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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor Ruth Henderson, Brownville, Nemaha United Methodist Churches in Brock, Nebraska; Senator Heidemann's district, District 1. Pastor, please.

PASTOR HENDERSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Pastor Henderson, for being with us this morning. Appreciate you being here. We call the thirty-ninth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Record please, Mr. Clerk.

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

SENATOR CUDABACK: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Messages, reports, or announcements?

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

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

CLERK: Mr. President, three reports this morning from the Transportation, Telecommunications Committee. The first involves a series of appointments to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. (Legislative Journal page 846.)

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

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members. As the Clerk said, we are dealing with the Board of Public Roads