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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain this morning is Father Paul Witt from St. Mary's Catholic Church, here in Lincoln, Senator Foley's district, District 29. Father, please.

PASTOR WITT: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Father Witt, for coming over and being with us. We always enjoy having you with us on these mornings. I call the eighty-fourth day of the Ninety-Ninth, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Any correction for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now go to first agenda item, General File, appropriation bill. Mr. Clerk, LB 126A.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 126A, by Senator Raikes. (Read title.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on LB 126A.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 126A, of course, is the A bill accompanying LB 126. And I want to take a little bit of time, in introducing this, to make sure that you understand all the financial implications involved, and also the reasoning for that. First