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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Chaplain of the day, Reverend Nancy Leonard from United South...St. Paul United Methodist Church, Sioux City (sic), Nebraska, Senator Engel's district. Reverend, please.

PASTOR LEONARD: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Reverend Leonard, for being with us. Reverend Leonard is from the St. Paul United Methodist Church. I call the thirty-fourth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: No items at this time, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We now move on to the first agenda item, legislative confirmation reports. Mr. Clerk, first report, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the first report from the Health and Human Services Committee is two appointees to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. (Legislative Journal page 755.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, you're recognized, as Chairman of the committee, to open on the first report.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Good morning. I do have twelve confirmations to