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LB 126A, 538

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

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

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. It is 1:30. As the agenda states, General File, 2005 priority bills, 30-minute division. At the operation (sic) of 30 minutes, if each principal introducer is not closing on advancement, the bill shall be removed from the agenda. Mr. Clerk, LB 538.

CLERK: Mr. President, if I may right before that, one item for the record.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

CLERK: Enrollment and Review reports LB 126A to Select File. LB 538, a bill by Senator Brashear. (Read title.) Introduced on January 14 of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM1650, Legislative Journal page 1669.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on LB 538.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. LB 538 was proposed by the Community Corrections Council as a part of its ongoing effort to bring about a shift of a portion of our prison population to community-based programs and to avoid the cost of constructing a new prison. For those of us who may not be as familiar with the effort of the Community Corrections Council, let me provide a little background. Even after we constructed and occupied the new Tecumseh prison, we