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Governor.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Waive.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body, I...I'm sorry to take anymore time, but I was simply drawn to this debate. I couldn't resist. This is...this is so terribly exciting. I know I should approach the subject with fear and trembling because I hear, even as I was monitoring downstairs, I hear friendships being made and broken in the blink of an eye. But what a...what a moment in time. Here we are, we're going to...we're going to recognize our great diversity and, for our more metropolitan, cosmopolitan, urbanized areas, we're going to actually do it the same way the whole rest of the world does it. And in those areas where it's no great problem and where our diversity and our traditionalism and our historicity requires it, we're going to do it the way we've always done it. And in the whole process we're going to save, as one person I know calls it, real adult money. We're actually going to save hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is really exciting. I rise in support of the legislation. It's a great moment. We ought to celebrate and I've been waiting all session to...I've been involved with several pieces of legislation that seem to cause people to call me and leave messages, some of them kind of ugly, on the answering machine this year, and I've waited for the right tone to pass along a new political technique that I'm using that might apply here, because this is a hot subject traditionally in Nebraska. So if you get a lot of phone calls and if it becomes more than you can handle, I have developed a technique I want to recommend. I go to bed early. Everybody who calls after eight o'clock, I start returning those calls at 6:30 in the morning. You'll be surprised how it will cut the traffic. You will catch people without their dentures in. You will catch people who were obviously in a celebratory state the night before when they called you at 12:10. It's just...it's just a little thing I