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FOLEY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the seventy-fourth day of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain is Pastor Brian Loy of the First United Methodist Church in O'Neill, Nebraska, Senator Gragert's district. Please rise.

PASTOR LOY: (Prayer offered.)

FOLEY: Thank you, Pastor Loy. I call to order the seventy-fourth day of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

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

CLERK: I have no corrections.

FOLEY: Thank you, sir. Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: I have a gubernatorial appointment to the State Personnel Board, acknowledgment of reports received by state agency and available for member review on the legislative Web site, and the lobby report as required by state law. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Morfeld, for what purpose do you rise?

MORFELD: Point of personal privilege.

FOLEY: Please proceed.

MORFELD: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I'm very excited to announce my engagement to Rachel Ayalon last night. Senator-- Senator Hilgers, this does not mean I'll stop talking about Medicaid expansion, or yelling, in some cases. But I did promise the President that I would not make a motion in my point of personal privilege, so I'll quit while I'm ahead. Thank you, Mr. President.

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FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Morfeld, and congratulations. Members, we have 30 bills on consent calendar today, so let's move efficiently. First bill is LB427, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB427 is a bill by Senator Howard relating to children. (Read title.) Mr. President, I understand Senator Lathrop is going to handle the bill. And, Senator, I have an amendment, AM705, with a note you wish to withdraw that.

LATHROP: That's true.

FOLEY: Senator Lathrop, you're recognized to open on LB427.

LATHROP: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, good morning. And congratulations, Senator Morfeld. Today I'm introducing LB427, a bill introduced by Senator Howard, who is unable to be with us today because she is at the funeral of her father-in-law. This legislation changes terminology in our legitimacy statutes. LB427 strikes the words "the wife" and replaces them with "either spouse." This statute states that any child born to a couple while the couple is married is considered legitimate for purposes of divorce or annulment. This bill was heard in the Judiciary Committee and had no opponents and was advanced from the committee unanimously. I would urge your support of LB427. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lathrop. Any discussion on LB427? I see none. Senator Lathrop, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB427 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB427.

FOLEY: LB427 advances. Mr. Speaker, you're recognized.

SCHEER: Thank you, Mr. President. It's Friday, the last day of the week. Been a very productive week. As is my practice, I'll give you an idea of what we're looking at for next week. On Monday morning, we will do Final Reading and some Select. At 1:30 we will take up Senator Linehan's priority, LB670. On Tuesday, we will debate the budget bills again and upon finishing those, we will come back to the agenda where we left it yesterday afternoon. Robert? [WHISTLE] Thank you. In addition to the bills that have been listed on the agenda which have not yet been debated on General File, it's my understanding that we will have some bills advanced this morning, during session, and will probably come across General File, and perhaps a couple more that will be either across on Monday or perhaps Tuesday. It will be my intention to try to schedule as

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many of those next week as possible. Some of those, and not necessarily inclusive of all, would be LB720, Senator Kolterman's ImagiNE Nebraska bill; LB110, Senator Wishart's bill; LB630, Senator Morfeld's bill; LB680, Senator DeBoer's bill; and LB686, Senator Lathrop's bill. In respects to late nights for next week, we will not be using Monday or Tuesday. I will be using Wednesday. There are a few bills that I believe probably will have some extensive discussion. In relationship to what we have available for next week, it would be my intent utilizing one of those that, my assumption is, would run either close or to a three-hour range on Wednesday night. Wednesday will look as a normal day, and depending upon what I have to schedule, if there are several bills in that category, I probably will use a three-hour block in the morning, so we may leave a little bit late for lunch on Wednesday. When we return, I probably will file another bill, effective at 1:30, that I assume will take the bulk of the afternoon. So I would hope to be able to break for dinner sometime perhaps a little before 5:00, coming back and reconvening at 6:30, and running another large bill from 6:30 to 9:30, and hopefully be done no later than a quarter to 10:00. But Wednesday will be a later night, but you will have a break for dinner. I think that is it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact myself or the office, and I appreciate everybody's work this morning. This is going to be a pretty condensed morning, so I appreciate everybody's patience and have a great weekend. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. (Visitors introduced.) Next bill, LB447, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB447, introduced by Senator McDonnell. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 18 of this year and referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator McDonnell, you're recognized to open on LB447.

McDONNELL: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning. LB447 amends Section 81-1316 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. It provides an exception to the State Personnel System for certain employees of the Nebraska State Historic Society, specifically exempts the associate director of the Conservation Division of the Nebraska State Historical Society and the personnel employed as Conservators I or Conservator II of the Conservation Division of the Nebraska State Historical Society in an effort to promote and ensure recruitment and retention through competitive salaries. An increase in salaries for these conservators would be supported by earned revenue and private philanthropic support. LB447 is simply providing the ability for these earned and private dollars to be used to attract great talent to our state. I'd like to thank the members of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee for their support in moving this unopposed bill forward, and I would encourage your support of LB447. Thank you.

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FOLEY: Thank you, Senator McDonnell. Discussion on LB447. Senator Chambers.

CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and for Senator McDonnell, I don't have anything really to say to this bill, but I'm going to have some comments outside of what we do on the floor. I will not have something to say on every bill. And any bill that I have anything to say on or that I use, I will not speak more than five minutes. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. I neglected to mention that there is an amendment from the Government Committee. Senator Brewer. Senator Brewer.

BREWER: All right. Excuse me, Mr. President. OK, real quick, on the-- AM548 amends LB447 to include the substance of LB385. The-- the amendment language would amend Section 82-101.01 to change details of the election process for members of the board of trustees for the Nebraska State Historical Society. Ballots would be mailed to the active members of the society who are eligible to vote. The amendment language would authorize the secretary of the society to deliver those ballots electronically. It would also require that the ballots and other election records be presented for a one-- for one year following the election. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Brewer. Any discussion of LB447 of the committee amendment? I see none. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. Senator Brewer? He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendment, AM548. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM548 is adopted. Further discussion on LB447? I see none. Senator McDonnell, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption-- excuse me, the advance of LB447 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB447 advances. Proceeding to LB447A, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB447A, introduced by Senator McDonnell. (Read title.)

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FOLEY: Senator McDonnell, you're recognized to open on LB447A.

McDONNELL: Thank you, Mr. President. LB447A carries out the provisions of the previous bill by appropriating \$182,355 for fiscal year 2019-20 and 2020-21 from the Historical Society funds to the Nebraska State Historical Society for Program 648. As referenced in the fiscal note, the Nebraska State Historical Society indicates the intent to increase the salaries of future hires in the-- in the cited positions at an average of 34 percent. Contract for this increases will amount to approximately \$182,355 per year. The Ford Center operates as a public-private partnership and any increase will be paid from earned income and endowment funds. No General Funds will be required. Appreciate your vote on LB447A. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator McDonnell. Any discussion on the bill? I see none. Senator McDonnell, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB447A to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB447A advances. Next bill, LB315, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB315, introduced by Senator Kolterman. (Read title.) Bill was read for the first time on January 16 of this year and referred to the Revenue Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Kolterman, you're recognized to open on LB315.

KOLTERMAN: Good morning, colleagues. I'm here to ask you to support LB315, and also wanted to thank Speaker Scheer for placing this bill on the consent agenda. LB315 is a bill I've introduced at the request of the Nebraska State Bar Association. The bill incorporates two pieces of legislation that were originally introduced and approved by the Revenue Committee last session. The two bills introduced last session that have been incorporated into LB315 were introduced by Senator Schumacher last session as LB881 and LB882. Both bills received no opposition in testimony in the hearing and advanced from the Revenue Committee but failed to move on the floor for lack of a priority. Section 1 of LB315 seeks to clarify the life insurance proceeds paid to a trust. They're not subject to an inheritance tax. In practice, county attorneys across the state have been treating these payments as exempt for decades. Some concerns have been raised by attorneys over the last several years that this practice should be codified in statute to ensure that the law reflects the reality of how these proceeds are handled. Section 2 of the bill

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clarifies provisions related to certain proceedings in the wake of legislation passed in the Legislature in 2015 and 2017 following the passage of Senator Schumacher's Medicaid recovery bills, LB72 from 2015 and LB268 from 2017, Nebraska Revised Statutes 77-218.02, and provides that notice of determination of inheritance tax must be provided to the Department of Health and Human Services if the decedent is 55 years of age or older or residing in a medical institution. Section 2 of LB315 would make clear that the notice to the Department of Health and Human Services provided in subsection (6) is required only in an independent proceeding to determine inheritance tax in the absence of a probate proceeding. Neither one of these bills in LB315 received any opposition during-- during the hearing, advanced from the Revenue Committee unanimously, and I ask that you give us a green vote on this bill. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Kolterman. Discussion on the bill. Senator Chambers.

CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I thought I would go ahead and speak on Senator Murman-- I mean Senator Kolterman's bill, one of the few times I intend to say anything. The only reason I'm speaking is because what your President is doing is alarming to you all, but not for me. I knew what he was going to be because I studied him even before he got into office, so I'm going to read quickly from an article from two years ago, May 17, 2017, Lincoln Journal Star. Chambers seeks Trump's removal: Senator offers resolution asking for President's swift ouster. And before I go on, Senator Murante was the Chair of the committee the resolution went to, and he would not schedule it for a hearing in 2017. He's a good "Repelican" party operative. Reading: State Senator Ernie Chambers of Omaha says he'll introduce a resolution seeking President Donald Trump's expulsion from office. "If these people don't do something about removing him from office, then this could be-- I'm not an alarmist-- the beginning of the end for the United States," Chambers said Tuesday. A draft of the resolution calls on "appropriate officials" to invoke the 25th Amendment of the United States Constitution to determine whether Trump's actions and conduct make him unfit for office, in which case the vice president should serve in his place. Trump, the resolution states, has behaved "in a dangerously problematic and erratic manner such that the safety and welfare of the United States and its residents are being placed at ongoing grave risk." The resolution carries no official weight, and it is unlikely lawmakers will be forced to vote on it before the year's legislative session ends. Chambers, a registered-- a registered nonpartisan who often-- oh, who once jokingly supported Trump's run for the Republican presidential nomination, has been a constant critic of the president's policies and actions in office. Chambers said his resolution was not inspired by the whirlwind of recent news surrounding Trump's controversial disclosure of classified information to Russian officials and his firing of FBI Director James Comey. I want you all to pay attention to this next, you won't, but for those who read the transcript, and think about what's happening today, and I wrote this two years ago. "Instead, Chambers said Trump's foreign policy decisions, particularly those regarding North Korea and the Middle East, have the potential to do great harm to Americans. The president has behaved like a 'deranged, demented,

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drunken idiot' and underestimated Kim Jong-un, insulting the North Korean leader and stirring him to test more missiles, Chambers said." Digressing, Kim just tested at least three missiles, didn't he, three more? That's when I knew what happened. Trump is a fool. He thinks he's dealing with a fool or ignorant, supine Americans. Kim is sharp, much younger than Trump, much sharper. The final paragraph: quote, Kim Jong-un is not crazy, he is not a fool, and he is a much-- he is a much faster learner than Donald Trump, end of quote. Americans are watching the unraveling--

FOLEY: One minute.

CHAMBERS: --of their constitutional government and won't even comment on it. When the President is going defy Congress and tell other individuals ignore lawfully submitted subpoenas, he has, in fact, created a constitutional problem of serious proportions, and we'll just see how it works out and where it goes. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. (Visitors introduced.) Further discussion on the bill. I see none. Senator Kolterman, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB315 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB315 advances. Next bill, LB281.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB281, introduced by Senator McCollister. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15 of this year and referred to the Education Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator McCollister, you're recognized to open on LB281. Is Senator McCollister on the floor?

McCOLLISTER: Oh, thank you. Good morning, Mr. President, members of the body. I want to thank Chairman Groene and the Education Committee for their unanimous vote to advance LB281 to General File. My thanks, as well, to Speaker Scheer for including this bill on this year's consent calendar. LB281 would provide for the creation and display of one or more posters in English and Spanish in public school buildings to give easy access, especially for students, visitors, and volunteers, to the Department of Health and Human Services' toll-free

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child abuse and neglect hot line telephone number. The handout you received are samples of these posters. It's been my pleasure to work with this proposal for two years with the National Council of School Administrators. When LB281 is enacted, NCSA will produce and distribute the posters to all public schools and will bear the cost for this service, and will bear the cost for this service. According to the National Children's Alliance, more than 300,000 children were abused in this country in 2017. Of that number, more than 5,700 of these children live in Nebraska. Some children are victims of more than one form of maltreatment. Even more frightening is the fact that a parent of the child victim is the perpetrator in 78 percent of the verified cases of child maltreatment. According to the study by TIME magazine, as few as one in ten of the instance-- incidents of abuse or neglect in this country is actually confirmed by social service agencies. This tends to marginalize children and create an environment in which their ability to heal and thrive becomes even more difficult. As you can see, LB281 is a permissive proposal with no fiscal impact to the schools or state. LB281 would provide a way for Nebraska to join 27 other states that have already created a way for children to know every day that they have the right and means to seek help for themselves or siblings and friends if abuse is present in their lives. I ask for your vote and support for this simple solution to a challenging problem. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator McCollister. Is there any discussion on the bill? I see none. Senator McCollister, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB281 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB281 advances. Our next bill is LB454, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB454, introduced by Senator Clements. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 18 of this year and referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Clements, you're recognized to open on LB454.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President. First I thank Senator Williams and members of the Banking Committee for their help with LB454, and the Real Estate Commission for working with me to make Nebraska a more job-friendly state. LB454 was voted out of the Banking Committee with an 8-0 vote with a committee amendment, AM501, which becomes the bill. I'll let Senator Williams explain the amendment and I'll speak to the background of the bill. LB454

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came about because of a constituent's application for a real estate license that was denied because of the form of her high school education. This 25-year-old constituent was a home-school graduate who is a student at a local community college and who had completed all the real estate education requirements. The Nebraska Real Estate Commission interpreted their statute, which requires an applicant to be a high school graduate to issue a real estate license, that her home-school diploma did not qualify for the purposes of the statute, and she was told to obtain a GED to be issued a license. The original bill removed the high school diploma requirement completely, but was put back in with the amendment. And AM501 resolves the issue to the satisfaction of the Real Estate Commission and the committee. I'll now let Senator Williams open on the committee amendment. With that, I encourage you to vote green on AM501 and LB454. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Clements. As the Clerk indicated, there is an amendment from the Banking Committee. Senator Williams, as Chair of the committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment.

WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, colleagues, and thank you, Senator Clements, for dealing with this issue. AM501, the committee amendments, are based on language submitted by Senator Clements. The Real Estate Commission had indicated to Senator Clements, and also to the committee at the public hearing, that they were opposed to the outright elimination of a high school diploma or GED requirement for issuance of a real estate license. However, the commission also indicated that they would support a more limited change to allow for recognition of those who have completed a home-school education for the purpose of issuing a real estate license and, thus, still addressing the reason for the bill's introduction. Accordingly, AM501 would leave the high school diploma or GED requirement undisturbed but would also provide an exemption for, first, a graduate of home-school program recognized under the state law, the laws of Nebraska, or any other jurisdiction, and, second, for persons who have completed a program of education acceptable to the Real Estate Commission. Of course, all other existing requirements for issues-- issuance of the licenses would remain in place. I believe this committee amendment fashions a response that addresses the concerns of the Real Estate Commission, and I would urge your adoption of AM501. This was advanced by the Banking Committee on an 8-0 vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Williams. Debate is now open on LB454 and the pending committee amendment, AM501. I see no discussion. Senator Williams, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM501. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Vote is 41 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the amendment.

FOLEY: Committee amendment is adopted. Further discussion on LB454 as amended. Senator Clements, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB454 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB454 advances. Our next bill is LB260, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB260, introduced by Senator Ben Hansen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Senator Ben Hansen, you're recognized to open on LB260.

B. HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. LB260 will remove from statute the requirement on the Nebraska Medicaid program to hire a recovery audit contractor, or RAC. The bill allows for this as an option rather than a mandate. A majority of Medicaid claims in Nebraska are now processed and paid by managed care entities and the Heritage Health program and are, thus, exempt from federal and state RAC requirements. As such, the state currently has difficulty obtaining a RAC because of the low volume of claims to audit. This proposed change would allow Nebraska Medicaid the option to contract with a RAC if needed in the future while ensuring the department remains in compliance with state law. A hearing was held in the Health and Human Services Committee February 21, where no opposition testimony was provided. The bill was advanced out of committee with no dissenting votes. This was introduced on behalf of DHHS. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Hansen. Is there any discussion of LB260? I see none. Senator Ben Hansen, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB260 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB260 advances. Our next bill is LB726, Mr. Clerk.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: LB726, introduced by Senator Walz. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 23 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Walz, you're recognized to open on LB726.

WALZ: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning, colleagues. LB726 adds language to require the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care and the Department of Correctional Services to establish a protocol to assist individuals who are eligible for medical parole to apply for benefits under the Medical Assistance Act. This bill was brought to me by the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners. Currently, the Nebraska Revised Statute 68-104, the county board is required to provide medical services for the indigent of the county who are not eligible for other medical assistance programs. This is a high medical cost for the county who is responsible for that and adds a further burden to the property taxpayers in Lancaster County because when someone is released on medical parole, it is due to a terminal illness and they need end-of-life care. Some counties have more facilities in them than others, and this means that individuals released on the program are more likely to remain in those same counties. What this bill is asking for is DHHS and the Department of Corrections to collaborate and develop a protocol to assist these individuals in the beginning-- in beginning the process to become Medicaid eligible before they leave Corrections. This bill advanced from committee 8-0. It had no opponent testimony and has no fiscal note. With that, I would ask for your green vote on LB726.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Walz. Is there any discussion of LB726? I see none. Senator Walz, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB726 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB726 advances. Proceeding to LB476, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB476, introduced by Senator McCollister. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 18 of this year and referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Senator McCollister, you're recognized to open on LB476.

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McCOLLISTER: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm ready on this one. [LAUGHTER] I want to thank Chairman Wayne and the Urban Affairs Committee for their unanimous vote to advance LB476 to General File. My thanks, as well, to Speaker Scheer for including this bill on this year's consent calendar. LB476 is a very simple cleanup bill. In 1940, this Legislature placed a requirement on the Metropolitan Utilities District, or MUD, to pay 2 percent of its gross annual sales of natural gas and water to the city of Omaha and other municipalities that MUD serves. This 2 percent statutory payment to cities was placed on the books as well-- well before the current technology of compressed natural gas, or CNG, was ever intended to-- as-- as-- as use of a-- as a-- as a vehicle fuel. An unfortunate or unintended consequence of this law is that starting on January 1, 2020, Nebraska will create a tax disadvantage for cleaner, primarily American-produced CNG. LB476 would simply level the playing field for CNG with gas and diesel. CNG would still pay the same excise taxes that are applied to gas and diesel. With the enactment of LB867 in 2014, the Legislature exemption-- exempted CNG as a vehicular fuel from the 2 percent requirement. LB867 was supposed to be-- was supported by the city of Omaha due to the positive environmental aspect-- aspect of air quality when CNG displaces other carbon-based fuels. However, LB867 unfortunately included a sunset date which would reinstate the additional 2 percent payment for CNG in state law starting on January 1, 2020. LB476 would eliminate the sunset date in order to retain the current exemption for CNG. It's important to note that LB476 has no General Fund impact. The only entity with any fiscal implications from the passage of LB476 would be the city of Omaha by a minor amount. The city does not oppose the provisions of LB476. I ask for a green vote to move LB476 to Select File. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator McCollister. Debate on the bill. Senator Clements.

CLEMENTS: Mister-- thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator McCollister yield to a question?

McCOLLISTER: Absolutely.

CLEMENTS: Thank you. The sales of the natural gas in Omaha, is this only affecting sales from MUD to the city of Omaha or to other people?

McCOLLISTER: No, sir. Any municipality that MUD serves gets that 2 percent in lieu of tax for both gas and water.

CLEMENTS: All right. So it just really affects municipalities and not private individuals or private companies?

McCOLLISTER: No, sir.

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CLEMENTS: OK. That was my question. Just wanted to clarify that. Thank you, Mr. President. I have to use my angry voice.

FOLEY: Senator Clements, were you finished? Thank you, Senator Clements. Further discussion on the bill. I see none. Senator McCollister, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is advance of LB476 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record-- oh, one more-- one more vote. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB476 advances. LB505, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB505, introduced by Senator Brewer. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee placed on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to open on LB505.

BREWER: Thank you, Mr. President, and I would like to echo Senator McCollister's opening comments that I'm ready this time. LB505 updates-- [LAUGH] LB505 updates the way child support payments are received and handled by the Nebraska state government. It is a technical cleanup bill. The bill was brought at the request of the State Treasurer. It updates our laws to allow electronic forwarding of payments from the counties to the State Treasurer. The bill also adjusts overpayment procedures. There are-- there were some concerns raised by DHHS with the introduction of the original version of the bill. Those concerns about being able to keep the focus of getting the child support payments from the payees to the kids was addressed. Both the State Treasurer and the DHHS office put a lot of effort into finding a common ground after that hearing. That is what brought about AM125, and I'll address AM125 now. AM125 is a committee amendment eliminating the concerns expressed at the hearing by DHHS. That is why you see this on the consent calendar, because all issues were addressed in the AM. I would ask that you adopt the committee amendment, AM125, and vote to advance LB505. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Brewer. Members, you've heard the opening on LB505 and the committee amendment, AM125. Is there any discussion? Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment first. He waives closing. The question before the body is the

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adoption of the committee amendment, AM125. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM125, committee amendment, is adopted. Further discussion on the bill as amended? I see none. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB575 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB505 advances. Our next bill is LB374, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB374, introduced by Senator Brewer. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 16 of this year and referred to the Natural Resources Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with committee amendments. There are also additional amendments pending from Senator Brewer.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to open on LB374.

BREWER: Thank you, Mr. President. LB374 modifies the Nebraska law on raptors and falconry. The bill was developed after numerous, and I do mean numerous, discussions with Nebraska Game and Parks. Back in the early 1970s, we passed our current law on the protection of raptors. Senators at that time were concerned about two things, protecting these great birds and allowing people to have them for sport in falconry. This bill keeps the legal protection in both of these categories. It also allows a new category that wasn't thought of 50 years ago, the use of falconry for business purposes. The use of a falcon-- or falcons for bird abatement is necessary for-- at our airports. Currently, it is a combination of firearms, explosives, and poison that is being used for bird abatement. This LB374 would propose the use of falcons for abatement. This bill is a simple bill, but it has something for everyone. It is good for the Nebraska airports, our pilots, for public safety, rural economic development, and the environment. I would ask for your green vote on LB374. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Brewer. As the Clerk indicated, there are amendments from the Natural Resources Committee. Senator Hughes, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment.

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HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. The only thing the committee amendment does is it removes a-- not a typo, but inadvertent language that was left in the bill. I believe Senator Brewer has language in his following amendment that will take care of this issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Hughes. Is there any discussion of LB374 and the pending committee amendment? I see none. Senator Hughes, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM335, committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM335, committee amendment, is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Brewer would move to adopt LB374 with AM980.

FOLEY: Senator Brewer, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

BREWER: Thank you, Mr. President. First, I'd like to start by thanking Senator Hughes and the Natural Resource Committee for advancing this bill and the amendment. I was concerned when I approached Senator Chambers about assisting me with this bill, full well knowing that raptors kill and eat prairie dogs, there was a risk there. Fortunately, he became the coach and mentor and helped me with some of the language in the bill. AM980 reflects an ongoing professional development with Senator Chambers. Words mean things, and he taught me that through this process. So the amendment simply changes the phrase "less than" to "under," but it made it correct. So with that, thank you, Senator Chambers, and thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Brewer. Any discussion on the amendment? Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on your amendment. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of AM980, the Brewer amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 41 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of AM980.

FOLEY: AM980 is adopted. Any further on the discussion of the bill as amended? I see none. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. Senator Brewer, you're recognized to close on the advance-- he waives closing. The question before the body is the

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advance of LB374 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB374 advances. Proceeding now to LB248, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB248, introduced by Senator Howard. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 14 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Blood, I recognize that you-- you-- you're authorized to speak to this bill. Senator Blood, you're recognized.

BLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, fellow senators, friends all. Today, I rise to present LB248 on behalf of Senator Howard, as she's unable to be with us today due to the funeral of her father-in-law. LB248 amends Nebraska Statute to replace the term "hearing impaired" with the term "deaf or hard of hearing." She brought this bill on behalf of a constituent who is a board member for the Nebraska Association of the Deaf. This bill was advanced from the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously and had no opposition or neutral testimony and has no fiscal impact. Every number of years, as culture and society changes, terms that were once considered appropriate are now not the proper terminology to use. For example, in 2013, then-Senator Colby Coash brought LB343 that removed an outdated term in state statute and replaced it with the words "intellectual disability." While the former term was once acceptable, it is now considered highly offensive. Over the years, many commonly accepted terms have passed out of favor with different communities. Most importantly, how people label or identify themselves is personal and reflects their identification with their community. In the deaf community over the years, the most commonly accepted terms have come to be "deaf" or "hard of hearing." The majority of testifiers for this bill are members of the community who cited the importance of this bill to freely, properly recognized-- to feel properly recognized, excuse me. Nearly all organizations of the deaf now use the term "deaf and hard of hearing," including the National Association of the Deaf and Nebraska Association of the Deaf. The term "hearing impaired" was at once-- at one time preferred and considered politically correct. To declare oneself or another person as deaf or blind, for example, was something that was somewhat bold, rude, or impolite. At that time, it was thought better to use the word "impaired," along with "visually, hearing, mobility," and so on. The term was well meaning but not widely used or accepted by many. The reason that "deaf" and "hard of hearing" are not negative is because, unlike "hearing impaired," they do not focus on people's limitations. They establish a standard of hearing and anything impaired is considered substandard or damaged. By changing

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these terms in our statutes, we are respecting the rights of individuals to be identified in a way that they feel correctly defines them. Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill on behalf of Senator Howard, and I'd urge you to advance LB248 to Select File by voting green. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Blood. Any discussion of LB248? I see none. Senator Blood, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advancement of LB248 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 33 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB248 advances. Proceeding to LB571, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB571, introduced by Senator Walz. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Walz, you are recognized to open on LB571.

WALZ: Thank you, Mr. President, and good morning again, colleagues. LB571 with AM609, which Senator Arch will introduce and replaces the bill, requires assisted-living facilities to provide the Department of Health and Human Services the grievance procedure they provide residents upon admission to a facility. It-- it also requires them to provide the department an updated procedure every time there is an update, it is changed, or otherwise modified. The department shall also keep a record of these procedures and provide them to the deputy public counsel for institutions. This is a small step towards providing more oversight over some of the facilities who have had problems in the past. Each facility is already required to provide these residents their grieving procedure in case a resident would like to report unsanitary or unsafe conditions in their living environment. This idea was brought to me by the Ombudsman's Office after we noticed consistent discrepancies in different facilities' grievance procedures during the LR296 investigation. The bill advanced from committee 7-0 with no opposition testimony. With that, I would ask for your green vote on the bill and the amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Walz. Senator Arch, as Vice Chair of the Health Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment.

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ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. We have an amendment, a committee amendment, AM609, which will amend LB571. It replaces Section 2 in the green copy to define the terms "grievance" and "grievance procedure." Section 2, sub (2), requires each assisted-living facility to provide the Department of Health and Human Services the grievance procedure the assisted-living facility provides to individuals when someone is admitted. If such grievance procedure is modified, updated, or otherwise changed, the new grievance procedure must be provided to DHHS within seven business days. DHHS is required to make the grievance procedures available to the deputy public counsel for institutions. And I would recommend the adoption of AM609.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Arch. Is there any discussion of LB571 or the pending committee amendment? I see none. Senator Arch, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the committee amendment to LB571. That's AM609. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of committee amendments.

FOLEY: AM609 advances-- excuse me, is adopted. Any further discussion on the bill? I see none. Senator Walz, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB571 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill, Mr. President.

FOLEY: LB571 advances. Proceeding now to LB571A, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB571A by Senator Walz. (Read title.)

FOLEY: Senator Walz, you're recognized to open on LB571A.

WALZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The A bill appropriates money from the Health and Human Services Cash Funds to carry out the provisions. It does not come from the General Fund. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Walz. Any discussion on LB571A? I see none. Senator Walz, you're recognized to close. The question before the body is advance of LB571A to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

FOLEY: B571A advances. Senator Vargas, for what purpose do you rise?

VARGAS: A point of personal privilege.

FOLEY: Please proceed.

VARGAS: Thank you very much, President. This will be very quick, but I want to acknowledge some individuals and that are going to be up in the balcony on behalf of ServeNebraska. Today we submit a resolution with all the signatures of the members of the Legislature supporting our ServeNebraska members that are working in natural disaster, blizzard conditions, wide-spread flooding and are serving in our state. So I want to really quickly read this resolution, but I want to thank-- this is particularly personal for me because I served as an AmeriCorps member once upon a time, my wife did as well, and I think we need to then celebrate those that are doing service in our state, especially in one of these really important times in our statehood. Nebraska is suffering from an unprecedented natural disaster caused by blizzard conditions, widespread flooding, and high winds, which is profoundly affecting the livelihoods and living conditions of residents; and whereas, service to others is a hallmark of the character demonstrated by Nebraskans. Throughout history, neighbors have stepped up to meet challenges by volunteering in their communities, counties, regions, state, and country; whereas, the mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service, which administers AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Disaster Services Unit programs, is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering; and AmeriCorps and Senior Corps also help communities across the country prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters; and ServeNebraska is an affiliate of the Corporation for National and Community Service and has a mission of mobilizing Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration, and national service programs. The Disaster Service Unit leads coordinated and collaborative disaster-related efforts with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, faith-based and philanthropic organizations, and other partners. AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward, they serve their members by creating jobs and providing pathways to opportunities as participants enter the work force. AmeriCorps places people into intensive service positions where they learn valuable skills, earn money for education, and develop a strong sense of civic responsibility; and AmeriCorps and Senior Corps member teams from across the country have arrived to support recovery and relief efforts throughout Nebraska. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the members of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, that the Legislature recognizes and thanks AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members for the rapid response and for serving alongside Nebraskans in this time of need, offering their talents, their passion for service, and their commitment and dedication to serving our country at

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all times. That the Legislature encourages all people to serve in a manner that has meaning and value to them personally and to their families, communities, state, and country. Colleagues, I thank you, again. This is personal for me. I also introduced a bill to then support our AmeriCorps members, LB477, which I hope will get heard sometime in this session and has made it out. But in the meantime, I want to recognize those members and the individuals here in ServeNebraska, some commissioners, some staff, an executive director that are in the balcony and we'll recognize them formally a little bit later. But thank you very much.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Vargas. (Visitors introduced.) We'll proceed now to the next bill, LB561. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB561, introduced by Senator Geist. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Executive Board. The Executive Board placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Geist, you're recognized to open on LB561.

GEIST: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. And thank you, Speaker Scheer, for placing this bill on consent calendar. I'm pleased to introduce LB561. LB561 simply updates the statutory reference to Government Auditing Standards that the Legislative Audit Office is statutorily required to follow. The standards are published by the Federal Government Accountability Office which describes them as providing a framework for performing high quality audit work. The auditing standards are revised periodically and we have to update the statutory reference because the Nebraska Supreme Court dictates that these kinds of references be specific to the current version. All LB561 does is strike the reference to the 2011 version of the standards and replace it with a reference to the 2018 version. No one testified in opposition to the bill at the Executive Board hearing. The board advanced the bill to the floor with seven in favor and two absent. I ask for your support for LB561. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Geist. Is there any discussion of LB561? I see none. Senator Geist, you are recognized to close. She waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB561 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB561 advances. We will proceed now to LB525. Mr. Clerk.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB525 introduced by Senator Dorn. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendment.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Dorn, you are recognized to open on LB525.

DORN: Thank you, Mr. President; and welcome, colleagues, this morning. LB525 would authorize a county board to decide by majority vote to sell county-owned real estate to another political subdivision. Such sale would require printed prior notice at least 30 days in advance to a legal newspaper in the county. The notice would include the legal description and address of real estate and the fact that the sale would be to another political subdivision. This bill would then allow a county to do the same thing that cities currently are able to do in the state of Nebraska. This bill was brought to me by the Lancaster County Board. They testified in favor of this, as did the League of Municipalities and NACO. Currently, cities can do this. This is normally done on property that does not have a lot of value, that then they don't have to go through the whole bidding process. They can sell it to another political subdivision. Counties cannot do that. The counties out there would like to be able to do this also.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Dorn. Is there any discussion of LB525? I see none. Senator Dorn, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB525 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB525 advances. (Visitors introduced.) We'll proceed to the next bill, LB609. Mr. Clerk

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB609 introduced by Senator La Grone. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 23 of this year and referred to the Government, Military and Veteran Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator La Grone, you may open on LB609.

La GRONE: Thank you, Mr. President. LB609 was brought to me by Lancaster County. It would simply allow a county employee to be reimbursed for the cost of a rental car instead of being paid mileage on a personal vehicle if it is cheaper. There are times when employees may be

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traveling across the state or even to a neighboring state for a conference or meeting where the cost of paying mileage on a personal vehicle may be much greater than the cost of \$50 or \$60 per day on a rental vehicle. This would allow the county to do whichever option is more economical. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator La Grone. Any discussion on LB609? I see none. Senator La Grone, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB609 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB609 advances. Next bill is LB719, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB719, introduced by Senator Hughes. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 23 of this year, and referred to the Transportation and Telecommunication Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hughes, you're recognized to open on LB719.

HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. President; good morning, colleagues. I do want to thank the Transportation Committee for passing this bill out; and Speaker Scheer for placing this bill on consent calendar for me. LB719 will end duplicative reporting for Nebraska scrap recyclers and junk and salvage yards becoming the first state to streamline state and federal title reporting requirements through the Department of Motor Vehicles. Currently, scrap recyclers and junk and salvage yards are required to surrender titles for junked motor vehicles to the Nebraska DMV. The Nebraska DMV is updating this process later this year to require licensed wrecker and salvage dealers to report this information electronically. In addition to this reporting, scrap recyclers, junk and salvage yards must also currently report the full inventory of all junk or salvaged motor vehicles obtained in whole or in part to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System. Scrap recyclers and junk and salvage dealers in Nebraska want to end this duplicative reporting to both Nebraska DMV and the national recording. LB719 would authorize the DMV to submit required reports to the national recording database from the reports they receive from scrap recyclers, junk and salvage dealers, thus ending duplicative reporting. There is a small fiscal note, but it is a cash fund and I will talk about that later. Thank you, Mr. President.

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FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Hughes. As the Clerk indicated, there are amendments from the Transportation Committee. Senator Friesen, as Chair of the committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment.

FRIESEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. The committee amendment to LB719 clarifies the duties of the DMV and wrecker and salvage dealers with respect to federal reporting requirements. The amendment provides that licensed wreckers and salvage dealers who provide vehicle reports directly to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System are exempt from paying a fee to the DMV. I urge you to adopt this amendment. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Friesen. Debate is now open on LB719 and the pending committee amendment. I see no discussion. Senator Friesen, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question for the body is the adoption of the committee amendment, AM258. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM258 committee amendment is adopted. Further discussion on the bill as amended. I see none. Senator Hughes, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB719 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 35 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB719 advances. Proceeding to LB719A.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB719A introduced by Senator Hughes. (Read title.)

FOLEY: Senator Hughes, you are recognized to open on LB719A.

HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. President; and again, good morning, colleagues. LB719A just shows that there is a small fiscal note with this bill, but they are cash funds. This has been worked out between the wrecker and salvage dealers and the Department of Motor Vehicles. That was part of negotiations in order to get this bill passed. I would encourage you to vote green on LB719A. Thank you, Mr. President.

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FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Hughes. Is there any discussion on LB719A? I see none. Senator Hughes, you are recognized to close on the advance of the bill. He waives closing. The question for the body is advance of the bill, LB719A to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB719A advances. Our next bill is LB62. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB62, introduced by Senator Howard. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Williams, I understand you are recognized to handle this bill for Senator Howard. Senator Williams.

WILLIAMS: Thank you, Mr. President; and good morning, again, colleagues; and a special good morning to my friends from Brady sitting in the balcony. Again, I'm introducing this on behalf of Senator Howard, who we know is attending her father-in-law's funeral this morning and our prayers and thoughts are with her. LB62 adds provisions to the expedited partner therapy or EPT System. The bill was advanced from committee with no dissenting votes; has no fiscal note, and there was no opposition testimony. In 2013, Senator Howard passed LB528 that allowed for the practice of EPT in Nebraska for chlamydia and gonorrhea. Expedited Partner Therapy is the clinical practice of treating the sexual partners of patients diagnosed with certain sexually transmitted diseases without a medical evaluation. LB62 simply adds trich to that list, along with chlamydia and gonorrhea. This is currently the practice in 43 states. Trichomoniasis is a parasitic infection that affects both men and women. About 70 percent of infected people do not have any signs or symptoms. When trichomoniasis does not cause symptoms, they can range from mild irritation to severe inflammation. Trich is the most common and most curable and treatable STD in the United States. In the United States, an estimated 3.7 million people have trichomoniasis. Trich can cause complications during pregnancy including an increased risk for pre-term pregnancy. I hope someone sees the irony in Senator Howard asking an old grandpa to introduce this bill on STDs. This is an important topic. The committee, HHS Committee, held the hearing on March 14. There was, again, no opposition and no dissenting votes. And I would request your green vote to advance LB62. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Williams. Is there any discussion on the bill? I see none. Senator Williams, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the

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advancement of LB62 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB62 advances. Proceeding now to LB559.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB559 introduced by Senator Arch. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and reported to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File. There are no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Arch, you are recognized to open on LB559.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President; good morning, colleagues. LB559 was brought to me by the State Anatomical Board. And I want to thank Speaker Scheer for putting this bill on the consent calendar. A public hearing on LB559 was held on March 13 in front of the Health and Human Services Committee. It advanced with six members voting in favor, one member absent, with no committee amendments. There was one proponent, no opponents, and there's no fiscal note. The purpose of LB559 is to streamline the procedures for handling unclaimed bodies that are not eligible to be received as a donation to the State Anatomical Board. The statutes covering the State Anatomical Board were written in 1929; many of the provisions are outdated and obsolete. Currently, the disposition of an unclaimed body is the responsibility of the county in which that body is located. That is all covered in other sections of law. Today the Anatomical Board does not accept any body unless it comes from a registered donor. LB559 eliminates language that is no longer practical, removes a step requiring funeral directors to formally notify the Anatomical Board of an unclaimed body and for the board to declare the body ineligible for donation. The bill amends the statutes to more accurately reflect modern day practices. LB559 is necessary to streamline the process with respect to the disposition of an unclaimed body and would reduce the time between death and a respectful burial or cremation of the decedent. I encourage you to vote green on LB559. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Arch. Is there any discussion to LB559? I see none. Senator Arch, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB559 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

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FOLEY: LB559 advances. LB220, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB220, introduced by Senator Wishart. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 14 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. The Health and Human Services Committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Senator Wishart, you're recognized to open on LB220.

WISHART: Thank you, Mr. President; good morning, colleagues. I'm here today to introduce LB220, a bill that would update language around the way the state contracts its vending services. LB220 adds references to the federal Randolph Sheppard Act as the act existed on January 1, 2019. Additionally, it adds language in regards to if the state enters into a contract with an individual who is blind to service vending machines on or in state facilities. This bill was brought to me by the director of the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Carlos Servan. And I want to thank him and those who worked with me on this bill, including the Health and Human Services Committee. And thank you, Speaker Scheer, for making this a consent calendar bill. These changes are needed to help a program that has been running successfully for decades and assist individuals who are blind in developing skills to own and operate their own businesses. This bill, with the committee amendment, has no fiscal impact, received no opposition at the hearing, and advanced from the committee unanimously with one member absent. Again, thank you, Speaker, for selecting this for consent calendar.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Wishart. Senator Arch, as Vice Chair of the Health Committee, you are recognized to open on the committee amendment.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. We have an amendment to LB220 which is AM660. It inserts new language on page 3, line 22, to require that a blind vendor selected to operate a vending facility must offer products, quote, at prices comparable to similar products sold in similar buildings or on similar property. We wanted to put a reference to market rates there. And we believe that accomplishes that. I encourage you to vote green on AM660 and LB220.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Arch. Is there any discussion on LB220 and the pending committee amendment, AM660? I see none. Senator Arch, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question for the body is the adoption of AM660 committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM660 is adopted. Any discussion on the bill as amended? I see none. Senator Wishart, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB220 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB220 advances. Proceeding now to LB135. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB135 introduced by Senator Stinner. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendment.

FOLEY: Senator Stinner, you're recognized to open on LB135.

STINNER: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, I want to first thank Speaker Scheer for including this on his consent calendar. LB135 would allow students enrolled in out-of-state emergency medical service education programs to practice clinical training rotations in the state of Nebraska. It has accomplished this by allowing students to practice without a license under the supervision of an organization accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs for the level of training the student is to complete. This legislation is very straightforward. Under current law, only Nebraska students can practice their clinical rotations in state. The EMS profession in Nebraska has a very limited work force. While this bill certainly is not a silver bullet to our work force needs, it would give our providers the chance to recruit students from out of state and begin to address this issue. The bill as introduced was advanced from committee on a 7-0 vote and received no testimony in opposition. I would urge your green vote, colleagues, on LB135. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Stinner. Is there any discussion on LB135? I see none. Senator Stinner, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB135 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

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FOLEY: LB135 advances. Our next bill is LB244. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB244, introduced by Senator Erdman. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 14 of this year and referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File; there are committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Erdman, you are recognized to open on LB244.

ERDMAN: Thank you, Lieutenant Governor. Let me start with a couple of things before I talk about the bill. First, I want to thank the Speaker for putting this on the consent calendar. But second, and probably as important or more important than that is the work of the HHS Committee. I had brought this bill three years in a row. Senator Howard helped me walk through the changes that needed to be made each time. And we have come to this point where it is now on the floor. And so without the help of Senator Howard and the committee, probably wouldn't have made it this far. So we negotiated for three years to get the language right, to get the definitions right, and to make sure that it is applicable. So, I want to give those-- that information to you before I start. What this bill does is allow massage people to have a mobile unit similar to other organizations in the state: cosmetology, chiropractic can do this, and we followed in their footsteps, formed this bill after that. So it allows people like Jean Thunker, who lives in my community, in my district, to travel to a more populated area where they can do mobile massage. Her problem there in western Nebraska is the ag economy has turned down and the customers she used to have that were agricultural people aren't able to afford massage therapy, so she would like to travel to more populated communities, perhaps such as North Platte or other areas where there are more people. And this would allow her the opportunity to do that. So again, I appreciate the committee's work helping me get this here and I ask you to support LB244. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Arch, as Vice Chair of the Health Committee, you're recognized to open the committee amendment.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. We have an amendment to LB244, AM1214. It makes two minor changes to LB244 and adds an emergency clause. AM1214 amends Section 6, sub (3) of the original bill to require that the sign identifying the mobile massage therapy establishment is placed on the outside of the establishment and that the sign includes the establishment's license number. We're doing that to facilitate compliance. It also amends Section 14 of the original bill to clarify that DHHS may, but is not required to adopt rules and regulations specifically on mobile massage therapy establishments. We think there's a great amount of detail in the bill as it exists about the provisions regarding the promulgation of rules and regulations for the overall Massage Practice Act are not changed. Finally, Section 16 is added to the bill to create an

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emergency clause. Summer is coming and they wanted to put this into force. Thank you very much.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Arch. Debate is now open on LB244 and the pending committee amendment. I see no discussion. Senator Arch, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment. He waives closing. The question for the body is the adoption of AM1214 committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all vote who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM1214 committee amendment has been adopted. Any discussion on LB244 as amended? I see none. Senator Erdman, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is advancement of LB244 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB244 advances. Proceeding now to LB308. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB308 introduced by Senator Lathrop. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 15 of this year and referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File. There are no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lathrop, you're recognized to open on LB308.

LATHROP: Thank you, Mr. President, and colleagues, good morning. LB308 is a technical bill I brought following or as a result of a decision by the Nebraska Court of Appeals in August of 2018. The appeals court ruled in *Bayliss v. Clason* that the filing of a suggestion in bankruptcy in a civil matter constitutes a general appearance in a civil matter. That ruling concerns those who practice in the area of bankruptcy law because it complicates the time line and potential issues that may eventually be raised in these cases. The provisions of the bill are intended to iron out those concerns. LB308 was drafted by members of the Nebraska State Bar Association who practice in this area, with the assistance of Professor John Lenich at the University of Nebraska, College of Law. No one opposed the bill during the Judiciary Committee hearing on March 21, and it advanced from committee on an 8-0 vote. And with that I would ask for your support of LB308. Thank you.

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FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lathrop. Is there any discussion of the bill? I see none. Senator Lathrop, you are recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is advance of LB308 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 39 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB308 advances. Proceeding now to LB392. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB392, introduced by Senator Lathrop. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 17 of this year and referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Lathrop, you are recognized to open on LB392.

LATHROP: Thank you, once again, Mr. President. Colleagues, this bill deals with the hearsay rule. And I'll spare you the long division on hearsay, which took a great deal of my time in a younger day. LB392 is another technical bill that brings Nebraska's hearsay exceptions in line with the federal rules evidence, as well as the rules in nearly every other state. Essentially, unlike the federal rules in other states, testimony about a witness's prior identification or the failure to make an identification of a person, such as in a photo lineup, is inadmissible in Nebraska courts. This issue affects the ability of both prosecutors and defense lawyers to effectively argue their case. LB392 would make such identifications or the non-identifications admissible as evidence. The bill would was heard by the Judiciary Committee on March 21 and received no opposition and advanced from committee on a 8-0 vote. And with that I would ask for your support of LB392. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lathrop. Debate is now open on LB392. Senator Chambers.

CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President. Members of the Legislature, Senator Latathop is not the only one who when in law school had to spend a lot of time grasping hearsay. But to sum it up in a nutshell, hearsay is the tale of a tale. That is not what I stood up to speak for. This consent calendar comprises 30 bills. That would-- if each were taken 15 minutes, 450 minutes, which would translate to 7.5 hours. That is very low-hanging fruit for somebody like me. A great temptation was upon me earlier in the week to do something with this. Oscar Wilde said the most effective way to deal with temptation is to yield to it. But there were intervening events, the Speaker being one of the instigators, and he derailed the train that I had determined earlier in the week to run down the track. So, I had indicated this morning I would not speak on every bill, and

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the ones that I would speak on would not take more than five minutes. The Speaker and I had a brief conversation, and the number of bills shrank to two. This is the second one. Thirty bills. Why would I select this particular one? I like to teach, when I want to call it that, by an example or a metaphor. I was very disappointed when my bill to abolish the death penalty did not move, but I was not at all surprised. Among other things I pointed out that the Supreme Court in an 1972 case, *Furman v. Georgia* where it struck down all existing death penalty laws, had five individual opinions written by the five-member majority. One judge said, the crux of what they got at was the arbitrariness of the infliction of the death penalty. Of the huge number of individuals qualified or eligible to receive the death penalty, an infinitesimally small percentage were sentenced to die and an even smaller percentage actually died. That showed the randomness of it. One judge referred to it as being freakishly imposed. Another referred to it or compared it to a lottery. Another said that it was like being struck by lightning. And the consensus was, there was no way to distinguish the circumstances of those who received the death penalty; the few who received it from the huge number who did not. No way to distinguish. Thirty bills were eligible for the Chambers' treatment. A very small percentage was selected. There is nothing in reality based on the facts to distinguish the two cases or the two bills I chose from the 28 that I did not. The metaphor: this is what happens with the death penalty. People may wonder, will it hit me if I'm eligible or will it not? It depends on the whim of juries and judges. In some states the jury is required to participate--

FOLEY: One minute.

CHAMBERS: --in all of the states the judge or a panel of judges ultimately will make the pronouncement. My reasonableness, which is being extorted from me today by the Speaker, is not to be taken as a precedent. As the courts say, I will take it on a case-by-case basis. But quoting Abraham Lincoln once again, the promise being made must be kept. I made a promise. I have now kept it. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Any further discussion on LB392? I see none. Senator Lathrop-- he waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB392 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB392 advances. Proceeding now to LB564. Mr. Clerk.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB564 introduced by Senator Bolz. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Urban Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Bolz, you're recognized to open on LB564.

BOLZ: Thank you, Mr. President. The Civic and Community Center Financing Fund provides grants of state aid to the development of civic community and recreation centers. LB564 provides some very small but useful changes to the flexibility for the use of these dollars to promote civic and community life. Specifically, it removes the qualifier of the term primary for civic centers to more clearly open up the possibility for the use of grant funds for facilities that are multipurpose by nature, for example, a recreation and wellness center that includes a child development facility. It also adds eligibility for not just historic buildings but also buildings that are certified as contributing to the significance of a registered state or national historic district. And it defines a public space as a property located within the traditional center of a community and adds more opportunities for projects that meet the specific needs of their communities. This is a small but strategic change to give communities more flexibility in using funds that make their civic and community life better. I urge your green vote for LB564.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Bolz. Senator Matt Hansen, I'm informed that you are authorized to speak to the committee amendment. Please proceed.

M. HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, members. The committee amendment AM1276 is a white copy amendment that replaces the bill. The changes in AM1276 are largely technical, but the amendment makes three primary changes. First, the amendment allows eligible facilities that are jointly owned by a municipality and another political subdivision to receive CCCFA funds. The original bill would have only applied to buildings that were jointly owned by a municipality and county. Second, the amendment requires that grants under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act for preservation, restoration, conversion, rehabilitation, or reuse of historic buildings or other districts be reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Officer. Third, the language strikes-- third, the amendment strikes language from both the green copy and existing statutes that could potentially be in conflict with Article VIII, Section 3 of the Nebraska Constitution. With that, I would ask you for a green vote to adopt the committee amendment, AM1276. Thank you, Mr. President.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Hansen. Debate is now open on LB564 and the pending committee amendment. Senator Clements.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President. Would Senator Bolz yield to a question?

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FOLEY: Senator Bolz, will you yield, please?

BOLZ: Sure.

CLEMENTS: In reading the committee statement, I saw there was discussion about whether nonprofit organizations could apply for these funds by themselves; and then it appears that maybe that was taken out. Could you tell me the status of a nonprofit wanting these funds?

BOLZ: Yes. That's-- that's a great question, Senator Clements, and was a question of a fair amount of debate. The-- the issue at hand is whether or not partnering with a nonprofit would inappropriately exercise the authority of the state. In order to be safe rather than sorry, we removed the partnership with a nonprofit and instead just said that a municipality could partner with another political subdivision like a county, but the nonprofit provision is no longer included.

CLEMENTS: OK. Well, I had a nonprofit in mind that could benefit from this. [LAUGH]

BOLZ: I think many could and that would have been wonderful, but we'd rather be safe than sorry. And I think this does-- still provides some additional flexibility.

CLEMENTS: Did-- was that the provision that might be unconstitutional?

BOLZ: The-- yes. The idea is how-- how far can you bend a municipality's ability to use dollars and develop partnerships. And the partnership with another political subdivision seemed appropriate under the constitution. Pushing it to a nonprofit seemed a step too far.

CLEMENTS: Very good. I just needed to clarify that and where that ended up in the bill, and that answers my question. Thank you, Senator Bolz. Thank you, Mr. President.

BOLZ: Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senators Clements and Bolz. Further discussion? I see none. Senator Matt Hansen, you're recognized to close on the committee amendment.

M. HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. Just real quick. In my opening I mentioned Article VIII, Section 3. That was a mistake. I should have said Article XIII, Section 3. That is the correct section in the constitution and that's what I get for trying to read Roman numerals on the fly.

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With that, I would ask you to adopt the Urban Affairs Committee amendment. Thank you, colleagues.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Matt Hansen. The question for the body is the adoption of AM1276 committee amendment. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT Clerk: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the committee amendment.

FOLEY: AM1276 committee amendment has been adopted. Any further discussion on the bill? I see none. Senator Bolz, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question before the body is the advance of LB564 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 38 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB564 advances. (Visitors introduced.) The next bill is LB123, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB123 introduced by Senator Crawford. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 10 of this year and referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File. There are no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Crawford, you're recognized to open on LB123.

CRAWFORD: Thank you, Mr. President. And thank you to the Speaker for selecting LB123 as a consent calendar bill. And thanks to the Government Committee for unanimously voting out this bill. LB123 would add an exception to the requirement under the Taxpayer Transparency Act that contracts that are the basis of expenditures for state funds must be published on the Department of Administrative Services Web site. The Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired requested this bill to create an exception to this requirement for its contracts with specific individuals that it serves. This is an exception for contracts for services to specifically named individuals to protect confidentiality. We have provided this exception to other agencies that work with these kinds of individual contracts. We simply have not created this exception for the Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired yet. LB123 adds an exception to the Taxpayer Transparency Act's reporting requirements for the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired contracts which mirrors the current exceptions

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that we have in place for vocational rehabilitation and DHHS contracts. Please vote green on LB123. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Crawford. Is there any discussion on LB123? I see none. Senator Crawford, you're recognized to close on the advance of the bill. She waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB123 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK 36 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB123 advances. LB414, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB414, introduced by Senator Brandt. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 18 of this year, and it was referred to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with no committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brandt, you're recognized to open on LB414.

BRANDT: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I would like to thank Senator Brewer and the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee for advancing LB414. LB414 is being brought for NACO, the Nebraska Association of County Officials, to update and modernize the statute pertaining to county highway superintendents. LB414 would eliminate a mid-year report that highway superintendents are required to submit to county boards. The information in these reports is already provided in the one- and six-year plans and the SSAR, Standardized System of Annual Report, required by the state. I would urge you to vote green.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Brandt. Any discussion on LB414? I see none. Senator Brandt, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the advance of LB414 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB414 advances. Next bill is LB533. Mr. Clerk.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. LB533, introduced by Senator Cavanaugh. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 22 of this year and referred to the Judiciary Committee. That committee placed the bill on General File with committee amendments.

FOLEY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Cavanaugh, you're recognized to open on LB533.

CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor; good morning, colleagues; last bill of the day. LB533 updates state statutes to be consistent with federal law regarding marriage and updating marriage certificates to match. It is a simple bill and that is all I have to say about it. Thank you. I hope you all vote green.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Lathrop, as Chair of the Judiciary Committee, you're recognized to open on the committee amendment.

LATHROP Thank you, Mr. President. LB533 was heard by the Judiciary Committee on February 21. And the bill and the amendment, AM414, were adopted on 8-0 votes. There was no opposition at the hearing. The committee amendment adds a new section to LB533 regarding the forms for marriage applications, licenses, and certificates by changing the parties on the form to Applicant 1 and Applicant 2. I would urge your support of AM414 and LB533. Thank you.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Lathrop. Debate is now open on the bill and the pending committee amendment. Senator Clements.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not support LB533. And I do recognize that society has allowed for same sex marriage and that's what this is about. I personally believe that a marriage was meant to be for one man and one woman only. Expanding definitions of marriage concern me. I wonder if it will expand to more than two persons or other relationships. What is legal is not always what is morally right. And I don't want to be a part of approving this bill. And I'm going to vote red on this bill, but thank you, Mr. President. I yield my time.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Clements. Further discussion on the bill. I see none. Senator Lathrop you are recognized to close. He waives closing. The question for the body is the adoption of the committee amendment, AM414. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 27 ayes, 7 nays on the adoption of the committee amendments.

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FOLEY: AM414 committee amendment is adopted. Further discussion on LB533 as amended. I see no discussion. Senator Cavanaugh, you are recognized to close.

CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. In closing, I actually would like to acknowledge that this weekend is Mother's Day and we have a lot of mothers here in the Legislature, in the body, and that work in the building, and so I just wanted to take a moment to acknowledge that. My daughter, Della, my eldest daughter, is named after my great-grandmother, Della Hardt; and my mom used to write a column and she wrote this column about Grandma Hardt. I'm not going to read the whole thing, just a couple of paragraphs, to give you an idea of what it means to me to have wonderful, strong, amazing women. Grandma lived with us, she moved in after I was born to help out-- after I was born to help out my mom. I was the third child born in as many years. Well, she stayed until she died. Maybe it was because the next ten years brought five more babies into our house, or maybe it was because we loved her and she loved us and we needed each other. After all, she was our grandma and we were her grandchildren. The last time I saw grandma, she was in the hospital. I don't even remember what was wrong with her, but I do remember that the medicine was making her act goofy. I just got engaged and was home for Easter vacation to share the good news. She knew John and was very fond of him. With what was to be our last conversation was about him, she wondered aloud if John knew what was in store for him. When I asked her what she thought-- why she thought that, she groggily replied, well, you're so silly. I would like to interject that my mother told my husband the day that we got married, she's your problem now, and I think my husband probably told several of you the day I was sworn in that I'm your problem now. My grandma Della was an immigrant and she had a difficult life. And my mother goes on to say her life was difficult, even tragic. Her two babies died as toddlers and when she was about 38, my grandfather died leaving her on the farm to raise my mother and two sons alone. And this was during the Great Depression. So I just wanted to take a moment. My mom wrote this on May 3, 1979, so 40 years ago. And my parents have been married for 50 years this summer. And I just feel so grateful and blessed to have amazing strong women in my life at home, and to have amazing strong women in my life here. So thank you all very much. Happy Mother's Day. Happy Godmother's Day. Happy Aunt Mother's Day. And with that I hope that you all push a green light on LB533 and have a beautiful weekend.

FOLEY: Thank you, Senator Cavanaugh. The question before the body is the advance of LB533 to E&R Initial. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 26 ayes, 6 nays on the advancement of the bill.

FOLEY: LB533 advances. Items for the record, please.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. The Revenue Committee reports LB720 to General File with committee amendments. The Judiciary Committee reports LB720, excuse me, LB110, LB630 and LB680, some having committee amendments. Your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports LB300 and LB300A to Select File; LB300A with E&R amendments. Amendments to be printed: Senator Matt Hansen to LB433; Senator Hilkemann to LB378; Senator Hilgers to LB532; Senator Quick to LB149; Senator Bolz to LB583. LR119, LR120, LR121, LR122, LR123 and LR124 those will be read and laid over. Finally, a series of name adds: Senator Lowe name added to LR118; Senator Halloran name withdrawn from LB720.

Finally a priority motion: Senator Brewer would move to adjourn the body until Monday, May 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

FOLEY: Members, you're heard the motion to adjourn. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. We are adjourned.