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aye. We are in recess.

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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk, do you have any reports, messages or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Nothing at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. We will now resume where we were when we recessed for lunch. Mr. Clerk, inform the body.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, when we recessed for lunch we were considering LB 709. We had worked through a series of amendments to the committee amendments. We now have pending AM1057 by Senator Synowiecki to the committee amendments. (Legislative Journal pages 1113-1114.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Synowiecki, you're recognized to open, as stated by the Clerk, AM1057.

SENATOR SYNOWIECKI: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members. Prior to lunch, we took up AM1071, which was introduced by Senator Chambers. This amendment, AM1057, is quite similar to the Chambers amendment as it pertains to the role of employers in our state and our Medicaid cost. However, there are substantive differences in the approach incorporated within the two amendments. The Chambers amendment limited the scope of