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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our acting chaplain this morning is Senator Johnson. Senator Johnson.

SENATOR JOHNSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Johnson, for doing that for us. We appreciate it. I call the second day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please check in. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

esident, I do. I have messages, reports, and First of all, a series of appointment letters Mr. President, I do. announcements. received since last April when the Legislature adjourned, the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, sine die. Appointments by the Governor to the Natural Resources Commission, to the political Accountability and Disclosure Commission, to the Information Technology Commission, to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee, to the Board of Emergency Medical Services, to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, Foster Care Review Board, State Board of Health, Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, Foster Care Review Board, the Nebraska Ethanol Board, the Board of Emergency Medical Services, Rural Health Advisory Commission, the State Personnel Board, State Electrical Board, the Nebraska Investment Council, the Board of Emergency Medical Services, Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, Board of Educational Lands and Funds, the Nebraska Arts Council, the Game and Parks Commission, Behavioral Health Administrator, the director of the Department Aeronautics, Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the director of the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support, director of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the Nebraska Ethanol Board, Public Employees Retirement Board, the Motor