]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that LB140 be advanced to E&R for engrossing. [LB140]

SENATOR HUGHES: You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. LB140 is advanced. Items for the record. [LB140]

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Retirement Systems chaired by Senator Kolterman reports LB31 to General File; LB413, General File; LB219, General File with amendments; and LB278, General File with amendments. The Education Committee chaired by Senator Groene reports LB595 to General File with amendments. And Health Committee chaired by Senator Riepe reports LB358 to General File with amendments. An announcement, Mr. President: the Revenue Committee will meet in Exec Session at 10:00 in room 2022; Revenue at 10:00 in room 2022. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 728-730.) [LB31 LB413 LB219 LB278 LB595 LB358]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB46. Senator Wishart, I have Enrollment and Review amendments, first of all. (ER16, Legislative Journal page 595.) [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart. [LB46]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the E&R amendments to LB46 be adopted. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: You have all heard the motion. All those in favor vote (sic-say) aye; all those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. [LB46]

CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment to the bill, Senator Chambers. I have what's marked as FA5 in front of me, Senator. (Legislative Journal page 359.) [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, once again, I'm delivering on a pledge. I said I would take this bill, as I said with that religious garb bill, to

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cloture and that's what I intend to do today on this bill. Both of them are pernicious because they involved the injection of religion where it ought not to be. This is that notorious license plate bill which Senator Watermeier presented to us, and it wants to put the words, "Choose Life." It has been discussed in the past on this very bill that a procedure exists in statute right now whereby a certain number of people can come together, procure a certain number of people who will purchase a certain plate carrying a message, and obtain the production of that plate. But that is outside of the formal, official action by the state. This that we're doing would put in statute, "Choose Life", a slogan on a license plate which is not only political, but it smacks of religion in the sense of smacking others in the face in contempt. There have been any number of letters written to the editor in both the Lincoln Journal Star, the World-Herald. At first I had begun clipping them. I was going to date them and hand them out as I do other things, but I doubt that it would make much difference to people who have their minds, like concrete, all mixed up and permanently set. This bill has generated enough concern among members of other religions to cause ministers representing those religions to write letters to the editor of the kind that I've described, pointing out how it disregards other religions. It takes one particular point of view on a very contentious issue. I am opposed to it for that reason and others, but that is the dominant reason. Some person who I presume was a Christian talked about this being as important to some people as the mountain lion bill was to me. There's nothing political about the mountain lion bill. It sets in statute the authorization to produce such a bill. To date it has brought in \$61,000 which is a surprise to all the people in the state who deal with the issuance and sale of license plates. I expect that number to continue to rise. I received a phone call from a woman who works in Arizona with their Fish and Wildlife Commission who wants some information from me on how this license plate came into being, along with some figures on how many plates have been sold, how much money was generated. I don't know of any other plate which has put Nebraska on the map in a positive way. As a matter of fact, I don't know of another senator in the history of this state who has done the number of things that brought favorable attention to Nebraska as the things that I have done. Not only were they of state import, but national, and international. Before the U.S. Government took a position against apartheid in South Africa, their brand of segregation, I had gotten the Legislature--and I'm not going to go into the details of how that happened here, at some other point I probably will--to call for the divestment of public funds from any corporation doing business in or with South Africa. Other representatives of other Legislatures in America contacted me for information which I very willingly gave. In advance of any other state and the U.S. Government through Congress, took an action that had consequences to this date immeasurable in terms of removing a formalized, official state policy of racial segregation and discrimination. Did you say time or one minute? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: You still have 4:30 since this is your opening. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, I'm sorry, I misheard. Thank you. So I'm going to continue standing for the things that I believe. Occasionally I can persuade enough senators to do the

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same thing. When I was able to get a bill passed that banned corporal punishment in the public schools, a man contacted me from Australia, and he said that in that country corporal punishment occurs in the schools where the people referred to as aborigines go, and did I have any advice on how he might be able to persuade the people in Australia to cease doing to those children, the children of people who were there before the white people came to Australia, in the same way the Legislature here was persuaded to stop the public schools from doing that kind of violence on primarily black children. So I contacted him and shared with him what information that I had. For some people's information, Australia was a convict colony. In England when you committed certain crimes, very minor, you could face the gallows, and the point was reached where you were given a choice. You could either go to the convict colony of Australia, or you could come to America. A lot of convicts chose to go both places. America is a country in its early days, which was settled to a great extent by convicts, the dregs of British society. So many convicts began to come from England to this country that Benjamin Franklin addressed a very angry, indignant letter to the King of England. He said in effect, no sooner have we incorporated one group of these convicts into society, then England sends another boatload. To show you how much contempt we have for England doing this, I am contemplating sending the King a box of rattle snakes. The people who came to this country, your forebears, your ancestors in America, were compared by Benjamin Franklin to rattle snakes. He talked about how they did not make an honest living through honest labor. They were slyboots. They were housebreakers. They were robbers. All of these were white people. All of these were white people. And that same lawless attitude made itself manifest throughout the history of this country. Some of the most renowned, honored heroes of this country are those who operated outside the law. In the rural areas they had Jesse James, Frank James, the Dalton brothers, and such as those. In the cities they had people like Al Capone, the other mobsters who comprised the Gambino family, Cosa Nostra, and all of the rest. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So before Americans become too pompous and want to say America is exceptional, they need to read their history and see on what that exceptionalism is based. This particular statute that I am speaking against is an example of how far the people today have strayed from the principles according to which this country supposedly was founded. This is an attempt to demolish the wall of separation between church and state. And if I can be the one to stop this demolition, then that's exactly what I intend to do. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, Nebraska. There are some folks who are out today for legitimate reasons and execing and I understand that, but I wanted to

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put something on the record not necessarily for the people inside this Chamber, but for the people who are listening at home, particularly the members of the Nebraskans United for Life. They found it necessary to...I'll just read it to you. Compliment Senator Watermeier, which I do as well, especially thank, in bold, thank Senator Dan Watermeier representing LD1 and then, in small letters, for introducing the pro-life legislation and helping to advance pro-life cause. On that note I will say it may be advancing pro-life speak, but I fail to see how a pro-life license plate advances the cause. And I'm going to differentiate between the two very similarly. If you take my voting record and you look at the things that I have voted on for eight years in protecting those that could not protect themselves and serving those who could not serve themselves and taking care of a vulnerable population in the work I've done in juvenile justice and the numbers that are there, I fail to see how a license plate compares to those kinds of things that have needed to be done in this state for years. Reading on: Senator Bob Krist, in caps and bold, of Omaha endorsed by Nebraskans United for Life did not vote for the bill and voted no for cloture. That is a fact and that will continue to be a fact for any political speak license plate that is brought to this floor while I am still in office and have the ability to use my finger to punch a green or red button or not punch a button at all. It's not a good road that we're on. I quoted Senator Dennis Utter who said, be careful of the slippery slope because it takes a lot--these are my words, not his now--it takes a lot to reverse course and climb back up that slope. This is political speak. If you want to put something on your license plate, which I have on mine, I have 1-D10. It stands for Nebraska, Douglas County, Omaha, Nebraska, which is something that we no longer have because there's too many plates to have a 1- on the license plate. D10, for District 10. That's something I am proud of, serving in District 10. If you want to put "Choose Life" on your license plate, I think that's more than seven letters, you'd have to condense it down some way, that's fine, too. But for a state plate to have on it political speak is wrong. So the propaganda that every organization, every lobby firm, anything that is sent out would say we don't support that person anymore, so be it. I have to do what I think is right for the state of Nebraska, for 40,000 people-plus in my district, and for 1.9 million people across the state. And in this particular case, I've heard from my constituency and I've heard from people who have been here long enough to understand the difference between political speak and fluffy, nice license plates. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Krist. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, you are recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, if you look around this Chamber, you see, in terms of possible voters, slim pickings. Since I'm going to take time, I think I will offer something for those who might be watching us, especially if they have little children. They might be in school now. They might be at home because they're too young to be in school, or they might be malingering by pretending to be sick, or they may be genuinely sick. I'm going to recite what I can remember of a poem that I learned when I was in high school,

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which was many, many years ago, in fact, decades ago. It's called the Ballad of East and West by Rudyard Kipling, a man who was a racist, who was a jingoist, who was a colonialist, who liked to kill animals for the sheer love of killing, but his writing demonstrated that people who do such pernicious things are not necessarily ignorant, stupid, unintelligent. It just means that they are crude, vulgar-based and need some civilizing. But the purpose of this rhyme was to show how men of different backgrounds, radically different backgrounds, could reach an accord. And it started, Oh, East is East and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's great Judgment Seat; But there is neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth, When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends of the earth! Kamal is out with twenty men to raise the Border side, And he has lifted the Colonel's mare, which is the Colonel's pride: He has lifted her out of the stable-door between the dawn and the day, Turned the calkins upon her feet, and ridden her far away. Then up and spoke the Colonel's son who led a troop of the Guides: Is there never a man of all my men can say where Kamal hides? Up and spoke Mohammad Khan, the son of the Ressaldar. If you know the track of the morning-mist, you know where his pickets are. At dusk he harries the Abazia. That's a type of antelope. At dawn he's into Bonair, but he must go by Fort Bukloh to his own place to fare, so if you travel to Fort Bukloh as fast as you can fly, by the favour of God you may cut him off, ere he win to the Tongue of Jagai. But if he be passed the Tongue of Jagai, right swiftly turn ye then, For the length and the breadth of that grizzly plain is sown with Kamal's men. There's rock to the left, there's rock to the right, and low lean thorn between. And you may hear a breech-bolt snick where never a man is seen. The Colonel's son has taken horse, and a raw rough dun was he, With the head of a bell and the mouth of Hell, and the...something of a gallows-tree. I'm telling you I'm remembering the best I can. The Colonel's son to the Fort has won, they bid him stay to eat. Who ride at the tail of a Border thief, he sits not long at his meat. He's up and away from Fort Bukloh as fast as he can fly, til he is aware of his father's mare in the gut of the Tongue of Jagai. Til he is aware of his father's mare and Kamal upon her back, and when he could spy the white of her eye, he made the pistol crack. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He has fired once, he fired twice, but the whistling ball went wide. You shoot like a soldier, Kamal said. Show now if you can ride. It's up and over the Tongue of Jagai, as blown dust-devils go. The dun he lunged like a wounded bull, but the mare like a new roused doe...I'm starting to forget. The dun he leaned against the bit and slugged his head above, but the red mare played with the snaffle-bar, like a maiden plays with a glove. The dun he fell at a water-course--in a woeful heap fell he. Kamal has turned the red mare back, and pulled the rider free. He has knocked the pistol out of his hand--small room was there to strive. Twas only by favour of mine, quoth he, 'ye rode so long alive.' I'll continue when I'm recognized again. [LB46]

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SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers. You are next in the queue. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He knocked the pistol out of his hand--small room was there to strive. Twas only by favour of mine, quoth he, 'you rode so long alive.' If I had bowed my head on my breast, as I have kept it low...that's ahead of time. The little jackals that flee so fast, were feasting all in a row. If I had raised my bridal hand, as I've...if I had raised...I'm having a senior moment. That's to make people listen. If I had bowed my head on my breast, as I have kept it high, the kite that whistles above us now were gorged til she could not fly. If I had raised my bridal hand--you listen more when I'm not saying anything--as I have kept it low. The little jackals that flee so fast, were feasting all in a row. Lightly spoke the Colonel's son: Do good to bird and beast, but count who come for the broken meats before thou makest a feast. They will feed their horse on the standing crop, their men on the garnered grain and the thatch of the byres will serve their fires when all of the cattle are slain. Now if thou thinkest the price be high, in steer and gear and stack, give me my father's mare again, and I'll fight my own way back. But if thou thinkest the price be fair, thy brethren wait to sup, the hound is kin to the jackal-spawn, howl, dog, and call them up. Kamal has gripped him by the hand and set him up on his feet. No talk shall be of dogs, said he, when wolf and grey wolf meet. May I eat dirt if thou has hurt of me in deed or breath; what dam of lances brought thee forth to jest at the dawn with death? The Colonel's son a pistol drew and held it muzzle-end. You have taken the one from a foe said he, will you take the mate from a friend? I don't know if I'm going to have enough time on this one to finish it because there is a stretch where it shouldn't be interrupted. But to let you know before I rhyme it, the two men had met now, and they see that each has something going for them, each going for himself. So I may have...how much time do I have on this one, Mr. President? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Two minutes. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Lightly spoke the Colonel's son: I hold by the blood of my clan: Take up the mare for my father's gift--by God, she has carried a man. The red mare ran to the Colonel's son, and nuzzled against his breast. We be two strong men, said Kamal then, but she loveth the younger best. So shall she go with a lifter's dower, my turquoise-studded rein, My 'broidered saddle and saddle-cloth, and silver stirrups twain. A gift for a gift, spoke Kamal straight; a limb for the risk of a limb. Thy father has sent his son to me, I'll send my son to him. With that he whistled his only son, who dropped from a mountain crest. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He trod the ling like a buck in spring, and looked like a lance at rest. Here is they master, Kamal said, who leads a troop of the Guides, and thou must ride at his left side as shield on shoulder rides. And thou must eat the White Queen's meat, and all her foes are

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thine. And thou must harry thy father's hold for the peace of the Border-line. They have looked each other between the eyes, and there have found no fault. They have taken the Oath of Brother-in-Blood on leavened bread and salt; they have taken the oath of Brother-in-Blood on fire and fresh-cut sod, on the hilt and the haft of the Khyber knife, and the Wondrous Names of God. Kamal's boy, he rides the dun. The Colonel's son, he rides the mare and Kamal's boy, the dun. Two have come back to Fort Bukloh when there went forth but one. As they drew to the Quarter-Guard... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Chambers, you're welcome to close on your amendment. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. As they drew to the Quarter-Guard, full twenty swords flew clear. There was not a man but carried his feud with the blood of the mountaineer. Have done, have done spoke the Colonel's son. Put up the steel at your sides. Last night you struck at a Border thief--tonight tis a man of the Guides. Oh, East is East, and West is West, and never the twain shall meet, Till Earth and Sky stand presently at God's a great Judgment Seat; But there's neither East nor West, Border, nor Breed, nor Birth, When two strong men stand face to face, tho' they come from the ends of the earth! Now, when somebody is as far removed as I am from when I learned that little poem, it shows that anybody can remember anything fairly well if they set their mind to it. And for those who may not know because even though I'm a mild-mannered, elderly gentleman, I'm 80 years old and I'm closer to being 100 than I am to being 60. I am closer to being 100 years old than I am to being 60. I will be able to say...first of all, I've cheated the "Bibble" already. The "Bibble" says the numbers of a man's years are three score and ten. Twenty years comprise a score. Three times 20 would be 60. Add ten more, that's 70. You say the number of a man's years are 70 years. By me being 80, I've beat that but I'm living on borrowed time, obviously. So, I'd like to make another withdrawal from the bank of at least...oh, did you say time? Oh, okay...of at least seven more years. I've wanted to say about myself what Abraham Lincoln said in his Gettysburg address: Four score and seven years ago, my mother brought forth on this planet a new man, a new type of man, and I haven't finished the rhyme yet. I'm going to work on it because there is somebody who is supposed to be supreme who is a jealous person listening, and if I get too far out of line, there may come one of those lightning bolts that that person is supposed to use to strike people dead just for being arrogant. As a matter of fact, the Greeks have some gods too, and I made a remark and Thor wanted to take one of those lightning bolts and hit me with it and Zeus stopped him. He said, stay your hand, Thor. After all, we made him. Thor said, well, by God,...well he didn't say...by Zeus, we certainly did,

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and it's a fine piece of work that we produced. And that's why I live today. But this other God that people pray to here is meaner than that. I don't think I'd be shown any mercy. Although a great deal of it is shown toward those who say they believe in this God and he doesn't strike them dead when they refuse to do as the Legislature, the good things we could do such as expanding the reach of Medicaid to the children of people who are too poor to afford medical coverage for their children. I know as sure as I'm standing here, I know as sure as my hair was black and has turned white, I know as sure as I'm standing here that some day I'm going to croak. Well, I don't know that for sure, but if I follow the course of every living thing that has been on the earth, the day will come I will croak. As sure as I know those things, I know that this motion, this amendment has no chance to pass. But I'm going to take a vote anyway, because... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...my effort here today is to take as much time as I can. I have other amendments and because of the content of those amendments, there are subjects that I deem to be very important, very critical, and that the Legislature should give its time to. Whether you're speaking to one or many, you should put forth the same effort. Why, if there are 10,000 people in a stadium, should a speaker feel privileged and an obligation to give the best he or she has? The two who are there are entitled to even more. They came to hear when nobody else would. And you should give that best that you have to anybody who is willing to listen. They are paying you a supreme compliment of all the things they could be doing, they're saying at that moment, nothing is as important to them... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And I will ask for a call of the house and a roll call vote. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: There's been a request to place the house under call. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 14 ayes, 1 nay to go under call, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: The house is under call. Senators, please record your presence. Those unexcused senators outside the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator McCollister, Senator Stinner, Senator Hilgers, Senator Morfeld, Senator Geist, Senator Bolz, Senator Kuehn,

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Senator Vargas, Senator Wishart, Senator Wayne, Senator McDonald, Senator Hilkemann, Senator Scheer, Senator Clements, Senator Erdman, please record your presence. Senator Clements, would you check in, please? Senator Bolz. There's been a request for a roll call vote in regular order. Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 730.) Vote is 2 ayes, 36 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of Chambers' amendment. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: The motion fails. Raise the call. Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the next amendment offered by Senator Chambers is FA6. (Legislative Journal page 359.) [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're welcome to open on your amendment. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And in honor of those who are departing to go mourn, I will observe a few seconds of silence...even for the stragglers. And now that the mourners have made their way to the mourner's bench, I shall resume. This amendment says you would strike the words, "Choose Life", and insert in their place, "Believe the Children." That last vote underscored two things from two sources that I think are worthy of perusing. One of them is the "Bible." Jesus said, woe unto you when all men speak well of you. If you look at that vote, you'll see I have no woe in my life, for only one man, two, just one, spoke well of what it is I'm trying to do. So when all the world is ranged against you, more than likely they are wrong and you are right. John the Baptist came speaking a strange doctrine. He was in the wilderness. He dined on locusts and wild honey. He wore the skins of an animal. And he came as the forerunner of Jesus, his campaign manager. He said, you think I'm something, you wait until you hear the one that I'm representing. And you know how John met his end? They blamed it on a woman, Salome, Salame, or as some people say, Salami. She danced and her dance pleased a certain individual and this individual who had power said, ask whatever you will and I'll give it to you. And this woman had been corrupted. I don't know if they threatened her children. I don't know if they threatened her life, but she uttered fateful words that turned out to be fatal for John the Baptist. She said, give me John the Baptist's head on a platter. And that's what was done. John the Baptist lost his head speaking for Jesus. Then the same Jesus whom John was heralding, and who had done things like raising the dead, I give him credit for one thing if it was true, which I have no way of knowing whether it was or not, but I have my doubts. A little girl was supposed to have died and all of these people were standing around moaning and crying and Jesus said, what's going on here? They began to explain about this little girl. And Jesus said, what did you say about her? They said, she's dead. He said, you're mistaken. They said no, she is dead. He said, you don't know who you're talking to, do you? They said, we don't care who you're talking

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to, she's dead and you're showing great disrespect for those who are in mourning, like those who left the Chamber a few minutes ago. So Jesus went over to the little girl, he touches, said--Talitha cumi, or words to that effect, and the little girl sat up. She looked around. She stretched her little arms. She yawned and she asked for her mother and everybody was in great awe. Because as far as they were concerned, he brought one who was dead back to life. And you know how he met his end? Being executed after the manner of the commonest of criminals. He was crucified. And not like they show on some of these crosses. They would either have a person with a footrest and the person would be standing on that footrest, never would they try to nail somebody to a cross and have those hands support the weight of the body. The nails were not driven through the palm. If this person was crucified in the traditional manner, they would have been driven through the wrist, but let it be where they were driven through the palm so that those who have traditions that they respect will not have their traditions disrespected. He tried to do what he thought was right. He said what he thought was right. He healed sick people. He raised dead people. He even raised a guy named Lazarus. And in those days, they knew enough about death that after a person had been in the hot sun, whether it was outside or in a cave, that person would begin to "odoriferate." So these people were crying because Lazarus was gone. And Jesus asked again, what's the matter with you all? They said Lazarus was dead. He said, you don't know who I am yet? You don't know yet what I can do? So he said, I'm going to bring Lazarus out of there. And if the account had been written by Shakespeare, it would have been the woman said to him, me thinketh, he stinketh, but Shakespeare didn't write it so the person said by this time, he stinks. So then Jesus said with a loud voice that shook the mountains, all the little squirrels ran down from the trees and sought shelter. All the human beings were terrified. And then they heard a kind of squeaking sound like you might hear in one of Vincent Price's old movies when a stone or the top of a crypt is being moved and concrete moves against concrete, and that stone rolled away. And guess who appeared? Not the Three Stooges. One that everybody there recognized, wearing funeral shrouds, looking and blinking to adjust his eyes to the bright light because it had been dark where he was. You know what Jesus had simply said in a loud voice? Is there a Christian in the house? That's not what Jesus said. Is there a Christian in the house? When I have these Bible lessons, I like to have class participation. Is there a Christian in the...I would like to ask Senator Briese a question. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Briese, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BRIESE: Yes, I will. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Briese, would you rather be left out of this activity? [LB46]

SENATOR BRIESE: If I had my choice, probably so. But go ahead. [LB46]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. You're excused. Okay. What did Jesus say in a loud voice? Two words. [LB46]

SENATOR BRIESE: Uh. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: No, that's not one of them. [LB46]

SENATOR BRIESE: Yeah, you have me there. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again. [LB46]

SENATOR BRIESE: I should have stayed out of it. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. Well, you know not to make wagers, now you know not to participate. That's all I would ask. Thank you. Is there a Christian in the house who knows what Jesus hollered? Oh, Senator McDonnell. Oh, I thought Senator McDonnell was standing to volunteer. Senator Blood, my seatmate. If she would yield, I would like to ask her a question, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Blood, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: I will yield. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Blood, what did Jesus speak in a loud voice? What two words? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: Well, if you're referring to John, he said bring him in, and that was one of the things he's known for saying in loud words. So you have to be more specific where in the Bible you're talking. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Two words. The person he was addressing had a name... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...which I gave, but I'm not going to give it again. If you didn't get it, you should have been paying attention. So what two words did Jesus speak in a loud voice? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: I'm going to pass (inaudible). I'm going to say, even though I was sitting here, I must have missed the name that you said. So the one I'm familiar with is from the book of John and that's in reference to the soldiers and that was when he asked where they were and he said that out loud. So that's my answer. It's not the answer you're looking for, but you can't blame me for trying. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You get an A for effort. It's not necessarily what you achieve, it's the effort that's put forth and the motive behind it. If the motive is pure and the goal is worthy, then the effort gets you a gold star. The first word was Lazarus, and I tricked you. There were three words. If somebody had known, they would have said not two, but three. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That's not it either. Oh. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Chambers, Senator Briese, and Senator Blood. (Visitors introduced.) Those in the queue are Senator Baker, Pansing Brooks, Wishart, Chambers. Senator Baker, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. I would yield my remaining time to Senator Chambers on the outside chance he has something further he would like to say. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're yielded 4:52. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Baker. Senator Blood began to think and she came close. She got two out of three. Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Blood a question if she would yield. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Blood, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: For entertainment purposes, I will yield. [LB46]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Blood, and it will also be for instructional purposes, especially for Senator Briese. What are the three words Jesus uttered in a loud voice? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: Well, in my Bible it was, Lazarus, come out. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Say it again. [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: Lazarus, come out. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: She said the three would be Lazarus, come out. That's not quite right. Close, as was Senator Brewer. You may sit down if you choose. You're standing in a very menacing... [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: Maybe that's a good thing. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Here's what I think she has done. She has confused that with the lyrics from a song by the Four Seasons when they were singing Sherry. They said Sherry, with, come out tonight. [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: But that would be more than three words. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But that's the come out that you thought of. What Jesus said was Lazarus, come forth. But would that forth be spelled f-o-r-t-h or f-o-u-r-t-h? If it would be spelled f-o-u-r-t-h, it would mean that there was a sequence and of that number, Lazarus couldn't come out until three had come out before him. So John would have been first. Matthew would have been second. Mark would have been third. Lazarus would have been fourth. And I'm doing all of this not just to take time, but to show that there are different ways to view things that are understood in a certain way by people who understand, based on what they've heard, and not based on how they have analyzed it. When it comes to these things that Jesus is supposed to have said, when it comes to the very notion of whether there was an actual Jesus, what should be done to make that story have significance to people today is to drop the thous, the thees, they thy, the thine, the ye, and say you, us, them, those, they. And people don't have to spend time trying to figure what words you're saying and what they mean and they can look for the message. And if the message that Jesus purportedly gave, if there really was a Jesus, is one that people would do well to pay attention to. But with all of my railing, that is not going to be done here. There are cuts that the Governor intends to make and various programs that are designed to help the most

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vulnerable. See, there was a man in the synagogue and he had what was called a withered hand. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: That meant he looked like the man that Donald Trump ridiculed by trying to imitate and mock, and Trump said he's a Christian. Well, that's not the way Jesus dealt with it. Jesus looked at the man, and he knew what was in this man's heart. This man was kind of standing off to the side in the shadows because when anybody saw him, they would mock him after the manner of Donald Trump. But he thought what was happening in the synagogue was so important that he would risk the ridicule, the scorn, the mockery to go into this place which was dedicated to a higher power and maybe if he couldn't be made whole, he would be given the mental strength to stand up against all of these negative things that the mob would gang up and heap upon him. So Jesus sensed these kind of things. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Baker and Senator Chambers. Senator Pansing Brooks, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. President. Well, much as I hate to interrupt the lessons that are being given to us in this slightly empty Chamber, I wanted to speak to the concern that we raised last time on General that the bill does not specifically say, "Choose Life". And I want to make certain that it is part of the record that those are the words to be used. So again, and the reason I am expressing concern is I spoke with Senator Watermeier. He said he based it on the mountain lion license plate and others. He did not base it on mine because my breast cancer license plate last year said the design shall include a pink ribbon and the words, early detection saves lives...the words "early detection saves lives", along the bottom of the plate. And sure enough, that's exactly what the license plate says. So, again, I am concerned that we need to make clear, as this bill is rolling forward, that the words "Choose Life" are the words that are used on the license plate. And last time I asked about 15 senators and again today I will ask a few of the ones that are here. So, Senator Lowe, would you answer a question? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Lowe, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR LOWE: To the lady in green, yes. [LB46]

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SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: (Laugh) Thank you. And Senator Lowe, could you tell me what you think the words will be on the license plate and use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR LOWE: I believe the words will be "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Lowe. I appreciate it. Senator Albrecht, would you be willing to answer a question? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Albrecht, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR ALBRECHT: Yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Just to make the record clear, what is your understanding of what the license plate will say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR ALBRECHT: "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, very much, Senator Albrecht. Senator Ebke, would you be willing to yield? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Ebke, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR EBKE: To the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee, yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you. Senator Ebke, what's your understanding of what the license plate will say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR EBKE: "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Ebke. Senator Hansen. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Hansen, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR HANSEN: Yes. [LB46]

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SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Hansen, would you please tell me what your understanding what this license plate will say and use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR HANSEN: I believe it will quote say, Choose Life, end quote. The quotes are scrambled in there, but you know what I'm getting at. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Perfect. Thank you, Senator Hansen. I appreciate it. Senator Crawford, would you please tell me...answer a question. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Crawford, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: Yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Crawford, what is your understanding of what the license plates will say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Crawford. Senator Blood. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Blood, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: I will. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Blood, what is your understanding of what the license plates will say? [LB46]

SENATOR BLOOD: My understanding is "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Blood. And with great trepidation, I now ask Senator Chambers. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will. [LB46]

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SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Chambers, what is your understanding of what the license plate will say that Senator Watermeier is proposing? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I believe whatever the Governor wants is what will be there and since... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...the Governor supports this bill, it would be, "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Baker, please. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Baker, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, I will. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Baker, could you tell me what you believe the license plate is to say and use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: "Baker rules." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: (Laugh) I would vote for that one definitely. What's it supposed to say? [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Well, the bill says "Choose Life." [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Baker. Senator Watermeier, what...would you please answer a question? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Watermeier, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: Yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Watermeier, what is your intention for the bill to say and please use quotes, for the license plate? What is the license plate going to say? [LB46]

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SENATOR WATEMEIER: My intention on the bill and the way I had the bill drafted was following other legislation that we had then. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senators. [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: Perfect. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Wishart, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President. I rise today in opposition to FA6 and actually to LB46. I've had a bit of an evolution on my support for this bill. And mainly the reason is that organizations can come together and already do this. This...whichever organization would like to see a "Choose Life" license plate could come together. It's a \$75 fee per person. I think you have to have 250 people and they could get this license plate. And since we have so many other priorities, including the budget, strengthening our education system, our child welfare system, I just really think that the Legislature needs to get out of the business of debating and working on license plate bills. So that is the reason I will not be supporting this legislation moving forward or the amendment. Thank you. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Wishart. Senator Chambers, you are recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I had made a comment about that vote before where I was the only one voting yes for my amendment. And every time I get the opportunity, I like to quote from George Orwell's book, 1984. There was truth and there was untruth and if you clung to the truth, even against the whole world, you were not mad. And that's the way I believe. Am I saying the other people are mad in the sense of being mentally unbalanced, not by a long shot. But I'm saying they are not thinking clearly. And maybe that's a nice way of saying the same thing. Senator, as I refer to her, "Wiseheart" and I mean that even more today than I meant yesterday prior to the way she handled a bill dealing with medical cannabis. This license plate with these words should not be an official production of the state. Putting this into the statute gives it that stature. It is the state's imprimatur on this view of how the abortion matter should be handled. This is the very reason I was saying, and for those who voted for that striking of religious garb, proposition, you're inconsistent if you don't vote for this. See, that would put a religious person in front of the classroom where our little children are. This is something simply on a license plate and people can look at it or not. You all are very inconsistent. And for whatever reasons you may have, I want to call your attention to it. You don't think deeply about these matters. You want to handle them in a way that's acceptable so no matter how much you may seem outside the pale on other things, you came into the corral on

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that one. That is worse than this license plate. I still think this bill ought not be enacted into law however. Since I can't get what I want, I have to want what I get. I want this bill to die. I don't know whether it will or not, but it certainly should. And although I've spoken up to now in a way that could be considered playful, lighthearted, or even frivolous, a matter of this kind deserves that kind of presentation when you see that the Chamber is virtually empty. There are no minds to try to persuade. So I'm just going to take the time in the way that I feel like taking it. But I want you to mark well what is happening today. You took contrary positions on serious matters... [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...that I think go to the heart of what kind of democracy this should be. And the kind of democracy it should be is one where the church stays out of the state's business. When the people who comprise that church are operating as representatives of their church, vote any way they want to, join any political party they want to. Put yourself out there where everybody else is, but don't hide behind your church and say, I want special privileges now because I've wearing the habit of my church. But that's what you agreed to allow to happen. I wish there was some way that I could get a teacher's certificate, take the time to do it, and without violating my conscience, wear the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan and tell people this is my religion. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Walz, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR WALZ: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I want to...I think that Senator Chambers' amendment, "Believe the Children," is probably one of the best license plates, or one of my favorites, because we all know that children are innocent and they tend to tell the truth whether we like to hear it or not, so I do like that amendment, although I will be opposed to it. The other thing I wanted to remind everybody is that we already have a way to get license plates. You need 250 people and \$75 per person to get a license plate and you can get whatever license plate you want to get. The other thing I want to talk about real quick is the veterans license plate. I was very much in favor of the vets license plate. I think that we should do away with all license plates and just concentrate on everybody having a vet's license plate because, you know, they've made the sacrifices for our freedom. The other thing that really disappoints me is that I think that all other license plates diminishes the distinguishment of a vet's license plate. So again, I just

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want to stand up and say I am opposed to LB46 and...because of the way it diminishes the veterans license plates. Thank you. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Walz. Senator Pansing Brooks, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, Mr. President. I have...I had a constituent call in and talk about the fact...and I would agree that we can do these license plates any way, but we keep wanting to do speech. And when there is controversial speech involved, I think it's important that we make clear what the speech will be and what we're voting on. And as I said before, in my bill on the breast cancer license plates, I used exact words that were to be on the license plate, "Early Detection Saves Lives," and that was in the bill and it is now on the license plate. And it is called the Breast Cancer Awareness plate. We just said that it would have a pink ribbon and it does. And so, again, I'm trying to make the record clear, and last time as I was asking everybody to tell me what their legislative intent is on this bill and what the words will be on the plate, I was asking the bill introducer, Senator Watermeier. So if I could ask Senator Watermeier a question, please. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Watermeier, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: Yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, Senator Watermeier. So, again, I'm asking what is your intention in this bill? What will the words be on the license plate and could you please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: Well, I would say I wrote the bill in regards to "Choose Life" being the intention of it and I had written several examples of it and I could expand a little bit on the question that you asked me specific to Breast Cancer Awareness if you'd like me to, but I don't want to use your time. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: What I really want are quotes on what words you expect to be on the license plate. [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: I expect the words to be "Choose Life" on the license plate, in quotes. [LB46]

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SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Okay. And if you'd like to say...in quotes, okay, Choose Life in quotes. Thank you. Go ahead and tell me what you were thinking. [LB46]

SENATOR WATERMEIER: Well, earlier on on General File, I had read a couple examples of other bills that we had used. For examples, in law the "Breast Cancer Awareness" is in law on that plate. Actually on the plate it reads "Breast Cancer Awareness," but after the question you had asked me earlier this morning, I went in and Googled the license plate. It actually has the pink ribbon on the plate. It says "Early Detection Saves Lives" as you had given me a copy of that bill back there and I was unaware of that particular bill. But on that particular bill they actually wanted "Early Detection Saves Lives" and it's written across the bottom of the plate, but "Breast Cancer Awareness" is in with the pink ribbon on the side of the plate. So it's a unique plate in the fact that it has two sayings on the plate. Both of them were talked about in the bill. In my bill, my understanding would just strictly have, as far as wordings, "Choose Life" across the bottom and/or the top...or the top of the plate. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Okay. Thank you. And specific to my bill, too, last year, it had the...it discussed Breast Cancer Awareness plate, it discussed having the pink ribbon, and it discussed having in quotes "Early Detection Saves Lives." So, wonderful. Thank you very much. I just wanted to clarify that. With that, I will, I guess I'll just keep asking. Senator Quick, could you please answer a question? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Quick, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR QUICK: Yes, I will. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Quick, what is your...what do you think is going to be on the license plate and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR QUICK: Well, right now, I just see it as...that it's going to say "Choose Life" on there. That's my perception. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: In quotes what is it? Quote, Choose Life, quote? [LB46]

SENATOR QUICK: Yes, that's what I see being on there. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you, Senator Quick. I appreciate it. Senator Howard, would you answer a question? [LB46]

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SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Howard, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR HOWARD: Yes, I will. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Howard, what is your...what do you believe we are voting on? What will the license plate say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR HOWARD: Quote, Choose Life, end quote. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Howard. Senator Kolterman, would you answer a question? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Kolterman, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR KOLTERMAN: Yes, I will. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Kolterman, could you tell me what you believe the license plates will say, and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR KOLTERMAN: Quote, Choose Life, end quote. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Kolterman. Senator Bolz, would you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Bolz, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BOLZ: Yes. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Bolz, could you please tell for the record what the license plates will say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR BOLZ: Sure, quote, Choose Life, end quote. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you so much, Senator Bolz. Senator Linehan. [LB46]

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SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Linehan, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR LINEHAN: Certainly. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Senator Linehan, could you tell me what you think the license plate will say and please use quotes? [LB46]

SENATOR LINEHAN: Quote, Choose Life, closed quote. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you very much, Senator Linehan. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR PANSING BROOKS: Thank you. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Pansing Brooks and others. Senator Krist, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. I guess Senator Pansing Brooks, so you don't have to get back on the mike and ask me, quote, Choose Life, end quote. You're welcome. I would guess that it should come as no surprise that I will continue not to vote for LB46, or vote no for LB46 when it comes to that point. But I wanted to get up and just talk for a second because I noticed that a great percentage of the people who were here in the Chamber are first year Senators, freshmen Senators, as you were called. And you have been the largest dominating force, I think, in here, which there's a few of you that are turning around and looking at me. You've been here the whole time: Senator Lowe, Senator Briese, Senator Halloran, Senator Walz, Senator Albrecht, sitting up front, Senator Quick, and Senator Blood, sorry. I think of you as an old head, but that's okay, you're still a freshman. Point being that I think that those who are interested...Senator Bostelman...those who are interested in becoming legislators, it takes some time in this Chamber to learn the ins and outs. But I wanted to speak for one second to a conversation I had with Senator Albrecht very early on in the session when she asked, because the discussion came up about voting red, voting green, or not voting. Why would anyone not vote? I think that's a direct quote, Senator Albrecht, if you would just give me a thumb's up on that one, I'd appreciate it. Thank you. And the answer is that Senator Chambers puts an amendment up, and I'll pick on him because he does it quite frequently, in order to get into the record different issues or in order to continue extended debate. Well, I don't necessarily agree with the amendment that's being put up there. I don't disagree with the amendment that's being put up there. I understand the reason that the amendment was put up there, but moreover in this

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particular case, although I love children and would advocate for them, the wording on the proposed license plate on FA6 has not had a public hearing. And I think that's also very important is that we allow the citizens of Nebraska to come into a hearing room and tell us what they think about the issue. So, I wanted to explain basically why I would not vote or just not vote green or red, to be specific, on amendments that may be thrown up there as a way of explanation. So I hope you'll accept that explanation as logical and if not, I'll continue to do it anyway, but I'll yield the balance of my time to Senator Chambers. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Senator Chambers, you're yielded 1:55. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Krist. And Senator Krist is absolutely right when he mentions why I'm offering these amendments. But you'll notice that each one can stand on its own merits. I didn't put up there eat at Burger Kings, eat at Taco Bells, which might be a way of showing the contempt I have for this underlying effort. But because the issue itself is serious, even though the wording is frivolous and should not be there, I want to offer as amendments wording which would be more appropriate if you wanted a slogan on a license plate which would represent a significant chunk of what it is the people in this state believe, or would accept. And as was pointed out by one of the speakers before, this amendment would say, "Believe the Children." [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Not only should you believe the children, but when I get a chance to speak again, I'm going to keep hitting you all over the head with what Jesus said. Don't accept it because I say it, but accept it because of the one that I'm quoting said it, and whenever I quote it, you will recognize the words, you'll recognize the source. But the words even when you recognize the source does not carry or do not carry sufficient conviction to cause people to adhere to those words. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR HUGHES: Thank you, Senator Krist and Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Chambers, you're recognized and this is your third time. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. And with all due respects to the persons who were just introduced, I want to tell them something. As sure as there are stars above, water

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cannot quench the fire of love. Not even if you all were the ones spreading the water. Members of the Legislature, "Believe the Children" is what I would substitute for "Choose Life". You've heard me say it over and over and you will hear me say it more. Jesus had the little children and his disciples came around, they wanted attention. They brought some of their friends to hear Jesus say what he had to say, and Jesus told them, hold on, see, let me put one of these children here where you can see this child. And he sat the child among them, and he said, he, or whosoever offends one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone be hanged about his neck and he be drowned in the depth of the sea. But in another one of the versions of the gospels, he added to it. Unless you become as little children, you shall in no wise enter the kingdom of heaven. Looking at the little children, for of such is the kingdom of heaven, but that doesn't mean anything to you all. I just say it because when I was a child in church, people said it, and they were as hypocritical then in that church as my colleagues are on this floor. They acted like they believed it. Little children are easily deceived by adults. They are often deceived by adults. And in these days they are deceived by adults in order...an adult in order that the adult may exploit that child physically, sexually, or some other destructive way. But when I was a child, there was not as much of that going on, and they deceived us for whatever reasons, I'm not sure. What would my opinion mean to some lying, hypocritical adult? And they could lie to me as a child, but they couldn't lie to the God they were telling me that I should worship. God would know they're lying even though as a child I didn't. So, it was stated earlier that children are pure, true. Children will tell the truth if you ask them something. True. If you don't want to hear the truth, don't ask a child a question. Then if the child gives an honest answer, you want to abuse the child, holler at the child, chastise the child, and yet you have a bank of experience that lets you know the meaning of words, and if you do something, you have a meaning and a motive that can be derived because other people with experience know what you mean when you say those words. All a child knows is that you ask the child a question and you teach the child to tell the truth, and the child tells the truth and harsh consequences follow. And whether you know it or not, you taught that child that if the child is not going to outright lie, because if the child lies, he or she might get smacked also. No win for a child. The child will learn how to be very careful and how that child responds to an adult. So sometimes if they ask a child a question...I remember how much they shrug their shoulders and say, mmm-mmm. That means I don't know. [LB46]

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SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But what they're really saying is I'm afraid to tell you what I know because I don't know what's on your mind. I don't know if you want me to tell the truth or I don't know if you want me to give you an excuse for you to slap me and hurt me. Children should never confront adults with the dread and fear that this adult intends to hurt that child. What has the child ever done to deserve being hurt by anybody? Believe the children. See them as

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children. Understand that they're like little sponges and they're absorbing things. They don't know what you know. They can utter words and not know what the words mean. They don't mean with those words that come out of their mouth what you as a corrupt adult may mean if they come out of your nasty, guttersnipe mouth. Don't put little children in front of adults and get them to use profanity and then laugh and play like it's the thing to do. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Don't put them on television and do the same thing. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Howard, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR HOWARD: Thank you, Mr. President. I yield my time to Senator Chambers. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, 4:50. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Howard. For my part, I don't want these words on the license plate either. I don't want any of these kinds of words on the license plate, but if I were pushed to make a choice, the choice would be made already, "Believe the Children." You can't even believe that the people who have the license plate, "Choose Life", mean what that license plate says. They may be those who carry petitions to reinstate the death penalty. They may be those who vote against expanding the reach of Medicaid even though to do so might mean that children will live sicker and die sooner. So they're lying when they use the plate. This statement, "Believe the Children," can be taken only one way. It would be advice that any society ought to hold to. It would be a civilizing element in a vulgar, acrimonious, mean-spirited society. Even though these words may not change a mind, it might help elevate the manner in which people speak, and maybe it would cause them to think about children in a different way. No child in this society should be intentionally hurt by an adult. And you all know that the so-called Foster Care Program, other circumstances where children become wards of the state, those children may have a better than 50/50 chance of being abused. And we know it and won't do anything about it because the Governor wants us to be cruel and mean like him. I have made a characterization of the Governor which is not true, and I want to correct the record here. I have said the Governor is a rich man. That's not true. The Governor is the son of a rich man. The Governor has produced no wealth. The Governor is a son of a rich man. And that's the way I will describe him from now on. Because he was spoiled as a brat and he has so much money that when he hurt his ankle or his knee running, he went to Chicago to have a specialist work on whatever part of his leg had been hurt. Some of the best doctors...I don't know if it would have taken an orthopedic surgeon, I don't know if he needed surgery, can be found at UNMC. He

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could have shown faith in that state medical facility; respect for the ability of the doctors and other deliverers of medical care. But he went to Chicago because his daddy has a lot of money, made some available to him, and that's what he did. How would it make him any difference that little children cannot be given pediatric care at the hands of a pediatrician? It wouldn't happen to him. It wouldn't happen to his children. He doesn't want for other people's children what he can give to his, what his daddy gave to him. And you all when that budget bill comes are going to have me to contend with because I'm going to lay on those issues... [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and if he wants to cut...and I'm going to let the rich man's son, the son of a rich man know what I intend to do. I'm going to find somebody who knows a lot about mathematics, and I'm going to make a series of amendments. If he wants to cut it by 2 percent, I'm going to offer amendments to start out that the amount of the cut will be .0000, ten zeros, then the digit one. Then if that's not adopted, I will let it be cut point ten zeros, 2. How many amendments do you think I can get out of the digit two by moving incrementally in that fashion? And I will do it. And I will hold us on that budget. And I'll hold us on that budget, and I'll hold us on that budget. And I was informed that the budget does not necessarily have to go 16 hours before cloture can be invoked, or 12 hours, or 8 hours. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Howard and Senator Chambers. Senator Baker, you are recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Chambers yield to a couple of questions? [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: To more than two, if you would like. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you. Let me see if I pretty well summarize what your position is on this, and correct me if I'm wrong. You believe that state-issued license plates should not be used for political, religious messages. Is that essentially true? [LB46]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Correct, yes. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: To your knowledge, Senator, could a vehicle owner place a decal or bumper sticker on his or her vehicle that conveys a political position or religious message? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, that vehicle is the owner's to use as that owner sees fit, so the answer to the question is yes, that can be done. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: In your opinion, would that be a better way to go for religious and political messages with a decal or bumper sticker... [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It would be a far, far better thing than is being contemplated here today, yes. [LB46]

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you. And I yield the rest of my time to Senator Chambers. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, 3:40. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Baker. And the reason I answered that question the way that I did, things jog my old brain, and I read A Tale of Two Cities when I was in high school. And there was this lawyer, and all the details are not really clear, but he detected a resemblance between himself and a person who was going to be executed, and that person to be executed should not have suffered that fate in the opinion of the individual I'm discussing. So this individual...a writer is allowed to use what's called poetic license, to create a make-believe situation which defies everything that would happen in the real world. This man took the place of the condemned man so that the condemned man could live the way this person thought. And what he said...and his name might have been Sydney Carton, but he said, it is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever done before. It is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known. And that's why I had answered Senator Baker's question in the way that I did. Not only would it be a far, far better thing to use a decal or a bumper sticker, but it would be personalized to a greater extent because it would be clear that the individual intentionally put that message on the car. A license plate was put there for any reason or for no reason other than that the plate was available. There is much lurking in what is being attempted by this bill. And it should not become law. There should not be in the statutes among these license plates that have been approved so far, one such as this. It is inappropriate. It is unjustified. It is horrendous in the significance of it. There is no way that I would agree that a slogan, even that was designed to advance the cause of black people on a license plate, I'd say, first of all, putting it on a license plate demeans it. License plates get covered with mud. They get

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covered with saline solution. They get rusty, and this means so much that it should not be put on a license plate. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Take a hammer and a chisel and carve the words above the door to the courthouse or the door to the Legislature to show the dignity that these words should convey. But on a license plate, no way. If I could know what words it would take to convey to your mind what I really see being done here, I would use those words. I have no way of knowing. Even if you told me, I wouldn't know if you were telling the truth because I've been here when prayers were made and if the people who give those prayers will lie to God, then certainly they would lie to me. So all that they do has to have a question mark at the end of it. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Baker and Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Returning to debate. Senator Kolowski, you are recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR KOLOWSKI: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I also would yield my time to Senator Chambers. Thank you. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, 4:50. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Kolowski. Members of the Legislature, a previous speaker had mentioned liking the license plates that would honor veterans. I voted for that license plate. There was a time when I would not have, not because I don't respect veterans. When I was here before term limits took me out, there were no slogans on license plates. I fought every one of them. I left. The cat was away, so the mice played. And we're where we are today. But let me mention something. I wish Senator "Wiseheart" was here. We had a couple of veterans to speak to us yesterday about the agony that they suffer, physical, and one mentioned mental also, and how they've received some measure of relief, even the one who had the mental difficulties, from medical cannabis. You all gave a license plate and one of the reasons I spoke against license plates when they wanted to honor veterans, I said you all send...give the license plate, but when you hear about all of these wrongful treatments of veterans in the VA, you don't say anything about it. You don't do anything about it. But something that does not inconvenience you and that does not help a veteran, you'll do that, you'll

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give a license plate. There were more than 33 votes to invoke cloture on this license plate. Would there be 33 votes to legalize the use of medical cannabis to help the veterans? In fact, even that is hypocritical, even the talk of being concerned about the veterans. I've seen Senator Bostelman, and I see him under there, I'm not speaking behind his back. Some vets were in the balcony, and he saluted them. Will he vote for medical cannabis so that if one of those veterans has such pain in his feet that when he sets it on the ground it's like fire going through his body? No. I'm not saying he would vote no. Likely he would. I'd like to ask Senator Bostelman a question before I proceed. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Bostelman, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: Yes, I would. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bostelman, will you vote to legalize the use of medical cannabis? [LB46]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: I haven't looked at the bill, and I would say at this time...which bill is it? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I don't have the number, but it's Senator "Wiseheart's" bill. We had a long hearing on it yesterday, and two veterans came and talked about how when they go other places where it's legal, they can get some relief from the pain that they suffer and their pains are connected with the time they spent in the military serving this country. And the Governor doesn't like the bill. The Attorney General doesn't like the bill. [LB46]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: I believe any legalizing of any drug use or new drugs brought onto the...into the state should be through the FDA, through the appropriate federal programs. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Trump administration said that there would be no enforcement of federal law against those states where medical cannabis is legal under the law. If that is indeed a fact, would you vote in favor of legalizing medical cannabis? [LB46]

SENATOR BOSTELMAN: If that has gone through the FDA process and the... [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Did you say time? [LB46]

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SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay. That's all I will ask you, Senator Bostelman, but I bet he wouldn't hesitate if I said would you vote for a license plate for veterans? That's easy. That's nothing. You have to show some backbone, some gumption, some willingness to stand up to the Governor to vote for medication that will help veterans. We watched them. We listened to them. One of them had to use crutches. And I don't think any one of them was acting. One of them in the way that he presented himself, the words he used, the breaking up of sentences, the nervous gestures, the going in one direction and quickly shifting to another, then apologizing for it. And we hesitate. I don't want to hear another person on this floor talk about how they care about the veterans. That's all hypocrisy. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: They're more afraid of the Governor than they are...oh, you said time? Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Kolowski, Senator Chambers and Senator Bostelman. (Visitors introduced.) Senator Linehan, you are recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR LINEHAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. I'm not going to speak on the amendment or the underlying bill, but I just want to speak to a subject that keeps coming up and Senator Chambers has brought it up regarding children and whether we take care of children in Nebraska who are living at or near the poverty level. And I have asked this question, I'm lucky enough and I do feel lucky to serve on both Health and Human Services Committee and the Education Committee. So, the numbers in poverty get bounced around a lot in those committees, so I have asked these questions repeatedly and we had a hearing just yesterday on expanding Medicaid for a certain group of people, and I ask these questions again. So in Nebraska, if your parents are under 213 percent of the poverty line, which for two people is \$34,122.60; for three people it's \$42,940; for four people, \$51,759, your children are eligible for CHIP, meaning...and I've talked to a hospital and I will not say it for the record, but I'd ask them first. So they have a kid that comes to the hospital, the parents don't have insurance, they sign him up for CHIP. If they're under...they don't have insurance and they're under these income limits. We would hope a family making \$52,000 or more would have insurance, so there might be some in there that don't, but I would say that's more choice than the fact they can't have insurance. Also, I've heard, and I think we've all heard this, or maybe because of the committees I serve on, that 44 percent of the kids born in Nebraska last year were born in poverty, which seemed to me from the time I got here, a very high number. Forty-four percent? But you're also, if you're pregnant, and you're under 213 percent of the poverty level, you are eligible for

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Medicaid. And I'm not pushing back on this. I support it. I think wholeheartedly agree with Senator Chambers we need to take care of kids, we need to take care of babies. They need to get their shots, and money...it's...it's very inexpensive to keep a kid healthy versus taking care of a sick kid. So, I'm all for keeping them healthy. But if you are a pregnant woman and you're under 213 percent of the poverty level and you can have a baby on Medicaid, that is a lot...going to cost...I mean, the person at \$60,000 and \$70,000 and \$80,000, and not that they can't afford it and people should plan on children and have, as we all know as parents, leaving the hospital when they're born is not the most expensive thing we're going to do. (Laugh) They cost money from...and we're glad to spend it. But most people pay a very high deductible when that baby is born, \$5,000, \$10,000. I have an acquaintance that is very close to me. They're looking at a \$20,000 bill for a baby that was born three months ago. They have insurance. So, I just...again, I support taking care of kids. I think we should take care of the kids, but I think we should also realize that we do in Nebraska, at least it's available, now, if there is not enough education out there that people know it's available, that's a problem and we should address that. But no kid in Nebraska should be refused healthcare. I haven't heard that any are, and none should. So, I just wanted to set the record straight as to what we do in Nebraska for kids, which I am very proud of and we should continue to do. Thank you. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Linehan. Seeing no one else in the queue, Senator Chambers, you're recognized to close on FA6. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I heard what Senator Linehan said. I've received mail from doctors. I keep mentioning pediatricians because they deal with the little ones. They are aware of doctors who will not accept Medicaid patients. They will not accept Medicare patients. They will not accept the children for pediatric care. So I don't know where Senator Linehan is going, but I believe them before I accept what she said. Notice I didn't say I don't believe her. I believe she means what she says, but I accept these people as reflecting what's happening in their profession more than I accept wherever she is going, which seems to be indicating that Medicaid is covering enough people, and even if you cut it, it's not going to make any difference because everybody can have medical care or they should be able to. She doesn't know what happens in people's family. Suppose somebody has a catastrophic disease, a catastrophic accident. You know what I had to do? I had to get a bill through this Legislature after many years to provide insurance coverage for football players who got hurt. You know what made me first come up with that idea? I wasn't even in the Legislature, or I hadn't been here long. Budge Porter got hurt on the football field and they took him to the hospital on a door in the back of a station wagon and to me that was horrendous. Where's the ambulance? So for years I said, pay the players. They wouldn't. I said, then if you're not going to pay them as workers, insure them as students. And anybody who risk his health and brings in as much money as these players do, provide medical coverage. And if you don't want them to get workers' comp because it would play into what I am talking about them being employees, then I

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brought a bill that said the university shall provide the equivalent of the coverage under workers' comp, and I had them. To use my favorite analogy, I had a net with small enough holes in the mesh to catch that slippery fish of the university, and they got coverage of that kind. Now, not because of people like Senator Linehan who says their families should be able to pay for it. It's out there. It's for them. It was not there for these players. And I look at the reality. I'll look at people, not naked numbers on a piece of paper that somebody gives you because they want you to take a position in favor of the Governor. That's the way it sounds. I know people who cannot get medical care and I know people who have been turned away from doctors because they would have to use Medicaid or Medicare, but then I deal with a different category of people. I deal with the last, the lost, and the least. And I don't care what these supposed rich people she's talking about who go all this money and just won't get insurance because they don't want to. Have you ever heard of somebody with a catastrophic medical problem and \$50,000 meant nothing? Have you even followed the news on how much it costs a year to get some essential cancer treatments? That Congress has seen these prices skyrocket so much they're talking about putting pressure on the pharmaceutical industry. I deal with people, not statistics. And I know there are people in this state who cannot get medical coverage and probably that's why I take the position on issues that I do. I'm out among people and I see what real people are confronting. And these slogans about the Nebraska way... [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and that Nebraska is generous and you saw what the Governor wanted to do with reference to the children of refugees in this state. There's no generosity here. So Senator Linehan and I are going to be at loggerheads. While she will justify and support a cut in Medicaid, I'll be fighting tooth and nail to prevent that from occurring and I'd like to expand the reach of Medicaid. I'm not comfortable in the presence of other people's suffering and I'm not going to say, you ought to do...Reagan was one of those who said if these poor people weren't so bad, then God wouldn't do this, or words to that effect, that they're wicked and that's why they're bad off. That's not my attitude. And I'm going to reflect what my view is in terms of my actions on this floor, and you let that budget bill come out here. And I was telling you what I was going to do. How much time do I have, Mr. President? [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Four seconds. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh, then I will use that for a call of the house and a roll call vote. [LB46]

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SENATOR KRIST: There has been a request to place the house under call. The question is, shall the house go under call? All those in favor vote aye; opposed nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 20 ayes, 3 nays to go under call, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: The house is under call. Senators, please record your presence. Those unexcused senators outside the Chamber please return to the Chamber and record your presence. All unauthorized personnel please leave the floor. The house is under call. Senator Stinner, Senator Bolz, please check in. Thank you. Senator Kuehn, Senator Smith, Brasch, Wayne, Murante, Schumacher, Friesen, Groene, please return to the Chamber. The house is under call. Senator Geist, Senator Wayne, Senator Brewer, Friesen, and Groene, please return to the Chamber. The house is under call. Everyone is accounted for. How would you like to proceed, Senator Chambers? There's been a request for a roll call vote, regular order. Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Roll call vote taken, Legislative Journal page 731.) The vote is 4 ayes, 32 nays, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: FA6 fails. Raise the call, please. Next item, Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to amend with FA7. (Legislative Journal page 359.) [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on FA7. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, that vote encouraged me. They got 32 votes and some who voted against my amendment may not vote for cloture. I'm putting the best slant on this that I can. This amendment would substitute for the words, "Choose Life", the three words, "Stamp Out Bullying." I think if there is such a thing as the Nebraska way, that would be it, or that's what it should be. This license plate with those words are a form of bullying. There are attempts right now by certain organizations to bully senators by suggesting they may not get political support and they are in a position to do that because they are behaving as political creatures. But it should be a message to those senators that either you're going to tow the line in exactly the way that you're ordered or you're going to be punished by being made to stand in the corner like you do little children. You should stop and think about how you are being regarded and treated. I am not treated by any force in the way that you all are in here. Nobody orders me to jump and I jump. Here's what happens with some of my colleagues. There is a way that this notion is dealt with on the street. It will be said in this way. If

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I say jump, you ask, how high? That's indicating that you're not your own person. If I give the order to jump, you say, how high? You all have refined that. When the Governor says jump, you jump and ask, is this high enough? And he's going to keep you jumping because he sees what you are. Crickets can jump. Jiminy crickets and they chirp. And the Governor will remind you, you know how you got here, and the same way I brought you here, I can take you out. And he did that with some senators even some that he had appointed because they did not snap to and obey him like a frightened child of a brutal, cruel parent. They did not jump. And they're not here anymore. So when he was helping you, he was showing and telling you, keep this in mind if you decide to break ranks. You cannot have any self-respect. You can pretend that you do, but you know if nobody else knows, there's something in each one of you and no matter how you try to snuff it out, it still is there, even if it's only recognizing and acknowledging in somebody else what you wish you had. You won't point the finger of accusation at yourself, but you'll see somebody else and say, I wish I could be that. There are going to be other issues. And Senator "Wiseheart" wasn't here when I mentioned how well she handled that bill, but people who vote for this license plate will not vote in favor of legalizing medical cannabis, but the ones that I have the most disregard for, and I'm going to get the voting record on those veteran plates. You talk a good game for the veterans. The veteran is sitting on a street corner with his legs curled under him because he cannot stand, and he has a tin cup. And you'll toss a copper into the cup and look the other way and walk the other way. You may even go on the other side of the street so you don't have to be close to him. And then if you come to the Legislature, you make the books balance by voting for a license plate that this veteran cannot even afford to get and why would he want one when he can't afford a car? But you all vote for these license plates. I hear all this talk. Give a veteran a preference when you hire. What about the veteran who is in pain right now while I'm talking to you. They are in pain now. And we heap another psychological pain on top of that by showing them with all this talk of love, the veterans praise, the veterans salute the flag, you will not do what you can do as a Legislature and that's what I condemn you for. If you couldn't do it, I would be crazy to condemn you for doing what you can't do. Has anybody heard me condemn any of them for not being able to take a fist and put it through that pillar over there or to take one finger and pick up a row of these desks? No. Maybe you could say that I was wrong for suggesting that, maybe you should practice what you preached in your religion. I've got to give my little Bible lesson again. Jesus was talking to those hardheaded disciples, like you all, who go along for the ride and it's fun, because when Jesus is there, a whole lot of people come around and they like that because as they say, the disciples were basking in the reflective glory of Jesus. So when Jesus was a big man, they became big little men, or little big men. Nothing within them that entitled them to that adoration, but being with Jesus gave them a stature they didn't have. So Jesus at one point, as he did, got tired of it. I don't say he lost his temper. You don't want to see Jesus lose his temper. Senator Lowe, that's one thing you don't want to see. Anybody who has held it in for as long as Jesus had, thousands of years, if he lost his temper, there wouldn't be anything in what you all call creation left, so he holds his temper. And he called these 12 people around. He said, you all disappoint me sore. That's the way they

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talked in those days. How's that, Lord? I was sick and you didn't minister to me. I was hungry, you did not feed me. I was naked, you did not clothe me. I was homeless, you did not shelter me. I was in prison and you didn't visit me. And they were, as the Bible was...they were astonished. We'd say astonished. They were astonished. And they said, Lord, when saw we you sick and didn't administer to you? When saw we thee naked and didn't clothe thee? When did we see you hungry and we didn't feed you? Or any of these other things? Jesus skewered each one in turn with that Jesus look. And then he said, you did it not for the least of my brethren, so you did it not for me. Then he dealt with what they were thinking. But Lord, if it had been you, we would have done it for you. And although the writer didn't tell us the whole story, Jesus dealt with what he knew they were thinking and he didn't need anybody to tell him what they were thinking for he knew what was in man and knew what was in each one of them. He said, yes, I know. If it was me, you would have done it because you play favorites. The one who brings the crowds, you'd do it for him because he's a rock star... [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The one who raises the dead, you do it for him. But how about all of these others who are my children and they're sick to give you an opportunity to minister to them and see if you've learned what I tried to teach you. These hungry people, I've shown you, I can feed a thousand. I didn't tell you to feed a thousand. I said if you got two sandwiches and your brother is hungry, give him at least a piece of one of them. You wouldn't do that. Yeah, if you had seen me in this situation, you would have done something. I haven't gotten you past that level yet. You've got to walk with me a little longer. You got to pay a little more attention and maybe at some point, you'll stop being a child and become men. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brasch, you're recognized. [LB46]

SENATOR BRASCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, colleagues, and also good morning yet to the second house watching. At one point I went to Senator Chambers' office for a good discussion on some legislation, and I was very delighted to see a picture he has of a very young toddler, an infant that crawls to the TV to watch him when he's speaking. And I am delighted that that infant has Bible lessons on a regular basis. I think that's an important thing, but most of all, why I am rising is because of the young, immature audiences that may be watching today, Senator Chambers a few moments ago said he was going to take us out and I want to know where we're going. Senator Chambers, would you yield to a question? [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Senator Chambers, will you yield? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. [LB46]

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SENATOR BRASCH: I have not been out for a long time. Where are we going when you take us out? [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: If I told the truth like Jesus would tell you, you wouldn't want me to say it on the microphone. [LB46]

SENATOR BRASCH: Okay. All right. Well, I was just getting all excited that maybe we're going somewhere. So, I understand your address here and your concerns here, but I also want to mention that we do have all ages from the youngest to the elderly watching today, and sincerely you have attributed many good things to this Legislature and I hope if you are taking us out, it's on an excursion. So, I have no other questions. Thank you, colleagues. Thank you, second house, and thank you, Senator Chambers. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Brasch and Senator Chambers. And Senator Chambers, you are next. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, and Senator Brasch, I have to continue my story because people read these things and they condemn the disciples. All of you all who have gone to church know what happened, supposedly, Easter. But before Jesus was killed, he had to go strengthen himself, so he went to a garden named Gethsemane and he took these disciples with him who had walked with him, talked to him, listened to him, watched him, and he said, I got to go over here and talk to my daddy, and it's a private conversation. So I just want you all to sit where you are and just kind of watch with me for an hour so I'll know that I have some human companionship from those who understand me if nobody else does because I'm facing something that none of you could understand the significance of. So he went in that garden alone; sweat like drops of blood appeared on his forehead, trickled down the side of his face. And after he'd been there for a while, he decided he needed to go get some support from his cheering section, and when he went out there, guess what the disciples are doing, Senator Walz? You probably know. [Snoring] And Jesus looked at them. Peter was called the rock. So he went to Rocky and with his foot, he nudged Rocky's foot. Rocky jumped up ready to fight for Jesus. Jesus said, Rocky, what did you jump for? Lord, if anybody was bothering you, I'm ready. He said, how are you going to protect me when you're asleep? Peter was crestfallen. He said, now I'm going to go back and do some more of what I was doing. And when he came out again, [snoring] and he knew what he had, but he knew what he had before that happened. But he needed to allow it to happen so it could be written about and you all today could learn a lesson from it. You're supposed to be for Jesus. When he needs you the most, you're not there. You're sleeping. You're snoring. You're whistling. And then a strange thing happened. And people don't even question how it happened. Although nobody was with Jesus in the garden, somebody took it upon himself to write words that Jesus uttered. But if

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nobody was there with him, who was there to take down the words? And the words were, supposedly, Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. This is a bitter cup. I don't want to drink from it. Take it away from me. Nevertheless, like an obedient son, not like a spoiled brat whose daddy is rich. See, Jesus was not a son of a rich man. He substituted his daddy's will for his, so that shows that Christians worship three gods. How can Jesus tell himself, take this cup from me? Nevertheless, not my will but thy will. So if I've got one will and this one has another will, there are two. Two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time. If that happens, you really only have one. So there were two there. And one... [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: One minute. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...was suffering. And that one got the message, you signed on for this, now do it. Make your daddy proud of you. So he walked out of the garden, woke up these disciples, his friends, like you all are his friends, and made his way to meet his destiny. But before that happened, Jesus wanted to do the kind of tricks that carnival people do to let people know what he could do to them if he wanted to, and Peter was going to show what he could do. So now Judas came. Jesus had healed the sick, raised the dead, and people in that little town don't know what Jesus looks like? But Judas told the soldiers, I'm going to kiss somebody and the one that I kiss is the one you want. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Time, Senator. [LB46]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. [LB46]

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Items, Mr. Clerk. [LB46]

ASSISTANT CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Your Committee on Health and Human Services reports LB342 to General File with the committee amendments. I have a notice of committee hearing from the Health and Human Services Committee. New resolution: LR72 by Senator Kolterman. That will be laid over. (Legislative Journal 731-732.) [LB46 LB342 LR72]

Finally, a priority motion: Senator Lowe would move to adjourn until Friday, March 17, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR KRIST: You've heard the motion. All those in favor aye. Opposed nay. Not even close. We're adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:00. You don't have to go home, but you can't stay here.