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PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fifth day of the One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Lindstrom. Please rise.

SENATOR LINDSTROM: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lindstrom. I call to order the fifth 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.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Reference Committee has referred LB102 through LB163. Series of hearing notices from the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and the Appropriations Committee, those signed by their respective Chairs. Mr. President, series of Vice Chair selections. Business and Labor selected Senator Crawford as Vice Chair; General Affairs, Senator Burke Harr; Revenue Committee, Senator Friesen; Agriculture Committee, Senator Blood; Education, Senator Kolowski. I have an Attorney General's Opinion that was delivered to the membership from the Attorney General regarding the issuance of Attorney General's Opinions. That will be inserted in the Journal. Mr. President, two motions: Senator Chambers would move to rerefer LB59 from the Health and Human Services Committee to the Judiciary Committee. He would also move to rerefer LB68 from the Government, Military and Veterans

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Affairs Committee to the Judiciary Committee. Those will be laid over at this time. An announcement, Mr. President. The Natural Resources Committee will have an Executive Session today at 2:00 in Room 1525; Natural Resources at 2:00 this afternoon. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 123-130.) [LB59 LB68]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Scheer, you're recognized for an announcement.

SPEAKER SCHEER: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, this morning we will be disseminating the calendar for this year. The calendar itself is essentially the same as was printed as a tentative calendar. No dates, no recess dates, were changed. We will continue to move forward as it was tentatively put on the Web site. There was an issue brought to my attention by one of our colleagues in relationship to starting at 9:00 this week. There was really no reason to start at 9:00 or to start at 10:00, and the senator made persuasive arguments that perhaps we could start later rather than earlier. Having said that, tomorrow we will start at 10:00. On Thursday we will not be able to start at 10:00. We will start at 9:30 as the Governor is giving his State of the State report on Thursday, so in order to facilitate that, we will start at 9:30 on Thursday. Friday we will start at 10:00. We will take up the adoption of the Rules Committee's report. As far as next week, we are recessed on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday and Thursday of next week, I do not have a scheduled time you'll note on the paperwork. That really depends on how much work and how many bills...or how many rule changes we will be addressing in the time commitment that will be made there. If there are tons of work to do, then certainly we will utilize the extra hour to get through our work. If there does not seem to be much for us to do, certainly we will continue to start at 10:00. That's not a bribe, it's not a threat, it's just a utilization of time. So from that vantage point, those are the important dates. A couple of other things for your information, March 8 will be the last day to apply for a Speaker's priority bill. March 9 will be the deadline for you to inform the Speaker of your priority bill. And March 13 will be the date that I will announce the Speaker's priority bills that were selected. And March 23 will be the last day of hearings this year. Laurie will be providing you with information. It will be e-mailed to each of you as well as your staff. And so if there are any other questions or comments, please see me. Hopefully this will work well for us as we move through this session. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Proceeding to the first item on the agenda, it's introduction of new bills. Senators, if you have bills that you would like to introduce, please bring them down to the desk. Thank you. New bills for the record. Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Mr. President, thank you. If I may right before that, the Government Committee will have an Exec Session in 2022 at 9:30; Government at 9:30 in Room 2022. Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB164-167 by title for the first time.) (Legislative Journal pages 131-132.) [LB164 LB165 LB166 LB167]

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB168-189 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 132-136.) [LB168 LB169 LB170 LB171 LB172 LB173 LB174 LB175 LB176 LB177 LB178 LB179 LB180 LB181 LB182 LB183 LB184 LB185 LB186 LB187 LB188 LB189]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, you're recognized to read some more bills.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LB190-213 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 136-140.) [LB190 LB191 LB192 LB193 LB194 LB195 LB196 LB197 LB198 LB199 LB200 LB201 LB202 LB203 LB204 LB205 LB206 LB207 LB208 LB209 LB210 LB211 LB212 LB213]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. More bills for the record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, thank you. (Read LB214-230 by title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 140-143.) [LB214 LB215 LB216 LB217 LB218 LB219 LB220 LB221 LB222 LB223 LB224 LB225 LB226 LB227 LB228 LB229 LB230]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Senator Krist, you are recognized for point of personal privilege. Senator Krist, before we do that, I'd like to recognize Senator Crawford. Today is Senator Crawford's birthday. Happy birthday, Senator Crawford. Please proceed, Senator Krist.

SENATOR KRIST: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Nebraska. Good morning, colleagues. There are many ways that we have to express our appreciation or gratitude for things that have gone on both in and outside the body. Those normally take form as a resolution. You'll hear in a minute that I'll be asking you by unanimous consent to add your signature to a resolution honoring John Wightman for his service for the state and in this body. I was hoping to have this so that we could carry it with us today when we go to the funeral, but it will be sent to the family in really nice form and I'll make sure that you all see a copy of it so that you know how we're supposed to do things in terms of honoring those that came before us. So, with that, having said that, the Clerk will introduce us to a measure that will...you'll be allowed to say by

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unanimous consent that you signed on to this bill. It saves me running around and having all of you sign the bill...or sign the resolution. So thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Krist. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Well, Mr. President, I do have two resolutions. The first is Senator Ebke (LR8), and that will be laid over at this time. LR9 is a resolution sponsored by Senator Krist asking the Legislature to express...to honor the life of John Wightman for his services to the state of Nebraska and to extend the Legislature's deep sympathy to the family of former Senator Wightman. Pursuant to that introduction, Mr. President, Senator Krist would ask unanimous consent to add all of the members' names as cointroducers to LR9. (Legislative Journal pages 143-145.) [LR8 LR9]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Without objection, so ordered. [LR9]

CLERK: Mr. President, other items, if I may. Hearing notices from the Agriculture Committee, the Urban Affairs Committee, the Judiciary Committee, Retirement Systems Committee, Education Committee, and the Rules Committee. The Rules Committee hearing will be tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 in Room 1524. Mr. President, Urban Affairs selected Senator Hansen as Vice Chair of its committee and the Transportation Committee selected Senator Smith. Name adds: Senator Watermeier to LB137; Senator Lindstrom to LB45; and Senator Brewer to LB88. (Legislative Journal pages 145-147.) [LB137 LB45 LB88]

Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Kolowski would move to adjourn the body until Wednesday, January 11, at 10:00.

PRESIDENT FOLEY: Members, you've heard the motion to adjourn until tomorrow morning. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. We are adjourned.