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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good afternoon. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. The afternoon session is about ready to convene. Senators, please check in. Record your presence. Record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Items for the record, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Yes, Mr. President, Senator Wickersham has amendments to be printed to LB 1135, and a series of appointments from the Governor to various board and commissions. Those will be inserted in the Journal. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 944-947.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next agenda item.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, when the body recessed for lunch, we were considering LB 1253. At that time, there was under consideration an amendment offered by Senator Landis. That amendment number was AM2692. (AM2692, Legislative Journal page 944.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Landis, would you like to give us a quick recap of the amendment that you had offered?

SENATOR LANDIS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. I'm offering an amendment that has two basic concepts in it. One is a reworking of some of our provisions of CHIP. It changes the way that we will be collecting our assessments and, in so doing, it will give us greater efficiency and greater access to funds that will ultimately go into the CHIP program, if necessary. And the second thing we're doing is we're modifying a bill that we passed about a year and a half ago to make more user friendly the definitions of a "preexisting condition" under HIPAA that was brought to us by Senator Bourne.