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been the senator from District 41 for eight years, I think between 1988 to '92, and I know many of you served with him. He was an honorable man. He was with many organizations. He worked hard down here for the 41st District and it was sad to have him pass away. So I know that there are senators here that, like I said, worked with him, can think of fond memories from the time that they served with him. And I just wanted to let you know that he thought highly of this body and his years of service here, so we need to say our sympathies to their family. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator McDonald. We will now go to LR 239. Senator Landis.

SENATOR LANDIS: Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature, Nebraska is privileged to have among its many citizens Ted Kooser, the current Poet Laureate of the United States of America, and he has recently been reinstituted for another term for a second period, and I believe it lasts for a year or two years, I'm not sure which. His many contributions to the cultural life of this state are appreciated and we need to recognize this foremost voice of the life of the great plains. So I will, I, like you, I think will be doing ourselves an honor when we have a chance to link ourselves to the gift that Ted Kooser has given the state of Nebraska, and that's contained in LR 239.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Members, I know it's getting late and we're ready for sine die, but it's getting a little noisy here, so please show your respect for the speakers. On with LR 243. Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President, colleagues. LR 243 is a resolution recognizing Colonel Tom Nesbitt for his 26 years of service to the Nebraska State Patrol and to the state of Nebraska, and I would urge your adoption of the resolution. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Mines. Now you may either address one, all or whatever of the four LRs mentioned previously. Senator Stuthman, followed by Senator Chambers,