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PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fifty-sixth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislative Session. I would ask that you all rise for the prayer this morning, being delivered by Pastor Murry Johnston of Eagle United and Havelock United Methodist Churches in Eagle, Nebraska, Senator Heidemann's district.

PASTOR JOHNSTON: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Pastor Johnston. We will now call to order the Nebraska Unicameral, fifty-sixth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session. I would ask that all senators record your presence by roll call. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

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

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Any corrections for the Journal.

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Do you currently have any messages, reports, or announcements on the desk?

CLERK: Mr. President, at this time I have neither messages, reports, nor announcements to report.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. We'll now move to General File. Currently under discussion is LB 709. Senator Erdman, would you like to give a report?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, LB 709, which is before you, is a work product of the Health Committee. We have worked with interested parties and individuals to come up, both, with amendments in the committee amendment, as well as amendments that will follow which further clarify the process in which we, as a state, will have a comprehensive discussion on our Medicaid system to benefit all of Nebraskans.