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Appropriations Committee March 20, 2025

CLEMENTS: Afternoon. Welcome to the Appropriations Committee, my name is Rob Clements. I'm from Elmwood and represent Legislative District 2, which is Cass County and eastern Lancaster County. I serve as chair of this committee. We will start off by having the members do self-introductions, starting with my far right.

LIPPINCOTT: Loren Lippincott, District 34.

ARMENDARIZ: Christy Armendariz, District 18: northwest Omaha and Bennington.

DORN: Myron Dorn, District 30.

STROMMEN: Paul Strommen, District 47.

PROKOP: Jason Prokop, District 27.

CLEMENTS: Assisting the committee today is Cori Bierbaum, our committee clerk. To my left is our fiscal analyst, John Wiemer. And our pages today are Demet Gedik and Wesley Earhart, UNL students. If you're planning on testifying today, please fill out a green testifier sheet located in the back of the room and hand it to the page when you come up to testify. Online position comments must have been submitted on the Legislature's website by 8:00 AM the day of the hearing to be included in the record. If you have submitted a comment online, we ask that you not testify in person today. If you will not be testifying, but want to go on record as having a position on a bill being heard today. There are yellow sign-in sheets at the entrance to my left. These sign-in sheets will become exhibits in the permanent record after today's hearing. To better facilitate today's hearing, I ask that you abide by the following procedures. Please silence your cell phones. Move to the front chairs to testify when your bill or agency is up. When we hear testimony regarding agencies, we will first hear from a representative of the agency. Then we will hear testimony from anyone who wishes to speak on the agency's budget request. When you come up to testify, please state and spell your first and last name for the record before you testify. Be concise. We request that you limit your testimony to five minutes or less. When you begin your testimony, the light on the table will be green. When the yellow light comes on, you'll have one minute remaining. The red light indicates you need to wrap up your final thought and stop. Questions from the committee may follow. And I'll add the agency representative is not limited to the five minutes. Written material may be distributed to the committee members as exhibits only while testimony is being

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offered. Hand them to the page for distribution when you come up to testify. If you have written testimony but do not have 12 copies, please let the page know so they can make copies for you. With that, we'll begin today's hearing with Agency 35, Liquor Control Commission. Good afternoon, welcome.

[AGENCY HEARINGS]

CLEMENTS: Is anyone else here wanting to testify regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs? Seeing none, do we have any online comments? We have no online comments. That concludes the hearing for Agency 28.