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Congratulations. Did you have some items for the record, please?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Committee on Business and Labor gives notice of public hearing on LBs 810 and 811.

The Business and Labor Committee reports LB 407 to General File with amendments, LB 419 indefinitely postponed, LB 453 indefinitely postponed, LB 679 indefinitely postponed. (See pages 986-87 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, it's a pleasure to introduce today the doctor of the day, another fine young fellow from Grand Island. Remember last week we had Tim Sullivan. We bring them up the best. Scott Ehresman is in family practice and he is going through the same program as our Tim did, and it is a pleasure to introduce him as the doctor of the day and have him join us.

PRESIDENT: Would you please stand, Doctor, so we may see you? Thank you for taking care of us today. We'll move on to General File, LB 147.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 147 was introduced by Senator Chizek. (Title read.) The bill was read for the first time on January 5, was referred to the Judiciary Committee. They report the bill back to General File with no committee amendments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Senator McFarland, are you going to handle this?

SENATOR McFARLAND: Yes, I am.

PRESIDENT: All right.

SENATOR McFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. This is a bill that was introduced by Senator Chizek. It proposes to increase from 48 to 50 the total number of district court judges in Nebraska. The two additional district court judges will be allocated by the Judicial Resources Commission. There is not much doubt that additional personnel in the court system would help the courts better cope with things as they have come to