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SENATOR SULLIVAN PRESIDING

SENATOR SULLIVAN: GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. WELCOME TO THE GEORGE W. NORRIS LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER FOR THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. OUR CHAPLAIN FOR TODAY IS PASTOR JIM HAACK OF THE BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH IN LA VISTA, SENATOR SMITH'S DISTRICT. PLEASE RISE.

PASTOR HAACK: (PRAYER OFFERED.)

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THANK YOU, PASTOR. I CALL TO ORDER THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE, FIRST SESSION. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ROLL CALL. MR. CLERK, PLEASE RECORD.

CLERK: I HAVE A QUORUM PRESENT, MADAM PRESIDENT.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. ARE THERE ANY CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL?

CLERK: I HAVE NO CORRECTIONS THIS MORNING.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY MESSAGES, REPORTS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

CLERK: MADAM PRESIDENT, APPOINTMENT LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR APPOINTING AN INDIVIDUAL AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THAT WILL BE REFERRED TO REFERENCE. NEW RESOLUTIONS: LR59, LR60 BY...LR59 BY SENATOR HILKEMANN, SENATOR HADLEY OFFERS LR60. AN ANNOUNCEMENT: REVENUE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:00; 2022, REVENUE AT 10:00. THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE, MADAM PRESIDENT. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 545-548.)  
[LR59 LR60]

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE CHAIR NOW RECOGNIZES THE SPEAKER FOR AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

SPEAKER HADLEY: MADAM PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE BODY,

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COLLEAGUES, I HAVE TWO OR THREE ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE WE START THE DAY. THE FIRST, THE AGENDA TODAY IS SET UP A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY AND I WANTED TO GO OVER IT ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEW MEMBERS SO THEY WOULD HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE'RE DOING AND FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE FORGOTTEN FROM THE YEARS PAST. ONCE WE ADVANCE LB430 OFF OF SELECT FILE, WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT CATEGORY OF SELECT FILE BILLS. THE LANGUAGE ON THE AGENDA STATES: BILLS MARKED WITH AN ASTERISK WILL BE ADVANCED TO E&R, FINAL, PRIOR TO OTHER BILLS LISTED, IF THESE BILLS CONTINUE TO HAVE NO AMENDMENTS FILED TO THEM OTHER THAN AN E&R AMENDMENT. ONCE ALL OF THE BILLS WITH NO AMENDMENTS OR ONLY AN E&R AMENDMENTS ARE ADVANCED, WE WILL RETURN TO THE TOP OF THIS SELECT FILE LIST AND TAKE UP THE BILLS WE SKIPPED OVER. LB88 WILL BE THE FIRST BILL AT THAT TIME. THIS DOES NOT PREVENT YOU FROM FILING AN AMENDMENT TO ONE OF THE BILLS THAT HAVE AN ASTERISK, BUT YOU WILL WANT TO GET THAT FILED RIGHT AWAY AS WE WILL PROCEED THROUGH THIS LIST OF BILLS VERY QUICKLY. ALSO YOU WILL BE RECEIVING ON THE FLOOR SHORTLY A MEMO FROM ME OUTLINING THE PROCESS FOR DESIGNATING A BILL AS A SENATOR OR COMMITTEE PRIORITY BILL AND THE PROCESS FOR REQUESTING ME TO SELECT A BILL AS A SPEAKER PRIORITY BILL. PLEASE FOLLOW THE PROCESS AS OUTLINED IN THE MEMO. I WILL BEGIN ACCEPTING PRIORITY BILLS DESIGNATED NEXT MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23. MARCH 11 PRIOR TO THE ADJOURNMENT, AND THAT'S A KEY TERM, PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT, IS THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING TO ME A LETTER REQUESTING ME TO DESIGNATE A BILL AS A SPEAKER PRIORITY BILL. AND MARCH 12, PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT IS THE DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATING A SENATOR AND COMMITTEE BILL PRIORITY BILLS. JUST A NOTE, ESPECIALLY FOR THE NEW SENATORS, JUST BECAUSE A BILL IS DESIGNATED AS A PRIORITY BILL DOES NOT GUARANTEE THE BILL WILL BE VOTED OUT OF COMMITTEE. THE VOTING OUT OF COMMITTEE IS A SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FUNCTION FROM PRIORITIZING OF BILLS. SO IT IS POSSIBLE THAT YOU WILL PRIORITIZE A BILL THAT MAY NOT MAKE IT OUT OF COMMITTEE. LASTLY, I WANT TO GIVE YOU A HEADS UP FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS. I HOPE TO COMPLETE AS MUCH SELECT FILE TODAY AS POSSIBLE. WHAT IS NOT COMPLETED TODAY WE WILL TAKE UP SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. TOMORROW, WE WILL BEGIN THE DAY WITH FINAL READING, FOLLOWED BY GENERAL FILE. AND THEN ON MONDAY, WE WILL CONTINUE ON WITH GENERAL FILE. THANK YOU, MADAM PRESIDENT.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA. MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MADAM PRESIDENT, YOUR RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE REPORTS ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL WALDEN-NEWMAN AS STATE

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INVESTMENT OFFICER. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 513.)

SENATOR SULLIVAN: SENATOR NORDQUIST, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON THE CONFIRMATION REPORT.

SENATOR NORDQUIST: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS. GOOD MORNING. THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE HELD A CONFIRMATION HEARING ON... (MICROPHONE MALFUNCTION) YOU OKAY? THANK YOU. ...ON FEBRUARY 11, FOR MICHAEL WALDEN-NEWMAN WHO WAS APPOINTED BY THE NEBRASKA INVESTMENT COUNCIL TO BE THE NEW STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER. THE STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER ADMINISTERS THE STAFF FOR THE NEBRASKA INVESTMENT COUNCIL AND OVERSEES THE STATE'S INVESTMENTS. IT'S A PORTFOLIO OF...TOTAL PORTFOLIO OF \$22 BILLION AND \$12 BILLION IN PENSION ASSETS. IT'S A BIG JOB. THE COUNCIL MANAGES THE INVESTMENT OF 30 DIFFERENT ENTITIES FOR THE STATE AND, AS I SAID, INCLUDING OUR PENSION FUNDS AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS. PRIOR TO HIS APPOINTMENT AS THE NEBRASKA STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER, MR. WALDEN-NEWMAN SERVED AS WYOMING'S CHIEF INVESTMENT OFFICER FOR TEN YEARS AND MANAGED AN \$18-BILLION PORTFOLIO. HE'S A STRONG BACKER ON MANAGING INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS AND WILL BRING REAL WORLD INVESTMENT AND BUSINESS EXPERIENCE AND A STRONG WORK ETHIC AS OUR STATE INVESTMENT OFFICER. OUR COMMITTEE STRONGLY BELIEVES HE'S WELL-QUALIFIED TO MAKE DECISIONS REGARDING THE INVESTMENT OF OUR PUBLIC FUNDS. THE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY MOVED MR. WALDEN-NEWMAN'S APPOINTMENT TO THE LEGISLATURE FOR CONFIRMATION AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT. THANK YOU.

SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING

SPEAKER HADLEY: ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK? SEEING NONE, SENATOR NORDQUIST, YOU'RE...NORDQUIST WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION BEFORE US IS THE CONFIRMATION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY VOTING AYE; OPPOSED, NAY. RECORD, MR. CLERK.

CLERK: (RECORD VOTE, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 548.) 37 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF THE CONFIRMATION REPORT.

SENATOR SULLIVAN: THE CONFIRMATION REPORT IS ACCEPTED. MR. CLERK, WE WILL NOW GO TO SELECT FILE.

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB430, I HAVE NO ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW. SENATOR MELLO WOULD MOVE TO AMEND WITH AM242. (LEGISLATIVE

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JOURNAL PAGE 431.) [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR MELLO, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR MELLO: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. AM242 TO LB430 IS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE THAT WAS BROUGHT TO THE LEGISLATURE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD TRANSFER \$7 MILLION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FROM PROGRAM 347, PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, TO PROGRAM 354, CHILD WELFARE. STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAVE PROJECTED THAT THE DIVISION OF CHILD WELFARE WILL RUN OUT OF FUNDS TO SPEND AFTER APRIL 15 OF THIS YEAR. SINCE AM242 SIMPLY MOVES AID FROM ONE PROGRAM TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE AMENDMENT YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU IS BUDGET-NEUTRAL AND NO NEW GENERAL FUNDS WILL BE APPROPRIATED. AT A SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDMENT EARLIER THIS WEEK, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TESTIFIED TO A VARIETY OF FACTORS THAT HAVE LED THE DIVISION OF CHILD WELFARE TO THE POSITION THAT THEY ARE IN TODAY. AMONG THE REASONS THEY GAVE THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE WAS THAT THE PRACTICE OF CLAIMING MORE FEDERAL FUNDS FOR TITLE IV-E WAIVERS THAN THEY WERE QUALIFIED FOR, BUNDLED PAYMENT FOR FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS, CHANGES IN THE FOSTER CARE RATES PURSUANT TO LB530 THAT WAS PASSED IN 2013. AND, FINALLY, THE TRANSFERRING OF CHILDREN TO THE OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES UNDER LB561 THAT WAS ALSO ENACTED IN 2013. COLLEAGUES, I WANT TO REITERATE WHAT I KNOW THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAD HEARD MULTIPLE TIMES, BUT THE AMENDMENT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU IS UNIQUE IN NATURE AND I HAVE SOME SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE WAY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS HANDLED THEIR BUDGET PROCESS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS. HOWEVER, IN DISCUSSIONS THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE HAD THAT IN CONJUNCTION WORKING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE, WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO CORRECT THESE CHALLENGES THROUGH THIS BUDGET PROCESS OVER THE NEXT TWO YEARS IN TRYING TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH THE RICKETTS ADMINISTRATION BECAUSE THE REALITY IS, THE ISSUE WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US TODAY IS NOT DUE TO ANYTHING THE NEW GOVERNOR OR HIS TEAM HAS DONE. AND, AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE, UNFORTUNATELY IT'S BEEN BUILDING ON ISSUE AFTER ISSUE IN THIS DEPARTMENT FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS AND THE AFTERMATH OF THE CHILD WELFARE PRIVATIZATION EXPERIMENT. THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE GAVE APPROVAL TO AM242 IN A UNANIMOUS 9-0 VOTE. THE HEARING HAD NO TESTIFIERS IN OPPOSITION. I'D URGE THE BODY TO ADOPT AM242. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: IS THERE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AM242?  
SENATOR GROENE. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT. SENATOR MELLO, WOULD YOU  
YIELD FOR A QUESTION? [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR MELLO, WILL YOU YIELD? [LB430]

SENATOR MELLO: OF COURSE. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: SENATOR MELLO, MY ASSUMPTION IS WHEN WE  
APPROPRIATED \$110 MILLION A YEAR AGO TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE THAT  
THEY NEEDED THAT MONEY. WHAT IS THEIR CASH BALANCE NOW THAT THEY  
CAN AFFORD TO TRANSFER \$7 MILLION? [LB430]

SENATOR MELLO: THE FISCAL OFFICE HAS INFORMED ME THAT WE DON'T  
HAVE THAT EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNT RIGHT NOW, SO TO SPEAK, SENATOR  
GROENE. THE REALITY IS THE DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED TO THE FISCAL  
OFFICE THEIR SAVINGS IN THE ADC PROGRAM AT THIS CURRENT POINT IN  
TIME, AS WELL AS THE STATE DISABILITY PROGRAM, WHICH IS WHY THIS WAS  
REQUESTED THROUGH THE DEFICIT REQUEST FROM THE AGENCY TO SIMPLY  
MOVE SOME OF THE AID THAT THEY FEEL THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO  
SPEND THIS YEAR IN PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILD WELFARE. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: EXCUSE ME, BUT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO TRUST THEM  
BECAUSE THEY MISMANAGED THIS ACCOUNT? HOW DO WE KNOW THEIR  
ACCOUNTING IS CORRECT? PLUS \$7 MILLION IS STILL \$7 MILLION. HOW DOES  
IT AFFECT WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE FOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NEXT  
BIENNIUM? [LB430]

SENATOR MELLO: WELL, SENATOR GROENE, THE ISSUE IN FRONT OF US IN  
AM242 IS PART OF THE DEFICIT REQUEST THAT CAME FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT AND THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE DIVISION HAS, LIKE I SAID,  
INFORMED THE FISCAL OFFICE TO THE REALITY THEY KNOW THEY WILL HAVE  
AT LEAST \$7 MILLION IN SAVINGS AT THE END OF THIS CURRENT FISCAL YEAR  
THROUGH THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AID PROGRAM WHICH IS WHY THEY WANT  
TO TRANSFER THAT PROJECTED SAVINGS OF \$7 MILLION NOW TO CHILD  
WELFARE. BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY, I AM VERY SKEPTICAL OF ANYTHING THAT  
COMES OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUT  
ON THE CONTRARY, I TRUST EVERYTHING I HEAR FROM OUR LEGISLATIVE  
FISCAL OFFICE WHEN THEY DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE TO MAKE THE  
DETERMINATION IF IT'S FEASIBLE TO TRANSFER \$7 MILLION FROM ONE AID

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PROGRAM TO ANOTHER. WE'VE SEEN THAT THERE HAS BEEN SAVINGS IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AID PROGRAM LAST BIENNIUM. WE WERE IN A VERY SIMILAR SITUATION ACTUALLY LAST FISCAL YEAR WHEN WE TRANSFERRED \$6 MILLION IN THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE AID PROGRAM TO CHILD WELFARE AID AGAIN BECAUSE OF SOME SIMILAR SAVINGS IN THE ADC PROGRAM AND THE STATE DISABILITY PROGRAM. AND AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME, WE CAN TRY TO GET A LATER NUMBER CLOSER TO THE END OF SESSION WHICH NORMALLY IS HOW THIS PROCESS WORKS WHERE THE FISCAL OFFICE WOULD HAVE A MORE SPECIFIC DOLLAR AMOUNT TO GIVE THE LEGISLATURE. BUT BECAUSE THIS IS ONE OF THESE UNIQUE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT FRANKLY I'VE NEVER EXPERIENCED IN MY TIME IN THE LEGISLATURE WHERE A PROGRAM OR A DIVISION IS GOING TO RUN OUT OF MONEY BEFORE WE'RE ABLE TO KICK AND FINALIZE A BUDGET, TO SOME EXTENT THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT BOTH I THINK THE GOVERNOR AND THE FISCAL OFFICE HAS COME TO AGREEMENT THAT WE'VE GOT TO DO THIS, OTHERWISE GOVERNMENT WILL ESSENTIALLY STOP WORKING COME APRIL 15. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, SENATOR MELLO. BUT I COME FROM THE BUSINESS WORLD. SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS MOVED FROM ONE ACCOUNT TO ANOTHER HAS TO BE MADE UP SOMEWHERE ELSE. AND I JUST FIGURE DOWN THE ROAD HERE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO APPROPRIATE \$7 MILLION MORE DOLLARS SOMEWHERE. AND THAT'S THE POINT I WANTED TO MAKE. THANK YOU. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I HAVE PUT MY LIGHT ON, COLLEAGUES, TO MAKE A COMMENT TO THE AMENDMENT. BUT I DO WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT TO SENATOR GROENE'S QUESTION WHICH IS RIGHT ON TARGET. PART OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THE FUND THAT THIS MONEY IS COMING FROM IS THAT YOU REALLY NEVER KNOW, SENATOR GROENE, HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ELIGIBLE IN A GIVEN YEAR. AND SO TO SOME EXTENT, THERE HAS AT LEAST AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN HERE, THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN SOME EXTRA MONEY IN THAT FUND TO TAKE CARE OF PEOPLE WHO MAY APPLY THAT YOU HAD NOT PLANNED ON APPLYING BECAUSE AS PEOPLE GO THROUGH A YEAR, THEY ALSO DROP OFF THAT ELIGIBILITY. BUT \$7 MILLION IS MORE THAN ONE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE A SAVINGS IN THIS ACCOUNT. COLLEAGUES, PART OF WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND I AGREE WITH SENATOR MELLO, THIS IS UNHERALDED IN THE TIME THAT I'VE BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE. BUT HAVING SPENT ALL OF THE TIME ON LR37 AND THE CHILD WELFARE ISSUE AND FIVE BILLS BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE IN CONSUMING TIME, WE ARE PAYING FOR THE PROBLEMS THAT WE HAD IN THE PAST. AND WHAT IS MOST AGGRAVATING TO ME IS THAT A SMALL GROUP OF

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SENATORS MET WITH THE DEPARTMENT NEAR THE END OF THE SESSION LAST YEAR WHEN WE COULD STILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS AND AT THAT POINT, SENATOR GROENE, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE HAD A BETTER HANDLE ON WHERE THE MONEY WAS OR WHERE WE COULD TAKE MONEY. AND WE SAID TO THE DEPARTMENT, WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE HAVING TO PAY FEDERAL PENALTIES FOR MISHANDLING AND MISMANAGING A PROGRAM EARLIER. WE KNOW THAT. WE ARE HERE TO SAY, TELL US WHAT YOU NEED IN ORDER TO RUN THE DEPARTMENT AND TO FACE THOSE PENALTIES THAT WE WERE GIVEN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND THE ANSWER TO US, THE GROUP OF SENATORS IN THAT ROOM, SENATOR MELLO, MYSELF, SENATOR DUBAS, SENATOR HARMS, WAS WE'RE FINE. WE'RE FINE. WE'LL FIND IT SOMEPLACE ELSE. AND IN ALL REALITY, SENATOR GROENE, THEY NEVER REALLY FOUND IT SOMEPLACE ELSE AND THEY NEVER FACED UP TO THE FACT THAT THEY NEEDED THIS HELP AND THE LEGISLATURE WAS WILLING TO DO THAT, RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAD THOSE FEDERAL PENALTIES. BUT I BELIEVE THE PAST ADMINISTRATION SAID TO THE DEPARTMENT, YOU WILL NOT ASK FOR MONEY. SO WE ARE PAYING FOR PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR GROENE, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT. QUESTION TO SENATOR CAMPBELL. I LIKE TO BOIL DOWN THINGS TO THE LEAST COMMON DENOMINATOR. THIS IS ALL ABOUT THAT FINE AND HOW MUCH WAS THAT FINE? [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, WILL YOU YIELD? [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: OH, EXCUSE ME. I'M SORRY. GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF. [LB430]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. CERTAINLY. SENATOR GROENE, THERE WAS A SERIES OF THREE DIFFERENT PENALTIES, AND THE ONE THAT WE WERE DEALING WITH LAST YEAR WAS \$22 MILLION. AND BASICALLY THE DEPARTMENT I THINK THEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THOSE PENALTIES AND THE PENALTY CAME DOWN TO \$17 MILLION. BUT THERE HAD BEEN PRIOR PENALTIES TO THAT. I THINK ONE WAS \$9 MILLION. SENATOR MELLO CAN PROBABLY TELL ME WHAT THE FIRST ONE WAS. AND THOSE PENALTIES WERE BECAUSE WE WERE NOT FOLLOWING THE REGULATIONS IN TERMS OF REPORTING CORRECTLY. AND SO WE DREW DOWN THE FEDERAL MONEY, BUT WE DID NOT ACCURATELY ACCOUNT FOR HOW THAT MONEY WAS SPENT AND WE DIDN'T HAVE THE RIGHT DOCUMENTATION. AND SO QUITE HONESTLY, SENATOR GROENE, I COULD

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SPEND THE ENTIRE MORNING TALKING ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE HAD IN CHILD WELFARE, BUT I'M VERY CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW GOVERNOR... [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: COULD I ASK ANOTHER QUESTION? [LB430]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: OH, I'M SORRY, SENATOR GROENE. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THAT'S FINE. NO, I'M NOT HERE ACCUSING ANY SENATORS OF WHAT YOU DID IN THE PAST. I'M JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW IT AFFECTS US IN THE FUTURE. [LB430]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: OH, NO. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: BUT...SO THERE WAS NO APPROPRIATION FOR THE FINES. THE FINES WERE PAID OUT OF WHAT WE HAD ALREADY APPROPRIATED FOR JUST OPERATING BUDGET? [LB430]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: YES. THE DEPARTMENT, LIKE OTHER DEPARTMENTS, SENATOR GROENE, HAS THE ABILITY TO MOVE BETWEEN CERTAIN FUNDS BECAUSE WE ALWAYS DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO BE SPENT. AND THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE CAN GIVE YOU A FURTHER EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW THEY DO THAT ACROSS THE BOARD. BUT, NO, WE DID NOT...THEY DID NOT ASK FOR ANY MONEY TO PAY FOR IT. AND THE SADDEST POINT, SENATOR GROENE, IS WE WERE PAYING INTEREST ON THOSE FINES AND WE SHOULD NEVER HAVE DONE THAT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. BUT IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THE POINT, WE GOT \$7 MILLION MORE IN OUR BUDGET FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM BUDGET BECAUSE THE \$7 MILLION WOULD HAVE BEEN THERE IN HHS AND NOW WE GOT TO MAKE IT UP. SO I SYMPATHIZE WITH SENATOR MELLO TO FIND THE \$7 MILLION. IS HE GOING TO TAKE IT OUT OF RESERVES? IS HE GOING TO LOWER THE PROPERTY TAX FUND FROM \$45 MILLION TO \$38 (MILLION), OR ARE MY CONSTITUENTS GOING TO PAY MORE TAXES? THAT'S MY CONCERN. THANK YOU. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR BOLZ, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR BOLZ: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST WANTED TO ADD A COUPLE OF POINTS TO THE DIALOGUE THIS MORNING. THE FIRST IS THAT THE FUNDS FROM PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ARE IN LARGE PART FROM THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND THE STATE DISABILITY PROGRAM. AND THOSE TWO PROGRAMS ARE SOMEWHAT MOVING



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TARGETS BECAUSE WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THOSE PROGRAMS TO COVER CONTINGENCIES. WE ARE FORTUNATE IN NEBRASKA TO HAVE A STRONG ECONOMY AND A LOW UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, SO THE AMOUNT THAT WE BUDGETED FOR THE TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM THAT COVERS FAMILIES IN ECONOMIC CRISIS, WAS NOT AS NECESSARY AS IT COULD HAVE BEEN HAD WE HAD DIFFERENT ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES. SOMEWHAT SIMILAR THEMES ARE TRUE IN THE STATE DISABILITY PROGRAM WHEREIN WE COVER PEOPLE WHO HAVE SHORT-TERM DISABILITY, SOMEONE WHO MIGHT HAVE HAD A CAR ACCIDENT OR STRUGGLING WITH CANCER AND WE DIDN'T SEE THE VOLUME PREDICTED. SO I JUST THOUGHT THAT THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN TERMS OF THINKING THROUGH WHERE THE DOLLARS CAME FROM. SENATOR GROENE, I THINK YOU HAVE FAIR POINTS IN THINKING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE ACCURATELY BUDGETING MOVING FORWARD AND WE WILL BE ASKING QUESTIONS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE ARTICULATING WHAT THE REAL COSTS OF SERVING KIDS IN THE CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ARE AND BUDGETING APPROPRIATELY. SO, SENATOR GROENE, I'LL YIELD YOU THE REMAINDER OF MY TIME IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR GROENE, YOU'RE YIELDED 3:30. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, SENATOR BOLZ. IN BUSINESS, TRAVEL WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT, SEMINARS AND HOLIDAY INNS WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT, PAY RAISES WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT, MIDDLE MANAGEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN CUT, AND \$7 MILLION WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND. BUT I COME FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD. I UNDERSTAND WE'RE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO A NEW GOVERNOR, NEW HHS DIRECTOR, BUT WE NEED TO REALLY LOOK AT THIS HHS SYSTEM AND STRAIGHTEN IT OUT. WE'VE BEEN KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD FOR 30 YEARS AND I HOPE THIS UNICAMERAL DOES IT WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF SENATOR CAMPBELL AND SENATOR MELLO. SO THANK YOU. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR McCOLLISTER, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR McCOLLISTER: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT. GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. I'D JUST LIKE TO CONGRATULATE SENATOR GROENE ON HIS COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO HHS. WE HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT HHS DOES A BETTER JOB WITH THEIR ACCOUNTING AND I THINK HIS EFFORTS ARE LAUDABLE. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR WATERMEIER, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

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SENATOR WATERMEIER: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I JUST NEEDED TO RISE AS WELL IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT, BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS SENATOR GROENE'S QUESTIONS HERE. THEY ARE LEGITIMATE. WE ARE TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. BUT AS SENATOR CAMPBELL SAID, WE HAD HISTORY WITH THIS PROGRAM LAST YEAR. WE ASKED THE QUESTIONS. WE DIDN'T FEEL LIKE WE GOT WHAT WE WANTED AND NOW WE ARE PRESENTED WITH A SHORT-TERM PROBLEM. I WON'T SAY THAT IT WON'T BE AN END TO ALL, BUT IT'S WHAT WE HAVE TO DO TO PROTECT THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM TODAY. SO...BUT I DO APPRECIATE SENATOR GROENE'S QUESTIONS AND I'LL SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SEEING NO ONE ELSE IN THE QUEUE, SENATOR MELLO, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDMENT. [LB430]

SENATOR MELLO: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND I APPRECIATE SENATOR CAMPBELL AND SENATOR WATERMEIER GIVING SOME FURTHER EXPLANATION BEHIND THIS AMENDMENT. COLLEAGUES, I DON'T WANT ANYONE IN THIS BODY TO TAKE THIS AMENDMENT LIGHTLY BECAUSE THE REALITY IS THIS, IS IF WE DON'T PASS THIS AMENDMENT TODAY, CHILD WELFARE WILL SHUT DOWN APRIL 15. I MEAN, THIS IS A SERIOUS ISSUE THAT WE DO HAVE IN FRONT OF US AND I DON'T WANT TO WHITENASH THE ISSUE THAT IT'S SIMPLY A SMALL CHANGE WE'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE'VE NEVER SEEN THIS IN OUR TIME IN THE LEGISLATURE OF SUCH A SIGNIFICANT CASH FLOW PROBLEM WITHIN THIS AGENCY. NOW THE REALITY IS BOTH IN GOVERNOR RICKETTS' BUDGET RECOMMENDATION AS WELL AS THE AGENCY REQUESTED THIS MONEY, KNOWING THIS WAS GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE, BUT THERE ARE SOME UNDERLYING BUDGETARY, I THINK, CONCERNS AND PRACTICES THAT UNDER THE PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION NEEDS TO BE CHANGED MOVING FORWARD. I THINK TO SOME EXTENT I DO HAVE TO TAKE A LITTLE EXCEPTION AT SENATOR GROENE'S, I THINK, MISCHARACTERIZATION OF THIS ISSUE. THE REALITY IS UNLESS YOU DON'T WANT TO PAY FOSTER CARE PAYMENTS IN NORTH PLATTE OR LINCOLN COUNTY OR YOU DON'T WANT THE STATE VISITING YOUR FOSTER PARENTS IN NORTH PLATTE OR LINCOLN COUNTY, WE'VE GOT TO PAY THESE KIND OF PAYMENTS. AND I THINK YOU CAN'T SIMPLY BOIL SOMETIMES PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES THAT THEY'RE SIMPLY A BLACK OR WHITE THING AND BECAUSE WE WOULD DO THIS...BECAUSE WE'RE A BUSINESS THAT SELLS WIDGETS, THIS IS WHAT WE WOULD DO. DEALING WITH FOSTER CARE CHILDREN AND STATE WARDS ARE NOT DEALING WITH WIDGETS OR MANUFACTURED GOODS, COLLEAGUES. AND SO TO SOME EXTENT THE BUDGET PROCESS REQUIRES THAT SOMETIMES WE HAVE TO ADAPT THAT BUDGET PROCESS. WE'VE GOT TO

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SOMETIMES TAKE A SEPARATE ANALYSIS OF THOSE PROGRAMS. BUT SENATOR GROENE'S POINT IS CORRECT. THERE IS A PROBLEM IN THIS AGENCY IN THAT WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO BE ABLE TO BE PUT IN THIS POSITION MOVING FORWARD. SENATOR WATERMEIER RAISED A KEY POINT THAT NEEDS TO BE REITERATED. THIS IS SIMPLY AN ISSUE TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, COLLEAGUES. THE COMMITTEE HAS TALKED ABOUT THIS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FISCAL OFFICE, AS WELL AS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES MOVING FORWARD AND WE DON'T KNOW YET IF THIS NEEDS TO BE ANNUALIZED IN THE BUDGET PROCESS. AND IF IT DOES, THEN WE HAVE SOME BIGGER CHALLENGES AHEAD OF US. THAT'S \$14 MILLION MORE THAT WE MAY HAVE TO ADD TO THE CHILD WELFARE BUDGET. THERE IS ALSO ANOTHER DEFICIT REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT HAS THAT IS NOT PART OF THIS AMENDMENT THAT WILL GO THROUGH THE TRADITIONAL BUDGET PROCESS THAT ADDS THEIR TOTAL DEFICIT REQUEST TO ABOUT \$15.7 MILLION. NOW, THE CONCERN THAT I'VE GOT AND THE CONCERN THAT OTHER APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE IS WHETHER OR NOT WE NEED TO ANNUALIZE THAT \$15.7 MILLION THAT THEY'VE ASKED FOR A DEFICIT OVER THIS UPCOMING BIENNIUM. THAT'S THE CONCERNS THAT WE AS A COMMITTEE HAVE TO WRESTLE WITH AS WE'RE FINALIZING OUR BUDGET PROCESS THROUGH THE NEXT SIX WEEKS. BUT WHAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW IS THAT FIRST STEP, THAT WE DON'T MOVE FORWARD AND PROVIDE THIS EMERGENCY DEFICIT REQUEST, FOR THE FIRST TIME I THINK ANYONE CAN REMEMBER, WE'LL HAVE GOVERNMENT SHUT DOWN EFFECTIVELY IN THE DIVISION OF CHILD WELFARE. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT IS NOT HOW WE WANT TO SEE STATE GOVERNMENT BE OPERATED. AND, YES, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO IDENTIFY, I THINK, THE CAUSES AND THE PROBLEMS OF THIS, WHICH SENATOR CAMPBELL MENTIONED. MAJORITY OF IT COMING FROM THE MISMANAGEMENT IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN RESPECTS TO FEDERAL FINES AND FEDERAL PAY BACKS OF FEDERAL IV-E WAIVER DOLLARS. SO, COLLEAGUES, I'D URGE YOU TO ADOPT AM242 TO THE UNDERLYING BILL. ONCE AGAIN, THERE ARE EMERGENCY DEFICIT REQUESTS THAT FALL OUTSIDE OF OUR TRADITIONAL BUDGET PROCESS, BUT IT SETS THE STAGE FOR WHAT WE ALL KNOW LIES AHEAD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THAT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES IN THAT AGENCY, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF CHILD WELFARE AND THAT WHILE WE HAVE A SMALL CHANGE TODAY AND A SMALL CASH FLOW RELATED REQUEST TO ENSURE THAT PROGRAM DOESN'T SHUT DOWN ON APRIL 15, WE HAVE A LOT OF HEAVY LIFTING STILL TO DO MOVING FORWARD AS WE FINALIZE THIS YEAR'S BUDGET. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE CLOSING ON AM242. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY VOTING AYE; ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. HAVE ALL VOTED

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THAT WISH TO? MR. CLERK. [LB430]

CLERK: 37 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR MELLO'S AMENDMENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. [LB430]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB430]

SENATOR HANSEN: YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB430 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR...SENATOR GROENE. [LB430]

SENATOR GROENE: THANK YOU, PRESIDENT, MR. PRESIDENT. I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR. I'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF SPEAKING TOO CLEARLY, BUT TO SENATOR MELLO'S COMMENT THAT HE TOOK EXCEPTION TO, I DIDN'T SAY I WAS AGAINST THE AMENDMENT. I NEVER MENTIONED IF I WAS FOR OR AGAINST IT. I WAS ASKING QUESTIONS TO ITS REASONING TO WHY WE WERE DOING IT. I UNDERSTAND, I SUPPORT FOSTER CARE. I SUPPORT CHILDREN. I HAD NOTHING AGAINST THE TRANSFER. I WANTED TO KNOW WHY AND I WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE \$7 MILLION WAS GOING TO COME FROM IN THE FUTURE. BECAUSE I DO UNDERSTAND THAT \$7 MILLION IS \$7 MILLION. AND IF IT WAS IN THE FUND, IF IT WAS IN 347, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, IT HAD TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, HOW MUCH WE WERE GOING TO GIVE FOR NEXT YEAR. I UNDERSTAND THE FLUCTUATIONS OF SOME ACCOUNTS. BUT THAT \$7 MILLION WAS THERE. IT IS NO LONGER THERE. IT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR THE NEXT BIENNIUM BUDGET. AND I DON'T BELIEVE \$7 MILLION IS JUST A MINOR AMOUNT TO BE TRANSFERRED. BUT, NO, I WAS FOR THE AMENDMENT. IT HAS TO HAPPEN, AND I'M JUST TRYING TO BE AHEAD OF THE GAME HERE SO THAT WE ALL REALIZE WE GOT TO BE MORE DILIGENT IN WHAT WE DO AND WHAT WE VOTE FOR. I HEARD TWO OR THREE BILLS THAT WERE PASSED IN 2013. IT ALL SOUNDED GOOD, GOING TO HELP CHILDREN, BUT THEY HAD A PRICE TAG AND THAT WAS PART OF THE REASONING THEY CAME UP \$7 MILLION SHORT. SO AS I LOOK AT THE BILLS COMING UP AND THEY COME AT US FAST, WITH A LITTLE NICE CHANGE HERE AT THE HHS AND A LITTLE ONE HERE TO THE PROGRAM, \$115,000 FOR VACCINATION, A LITTLE BIT HERE, AND THEN WE THROW OUR HANDS IN THE AIR AND SAY, WE DIDN'T KNOW. WE DIDN'T KNOW. WELL, WE OUGHT TO LOOK AT THE DIMES AND ALSO THE \$7 MILLIONS WHEN WE VOTE ON THINGS. SO THAT'S MY POINT. I SUPPORT THIS THING. WE HAVE

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TO DO IT. WHEN YOU TAKE ON A NEW JOB AS A MANAGER, YOU GOT TO CLEAN UP THE MESSSES AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE. SO, THANK YOU. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB430]

SENATOR HANSEN: YES, MR. PRESIDENT. I MOVE THAT LB430 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB430]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB430 IS ADVANCED. MR. CLERK. [LB430]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, THE NEXT BILL LB269, SENATOR, I HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER19, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 440.) [LB269]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB269]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB269 BE ADOPTED. [LB269]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB269 IS ADVANCED. (DOCTOR OF THE DAY INTRODUCED.) SENATOR HANSEN. [LB269]

SENATOR HANSEN: YES, MR. PRESIDENT. I MOVE THAT LB269 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB269]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB269]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, IF I MAY, RIGHT BEFORE THAT, THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE WILL HAVE AN EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE SOUTH BALCONY AT 9:50. AG COMMITTEE, 9:50, SOUTH BALCONY.

SENATOR HANSEN, LB94. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL, SENATOR. [LB94]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB94]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB94 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB94]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB94]

CLERK: LB52, SENATOR. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB52]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB52]

SENATOR HANSEN: I MOVE THAT LB52 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB52]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF ADVANCING LB52 FOR ENGROSSING SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB52]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR, LB260. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB260]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB260]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB260 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB260]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB260]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR, LB261 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS, FIRST OF ALL. (ER23, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 440.) [LB261]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB261]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENT TO LB261 BE ADOPTED. [LB261]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THERE IS A MOTION TO ADOPT THE E&R AMENDMENTS ON LB261. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. [LB261]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, SENATOR. [LB261]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB261]

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SENATOR HANSEN: I MOVE THAT LB261 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB261]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE AMENDMENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. I DID NOT HEAR THAT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB261]

CLERK: LB271, SENATOR, DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER24, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 441.) [LB271]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB271]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS BE ADOPTED. [LB271]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE E&R AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB271]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB271 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB271]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB271]

CLERK: SENATOR, LB241. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB241]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB241]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB241 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB241]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED. THE BILL IS MOVED. MR. CLERK. [LB241]

CLERK: LB305, SENATOR. LB305 DOES HAVE AN ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER21, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 455.) [LB305]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB305]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB305 BE ADOPTED. [LB305]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB305]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB305 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB305]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB305]

CLERK: LB107. SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB107]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB107]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB107 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB107]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB107]

CLERK: LB87, SENATOR. THERE ARE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS, FIRST OF ALL. (ER26, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 486.) [LB87]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB87]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB87 BE ADOPTED. [LB87]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB87]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB87 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB87]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE AMENDMENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB87]

CLERK: SENATOR, LB90. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB90]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB90]



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SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB90 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB90]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB90]

CLERK: LB194, SENATOR. I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB194]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB194]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB194 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB194]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE BILL IS MOVED TO E&R. MR. CLERK. [LB194]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR, LB301, THERE ARE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER28, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 490.) [LB301]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB301]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB301 BE ADOPTED. [LB301]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB301]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB301 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB301]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB301]

CLERK: LB314, SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB314]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB314]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB314 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB314]

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SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB314 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB314]

CLERK: LB252, SENATOR, THERE ARE E&R AMENDMENTS PENDING. (ER29, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 490.) [LB252]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB252]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB252 BE ADOPTED. [LB252]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED. AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB252]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB252 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB252]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB252 IS ADVANCED FOR E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB252]

CLERK: LB286, SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB286]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB286]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB286 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB286]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. ALL THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. LB286 IS ADVANCED TO THE E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB286]

CLERK: LB116, SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB116]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB116]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB116 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB116]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. LB116 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR

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ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB116]

CLERK: MR. SPEAKER, SENATOR, LB266 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER30, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 490.) [LB266]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB266]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB266 BE ADOPTED. [LB266]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB116...E&R AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED...I'M SORRY, LB266. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB266]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB266 BE ADVANCED TO ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW FOR ADOPTING. [LB266]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB266]

CLERK: SENATOR, LB312 HAS NO AMENDMENTS PENDING. [LB312]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB312]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB312 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB312]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB312 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB312]

CLERK: SENATOR, LB313 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER31, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 491.) [LB313]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB313]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS FOR LB313 BE ADOPTED. [LB313]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB313]

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SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB313 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB313]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB313]

CLERK: LB45, SENATOR, DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER32, LEGISLATIVE PAGE 491.) [LB45]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB45]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB45 BE ADOPTED. [LB45]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION IS ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB45]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB45 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB45]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. LB45 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB45]

CLERK: SENATOR, LB180 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER33, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 491.) [LB180]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB180]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB180 BE ADOPTED. [LB180]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB180]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB180 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB180]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU HAVE HEARD THE AMENDMENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. LB180 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. MR. CLERK. [LB180]

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CLERK: SENATOR, LB298 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER35, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 491.) [LB298]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB298]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB298 BE ADOPTED. [LB298]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB298, THE E&R AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB298]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB298 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB298]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB298 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. SENATOR HANSEN...OR I MEAN, MR. CLERK. [LB298]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB352 DOES HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS. (ER34, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 491.) [LB352]

SPEAKER HADLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB352]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB352'S E&R AMENDMENTS BE ADOPTED. [LB352]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THERE IS A MOTION TO ADOPT THE E&R AMENDMENTS ON LB352. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. THE MOTION PASSES. SENATOR HANSEN. [LB352]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB352 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB352]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YOU'VE HEARD THE AMENDMENT. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SIGNIFY BY SAYING AYE. OPPOSED, NAY. LB352 IS ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB352]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, BEFORE WE PROCEED, ONE ITEM, SENATOR KINTNER OFFERS LR61. THAT'S A RESOLUTION THAT WILL BE LAID OVER AT THIS TIME. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 550-551.) [LR61]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: MR. CLERK.

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU. LB88 IS THE NEXT BILL. SENATOR, NO ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WOULD MOVE TO AMEND. SENATOR, I HAVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT WHICH IS AM184 IN FRONT OF ME. THIS WAS FILED EARLIER, SENATOR, AM184. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 424.) [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON THE AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU. MR. CLERK, I ASSUME THAT'S THE ONE THAT TAKES IT TO \$8.50? [LB88]

CLERK: THIS ONE SAYS, SENATOR: ON PAGE 2, LINE STRIKE "SIXTEEN" AND INSERT "EIGHT" AND AFTER "DOLLARS" INSERT "AND FIFTY CENTS". [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, THAT'S THE ONE I WANT NOW. [LB88]

CLERK: OKAY. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN ON THE AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. THIS GOT UP A LITTLE QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT IT WOULD. I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DO THE BACK OF THE AGENDA ALSO, BUT APPARENTLY WE'RE NOT. SO WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE, COLLEAGUES, IS YOU RECALL A COUPLE WEEKS AGO WE HAD A LONG, EXTENDED DEBATE ON THE INCREASE OF MARRIAGE FEES. THEY WERE WANTING TO TAKE THAT FEE UP TO \$50. AN AGREEMENT WAS FINALLY REACHED THAT AMENDED IT TO \$25. WE, HOWEVER, DID NOT AT THAT TIME AGREE TO AN AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE REQUEST FOR A COPY OF THAT MARRIAGE LICENSE, WHICH THEY NOW WANT TO RAISE TO \$16 FROM \$5, AND OVER A 300 PERCENT INCREASE. MY AMENDMENT TAKES IT FROM \$5 TO \$8.50, WHICH IS THE SAME PERCENTAGE INCREASE AS THE LICENSE ITSELF WAS. I THINK THIS IS A COMMONSENSE THING. WE'RE GOING TO HEAR REPEATEDLY, WELL, THE STATE CHARGES MORE THAN THAT. THAT MAY WELL BE. THAT DOESN'T NECESSARILY MAKE IT RIGHT. YOU WILL BE A LONG WHILE CONVINCING ME THAT IT COSTS THE COUNTIES \$16 TO MAKE A COPY OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE. SO THE OPENING IS GOING TO BE BRIEF. I HOPE YOU

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SUPPORT THIS. A 300 PERCENT INCREASE TO THE TAXPAYERS, AND YOU'RE GOING TO FIND THE COURTHOUSES ARE ALL IN FAVOR OF THIS INCREASE AS THEY ARE ANY INCREASE THAT PUTS MORE MONEY INTO THE COURTHOUSE. THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE TO PAY THE FEE, THOUGH, ARE YOUR VOTERS AND THE PEOPLE WE'RE HERE TO REPRESENT. SO I'D ASK TO YOU TAKE A QUICK LOOK AT THIS. LET'S REDUCE THAT DOWN TO A SOMEWHAT MANAGEABLE \$8.50 AND SEE IF WE CAN MOVE ON TODAY. THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS THAT I HAVE ALREADY DROPPED TAKE IT TO \$8 AND THE FOLLOWING ONE AFTER THAT TAKE IT TO \$7.50. SO I DON'T WANT TO TAKE THIS TO FOUR HOURS, BUT I THINK THE PEOPLE DESERVE TO HAVE THIS LOOKED AT AND A 300 PERCENT INCREASE IS JUST WRONG. THANK YOU, COLLEAGUES. PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING THIS AND WE'LL SEE WHERE WE GO. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANKS, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON AM184. SENATOR CAMPBELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND COLLEAGUES. I WANT TO REVIEW JUST A LITTLE BIT OF MY OPENING TO LB88. I INTRODUCED LB88 AT THE REQUEST OF THE NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY OFFICIALS. THE BILL IS A FOLLOW UP TO LAST YEAR'S LB994, WHICH I INTRODUCED ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. THAT BILL INCREASED THE STATE'S FEE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE FROM \$11 TO \$16. AT THE TIME OF LB994'S HEARING, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT COUNTIES MAY ISSUE A CERTIFIED COPY FOR ONLY \$5 AND THAT THE COUNTY'S FEES SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THE STATE'S. THIS SUGGESTION WAS NOT ONLY TO ALIGN THE FEES, BUT TO RECOGNIZE THAT COUNTIES EXPENSES FOR ISSUING CERTIFIED COPIES HAVE INCREASED. TO COVER THOSE COSTS AND TO ALIGN THE COUNTY WITH THE STATE, LB88 WOULD CHANGE THE COUNTY'S FEE TO \$16. I WANT TO EXPLAIN HOW LB994 CAME INTO BEING. PRIOR TO THE 2014 SESSION, I HAD A MEETING WITH THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE, AND AT THAT POINT GOVERNOR HEINEMAN KNEW THAT THERE WOULD BE A SHORTFALL IN COVERING THIS EXPENSE. OBVIOUSLY THE \$11 WAS NOT COVERING THE EXPENSE OF WHAT IT TOOK TO PUT TOGETHER A CERTIFIED MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE. AND SO THE SUGGESTION WAS TO TAKE AT THAT POINT, DO WE TAKE IT OUT OF THE GENERAL FUNDS TO COVER THE EXTRA EXPENSE OR DO WE RAISE THAT FEE? THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND DETERMINED THAT TO COVER THE COST, SO THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE TO USE GENERAL FUNDS, WAS \$16. I WOULD SAY THAT \$16 CHARGED BY THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE IS APROPOS FOR THE USE BY COUNTIES WHETHER YOU'RE RESEARCHING IT IN LINCOLN, NEBRASKA, OR IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THAT IS WHAT HAD BEEN DETERMINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE THAT WAS NECESSARY TO

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COVER THAT COST. AND THAT IS WHY THAT FEE WAS A PART OF LB88. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION OR TWO IF HE WILL YIELD. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES, I WOULD. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, IN ORDER THAT WHAT I SAY IS CLEAR AND WHAT IT'S RELATED TO, WHAT IS THE CURRENT AMOUNT CHARGED FOR ONE OF THESE COPIES? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: AT THE COUNTY LEVEL, IT'S \$5. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND THE BILL WOULD RAISE IT TO WHAT LEVEL? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: TO \$16. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND YOUR AMENDMENT WOULD DO WHAT? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: WOULD TAKE IT TO \$8.50, WHICH IS THE SAME PERCENTAGE INCREASE AS WE WENT ON THE MARRIAGE LICENSE ITSELF. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND THE REASON I WANTED THAT, IF THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO WILL READ THE TRANSCRIPT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S WORDS IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTIONS WILL MAKE IT CLEAR WHAT IT IS THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT AND I WON'T HAVE TO CONTINUE TO REPEAT IT, UNLESS I MAY DO SO. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I AM WEARY OF THE COUNTIES. IN FACT, I AM DISGUSTED WITH THE COUNTIES. I AM SICK TO DEATH OF THE COUNTIES. I SIT ON THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE AND THEY HAD A BILL BROUGHT TO REQUIRE INMATES IN COUNTY JAILS TO MAKE A COPAY IF THEY INITIATE A REQUEST FOR MEDICAL SERVICE. THE MINIMUM IS \$10 AND IT CAN GO UP TO ANY AMOUNT. AND SINCE COUNTY PRISONERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO MAKE ANY MONEY, THE COPAY WILL BE PAID FROM WHATEVER ACCOUNT THAT INMATE MAY HAVE AND THE MONEY THAT GOES INTO THE ACCOUNT WILL COME FROM FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND THEY WILL TAKE 50 PERCENT OF THAT



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UNTIL THE COPAY HAS BEEN MET. THAT IS PREPOSTEROUS. I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING I CAN TO KILL THAT BILL AND EVERY OTHER BILL THAT THE COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE BROUGHT. THAT INCLUDES THIS ONE. EXCEPT SENATOR BLOOMFIELD HAD DISCUSSED HIS AMENDMENT ON GENERAL FILE AT A TIME WHEN I HAD NOT ARRIVED AT THE POINT OF DECIDING TO FIGHT EVERYTHING THE COUNTIES BRING TO US. SO I'M NOT GOING TO TRY TO KILL THIS BILL, BUT I'M GOING TO ASSIST THAT EFFORT IF SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO DO IT. AND IF SENATOR BLOOMFIELD FEELS THAT FOUR HOURS NEED TO BE TAKEN, HE WON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE. THESE COUNTY OFFICIALS HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES. I'D LIKE TO ASK SENATOR CAMPBELL A QUESTION. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: YES, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR CAMPBELL, WE KNOW THE NATURE OF A COUNTY BOARD. DO THEY HAVE ANY MECHANISM BY WHICH THEY CAN RAISE OR GENERATE REVENUE OTHER THAN BY THESE FEES? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR CHAMBERS, THE COUNTIES ARE MAINLY FUNDED THROUGH THE PROPERTY TAX. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: WELL, WHO SETS THE PROPERTY TAX RATE? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THE COUNTIES DO SET THEIR LEVY RATE WITHIN THE STATUTE THAT LIMITS THEM. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND ARE THEY AT THAT LIMIT RIGHT NOW? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR CHAMBERS, I WOULD SURMISE THAT A FEW SMALL COUNTIES MAY BE AT THAT LIMIT, BUT I DO NOT THINK THEY...ALL OF THEM WOULD BE NEAR THAT OR A LARGE PERCENTAGE WOULDN'T BE NEAR THEIR LEVY LIMIT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THIS FEE, OR AS I CALL IT A TAX, IS STRICTLY A REVENUE RAISER, IN MY OPINION. I THINK I HEARD YOU SAY THAT IT COSTS MORE THAN WHAT THEY'RE CHARGING RIGHT NOW TO GENERATE ONE OF THESE COPIES. DID I MISHEAR OR IS THAT WHAT YOU SAID? [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: SENATOR CHAMBERS, UNDER LB994 WHICH WE HAD LAST YEAR, THE LEGISLATIVE FISCAL OFFICE DID A STUDY IN TERMS OF

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WHAT IT WOULD COST AND THAT WAS THEIR RECOMMENDATION THAT WE GO TO \$16. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE FISCAL OFFICE DOES NOT ESTABLISH POLICY. AND I'M WONDERING IF THEY HAD RECOMMENDED THAT THAT AMOUNT BE REDUCED WOULD THE COUNTIES BE BRINGING THAT FINDING TO US TO SHOW A REDUCTION. I THINK THE FISCAL OFFICE STAFF DOES A MAGNIFICENT JOB. AND MY COMMENTS ARE NOT DESIGNED TO IN ANY WAY DEMEAN WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, A RECOMMENDATION OR WHATEVER. AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU'D CALL IT A RECOMMENDATION OR A DECLARATION THAT IF YOU WANT TO RAISE SUCH AND SUCH AN AMOUNT, THIS IS THE WAY YOU WOULD DO IT. BUT WE ARE THE... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME HAS EXPIRED, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: BUT YOU MAY CONTINUE ON YOUR NEXT TURN, SENATOR CHAMBERS. YOU MAY CONTINUE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. WE ESTABLISH THE POLICY. I THINK THESE COUNTIES HAVE REACHED THE POINT THAT ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS COME TO CERTAIN COMMITTEES AND SAY "GIMME" AND THEY MADE THE MISTAKE OF DOING IT WITH THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WHERE I SIT, AND THIS ATROCIOUS BILL HAS ALREADY BEEN KILLED BY THE COMMITTEE ON AT LEAST ONE OCCASION, BUT THEY BROUGHT IT AGAIN. THEY SEND PEOPLE TO REPRESENT THEM, WHOM I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE OUT AFTER IN A HARSH MANNER. BUT AT SOME POINT, THEY ARE PAID TO BRING THAT STUFF TO THE COMMITTEE AND I'M GOING TO START TREATING THEM LIKE ANY OTHER LOBBYIST SO THAT THEY WILL TELL THOSE PEOPLE, YOU'RE NOT PAYING ME ENOUGH FOR THIS. I DON'T FORMULATE THESE PLANS AND THESE NOTIONS; YOU ALL DO. PAY ME MORE MONEY OR SEND SOMEBODY ELSE. AND I HAVE STATED WHEN SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE COME BEFORE THESE COMMITTEES HAVE THAT JOB TO DO THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN QUESTIONS I WON'T PUT TO THEM BECAUSE THEY MAY NOT KNOW THE ANSWER. THESE COUNTIES ARE FREE LOADERS, IN MY OPINION. THEY DON'T WANT TO ASSUME THEIR RESPONSIBILITY. IF ONE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE JOB IS TO RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX, DON'T GET ON THE COUNTY BOARD IF YOU DON'T WANT TO DO YOUR JOB. BUT AS LONG AS I'M A MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE NOW, AT LEAST IT'S MY POSITION AT THIS POINT, I MAY BE PREVAILED UPON TO CHANGE IT IN THE FUTURE. BUT I AM NOT SYMPATHETIC TO THE COUNTIES WHEN THEY COME. WITH ALL OF

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THIS TALK OF REDUCING PROPERTY TAX, EVERY ISSUE THAT COMES BEFORE US NOW, SOMEBODY SAYS, WELL, THIS HAS TO DO WITH PROPERTY TAX, THIS HAS TO DO WITH PROPERTY TAX, THAT HAS TO DO WITH PROPERTY TAX, THE OTHER HAS TO DO WITH PROPERTY TAX. THEN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND OTHERS SAY, WELL, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT, WE WANT TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX OF THESE BIG SHOTS WHO MAKE A LOT OF MONEY IN THE CORPORATIONS. I'M NOT ON THAT BANDWAGON. IN FACT, I WANT TO DIG A RUT THAT WILL MAKE IT TIP OVER. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A BIG AX HANDLE AND STICK IT IN THE SPOKES OF THE BANDWAGON'S WHEELS AND BRING IT TO A HALT. THOSE THINGS WHETHER THEY'RE PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNOR OR THE REVENUE COMMITTEE MAY GO THROUGH, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING SLIDE THROUGH IN THE WAY THAT SOME PEOPLE MIGHT THINK THEY ARE. NOBODY WANTS TO PAY TAXES. NOBODY. IT IS FOOLISH FOR THESE POLITICIANS AND THE GOVERNOR TO SAY WE WENT AROUND THE STATE AND ASKED PEOPLE, DO YOU WANT TO PAY TAXES? THAT'S ONE OF THE STUPIDEST QUESTIONS A POLITICIAN CAN ASK. WHAT DO YOU THINK THE ANSWER IS? THAT'S LIKE A TEACHER COMING TO THE STUDENTS AND SAYING, DO YOU ALL WANT TO DO A LOT OF HOMEWORK TONIGHT? WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON IN THE HEADS OF THESE POLITICIANS FROM THE GOVERNOR RIGHT ON DOWN? START A POLL, ANYWHERE, ON WHETHER PEOPLE WANT TO PAY TAXES. YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES FOR EVEN ASKING SUCH AN ASININE QUESTION, AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS. AND THEY PROBABLY FEEL THAT IF THESE POLITICIANS ARE STUPID ENOUGH TO ASK A QUESTION LIKE THAT AND OUR ANSWER IS GOING TO DETERMINE WHAT THEY DO, HEAVENS, NO, WE DON'T WANT TO PAY TAXES. HEAVENS, YES, THEY'RE TOO HIGH. WELL, WHAT SHOULD THEY BE? WELL, LESS THAN WHAT THEY ARE NOW. AND THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE INTELLIGENT DISCOURSE, INTELLIGENT INTERACTION BETWEEN ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE ELECTORATE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THERE IS NO WAY THAT TAXES ARE GOING TO GO AWAY. AND IF YOU NEED A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF REVENUE IN THE BUCKET, EVERY TIME YOU LET SOMEONE ELSE REFRAIN FROM PUTTING THEIR SHARE IN, THOSE WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR SHARE IN WILL HAVE THEIR SHARE INCREASED. SO THESE PEOPLE RUN AROUND HERE ACTING LIKE, ALL YOU DO IS CUT THE TAXES AND SOMEHOW THE REVENUE IS GOING TO BE THERE TO DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. BUT ON THE OTHER HAND IN THE BACK OF THEIR MIND AND IT'S COMING TO THE FOREFRONT, WE'LL CUT CERTAIN PROGRAMS. WE'LL CUT THOSE PROGRAMS OF THE NEEDIEST. AND I'M GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT ALL THESE CHURCHES COMING IN HERE WHO ARE SO OFFENDED WHAT I HAVE HAD TO SAY BECAUSE THEY OUGHT TO

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GET OFF THEIR DUFFS AND SPEAK IN BEHALF OF THE POOR ON THESE KIND OF BILLS, NOT JUST WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT MATTERS THAT RELATE TO SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, FAMILY PLANNING. TALK ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE NOW. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, IT'S NOT MY INTENT TO KILL THIS BILL. IF THAT'S THE FINAL OUTCOME, THEN SO BE IT, BUT THAT'S NOT MY INTENT. MY INTENT IS TO TRY TO SAVE THE FEE PAYERS, THE PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY HAVE TO GET THESE COPIES, THAT ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE THESE COPIES TO GET SOMETHING DONE. IS SENATOR KINTNER IN THE ROOM? IF SO, I'D LIKE TO ASK HIM A QUESTION. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR KINTNER, WOULD YOU PLEASE YIELD IF YOU'RE IN THE ROOM. I DON'T SEE HIM, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU. SENATOR KINTNER RELAYED TO ME AND IF AND WHEN HE COMES IN, I'LL ASK HIM TO CLARIFY IT, THAT WHEN HE AND HIS WIFE CAME TO NEBRASKA THEY NEEDED TO GET SIX COPIES OF THEIR MARRIAGE LICENSE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE NEEDED SIX COPIES FOR. IT WASN'T MY BUSINESS, I DIDN'T PURSUE THAT. BUT SIX COPIES AT \$16 A COPY ADDS UP PRETTY FAST. AT \$8.50 A COPY, IT ADDS UP PRETTY FAST IF YOU NEED MULTIPLE COPIES. BUT FOR ANYONE TO PRETEND THAT IT COSTS THESE COUNTIES \$16 TO PRODUCE A LICENSE, WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE ALREADY PAID WHETHER THEY'RE DOING ANYTHING THERE OR NOT, JUST DOESN'T PASS THE SMELL TEST. I GOT ONE OF THESE LITTLE WHITE PIECES OF PAPER ASKING ME TO COME OUT IN THE LOBBY AND VISIT WITH NACO. AND THEIR ADVICE TO ME WAS INSTEAD OF TRYING TO LOWER THIS, PUT AN AMENDMENT ON THE BILL TO LOWER THE STATE FEE. THAT'S THE ARROGANCE THAT NACO SHARES WITH US NOW. I AM BEGINNING TO DEVELOP SENATOR CHAMBERS' DISTASTE FOR SOME OF THE COUNTIES' ACTIONS. YOU KNOW, ON ANOTHER MATTER ENTIRELY, NACO CAME BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WHERE I HAPPEN TO SIT AND INTRODUCED OR DIDN'T INTRODUCE BUT SUPPORTED A BILL AND ASSURED US THAT EVERYBODY WAS ON BOARD WITH IT. I HAPPENED TO HAVE A MEETING WITH THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SOME OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN MY COUNTIES WHEN I GOT HOME AND NONE OF THEM HAD EVER HEARD OF

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THE BILL. MOST OF THEM DID NOT SUPPORT IT. AND, IN FACT, VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE IT. SO WHEN NACO COMES IN AND TELLS YOU THAT SOMETHING IS, OH, BOY THAT'S GREAT AND WONDERFUL, IT'S NOT NECESSARILY TRUE. AND IT BOTHERS ME TO SAY THAT BECAUSE I LIKE MY COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR THE MOST PART. BUT I HAVE YET TO SEE A COUNTY OFFICIAL WHO WILL TURN DOWN A DIME THAT WE ARE WILLING TO GIVE THEM OR THAT WE ARE WILLING TO FORCE THE PEOPLE OF THEIR COUNTIES TO GIVE THEM. AND, AGAIN, I GO BACK TO MY FUNDAMENTAL POINT. THREE HUNDRED-PLUS PERCENT INCREASE IS ASININE, ABSURD, AND NOT NEEDED. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. (VISITORS INTRODUCED.) SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. SENATOR, THIS IS YOUR THIRD OPPORTUNITY ON THIS AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I MAY HAVE TO OFFER SOME MOTIONS ON THIS BILL TO SAY WHAT I WANT TO SAY. WHEN THE "PROFESSOR" IS NEXT TO ME, HE CAN PUT THIS GADGET IN OPERATION AND CALL UP THINGS THAT NEED TO BE CALLED UP. BUT IN HIS ABSENCE, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE DUE THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY OF USING...WHAT I'M TRYING TO DO IS CALL UP A COPY OF THE AMENDMENT WE'RE NOW DISCUSSING, "PROFESSOR" SCHUMACHER, IF YOU WOULD. THAT MACHINE DOES NOT OBEY ME OR COOPERATE. HERE'S WHY I AM SO OFFENDED AT A LOT THAT IS GOING ON THIS SESSION. THERE ARE GROUPS WHO ARE GOING TO COME IN HERE AND BEHAVE LIKE LOBBYISTS, BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE LOBBYISTS. THEY THINK IF THEY HAVE A CLERGY COLLAR, WHICH IN MY COMMUNITY WE CALL A BACKWARD COLLAR, OR WEAR A ROBE AND THEY HAVE CERTAIN RELIGIOUS INCANTATIONS IT'S GOING TO MAKE ME A DIFFERENCE. WHERE IT WILL MAKE ME A DIFFERENCE IS IF YOU KEEP IT IN YOUR CHURCH AND I WON'T HEAR IT AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO HEAR WHAT I HAVE TO SAY. BUT WHEN YOU BRING THINGS TO THIS LEGISLATIVE FLOOR AND YOU ATTACK THINGS ON THIS LEGISLATIVE FLOOR, THAT'S YOUR PRIVILEGE, BUT DON'T LOOK FOR ANY PRIVILEGE THAT SAYS YOU WILL BE EXEMPT FROM CRITICISM AND BEING CALLED TO ACCOUNT. THE CHURCHES ARE THE ONES WHO ALWAYS GOT THEIR HANDS STUCK OUT. THEY WANT TO BE EXEMPTED FROM THIS LAW, EXEMPTED FROM THAT LAW, AND EVERY LAW OR RULE OR PRINCIPLE FROM WHICH THEY WANT TO BE EXEMPTED HAS TO DO WITH THE WELFARE OF A PARTICULAR GROUP WHO ARE NOT POWERFUL ENOUGH OR POLITICALLY POTENT ENOUGH TO AFFECT THE LEGISLATURE IN THE WAY THESE BIG CHURCHES CAN DO. AND SOMEBODY ON THIS FLOOR HAS TO STAND UP TO THEM AND I SHALL. I DON'T CARE A FINGER POP FOR ANY OF THESE RELIGIONS, AND MOST OF YOU DON'T EITHER. I DO FOR AMUSEMENT LISTEN

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TO THE PRAYERS THAT ARE UTTERED EVERY MORNING BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE VIOLATED ALL DAY WHEN WE'RE OPERATING ON THIS FLOOR. I HAVE YET TO HEAR A PRAYER UTTERED. AND, BY THE WAY, THEY'RE ALWAYS BEGGING. EVERY TIME THEY PRAY TO WHOEVER THEY PRAY TO, GIVE US THIS, HELP US DO THAT. WE WANT THE OTHER, LEAD US AND GUIDE US. YOU'VE GOT EYES SO YOU CAN SEE. YOU DON'T NEED ANYBODY TO GUIDE YOU. YOU ARE NOT STEVIE WONDER. YOU ARE NOT RAY CHARLES. SO USE YOUR EYES AND USE YOUR BRAINS. BUT IF YOU DON'T, THAT'S UP TO YOU. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO PUT THE RESTRICTIONS ON MYSELF THAT YOU PUT ON YOURSELVES. LISTEN TO THE PRAYERS THAT ARE UTTERED HERE EVERY MORNING. THANK YOU, "PROFESSOR". AND ASK YOURSELF, IF THE LEGISLATURE WHICH HAS PLENARY AUTHORITY UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE TO ENACT LAWS, CREATE PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THOSE WE ARE TO BE REPRESENTING AND SHOWING CONCERN FOR, SUCH BEING THE CASE, WHAT PRAYER HAS BEEN ASKED THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ON OUR OWN? AND IF THERE IS THIS WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE PRAYING TO, IN EXISTENCE, CAN YOU SEE WHY IT DOESN'T PAY ATTENTION TO YOU? IF IT WERE SPEAKING TO YOU IN A LANGUAGE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND AND IN THE SAME WAY THAT THAT CRITTER IS SUPPOSED TO BE OMNIPOTENT, ALL POWERFUL... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OMNISCIENT, ALL KNOWING, OMNIPRESENT, EVERYWHERE AT THE SAME TIME, IT MUST ALSO BE OMNILINGUAL, ABLE TO SPEAK EVERY LANGUAGE. AND IT'S TELLING YOU NO, NO, AND AGAIN NO. LORD GUIDE US. NO. LORD GIVE US. NO. LORD HELP US. NO. WHY NOT, LORD? BECAUSE YOU CAN DO IT YOURSELF. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE IN A SEATED POSITION ALL THE TIME. STRAIGHTEN YOUR KNEES, LOCK YOUR KNEES, STAND UP, AND YOU CAN WALK UPRIGHT. BUT AS THOREAU OR SOMEBODY SAID, YOU LIE PRONE ON YOUR BACK AND COMPLAIN ABOUT ALL OF THE THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON AND WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE AND YOU NEVER MAKE AN EFFORT TO STAND UPRIGHT ON YOUR FEET AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT YOURSELF. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR GARRETT, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR GARRETT: THANK YOU, MR. LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. I'D LIKE TO YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS IF HE'D LIKE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, 5:00. [LB88]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, "GENERAL." MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, YOU KNOW WHY I GO AFTER THE COUNTIES TODAY? THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE BRINGING THIS TO US NOW. IF THEY THINK THE HEAT IN THE KITCHEN IS TOO SEVERE, WHAT DID THAT GUY TRUMAN OR SOMEBODY SAY? JUST GET OUT OF THE KITCHEN. THEY DON'T WANT TO RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX. SO THEY WANT US TO DO THE WORK FOR THEM. AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT. WE SHOULD NOT DO IT. AND PEOPLE SHOULD STOP ELECTING THOSE PEOPLE EXCEPT THAT THE PUBLIC IS HOODWINKED. THESE PEOPLE RUNNING FOR OFFICE WILL PULL THE WOOL OVER THEIR EYES. THEY GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT LIKE RUMPELSTILTSKIN, THEY CAN FIND A WAY TO SPIN STRAW INTO GOLD. AND THE STRAW ARE THE APPEALS THEY MAKE TO THE DUMB LEGISLATURE AND THE LEGISLATURE OPENS THE STATE COFFERS AND POUR OUT THE GOLD TO THESE LAZY, COWARDLY COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO WILL NOT DO THEIR JOB AND NOT DELIVER ON THE PROMISES THEY MAKE WHEN THEY'RE RUNNING FOR OFFICE. YOU HEAR THE PUBLIC ALWAYS SAYING, THESE POLITICIANS PROMISE THE SAME THING EVERY YEAR WHEN THEY'RE RUNNING OR EVERY CYCLE, THEY DON'T DELIVER. YET THE PUBLIC VOTES FOR THEM CONSTANTLY BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DOES NOT THINK. HITLER SAID, RULERS ARE FORTUNATE THAT THE PEOPLE DO NOT THINK. AND IF HE WANTED TO PROVE IT, HE SAID LOOK AT ME. I WAS ELECTED. I DIDN'T GET IN OFFICE BY WAY OF A REVOLUTION. THE PEOPLE VOTED FOR ME. AND LOOK WHAT THEY GOT. SO WHEN WE CONDUCT OURSELVES IN SUCH A WAY THAT THESE LYING POLITICIANS CAN SHUNT TO US THE RESPONSIBILITY THEY PROMISED TO UNDERTAKE, IT'S ON US TO TELL THEM NO. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD HAS A VERY MODEST PROPOSAL. HE'S NOT SAYING LIKE I WOULD HAVE SAID AT ONE POINT UNTIL SOME ARRANGEMENTS WERE MET, THE BILL DOESN'T HAVE TO GO ANYWHERE. HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT FOR FIVE MORE MINUTES. BUT IF HE HAS TO, HE WILL. ALL OF THIS CAN BE BROUGHT TO AN END BY HAVING THOSE PEOPLE OUT IN THE...OUT THERE REPRESENTING THESE COUNTIES TO SAY RIGHT NOW WHAT THEY'RE ULTIMATELY GOING TO HAVE TO SAY HOURS FROM NOW. WE ACCEPT WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED. THAT'S ALL THEY HAVE TO DO. BUT THEY RULE YOU ALL. YOU'RE THE BOSS AND THEY'RE RUNNING YOU. THEY'RE HERDING YOU. THEY'RE TELLING YOU JUMP AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU DO? YOU DON'T ASK HOW HIGH. THEY SAY JUMP. YOU JUMP FIRST AND THEN YOU SAY, IS THIS HIGH ENOUGH? THAT'S WHY THEY KEEP COMING BACK. THERE WAS ONE OF THOSE FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO SAID IF YOU FIND A SUCKER, THUMP HIS HEAD, BUMP HIS HEAD. AND HE SAID THERE'S A SUCKER BORN EVERY MINUTE. AND THERE...I WON'T GIVE A NUMBER, A NUMBER OF THEM IN THE NEBRASKA LEGISLATURE. THEY BETTER ACCEPT WHAT SENATOR BLOOMFIELD IS OFFERING OR I WILL CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE WITH THIS BILL. HOW CAN I BE SO ARROGANT AS TO SAY WHAT I DECIDE MAKES ANY DIFFERENCE? IT'S NOT ARROGANCE. IT'S COUNTING UP

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THE COST TO THE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE A LOT OF TIME TO A BILL LIKE THIS ON SELECT FILE, THEN ON FINAL READING. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: AND THEN OTHER BILLS THAT THE COUNTIES BRING. THAT'S WHAT I LOOK AT, NOT JUST THIS INSTANT, NOT JUST TODAY, NOT JUST THIS BILL, BUT EVERYTHING THAT MIGHT COME BEFORE US DURING THE REMAINDER OF THIS SESSION. AND THESE THINGS CAN ALL BE LINKED IN THE SAME WAY THAT BEADS OR PEARLS ARE LINKED ON A THREAD TO MAKE A NECKLACE. IF YOU LOOK AT EACH ONE, YOU DON'T GET THE PICTURE. IF YOU SEE THEM ALL, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT A NECKLACE IS AND YOU CAN DETERMINE WHAT ITS PURPOSE AND FUNCTION WILL BE. I WOULD ADVISE THOSE PEOPLE OUT IN THE HALL TO SEND WORD TO SENATOR CAMPBELL OR TO SENATOR BLOOMFIELD THAT YOU ACCEPT THIS MODEST, REASONABLE PROPOSAL BECAUSE I'M GETTING TIREDER AND TIREDER OF THE COUNTIES. AND IF YOU ALL WANT TO HEAR ME GO ON, I'M WILLING TO OBLIGE. IF YOU DON'T WANT ME TO GO ON, LET US ACCEPT NOW WHAT ULTIMATELY IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE ACCEPTED ANYWAY. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND THANK YOU, "GENERAL." [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, IT'S NOT MY INTENT, AS I'VE SAID BEFORE, TO BE UNREASONABLE HERE. I DON'T THINK AN INCREASE OF THIS SIZE FROM \$5 TO \$8.50 IS UNREASONABLE OR UNREASONABLY LOW. AND I ASK YOU AGAIN TO CONSIDER WHO'S PAYING THIS FEE. IT'S PEOPLE THAT ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A COPY. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THEY JUST WANT TO GO IN AND GET A COPY OF SO THEY CAN HANG IT ON THE WALL OR WHATEVER, IT'S SOMETHING THEY ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE FOR SOME PURPOSE. AND WE HAVE OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE ALREADY DRAWING A SALARY, SAYING, IT'S GOING TO TAKE \$16 TO GET A COPY OF THAT. AND IF YOU HAPPEN TO NEED TWO COPIES, IT'S GOING TO BE \$32. IF YOU NEED FIVE COPIES, IT'S GOING TO BE \$80. YOU KNOW, \$80 RIGHT NOW MAYBE TO SOME OF US DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A TERRIBLE AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND MAYBE SOME OF THE YOUNGER FOLKS HERE HAVEN'T SEEN IT. I'VE SEEN A TIME WHEN I PHYSICALLY CRIED OVER THE LOSS OF \$10 BECAUSE I WASN'T SURE WHERE MY KID'S NEXT MEAL WAS GOING TO COME



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FROM. THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA THAT CAN'T AFFORD THESE EXORBITANT FEES. MOST OF US, PARTICULARLY MOST OF US IN THE BODY HERE, CAN AFFORD IT. IT'S NOT A BIG DEAL TO US. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF FOLKS IN NEBRASKA THAT DON'T ENJOY THE \$12,000 A YEAR WE MAKE IN HERE. BUT YOU ARE AS AWARE AS I AM THAT IF YOU DIDN'T HAVE SOMETHING BESIDES THE \$12,000 A YEAR, YOU WOULDN'T BE HERE. SO, LOOK CLOSELY AT THIS. AGAIN, IT IS NOT MY INTENT TO KILL THE BILL. IT IS MY INTENT THAT THE PEOPLE IN NEBRASKA NOT BE PILLAGED BY WHAT A FEW FOLKS IN THE COURTHOUSE THINK THEY NEED. AND THE IDEA THAT THESE FEW LICENSES THAT HAPPEN OUT IN OUR SMALLER COUNTIES ARE GOING TO AFFECT PROPERTY TAX IS SOMEWHAT LAUGHABLE. SO WE'RE GOING TO GET TO A VOTE ON THIS AT SOME POINT. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'LL BE TODAY OR IF IT'LL BE TOMORROW. THAT DEPENDS ON WHAT WE LEARN. BUT WHEN THAT TIME COMES, KEEP IN MIND WHO WE'RE TRYING TO SAVE A FEW DOLLARS. AND IF SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD BE WILLING TO CARRY THE BALL A LITTLE FURTHER, I'D BE GLAD TO PASS IT TO HIM. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, 1:45. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, MY MOOD IS CHANGING. I CAME HERE THIS MORNING IN A VERY GOOD MOOD. I EVEN SHARED MY GOOD MOOD WITH SENATOR EBKE. BUT NOW WE'RE FLIPPING THE COIN AND YOU'RE GOING TO SEE THE OTHER SIDE. KIND SENATOR BLOOMFIELD IS WILLING TO LET THEM HAVE \$8. I'M GOING TO MOVE IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION. I HAVE AN AMENDMENT UP THERE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF THE AMENDMENT TO \$7. AND I'M GOING TO KEEP LOWERING IT AND LOWERING IT UNTIL THEY OUT THERE IN THAT CORRIDOR SHOUT "UNCLE" AND SAY, SENATOR CHAMBERS, ARE YOU WILLING TO LET US HAVE THE \$8 THAT SENATOR BLOOMFIELD SO GENEROUSLY OFFERED EARLIER? THEN I WILL HAVE THEM. AND AS DARTH VADER SAID, I HAVE YOU NOW. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO AMEND SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S AMENDMENT. (FA12, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 551.) [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN ON

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YOUR AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, THE BALL HAS BEEN PASSED TO ME NOW. I WAS NOT GOING TO SPEAK AT LENGTH ON THE BILL. I CERTAINLY WAS NOT GOING TO OFFER ANY AMENDMENTS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD HAD STATED WHAT HIS POSITION WAS. HE ALLOWED THE BILL TO MOVE FROM GENERAL TO SELECT FILE WITHOUT DELAYING IT AT THAT STAGE. HE COULD HAVE HAD US DEBATE IT UNTIL THE EIGHT HOURS HAD ELAPSED. THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE GOTTEN CLOTURE AND IT WOULD MOVE ON OVER HERE TO SELECT FILE AND WE'LL TAKE THE FOUR HOURS HERE. BUT WHATEVER AMOUNT OF TIME REMAINED BEFORE CLOTURE COULD BE EVOKED ON GENERAL FILE WAS FOREGONE BY SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WHO ALLOWED THE BILL TO MOVE. I'M NOT GOING TO BE AS SYMPATHETIC. AND I'M TELLING YOU, THE KIND OF LEGISLATION THAT IS BEING FORCED ON THE LEGISLATURE BY THESE COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE RUBBING ME THE WRONG WAY. SO INSTEAD OF WHINING AND VENTING ONLY, I'M GOING TO DO WHAT IS WITHIN MY POWER UNDER THE RULES TO DO. AFTER ALL, AM NOT I THE ONE WHO CONSTANTLY WILL SAY: WE AS A LEGISLATURE, WE AS INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATORS HAVE CERTAIN PREROGATIVES PURSUANT TO THE CONSTITUTION THAT WILL ATTACH. AND ONE OF THOSE PREROGATIVES I HAVE IS TO DO WHAT I CAN TO HOUND AND HARRY WHAT I CONSIDER BAD LEGISLATION. TO KILL THAT WHICH I CAN. TO CRIPPLE THAT WHICH I CANNOT KILL. AND THAT WHICH IS CRIPPLED WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE AS EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY AND FARTHER ALONG THE TRAIL, MAYBE I'LL BE ABLE TO KILL IT. SO THIS IS A BILL THAT I HAD TALKED TO SENATOR CAMPBELL ABOUT AND INDICATED THAT IF THEY DROPPED THAT AMOUNT TO \$25 ON THE FEE, THEN I WOULD LET THE BILL ALONE AS FAR AS THAT WAS CONCERNED. SO SENATOR KINTNER CRAFTED THE AMENDMENT, BUT THE MOTIVE FORCE BEHIND IT WAS PROVIDED BY ME. I WAS THE REASON FOR THAT AND I COULD HAVE OFFERED THE \$25 AMENDMENT. BUT YOU KNOW WHY I ALLOWED SENATOR KINTNER TO BE THE ONE? SENATOR KINTNER AND SENATOR CAMPBELL HAD BEEN TALKING. AND IF I CAN FACILITATE SOMETHING BEING DONE, THAT'S WHAT I WILL DO. SO I'LL LET THEM WORK IT ON OUT. BUT I'M GOING TO LAY IT ON THE RECORD, IT WAS NOT A VOLUNTARY THING ON THEIR PART. IT WAS NOT A VOLUNTARY THING ON THE PART OF SENATOR KINTNER. THERE IS A PUBLICATION. NOW I DON'T REMEMBER FOR SURE...I THINK IT WAS THE MALLY...THE MALLEUS... SOMETHING, BUT IT MEANT WITCHES' HAMMER. AND THERE ARE TWO GUYS OR SEVERAL OF THEM AND ONE OF THEM WAS CALLED JUDAS MACCABAEUS, KNOWN AS THE HAMMER. AND THEY HAVE WHAT THEY CALL ENFORCERS IN BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL WHO ARE CALLED "THE HAMMER." WELL, THAT'S WHAT I'M WILLING TO BE BECAUSE I WILL NOT BE FRIGHTENED OFF. I WILL NOT BE BOUGHT OFF. I WILL NOT BE

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BARGAINED OFF. AND IF SOMEBODY COMES TO ME AND SAYS, WELL, YOU HAVE BILLS. I SAY, I CERTAINLY DO, AND THANK YOU FOR REMINDING ME, NOW I'M GOING TO LOOK AND SEE EVERY BILL THAT YOU'VE GOT AND I'M GOING TO DO TO YOU WHAT YOU ARE SUGGESTING YOU'RE GOING TO DO TO MINE. AND I WON'T QUIT AND I'LL BE BACK. I CAME BACK FROM HAVING BEEN TERM LIMITED OUT OF THIS BODY. NOBODY HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT AND PROBABLY NOBODY WILL DO IT AGAIN BECAUSE I AM THE RARA AVIS, THE RARE BIRD. BUT UNLIKE WHAT I WROTE IN A RHYME TO THE GOVERNOR, THAT RARE BIRD WHICH I AM IS NOT KNOWN AS A CUCKOO, CUCKOO. I KNOW WHAT IT IS I'M WILLING TO UNDERTAKE. I KNOW HOW FAR I WILL GO, AND I ABIDE THE CONSEQUENCES OF MY ACTIONS. I DON'T ASK FOR MERCY, BUT I GRANT MERCY IF SOMEBODY COMES THE RIGHT WAY, AND THAT'S NOT CRINGING AND CRAWLING. IT'S ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WE ARE TRYING TO GET A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WORK DONE. WE HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO IT IN. AND THE LONGER WE SPEND ON THESE SILLY BILLS THAT ARE BROUGHT TO US BY THE COUNTY OFFICIALS, THE LESS TIME WE HAVE TO ARGUE AND FIGHT AND SCRAMBLE AND STRUGGLE LIKE SCORPIONS IN A BOTTLE OVER PROPERTY TAXES. BUT AS I TOLD YOU ALL IN THE BEGINNING, I'M GOING TO BE HERE THE 90 DAYS. I'M GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING. PERSONALLY, I DON'T CARE WHAT IT IS. AND THAT'S WHY I WILL TAKE TIME ON THIS BILL, AND YOU CAN THANK THE COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR IT BEING THIS WAY. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE ARROGANT. THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE PLAYING THE LEGISLATURE FOR A PATSY, BUT THE LEGISLATURE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A PATSY. AND IT'S MY JOB TO PROVIDE THE BACKBONE THAT THE LEGISLATURE OFTEN DOES NOT HAVE; TO MAKE SURE THAT SPINE IS COMPOSED OF BONE AND NOT JELLO OR AN OVERRIPE BANANA. I WANT THE LEGISLATURE TO STAND UPRIGHT AND NOT BE PUSHED OVER AND SHUNTED ASIDE BY EVERYBODY WHO HAS NO RESPECT FOR US, NO REGARD FOR US. AND SOME PEOPLE HAVE THE NERVE TO BE CRITICAL OF HOW I SPEAK ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE. BUT THEY CAN CRITICIZE. THOSE SAME PEOPLE CRITICIZE THE ONE THEY SUPPOSEDLY WORSHIP, WHICH IS JESUS. AND YOU KNOW HOW THEY CRITICIZE HIM? NOT MERELY BY WORDS BECAUSE WORDS CAN BE IGNORED, BUT BY THROWING CONTEMPT INTO HIS FACE, BY BEHAVING IN A WAY THAT IS SACRILEGIOUS, BY A WAY THAT IS CONSIDERED OR COULD BE CONSIDERED BLASPHEMOUS. THEY ARE FULL OF SOUND AND FURY, AND AS SHAKESPEARE CONCLUDED, SIGNIFYING NOTHING. WHEN THEY GET THROUGH TALKING, THERE IS NOTHING LEFT. THEY'RE LIKE THAT COTTON CANDY THAT YOU COULD GET IN THE OLD DAYS AT A CARNIVAL, BIG AS A BUSHEL BASKET. BUT IF YOU PUT ALL OF IT IN YOUR MOUTH BY REDUCING IT TO THE SUBSTANCE, IT WOULDN'T FILL A THIMBLE. IT'S FULL OF AIR AND ILLUSION. AND THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS ON THIS FLOOR. IT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH THESE RELIGIONS WHO DICTATE TO THEIR PARISHIONERS AND THINK THAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT TO ME. AND

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MY RESPONSE--GET IN THIS RING AND PROTECT YOURSELF AT ALL TIMES. I FOUND A DRAWING THAT I HAD MADE SOME TIME AGO WITH A RHYME, BECAUSE SOME YEARS AGO THERE WAS A CATHOLIC OUTFIT OUT IN NEW YORK WHO TOLD THE LEGISLATURE TO CENSURE ME FOR WHAT I SAID ON THE FLOOR OF THE LEGISLATURE. AND I WANTED THEM TO CENSURE ME, OR ATTEMPT TO DO IT, AND I WELCOME THEM TO TRY TO DO IT NOW. I'M NOT AFRAID OF THEM OR ANYBODY WHO PROFESSES A RELIGION, AND I KNOW THEIR HISTORY. AND I'M AWARE OF THE THINGS THEY DO NOW THAT WOULD MAKE A GOD WEEP IF A GOD HAD TEARS; THAT WOULD MAKE A GOD'S SON MOAN IN THE SPIRIT AND SAY--IS THAT WHAT I WENT DOWN THERE AND SUFFERED FOR?...BASED ON THE MYTH AND THE RUMORS AND THINGS THEY SAY IN THEIR RELIGIOUS SERVICES. HOW DO THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO GET UPSET WITH SOMETHING I SAY WHEN THEIR CONDUCT GOES AGAINST WHAT THEY SAY THEY BELIEVE. THEIR BOSS SAID--WHY CALL YOU ME LORD, LORD, AND YOU DON'T DO WHAT I SAID. I DON'T WANT YOUR WORDS, AND I WON'T TRY TO INVOKE ALL THE TIME THE ONE YOU SAY YOU WORSHIP BY SAYING YOUR DEEDS ARE IMPORTANT. I WILL NOW INVOKE THE WORDS OF YOUR SECRETARY OF STATE KERRY,... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...WHO STATED THAT WHEN YOU HAVE RUSSIA TALKING ABOUT DOING THIS AND DOING THAT, WE'RE NOT GOING TO JUDGE BY WORDS, WE'RE GOING TO JUDGE BY DEEDS. WE WANT TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO DO BECAUSE THEIR WORDS MEAN NOTHING. WELL, IF THAT'S THE WAY IT IS IN WHAT'S CALLED THE NATURAL WORLD AND JESUS MADE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT THAT'S WHAT IT IS IN THE SPIRITUAL WORLD. THE POLITICAL WORLD IS SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN THOSE TWO AND THAT'S WHERE I FUNCTION. SO I'M ENTITLED TO GO BY WHAT'S SAID ON THE LEFT HAND AND WHAT'S SAID ON THE RIGHT HAND AND BRING IT RIGHT HERE AND SAY, YOUR WORDS MEAN NOTHING, YOUR DEEDS MEAN EVERYTHING, AND SINCE THAT'S THE STANDARD I SET FOR EVERYBODY ELSE, I APPLY IT TO MYSELF FIRST. YOU'RE GOING TO SEE DEEDS FROM ME ON THIS BILL AND OTHER BILLS. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE NEXT IN THE QUEUE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND THIS IS ONE OF THOSE WHERE IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO BE THE LONE RANGER, WHICH I DON'T MIND. I ENJOY THAT. I'D LIKE TO ASK IF SENATOR CAMPBELL...OH SHE'S NOT IN THE ROOM, OH, I'D LIKE TO ASK SENATOR CAMPBELL A QUESTION. [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, DO YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: CERTAINLY, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR CAMPBELL, IF I HAD A HEART, I WOULD SAY THAT YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS STOLEN IT, BUT I DON'T HAVE ONE. BUT I WILL SAY WITH WORDS HOW FOND I AM OF YOU, SO THIS THAT I'M SAYING IS NOT DIRECTED AT YOU PERSONALLY. YOU HAVE AGREED, BECAUSE YOU HAVE SUCH A KIND SPIRIT, TO WITHSTAND THE SLINGS AND ARROWS THAT I WILL INFLICT TO HELP SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WORTHY OF WHAT YOU'RE OFFERING. BUT HERE'S MY QUESTION--HAVE YOU DISCUSSED WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MORNING WITH THE PEOPLE WHO ARE OUT THERE IN THE LOBBY AND REPRESENT THESE COUNTY OFFICIALS? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: YES, I HAVE, SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: HAVE THEY GIVEN YOU A FIGURE AT WHICH YOU ARE TO SAY UNCLE AND AGREE TO GO ALONG WITH IT? [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: WE'VE NOT GOTTEN TO THAT POINT, SENATOR CHAMBERS, BUT WE'RE WORKING AT IT. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND IT'S MY JOB TO HELP FACILITATE IT. THAT CLOCK SAYS IT'S 10:38. WE HAVE LESS THAN AN HOUR AND A HALF. YOU THINK THAT I CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO WHAT I'M DOING FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF? EASILY DONE. AND "THE GENERAL" PROBABLY HEARD THIS WHEN HE WAS IN THE MILITARY ALL THOSE LONG YEARS AGO. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY WAS IN THE ARMY EXCEPT THOSE FOOLISH YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T SEE ANY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE BRANCHES. BUT ANYWAY, AS YOUR TIME BEGAN TO RUN OUT, THE SERGEANT WILL TELL YOU, YOU CAN STAND ON YOUR HEAD AND STACK CORNERS IN A BB FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME YOU GOT LEFT, SO DON'T MESS UP NOW. THAT'S WHAT I CAN DO FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF AND I'M PREPARED TO DO IT. THE COUNTY OFFICIALS ARE GOING TO SEE THAT WHEN THEY COME TO THIS TROUGH, THEY'RE GOING TO BE TOLD LIKE MOTHER HUBBARD IN HER CUPBOARD--IT'S BARE, THERE'S NOTHING HERE FOR YOU. AND IF YOU WANT TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING, WE DON'T HAVE A GATEKEEPER ANYMORE, GATES ARE LOCATED WHERE THOSE WHO HAVE SOME DEGREE OF CREDITABILITY WOULD ENTER. SO THERE'S NOT A GATEKEEPER FOR THE COUNTY OFFICIAL. THERE'S A TROUGH KEEPER. I'M THE TROUGH KEEPER. I KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE TROUGH. THERE'S NO GATE FOR THEM TO ENTER AND THEY SHOULD NOT GET THINGS FROM THIS LEGISLATURE. BUT I'M JUST ONE PERSON. BUT I'M DRAWING MY LINE IN THE SAND. AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE

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WHETHER I CAN DELIVER ON WHAT I SAY. BUT FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF, THAT IS SUCH AN EASY THING TO DO. AND I'M GOING TO JUST BE REPETITIVE IF I CHOOSE TO. I MAY EVEN MAKE EVERYBODY MISERABLE BY SINGING A BAR OR TWO FROM A SONG OR TWO. BUT ONE THING IS CERTAIN, I WANT TO TEACH THOSE COUNTY OFFICIALS SOMETHING. WHEN THEY DECIDE TO TAKE A POSITION, THEY DON'T GET ALL 93 OF THE COUNTIES TOGETHER OR REPRESENTATIVES ONE FROM EACH OF THE COUNTIES, THEY HAVE A SMALL NUMBER OF THEM AND THEY SIT AROUND AND WHICHEVER WAY A MAJORITY OF THEM WILL GO BECOMES THE POSITION OF THE COUNTY OFFICIALS. AND IF THOSE COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ARRIVING AT THESE ASININE POSITIONS, IF THEY DON'T WANT TO HAVE THE SPILLOVER ON THEM, THEY'D BETTER START BRINGING SOME BETTER MATERIAL TO THE LEGISLATURE... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OR I'LL JUST DO AS I SAID THAT I'M GOING TO DO. WE'LL JUST GO LIKE OLD MAN RIVER, JUST KEEP ROLLING ALONG. WHY WOULD I BE SO CONCERNED ABOUT THIS COST? I THINK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD MADE THAT CLEAR WHEN HE FIRST SPOKE. YOU CANNOT PERSUADE ME THAT IT COSTS \$8, OR ANY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF MONEY, TO RUN SOMETHING THROUGH A COPY MACHINE, MAYBE PUT A STAMP ON IT AND THEN SIGN IT. AND IF THAT'S WHAT IT'S COSTING, YOU'RE OVERPAYING THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THAT AND THE COUNTIES HAVE WAY TOO MUCH MONEY. AND THEY'VE GOT PEOPLE WITH WAY TOO MUCH TIME ON THEIR HANDS DOING NOTHING. SO IT'S TIME TO IMPOSE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS I'M GOING TO TRY TO DO. AND IT'S HARD WORK THAT I'M DOING WHICH WILL BENEFIT ALL OF YOU, BECAUSE IF I CAN STOP THEM FROM... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...BRINGING THIS...THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU MAY PROCEED FOR ANOTHER 5:00. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. IF I CAN PREVENT THEM FROM BRINGING THIS KIND OF NONSENSICAL LEGISLATION, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT. AND A LOT OF SENATORS ARE LIKE RIVERS. ALL RIVERS ARE CROOKED BECAUSE THEY FOLLOW THE PATH OF LEAST RESISTANCE. YOU ALL HAVE CAUGHT ON TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT IF SOMETHING BAD IS BEFORE US, I WILL FIGHT IT ALONE, IF NECESSARY, SO YOU CAN BE THE GOOD GUYS,

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YOU CAN BE THE GOOD LADIES, YOU CAN SIT BACK AND WATCH THE WORK BEING DONE. THE STORY THAT I TOLD WAS ABOUT THE LITTLE RED HEN. THERE OUGHT TO BE ONE ABOUT THE BANTAM ROOSTER, BUT THERE IS NO SUCH STORY THAT I KNOW OF. MAYBE I'LL WRITE IT. BUT I'LL TELL YOU ONE THING, BY THE TIME THIS SESSION IS OVER, THERE'S GOING TO BE SOME NEW NOTIONS OUT THERE. THEY WON'T BE RULES BECAUSE I WON'T TRY TO CHANGE THE RULE BOOK. BUT THERE'S GOING TO BE A DIFFERENT WAY THAT CERTAIN THINGS ARE GOING TO BE DONE AND ARE GOING TO BE HANDLED. I WAS JUST GOING THROUGH THAT BOOK THAT PEOPLE READ AND THERE WAS A VERSE THAT SAID--I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST, OR THE BEGINNING AND THE END. AND I APPLY THOSE THINGS OFTEN TO MYSELF. AND THE WAY I DO IT WITH REFERENCE TO TERM LIMITS AND MY TENURE IN THE LEGISLATURE, ALPHA, FIRST, OMEGA, LAST. WHAT DID I DO THAT WAS THE FIRST? I CAME BACK TO THIS LEGISLATURE AFTER BEING TERM LIMITED OUT. WHAT DID I DO THAT WILL NOT BE DONE AGAIN THAT WILL BE THE LAST? SERVE 40-PLUS YEARS IN THE LEGISLATURE, THAT WILL NEVER BE DONE. BUT I BECAME THE LONGEST SERVING MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATURE FIRST. THEN I CAME BACK FROM BEING TERM LIMITED OUT. SO THE WAY THE TERM WOULD BE APPLIED TO ME IS THE OMEGA, THE LAST ONE WHO WILL SERVE THAT MUCH TIME; AND ALPHA, THE FIRST ONE TO COME BACK FROM BEING TERM LIMITED OUT. SO OMEGA AND ALPHA, AND THAT WAY NONE OF THE DEEPLY RELIGIOUS PEOPLE HAVE TO BE OFFENDED AND THINK I'M APPLYING TO MYSELF ONE OF THE SLOGANS APPLIED TO WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IT IS THEY PRAY TO EVERY MORNING. BUT IT MAKES ME NO DIFFERENCE HOW PEOPLE FEEL ABOUT THESE THINGS WHEN I SAY THEM. THE BEST WAY TO SHOW THAT WHAT I'M SAYING IS NONSENSE IS TO LET YOUR CONDUCT...LET YOUR CONDUCT SPEAK AND COUNTERACT WHAT I SAY. BUT IF YOU JUST ARE GOING TO UTTER WORDS, I TRUMP YOU EVERY TIME, BECAUSE I HAVE THE WORDS FROM THE ONE YOU SUPPOSEDLY WORSHIP THAT WILL COUNTERACT EVERYTHING YOU SAY, EVERY EXCUSE YOU GIVE. THERE'S A SONG, AND I'M NOT GOING TO SING IT, "I'LL BE WATCHING YOU"--EVERY SMILE YOU FAKE, EVERY RULE YOU BREAK, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU. EVERY STEP YOU TAKE, EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE, I'LL BE WATCHING YOU. NOW, I'M JUST QUOTING BECAUSE THERE'S ONE YOU CONSIDER GREATER THAN I WHO WATCHES YOU, WHO SEES EVERYTHING YOU DO, WHO HEARS ALL THE WORDS YOU SAY AND THAT PERSON IS NOT SANTA CLAUS. BUT WHEN YOU PRAY IN THE MORNING, YOU OUGHT TO PRAY TO SANTA CLAUS, BECAUSE IN SOME FORM OR ANOTHER, HE DOES SHOW UP AND DELIVER THINGS TO THE LITTLE CHILDREN. HE DOESN'T SEND THEM MEASLES. HE DOESN'T SEND THEM CRIPPLING DISEASES. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR. [LB88]

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: HE DOESN'T SEND THEM WATER ON THE BRAIN. HE DOESN'T SEND THAT, HE ALLEVIATES THESE THINGS. THE ONES YOU ALL WORSHIP DO THOSE BAD THINGS TO LITTLE CHILDREN. AND HE DOES THEM THROUGH SOME OF YOU BECAUSE YOU HAVE THE POWER TO PROVIDE WATER TO THOSE WHO ARE THIRSTY, PROVIDE FOOD TO THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY, PROVIDE MEDICAL CARE FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND AFFLICTED; TO PROVIDE SHELTER TO THE HOMELESS. YOU CAN DO IT ALL, AND YOU REFUSE. IT'S NOT THAT YOU'RE UNABLE, YOU HAVE THE POWER, YOU SWORE AN OATH. YOU VIOLATE YOUR OATH, YOU DON'T USE THAT POWER IN THE RIGHT WAY, AND THEN YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO SAY THAT YOU DON'T LIKE WHAT I SAY. WELL, IF YOU DISLIKE WHAT I SAY, AS MUCH AS YOU INDICATE... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE, SENATOR...EXCUSE ME, TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...IMAGINE HOW MUCH I DISLIKE WHAT YOU DO AND FAIL TO DO. AND IF I CAN BE CRITICIZED... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: OH. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. (VISITORS INTRODUCED.) SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO CLOSE ON FA12. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND, MR. PRESIDENT, I'M PREPARING A MOTION WHICH I WILL HAVE DRAFTED BEFORE I FINISH MY CLOSING. I'M GOING TO KEEP US HERE UNTIL NOON, AND I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME ON THIS TOMORROW. AND MAYBE SOME OF YOU WHO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE WITH THOSE COUNTY OFFICIALS CAN TALK TO THEM. BUT YOU KNOW WHY THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YOU? BECAUSE YOUR TIME IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO THEM. THE WORK YOU ARE TO DO IS OF NO CONSEQUENCE TO THEM. THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS FOR THEM TO GET YOU TO DO THEIR WORK FOR THEM. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO DO THEIR WORK FOR THEM AND I'M GOING TO MAKE IT AS HARD AS POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO DO IT FOR THEM. YOU CAN VOTE CLOTURE WHEN WE REACH THAT POINT WHICH APPARENTLY THE COUNTY OFFICIALS WANT TO PUSH YOU TO BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT I CAN'T CARRY ON. BUT I SHALL AND I'M ACTUALLY ENJOYING IT. BUT I WANT TO GET BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING ABOUT WHAT WE AS THE LEGISLATURE CAN DO BUT WON'T DO. THE CONSTITUTION OF A STATE DOES NOT GRANT THE LEGISLATURE AUTHORITY.



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THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS A GRANT OF AUTHORITY. WHEN ALL THOSE SLAVE-HOLDING STATES GOT TOGETHER AND CREATED A CONSTITUTION AND A GOVERNMENT, THEY HAD INDICATED THAT THE ONLY POWER THIS UNITED STATES WOULD HAVE ARE POWERS EXPRESSLY GRANTED TO IT. BUT THE LEGISLATURE OPERATES EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE WAY. THE LEGISLATURE CAN EXERCISE ANY AND ALL POWERS AND AUTHORITIES NOT DENIED TO THEM OR PROHIBITED BY THE STATE CONSTITUTION. SO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION IS A GRANT OF AUTHORITY TO THE UNITED STATES, THE VARIOUS AGENCIES THAT MAKE UP THE GOVERNMENT, THE STATE CONSTITUTION IS A LIMITATION ON WHAT THE LEGISLATURE CAN DO. BUT WHEN THE STATES GOT TOGETHER AND CREATED A UNION, THEY HAD AGREED TO OTHER THINGS TOO THAT ANYTHING THAT A STATE PUT INTO A LAW, ANYTHING THAT A STATE PUT INTO ITS CONSTITUTION THAT CONFLICTED WITH ANY FEDERAL LAW, ANY TREATY, OR THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, MEANT NOTHING...NUGATORY, NIL. BUT THERE'S SOME PEOPLE WHO THINK THAT THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO DEFY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THEY DO IT, AS LONG AS THE GOVERNMENT HASN'T DECIDED TO KNOCK THEM DOWN. SO YOU HAVE AN IGNORANT JUDGE DOWN IN ALABAMA WHO SAID HE DIDN'T HAVE TO OBEY A RULING BY A U.S. JUDGE. SO A HIGHER ONE THAN THAT FEDERAL JUDGE AND THAT ALABAMA CHIEF JUSTICE SAID--YOU'RE GOING TO DO WHAT WE SAID YOU'RE GOING TO DO. AND THESE CLERKS STARTED ISSUING LICENSES TO PERMIT PEOPLE OF THE SAME SEX TO MARRY EACH OTHER BECAUSE THE LAWS OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OUGHT NOT BE SUBJECT TO WHAT ANY PARTICULAR RELIGION OR PHILOSOPHY OR CREED OR A GENDER WILL TRY TO DICTATE. BUT THERE ARE CERTAIN RELIGIONS WHO HAVE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF POLITICAL POWER AND THEY WANT TO HAVE PUT INTO THE LAWS... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE THEIR PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS DOCTRINE. AND THERE ARE PEOPLE AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL AND THE STATE LEVEL WHO WILL KNUCKLE UNDER. BUT THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WON'T, AND I'M AMONG THE WON'T CAMP. DO WHATEVER THEY WANT TO IN CHURCH, DO WHATEVER YOU CAN FORCE YOUR WILL ON THE LEGISLATURE TO DO, BUT I'M GOING TO STOP YOU IF I CAN AND MAKE IT AS HARD AS I CAN IF I CAN'T STOP YOU. SO I'M GOING TO CONTINUE WHAT I'M DOING THIS MORNING AND GIVE A MESSAGE TO THOSE PEOPLE OUT THERE IN THE LOBBY, IF THEY PUSH ME TO A CERTAIN POINT, THEN EVEN WHEN THEY'RE WILLING TO ACCEPT SOMETHING, I MAY NOT BE WILLING TO ACCEPT IT. AND IF THAT POINT IS REACHED AND CLOTURE IS INVOKED... [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE DEBATE AND THE CLOSING ON FA12. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL FA12 BE ADOPTED? SENATOR CHAMBERS, FOR WHAT PURPOSE DO YOU RISE? [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (INAUDIBLE.) [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THERE'S BEEN A REQUEST FOR A CALL OF THE HOUSE. THE QUESTION IS: SHALL THE HOUSE GO UNDER CALL? ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED, VOTE NAY. RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: 25 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, TO PLACE THE HOUSE UNDER CALL. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS, PLEASE RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. THOSE UNEXCUSED SENATORS OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER PLEASE RETURN TO THE CHAMBER AND RECORD YOUR PRESENCE. ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL PLEASE LEAVE THE FLOOR. THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATORS NORDQUIST, BOLZ, AND BURKE HARR, PLEASE RETURN TO THE FLOOR, THE HOUSE IS UNDER CALL. SENATOR MELLO, PLEASE CHECK IN. SENATOR MELLO, PLEASE CHECK IN. ALL MEMBERS ARE PRESENT. MR. CLERK, PLEASE PROCEED TO A ROLL CALL VOTE. [LB88]

CLERK: (ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 551-552.) 6 AYES, 32 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE AMENDMENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. THE AMENDMENT IS NOT ADOPTED. THE CALL IS RAISED. (VISITORS INTRODUCED.) MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR CHAMBERS WOULD MOVE TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE JUST TAKEN. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN ON YOUR RECONSIDERATION MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. AND, MR. PRESIDENT, WHEN I MAKE A MOTION LIKE THAT AND I'M NOT VOTING, IT DOESN'T MEAN I'M AGAINST MY MOTION, BUT BEING ABLE TO PREDICT THE OUTCOME, I HAVE TO BE IN A POSITION TO MOVE TO RECONSIDER. AND ON THIS RECONSIDERATION

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MOTION, I WILL VOTE YES. AND THEN THAT MEANS THAT THE ORIGINAL ITEM IS BACK BEFORE US AND WE VOTE ON IT AGAIN, WHICH IS WHAT RECONSIDERATION MEANS. I KIND OF ENJOY DOING THIS. AND PART OF IT IS BECAUSE IT GIVES US A CHANCE TO BE TOGETHER AS FAMILIES ARE SOMETIMES NOT WILLING TO DO. BUT THE WORK THAT I'M DOING IS ON A BILL THAT DOESN'T AMOUNT TO ANYTHING IN THE BROADER SCHEME OF THINGS. IF THIS WERE A BILL OF GREAT SUBSTANCE, MY APPROACH WOULD BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT, EVEN IF I WERE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO IT. BUT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS FOISTED ON US BY PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE LEGISLATURE. A GROUP COMPRISING PEOPLE WHO ARE POLITICIANS BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO DO THEIR JOB, SO THEY WANT TO RAISE REVENUE. THIS IS A REVENUE-RAISING MEASURE. IT DOES NOT DO ANYTHING THAT MAKES GOVERNMENT MORE EFFICIENT, MORE RESPONSIVE TO THE PEOPLE. ON THE ONE HAND, THESE COUNTY BOARD PEOPLE ARE GOING TO PUT ON THE HAT TO SAY WE'RE GOING TO REDUCE YOUR PROPERTY TAX. THEN THEY PUT ON THE OTHER HAT AND SAYS WE'RE GOING CHARGE YOU MORE MONEY TO GET A COPY OF A DOCUMENT THAT YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY ANYTHING FOR; AT MOST, A TOKEN AMOUNT. AND THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THIS LEGISLATURE GOING ALONG WITH THAT. THERE'S AN EXPRESSION IN THAT "BIBBLE" THAT SAYS TREASURING UP WRATH AGAINST THE DAY OF WRATH. THE WRATH THAT I AM TREASURING UP WILL MANIFEST ITSELF WHEN WE GET TO SOMETHING THAT MEANS SOMETHING TO ALL OF YOU. WHEN YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT TRYING TO KOWTOW TO THE BIG SHOTS BY TALKING ABOUT CUTTING PROPERTY TAXES, THEN I BET I'LL HAVE YOUR EAR AND I BET YOU'LL BE WILLING TO ENGAGE AND I BET YOU'LL PAY ATTENTION. AND YOU'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE TO STAY IN THE CHAMBER BECAUSE I HAVE A LIST OF MOTIONS I'M GOING TO ASK ALREADY. LET A BILL COME OUT HERE AND NOT ALL OF THEM WILL BE PRIORITY MOTIONS. WE'RE GOING TO DO WHAT THE "BIBBLE" SAID--LINE UPON LINE, LINE UPON LINE, HERE A LITTLE, THERE A LITTLE. AND WE CAN EVEN DO IT A WORD AT THE TIME. NOW, IF YOU CAN WITHSTAND THAT, THEN THAT'S GREAT. KIPLING SAID--IF YOU CAN FILL EACH UNFORGIVING MINUTE WITH 60 SECONDS WORTH OF DISTANCE RUN, YOURS IS THE EARTH AND EVERYTHING THAT IS IN IT AND WHICH IS MORE, YOU'LL BE A MAN, MY SON. SO IF YOU CAN STAND OR SIT AND GO THROUGH THOSE TAX BILLS WORD BY WORD, LINE-BY-LINE, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO BE BY THE TIME WE GET THROUGH, MAYBE ONLY TIRED, MAYBE ONLY ANGRY, MAYBE ONLY FRUSTRATED. BUT IF YOU THINK I WON'T DO IT, TALK TO SOME OF THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN HERE IN THE PAST. AND I WILL OFFER MY AMENDMENTS AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT FOR AT LEAST EIGHT HOURS ON GENERAL FILE. AND THEN THERE WILL BE OTHER BILLS TIED INTO THOSE BILLS. AND I'M TELLING YOU THIS, ON FEBRUARY 19, LOOK AT YOUR CALENDAR AND SEE WHICH DAY IN THE SESSION THIS IS. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OR

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WHATEVER, BECAUSE THEY ALL KIND OF RUN TOGETHER FOR ME. I DON'T MARK THEM OFF BY THE CALENDAR. AND WHAT I MAY DO IS DEMONSTRATE THIS. I SAW A MOVIE CALLED SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES. A WRITER NAMED RAY BRADBURY, I BELIEVE, WROTE IT. AND THERE'S A CHARACTER NAMED MR. DARK. HE WORE A TOP HAT, BLACK CLOTHING, HAD LONG-FLOWING BLACK LOCKS AND A MUSTACHE AND A BEARD, AND HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PERSONIFICATION OF EVIL. AND THERE WAS ONE SCENE WHERE ONE OF HIS MINIONS WAS TOLD TO GIVE THIS PERSON THAT HE WAS HAVING A LITTLE CONFLICT WITH A TASTE OF DEATH. DON'T KILL HIM, BUT GIVE HIM A TASTE OF IT SO HE'LL RECOGNIZE IT WHEN THE REAL THING COMES. SO THIS MINION, WHO WAS PORTRAYED BY A BEAUTIFUL BLACK WOMAN, TOOK HIS HAND AND WAVED HER OTHER HAND. SHE SAID--YOUR HEART IS GOING SLOWER, IT'S BEATING SLOWER. AND THEY LET YOU HEAR A THUMPING SOUND, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP, THUMP. PERSPIRATION BEGAN TO FORM ON HIS BROW; HIS EYES HALF CLOSED; HIS BREATHING BECAME LABORED. BUT SHE HAD BEEN TOLD--DON'T KILL HIM. AND THE ONE WHO WAS PORTRAYING THAT ROLE WAS JASON ROBARDS, AND HE'S A GOOD ACTOR. SO MR. DARK GAVE A SAMPLE SO THAT THE REAL THING WOULD BE RECOGNIZED WHEN IT CAME. SO WHAT I'M GOING TO DO, AND I'M GOING TO DO IT LIKE CANDID CAMERA...WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT, SOMEBODY IS GOING TO SAY, "SMILE, YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA." I'M GOING TO TAKE A BILL AND SHOW YOU HOW IT CAN BE AMENDED ONE WORD AT THE TIME. AND I WANT TO WATCH HOW MY COLLEAGUES RESPOND TO THAT. THAT WILL JUST BE A SAMPLE. BUT IF YOU KEEP BRINGING THIS BAD KIND OF LEGISLATION, BECAUSE SOME OUTSIDE OF THIS CHAMBER WHO SWORE AN OATH AS YOU SWORE AN OATH, WANT TO FIND A WAY TO CIRCUMVENT THAT OATH AND NOT DO WHAT THEY SWORE TO DO AND GET A BUNCH OF CHUCKLEHEAD SUCKERS TO DO THEIR WORK FOR THEM, THEN YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT UP WITH ME. I CAN SEE WHY THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT BLACK PEOPLE TO VOTE. I CAN SEE WHY THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT BLACK PEOPLE IN OFFICE. I UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL. BECAUSE WHEN YOU GET ONE OF US WHO IS REALLY A PERSON WHO UNDERSTANDS THE NATURE OF THIS WORLD AND THE NATURE OF THE ACTIVITY WE'RE PARTICIPATING IN, YOU HAVE SOMEBODY WHO IS NOT GOING TO BE BOWLED OVER, WHO HAS A LARGE RESERVOIR OF ENERGY AND DETERMINATION BUILT UP THROUGH A COLLECTIVE MEMORY THAT STRETCHES BACK CENTURIES, WRONGS SUFFERED, WORK DONE WITHOUT BEING COMPENSATED, RAPES, MUTILATIONS, MURDERS. IF THESE SLAVEHOLDERS HAD TREATED US AS KINDLY AS ISIS IS TREATING THE PEOPLE THEY DEAL WITH, OUR PLIGHT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN AS BAD. I HAVE NOT YET SEEN AN EXAMPLE OF ISIS TAKING A BARREL AND DRIVING NAILS FROM THE OUTSIDE SO THAT THEY ARE INSIDE THE BARREL AND PUTTING A PERSON INSIDE THAT BARREL AND

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ROLLING IT DOWN A HILL AS THEY DID WITH UPPITY BLACK MEN. THAT'S WHAT WAS DONE BY THESE WHITE CHRISTIANS IN THIS COUNTRY. AND I REMEMBER IT. AND I'M AWARE OF ALL OF THE FINE-SOUNDING WORDS IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THE CONSTITUTION, YOUR LAWS, YOUR CONSTITUTIONS--STATE AND NATIONAL. AND SOME OF YOU WHO PRAISED THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE NEED TO READ IT AND UNDERSTAND WHY TO SOME IT'S LIKE WHAT GARRISON SAID ABOUT THE CONSTITUTION, BUT I WILL GO INTO THAT THE NEXT TIME I'M RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SPEAKER HADLEY, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BODY, I WOULD LIKE TO JUST SPEND A FEW MINUTES TALKING A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE HISTORY, BECAUSE A NUMBER OF YOU WERE NOT HERE FIVE, SIX YEARS AGO, BUT WE WENT THROUGH SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT BUDGET CUTS. AS YOU REMEMBER, WE HAD A DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY. AT ONE TIME, WE HAD A POTENTIAL HALF A BILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL AND WE WERE SCRAMBLING. AT THAT POINT IN TIME, WE WERE KILLING BILLS THAT HAD A THOUSAND DOLLAR FISCAL NOTES ON THEM BECAUSE WE DIDN'T HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SAVED US WAS THE CASH RESERVE. WE WERE ABLE TO TAKE ABOUT \$300,000 OUT OF THE CASH RESERVE TO MEET OUR NEEDS AT THAT POINT IN TIME. SO MY FIRST POINT IS IS THE CASH RESERVE IS VERY IMPORTANT. BUT THE SECOND POINT THAT I THINK IS ALSO VERY IMPORTANT IS WE TOOK A LOOK AT WHAT WE WERE FUNDING AND WE DECIDED THAT AID TO THE COUNTIES, AID TO THE CITIES, WAS SOMETHING WE COULD DO WITHOUT. IT ALLOWED US TO BALANCE OUR BUDGET. THE SAD THING IS WE THEN SAT THERE AND POUNDED OUR CHEST AND SAID HOW GREAT WE ARE THAT WE BALANCED OUR BUDGET, WHY CAN'T CITIES AND COUNTIES BALANCE THEIR BUDGET THE SAME WAY? WELL WE DID IT, IN PART, BY CUTTING THE MONEY WE GAVE THEM. WE SIT HERE AND TALK A LOT ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES AND WE TURNED AROUND AND CUT AID TO COUNTIES THAT REQUIRE THEM TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES. SO I JUST WANTED TO GIVE A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON THAT WE HAVE NOT TREATED COUNTIES EXTREMELY FAIRLY IN THE PAST. AND LASTLY, WE HAVE LEARNED FROM OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN WASHINGTON THAT THE EASIEST WAY TO DO SOMETHING IS TO PASS AN UNFUNDED MANDATE WHERE WE TELL CITIES AND COUNTIES TO DO SOMETHING AND, BY THE WAY, WE'RE NOT

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GOING TO SEND YOU ANY MONEY. AND THEN WE HAVE THE PROBLEMS OF PROPERTY TAXES BEING INCREASED. SO I JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE HISTORY LESSON OF KIND OF WHAT THE BACKGROUND IS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT COUNTIES. AND REMEMBER, PROPERTY TAXES, WHICH WE'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HEAR A LOT ABOUT, ARE THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT IS ON THE PLATE RIGHT NOW. AND THAT IS THE ONLY THING BESIDES FEES THAT THE COUNTY HAVE TO GO TO. IT REMINDS ME OF THE TIME ON THE CITY COUNCIL WHERE WE RAISED WATER FEES BY A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT. THE REASON WE DID IS BECAUSE WE HADN'T RAISED THEM IN TEN YEARS. WELL WE'VE BEEN IN A SITUATION IN THIS CHAMBER WHERE INCREASING TAXES OR FEES WAS CONSIDERED VERBOTEN. SO WE HAVE FORCED CITIES AND COUNTIES TO HOLD OFF. SO IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY'RE REACHING THE POINT WHERE THEY HAVE TO ASK FOR SIGNIFICANT INCREASES BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO ALLOW THEM TO HAVE JUST NORMAL INCREASES TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE THINGS THAT COSTS DO GO UP ON. SO, AGAIN, ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE BIT OF A BACKGROUND OF WHERE WE'VE BEEN IN THE PAST. AND I HOPE WE NEVER GET TO THE POINT AGAIN THAT WE BALANCE OUR BUDGETS ON THE BACK OF OTHER PEOPLE AND THEN POUND OUR CHEST AND SAY HOW GOOD WE ARE AT DOING SOMETHING BY PASSING SOMETHING ON TO THE PEOPLE BELOW US. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, MR. SPEAKER. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I CAUGHT BITS AND PIECES OF WHAT SENATOR HADLEY SAID, BUT ONCE AGAIN...I WOULD LIKE TO ASK SENATOR HADLEY A QUESTION OR TWO. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SPEAKER HADLEY, WOULD YOU YIELD? SPEAKER HADLEY, WOULD YOU YIELD TO A QUESTION? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YES. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: MR. SPEAKER, I PICKED UP SOME OF WHAT YOU SAID, YOU MENTIONED, IF I CAN PARAPHRASE, THAT CUTS WERE MADE IN TERMS OF AID TO THE COUNTIES, THEN THERE ARE MANDATES GIVEN WHICH DO

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NOT CARRY ACCOMPANYING FUNDING. IN A GENERAL WAY, WOULD THAT BE THE THRUST OF WHAT YOU WERE SAYING? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YES, SIR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR HADLEY, DID YOU MENTION ANYTHING THAT THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT HAVE THE POWER TO RECTIFY? IN OTHER WORDS, CAN THE LEGISLATURE CORRECT ANY AND EVERY ISSUE THAT YOU RAISE? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: YES. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SO, IF THE LEGISLATURE CHOOSES NOT TO DO IT, THEN IT'S NOT BECAUSE WE LACK THE POWER, WE LACK THE WILL OR WHATEVER IT IS, BUT IT'S ON US. WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THAT? [LB88]

SPEAKER HADLEY: ABSOLUTELY. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, SENATOR HADLEY. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, NOW MAYBE YOU'LL PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT I SAY TO YOU ABOUT THOSE PRAYERS. WHY DO YOU PRAY AND EXPECT TO BE LISTENED TO WHEN IT'S WITHIN YOUR HANDS TO DO WHAT YOU ARE PRAYING FOR? IF YOU HAD THE POWER TO ANSWER PRAYERS, WOULD YOU ANSWER THAT...WOULD YOU GIVE THEM WHAT YOU'VE ALREADY GIVEN THEM? NO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WILL DO--YOU WILL SEND THUNDER AND LIGHTNING. YOU WILL SEND LIGHTNING TO STRIKE THEIR CHURCHES. YOU WILL SEND TORNADOES TO BLOW AWAY THEIR HOUSES OF WORSHIP OF EVERY VARIETY BECAUSE THOSE HOUSES OF WORSHIP ARE TO BE HOUSES OF PRAYER. BUT INSTEAD YOU'VE MADE THEM DENS OF THIEVES SO THE ONE YOU'RE PRAYING TO IS TELLING YOU, NO, AND YOU BETTER STOP. SNOW IN QUANTITIES NEVER SEEN BEFORE; ICE THAT YOU CANNOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT, AND STILL YOU UTTER THESE BLASPHEMOUS, SACRILEGIOUS, INSULTING, SO-CALLED PRAYERS. DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. YOU ARE TOLD THAT IF YOU DO YOUR BUSINESS CORRECTLY, YOU'RE GOING TO BE WHAT YOU ALL CALL BLESSED. IF YOU'RE TOLD WHAT IT TAKES TO GET A BLESSING, WHY DON'T YOU DO IT IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT? DON'T ASK, THE DIRECTIONS ARE ALREADY THERE. IF YOU NEED A STEP-BY-STEP MANUAL, ASK ME TO PUT IT TOGETHER FOR YOU. AND YOU KNOW WHERE I'D GO TO GET IT? TO YOUR "BIBBLE." AND YOU KNOW WHO I'D QUOTE? THE ONE YOU SAY YOU WORSHIP. AND THE ONE YOU SAY CREATED YOU. THAT'S WHERE I'LL GO AND I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU. BUT YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT. YOU PROVE THAT YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT. IF I WERE A TRICKSTER CONNECTED WITH THE LOTTERY AND I TOLD YOU, I'M GOING GIVE YOU THE WINNING

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NUMBERS TO THE LOTTERY, BUT YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME \$100. YOU WOULD TEAR THE FABRIC OUT OF YOUR BRITCHES OR YOUR SKIRT TRYING TO GET THAT \$100 BILL TO GIVE ME BECAUSE YOU WANT THAT LOTTERY NUMBER AND YOU BELIEVE I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU. WELL, YOU ALL TELL ME THAT YOU HAVE SOMETHING IN STORE FOR YOU, MORE IMPORTANT AND OF GREATER VALUE THAN ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...THAN ANYTHING. AND ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TAKE IT AND YOU WON'T TAKE IT. BUT INSTEAD YOU WANT TO WHINE AND BEG AND WHAT YOU CALL PRAY. THAT'S WHY I MOCK YOU. IT'S YOUR CONDUCT THAT MAKES YOU WORTHY OF A MOCKERY. I'D LIKE TO ASK SENATOR BLOOMFIELD A QUESTION IN THE FEW SECONDS I HAVE LEFT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, WOULD YOU YIELD? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: YES. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, HAS THE WORK BEEN ACCOMPLISH? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: IT HAS NOT YET, WE ARE BORDERLINE. I WILL YIELD MY TIME TO YOU, SENATOR, WHEN WE'RE DONE AND ASK THAT YOU PROCEED. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THEN I'M GOING TO STOP SO YOU CAN BE RECOGNIZED. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE NEXT IN THE QUEUE. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, I'D YIELD MY TIME TO SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: FIVE MINUTES, SENATOR CHAMBERS. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, HAVE YOU BEEN WATCHING MOVIES OF VARIOUS KIND AND THERE WILL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL BE TALKING TO A PERSON AND THAT INDIVIDUAL WANTS THE PERSON TO DO SOMETHING? AND THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL SAY--WE CAN MAKE IT EASY OR YOU CAN MAKE IT HARD. YOU'VE ALL HEARD THAT. THAT'S WHAT I STARTED



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SAYING. YOU DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO ME. I SAID, LET'S DO SOMETHING NOW THAT YOU ULTIMATELY ARE GOING TO DO ANYWAY. AND NOBODY EVEN WANTED TO MAKE AN OFFER. BUT HERE'S WHAT SHOWS YOU HOW I PRACTICE MORE WHAT YOU PREACH THAN YOU DO. IF SOMEBODY HAS AS YOU CALL IT "SINNED" BUT WANTS TO RECTIFY THAT SITUATION, I'M NOT GOING TO SAY, SEE, I TOLD YOU; NO, I'M NOT GOING YIELD. MY AIM IS TO BRING A PERSON TO A POSITION OF RECTITUDE, TO A POSITION OF DOING THAT WHICH IS PRUDENT. AND ONCE THEY SHOWED THAT'S WHAT THEY WANT TO DO, MY WORK IS DONE. NOW ANOTHER OCCASION WILL BE ARRIVED AT, I'M SURE, DURING THE SESSION. SOME OF IT WILL BE GENERATED BY THE GOVERNOR, AND THAT'S WHEN I WON'T JUST YIELD, AND I WILL SCOFF, AND I WILL MOCK, AND I WILL SAY I TOLD YOU WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU DO IT. MAYBE I WON'T DO THAT, WHO KNOWS. THE OLDER WE GET, SUPPOSEDLY, THE KINDER WE GET. AND I'LL BE A FEW DAYS OLDER BY THE TIME WE GET TO THAT POINT. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE LABORED--WELL, I HAVE LABORED, BY DOING THE WORK. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE STAYED HAVE IN A SENSE LABORED BY STAYING HERE. BUT WE'RE GOING TO GET A RESULT THAT WE WOULD NOT HAVE HAD IF SOMEBODY HADN'T BEEN WILLING TO HOLD TO THE FIRE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PUT THE LEGISLATURE INTO A BIND BECAUSE THEY PERCEIVE THE LEGISLATURE AS A COLLECTION EITHER OF LEMMINGS, FOOLS, OR PUSHOVERS. AND IF A GENERALIZATION IS MADE, SENATOR GROENE AND I DON'T LIKE IT, THEN I DO SOMETHING TO SEPARATE MYSELF FROM THOSE WHO ARE BEING GENERALIZED ABOUT. RIGHT? YEAH, HE'S NODDING RIGHT. HE KNOWS, HE'S A WISE MAN WHEN HE AGREES WITH ME AND SOMETIMES EVEN WHEN HE DOESN'T. AND BECAUSE I KNOW THAT SOMEBODY CAN DISAGREE WITH ME AND BE RIGHT AND I CAN BE WRONG, I WILL STILL LISTEN AND MY CONDUCT WILL CHANGE. I AM NOT SO PRIDEFUL THAT WHEN IT IS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT A POSITION THAT I'VE ADVOCATED, NO MATTER HOW FORCEFULLY, IS INACCURATE OR DOWNRIGHT WRONG, I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE THE ERROR, THE BLUNDERING AS PUBLICLY AS WHEN I FIRST SAID IT, I'LL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I WAS WRONG. THEN EVERYBODY CAN CHEER AND LAUGH AND BE HAPPY. AND WHEN IT TAKES SO LITTLE TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY, WHY SHOULD I WITHHOLD THAT FROM THEM? IT DOESN'T DIMINISH ME AT ALL. WHAT I WANT THE LEGISLATURE TO DO, AND I'M GOING TO DO ALL I CAN TO BRING US TO THAT POINT, IS BE A BODY OF WHAT THEY USED TO CALL PHILOSOPHER/KINGS. THOSE WERE PEOPLE WHO RULED, BUT THEY DIDN'T RULE WITH AN IRON HAND. SHAKESPEARE SAID--OH HOW WONDERFUL IT IS TO HAVE THE STRENGTH OF A GIANT,... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...BUT IT'S TYRANNICAL TO USE IT AS A GIANT. SO EVEN

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THOUGH THEY HAD THAT POWER AND COULD COERCE AND FORCE, THEY WOULD TRY TO MAKE AN APPEAL TO PEOPLE AND BRING THEM TO A POINT WHERE THEY WILLINGLY ACQUIESCE TO WHAT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PEOPLE AT LARGE. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE SHOULD BE ABOUT. BUT I'M NOT SO FOOLISH OR NAIVE AS TO THINK THAT'S WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. SO I HAVE TO KEEP USING MY FINGERNAIL TO TRY TO BRING DOWN ONE OF THOSE SEQUOIAS, THE GIANT REDWOOD, AND MAYBE IT WON'T COME DOWN. MAYBE I WON'T HAVE ANY FINGERNAIL LEFT, BUT I'LL BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT BECAUSE I'LL BE GOOD AND TIRED AND I WILL HAVE PUT IN AN HONEST DAY'S LABOR. AND THAT'S WHAT I WANT US ALL TO DO, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE ONE WHOM YOU CONSIDER GREATER THAN I TOLD YOU TO DO IT AND YOU TOLD HIM TO GO JUMP IN THE LAKE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: TIME, SENATOR. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR CAMPBELL, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED. [LB88]

SENATOR CAMPBELL: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. I DO WANT THE MEMBERS TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE HAVING CONVERSATIONS BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE COUNTIES AND TALKING TO SENATOR BLOOMFIELD AND SENATOR CHAMBERS. AND I THINK THAT WE WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE AT AN AMENDMENT THAT THE THREE OF US WOULD AT LEAST ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FOR. IT WILL...IT WILL BE IMPORTANT, I THINK, FOR EVERY MEMBER HERE, AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN STALWART IN THEIR SUPPORT OF THEIR COUNTIES, AND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE A FAR BIGGER PICTURE HERE TO TAKE A LOOK AT. AND THAT IS A PART OF SENATOR CRAWFORD'S STUDY ON MANDATES, THAT IS A PART OF WHAT WE EXPECT COUNTIES TO DO. IF WE EXPECT THEM AND REQUIRE THEM TO DO SOMETHING, DO THEY HAVE THE ADEQUATE FUNDING TO DO IT? I ASSURE YOU THAT WHEN I SAT ON THE COUNTY BOARD, I WASN'T ANY MORE INCLINED TO RAISE PROPERTY TAXES THAN ANY ONE OF US IN THIS ROOM. SO TO SAY, WELL, THE COUNTY SHOULD JUST RAISE THE PROPERTY TAX TO COVER THAT. WE HAVE TO BE REALISTIC TO KNOW THE COUNTIES UNDERSTAND. THEY HEAR THE SAME THING GOING DOOR-TO-DOOR AS WE DO. WE WILL GO AHEAD AND PROCEED WITH THE AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER WITH THE UNDERSTANDING, AT LEAST ON MY PART, THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT THE BIG PICTURE IS FOR COUNTIES. AND I HAVE TO SAY, SENATOR FRIESEN CAME UP AND SUGGESTED TO ME THAT WHEN WE LOOK AT THAT STUDY OF ALL THE FEES THAT THE COUNTIES...THAT ONE OF THE THINGS WE SHOULD LOOK AT IS IF THE COUNTIES CANNOT COVER THAT COST, THAT THAT

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MANDATE THEN RETURNS BACK TO THE STATE. AND IF YOU WANT A CERTIFIED COPY OF A MARRIAGE LICENSE, YOU WILL GO TO THE STATE AND NOT TO THE COUNTIES. IF YOU WANT A CERTAIN FEE COVERED, PERHAPS THE STATE NEEDS TO DO THAT. I THINK SENATOR FRIESEN HAS ASKED A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION OF WHAT IS OUR EXPECTATION OF COUNTIES AND WHAT IS OUR EXPECTATION OF THE STATE IN RELATION TO THEM? SO AS WE WORK ON THE AMENDMENT TO COME FORWARD, I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO REALIZE THAT WHILE WE MAY SETTLE THIS ISSUE, WE REALLY HAVE A FAR BIGGER ISSUE TO TACKLE. AND I AM VERY APPRECIATIVE THAT SENATOR CRAWFORD'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE WORKING ON THIS AND SITTING DOWN. SHE DIDN'T KNOW SHE WAS VOLUNTEERING TO DO THAT, BUT SHE IS. SO, COLLEAGUES, I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO THE COUNTIES FOR THOSE OF YOU IN THE ROOM WHO HAVE DONE THAT. WE WILL NEED THAT SUPPORT ON LARGER ISSUES THAT WILL COME BEFORE YOU. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CAMPBELL. SENATOR CHAMBERS, YOU'RE WELCOME TO CLOSE ON YOUR RECONSIDERATION MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I'M GOING PULL THAT MOTION, BUT I'M GOING TO HAVE A FEW WORDS TO SAY. YOU ALL HAVE THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY THAT I HAVE. WOULD YOU HAVE ROLLED OVER AND LEFT THE FEE FOR A COPY AT \$16 IF SENATOR BLOOMFIELD HAD NOT OFFERED HIS AMENDMENT? THAT BOOK SAYS--IT IS THE LITTLE FOXES THAT DESTROY THE VINES. ALL THESE LITTLE THINGS THAT THIS LEGISLATURE IS WILLING TO ALLOW TO JUST GO BY ARE THE KIND OF SUPPOSEDLY LITTLE THINGS THAT DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE. AND A LOT OF THOSE BAD THINGS HAPPENED DURING THE FOUR YEARS WHEN I WASN'T HERE. AND I COULD STEW ABOUT IT, I COULD WRITE COLUMNS ABOUT IT, BUT I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. SO NOW THAT I'M BACK, I HAVE TO DO WHAT I WISH I HAD BEEN ABLE TO DO WHEN I WAS NOT HERE. I'D RATHER BE ABLE TO GIVE MY TIME TO FASHIONING INDIVIDUAL BILLS, OR WORKING WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE GOOD IDEAS WITH WHICH I AGREE, AND PUTTING IN TIME TO HELP THEM, MAYBE POLISH THEM, MODIFY THEM, BUT IT WOULD BE IN THE NATURE OF NOT HAVING TO ALWAYS STOP SOMETHING THAT'S BAD. BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE AND SOMEBODY HAS TO DO IT. AND I'M NOT THE ONE WHO SAYS LET SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT. IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT NOBODY ELSE SEES WHAT I SEE. AND THEREFORE THERE'S NO OBLIGATION ON THEM TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING. BUT I DO SEE IT, AND I DO NOT AVERT MY EYES FROM WHAT I SEE. BUT FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE WILY, CUNNING, AND DISINGENUOUS, THERE IS SUCH A THING AS WILLFUL BLINDNESS WHERE YOU INTENTIONALLY PUT YOURSELF IN A POSITION WHERE YOU CAN PRETEND NOT TO KNOW, NOT TO BE AWARE.

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AND THE LAW RECOGNIZES THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE LIKE THAT. SO WHEN A SITUATION ARISES AND A PERSON IS IN A POSITION WHERE HE OR SHE HAS A CERTAIN OBLIGATION UNDER THE LAW AND WILL SAY, WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW THAT. THE LAW WILL CREATE THE FICTION BY SAYING, WELL, IT'S SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. AND BECAUSE YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN AND YOU'RE IN A POSITION TO HAVE KNOWN IT, THE LAW IS GOING TO SAY THAT IN PRACTICAL EFFECT AND FOR LEGAL PURPOSES, YOU KNEW IT AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE AS THOUGH YOU HAD ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE. THEY CAN CALL THAT CONSTRUCTIVE KNOWLEDGE OR ANYTHING THEY WANT TO. AND YOU CAN ACTUALLY BE IN A POSITION OF NOT KNOWING, BUT YOU HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW. SO BY SIMPLY NOT DISCHARGING YOUR DUTY TO INFORM YOURSELF, YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW THAT ARE IMPOSED ON THE POSITION OR THE ONE HOLDING THE POSITION YOU VOLUNTARILY PUT YOURSELF INTO. SO I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT, FROM TIME TO TIME, WHAT WE OUGHT TO KNOW AND WHAT PEOPLE EXPECT US TO KNOW. AND IF WE DON'T KNOW, WHAT THEY EXPECT US TO INFORM OURSELVES ABOUT. AND ONCE WE ARE INFORMED, OUR CONDUCT SHOULD FOLLOW THAT KNOWLEDGE. AND WHAT WE ALL KNOW IS THAT IF WE HAD A CHILD OR A RELATIVE WHO NEEDED MEDICAL CARE... [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: ONE MINUTE. [LB88]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...AND WE COULD PROVIDE IT, WE WOULD PROVIDE IT. AND AS YOU WOULD THAT OTHERS DO UNTO YOU, DO YE EVEN SO UNTO THEM LIKEWISE. BUT I KNOW MY WORDS ARE LIKE WORDS WRITTEN IN WATER. JUST AS YOUR PRAYERS DON'T GO ANY HIGHER THAN THE CEILING, MY WORDS MAY NOT EVEN GO THAT FAR, BUT I'M STILL GOING TO UTTER THEM. MR. PRESIDENT, I WANT TO WITHDRAW THAT PENDING MOTION OF MINE. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MOTION? HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE RECONSIDERATION MOTION IS WITHDRAWN. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, DO I UNDERSTAND, SENATOR, YOU WISH TO WITHDRAW AM184 AT THIS TIME? [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THAT'S RIGHT. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WOULD MOVE TO AMEND LB88 WITH FA13. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 552.) [LB88]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN ON YOUR FLOOR AMENDMENT. [LB88]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, FIRST LET ME THANK SENATOR CHAMBERS FOR CARRYING THE BALL WHILE SENATOR CAMPBELL AND I WORKED ON AN AGREEMENT. LET ME THANK SENATOR CAMPBELL FOR BEING WILLING TO COME TO AN AGREEMENT. THE NEW AMENDMENT, THE FLOOR AMENDMENT 13 (FA13) BRINGS THE AMOUNT TO \$9. THAT IS WHAT HAS BEEN AGREED ON BY THE PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF THE GLASS, BY SENATOR CAMPBELL, BY SENATOR CHAMBERS AND BY MYSELF. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET TO A VOTE ON THIS NOW AND I WOULD ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON IT. IT'S A VERY SIMPLE AMENDMENT. IT DOES AWAY WITH THE PENNIES, GETS US DOWN TO AN EVEN DOLLAR NUMBER AND I WILL SUPPORT THAT AMENDMENT AS INTRODUCED NOW AT \$9. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON FA13. SEEING NO SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CLOSE ON FA13. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADOPTION TO FA13 TO LB88. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: 34 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S AMENDMENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. [LB88]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB88]

SENATOR HANSEN: YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB88 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB88]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK. [LB88]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB122 IS THE NEXT ITEM, NO E&R. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, I HAVE AM407, SENATOR. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 535.) [LB122]

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PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU'RE WELCOME TO OPEN TO AM407 TO LB122. [LB122]

SENATOR BLOOMFIELD: GOOD MORNING AGAIN, COLLEAGUES. THIS ONE SHOULD BE A LITTLE EASIER THAN THE LAST ONE. THE INTRODUCER OF THE BILL AGREES WITH IT. IT SIMPLY GIVES US A WAY ON THESE FOUR-WHEEL MACHINES. AND SENATOR SCHUMACHER'S BILL ALLOWED THEM TO CROSS WHERE THERE WERE STOP LIGHTS. THIS WOULD ALSO ALLOW THEM TO CROSS WHERE THERE ARE STOP SIGNS OUT IN THE COUNTRY WHERE PROBABLY THE MAJORITY OF THESE VEHICLES ARE USED. AND THAT IS ALL THE AMENDMENT DOES IS ADD THAT OUT IN THE RURAL AREAS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CROSS FOUR-LANE HIGHWAYS WHERE THERE IS A STOP SIGN. THAT KEEPS THEM FROM BOUNCING UP OUT OF THE DITCHES UNEXPECTEDLY. AND IT SHOULD...IT SHOULD FACILITATE WHAT WE NEED TO DO. THANK YOU. [LB122]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON AM407. SEEING NO SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR BLOOMFIELD, YOU ARE WELCOME TO CLOSE ON AM407. SENATOR BLOOMFIELD WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADOPTION OF AM407 TO LB122. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB122]

CLERK: 32 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR BLOOMFIELD'S AMENDMENT. [LB122]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB122]

CLERK: NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB122]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB122]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB122 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB122]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADVANCE LB122 TO E&R. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE BILL IS ADVANCED. MR. CLERK. [LB122]

CLERK: LB142, I HAVE E&R AMENDMENTS FIRST OF ALL, SENATOR. (ER20, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 441.) [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB142]

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SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB142 BE ADOPTED. [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE E&R AMENDMENTS. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE E&R AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. [LB142]

CLERK: SENATOR SCHILZ WOULD MOVE TO AMEND WITH AM255. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 517.) [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR SCHILZ, YOU ARE WELCOME TO OPEN ON AM255 TO LB142. [LB142]

SENATOR SCHILZ: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BODY. GOOD MORNING. AS YOU WILL RECALL, LB142 CREATES THE AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM AND PLACES A FEE ON MOTOR BOAT REGISTRATIONS AND RENEWAL IN NEBRASKA TO BE USED FOR CONTROLLING AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN OUR STATE WATERS. THE BILL AMENDS THE STATE BOAT ACT TO CREATE THE PROGRAM, ASSESS THE FEE AND STATE THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHAT'S THE FEE MAY BE USED. STATUTE 37-1273 REQUIRES FEES REMITTED UNDER THE BOAT ACT TO BE CREDITED TO THE GAME FUND AND LISTS THE ALLOWED USES OF THAT FUND. THIS AMENDMENT WAS SUGGESTED BY THE BILL DRAFTERS OFFICE TO CLARIFY THAT ONE OF THE ALLOWED USES IS FOR THE AQUATIC INVASION SPECIES PROGRAM. IT'S SIMPLY A CLARIFYING AMENDMENT AND I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR SCHILZ. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON AM255. SEEING NO SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR SCHILZ, YOU'RE WELCOME TO CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT. SENATOR SCHILZ WAIVES CLOSING. THE QUESTION IS THE ADOPTION OF AM255 TO LB142. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED, VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB142]

CLERK: 28 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR SCHILZ'S AMENDMENT. [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB142]

CLERK: NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB142]

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SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB142 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB142]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADVANCE LB142 TO E&R. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK. [LB142]

CLERK: LB142A, SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL. [LB142A]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB142A]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB142A BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB142A]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADVANCE LB142A TO E&R. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK. [LB142A]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB160 IS THE NEXT BILL. I HAVE NO E&RS. SENATOR LARSON HAS AM254 AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE BILL. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 502.) [LB160]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR COASH, I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE GOING TO HANDLE THIS AMENDMENT. YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB160]

SENATOR COASH: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. COLLEAGUES, I'M HANDLING THIS AMENDMENT FOR SENATOR LARSON. AM254 IS SIMPLY A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT THAT PUTS INTO THIS BILL A DEFINITION OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, WHICH BY AM254 DEFINES IT AS A BANK, SAVINGS BANK, BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, WHERE THEY'RE CHARTERED BY THE U.S., THE DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND FINANCE, OR A FOREIGN STATE AGENCY AS DEFINED IN CURRENT STATUTE. THIS CHANGES NOTHING SUBSTANTIVE IN THE BILL, JUST ADDS THE DEFINITION FOR CLARITY. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT ON AM254. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB160]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THANK YOU, SENATOR COASH. DEBATE IS NOW OPEN ON AM254. SEEING NO SENATORS WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR COASH WAIVES CLOSING ON THE AMENDMENT. THE QUESTION IS THE ADOPTION OF AM254 TO LB160. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED, VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, PLEASE, MR. CLERK. [LB160]



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CLERK: 29 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR LARSON'S AMENDMENT. [LB160]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB160]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB160]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB160]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB160 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB160]

PRESIDENT FOLEY: SENATORS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADVANCE LB160 TO E&R. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE BILL ADVANCES. MR. CLERK. [LB160]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, THE NEXT BILL IS LB272. I DO HAVE E&R AMENDMENTS FIRST OF ALL, SENATOR. (ER22, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 455.) [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, MR. CLERK. SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB272]

SENATOR HANSEN: YES, MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB272'S E&R AMENDMENTS BE ADOPTED. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, YOU'VE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. MR. CLERK. [LB272]

CLERK: SENATOR GARRETT WOULD MOVE TO AMEND WITH AM309. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 553-554.) [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR GARRETT, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR AMENDMENTS. [LB272]

SENATOR GARRETT: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AND GOOD MORNING, COLLEAGUES. AM309 IS A TECHNICAL AMENDMENT DRAFTED AT THE SUGGESTION OF THE REVISOR'S OFFICE. IT PROVIDES A DEFINITION OF "VETERAN" AND "VETERAN SPOUSE" DIRECTLY IN THE BILL INSTEAD OF REFERRING TO OUR PUBLIC SECTOR HIRING PREFERENCE STATUTES. I

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THANK SENATOR CRAWFORD FOR BRINGING FORWARD LB272, AND I THANK ALL OF YOU FOR ADOPTING MY AMENDMENT. IT INCLUDES THE SPOUSES OF VETERANS KILLED IN HOSTILE ACTION. I URGE YOU TO VOTE GREEN ON AM309 AND ADVANCE LB272. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, SENATOR GARRETT. MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE OPENING ON THE AMENDMENT. SENATOR CRAWFORD, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED. [LB272]

SENATOR CRAWFORD: GOOD MORNING, MR. PRESIDENT. I'M JUST CONFIRMING WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THIS AMENDMENT WITH SENATOR GARRETT AND IT DOES JUST CLARIFY LANGUAGE. IT WAS DRAFTED AS A WHITE COPY JUST FOR CLARITY, BUT IT IS A SIMPLE CHANGE IN THE DEFINITION OF VETERAN AND I'M WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT AM309. THANK YOU. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, SENATOR CRAWFORD. SEEING NO ONE WISHING TO SPEAK, SENATOR GARRETT, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE ON YOUR AMENDMENT. SENATOR GARRETT WAIVES. MEMBERS, THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE AMENDMENT TO LB272 BE ADOPTED? THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE ALL VOTED WHO CARE TO? RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB272]

CLERK: 31 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR GARRETT'S AMENDMENT. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. [LB272]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR HANSEN. [LB272]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB272 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. SENATOR CHAMBERS, I'M SORRY. [LB272]

SENATOR CHAMBERS: THANK YOU. MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE, I REFER TO COLONEL GARRETT AS "GENERAL" AND I'M NOT SAYING IT AS A PUT-DOWN AND HE KNOWS IT. BUT I JUST WANT TO COMMENT ON HIS...THE WAY HE GROWS HIS HAIR. I STUDY HISTORY AND THERE ARE A LOT OF THE SO-CALLED FOUNDING FATHERS WHO HAD LONG HAIR BUT IT WAS FAKE. I

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TOLD HIM THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "GENERAL" GARRETT AND THEM IS THAT HIS HAIR IS HIS OWN AND HE LOOKS VERY GOOD IN IT. THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB272]

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, SENATOR CHAMBERS. MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB272 IS ADVANCED. MR. CLERK. [LB272]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, THE NEXT BILL IS LB446; NO E&R. SENATOR NORDQUIST WOULD MOVE TO AMEND WITH AM339. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 504.) [LB446]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR NORDQUIST, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR AMENDMENT. [LB446]

SENATOR NORDQUIST: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS. LB446, AGAIN, JUST IS TO ALIGN THE DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION IN OUR OMAHA SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN WITH THAT OF THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN. THIS AMENDMENT COMES FROM THE REVISOR'S OFFICE. THEY FELT IT WAS TOO SUBSTANTIAL TO INCLUDE IN AN E&R AMENDMENT SO THEY ASKED US TO BRING IT; IT IS SIMPLY A TECHNICAL CHANGE. WE MOVED THE CAPPING LANGUAGE FROM THE DEFINITIONAL SECTION TO SECTION 79-934, SO WE NEED TO CHANGE A STATUTORY REFERENCE TO THAT SECTION AND THAT'S WHAT THIS AMENDMENT DOES. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT. THANK YOU. [LB446]

SENATOR GLOOR: THANK YOU, SENATOR NORDQUIST. MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE OPENING ON THE AMENDMENT. ARE THERE SENATORS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, SENATOR NORDQUIST, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE. SENATOR NORDQUIST WAIVES. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE AMENDMENT TO LB446 BE ADOPTED? THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE YOU ALL VOTED? RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB446]

CLERK: 31 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR NORDQUIST'S AMENDMENT. [LB446]

SENATOR GLOOR: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. [LB446]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB446]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB446]

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SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB446 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB446]

SENATOR GLOOR: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB446 IS ADVANCED. MR. CLERK. [LB446]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB181. SENATOR, I HAVE NO AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL AT THIS TIME. [LB181]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB181]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE LB181 TO ADVANCE TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB181]

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB181 IS ADVANCED. MR. CLERK. MR. CLERK, MOVING TO LB167. [LB181 LB167]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, LB167 WAS A BILL ORIGINALLY INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MELLO. IT'S A BILL...I'M SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT, I'M CONFUSED, WHICH HAPPENS OCCASIONALLY. SENATOR, EXCUSE ME, I DO HAVE ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW AMENDMENTS ON LB167, SORRY. (ER36, LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 520.) [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB167]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT THE E&R AMENDMENTS TO LB167 BE ADOPTED. [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. THE AMENDMENTS ARE ADOPTED. [LB167]

CLERK: SENATOR MELLO WOULD MOVE TO AMEND THE BILL WITH AM440. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGE 554.) [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR MELLO, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED TO OPEN ON YOUR AMENDMENT. [LB167]

SENATOR MELLO: THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE. AM440 SIMPLY MOVES THE DEADLINE FOR THE REQUIRED REPORT IN THE UNDERLYING BILL FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO NOVEMBER 1. IT CAME TO MY ATTENTION THAT IF SIGNED INTO LAW, LB167 WOULD NOT GO

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INTO EFFECT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 6 OF THIS YEAR, THUS SKIPPING A YEAR OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS THAT WE WOULD BE ADDING TO THE BILL. THAT WAS NOT OUR INTENT. THEREFORE, SIMPLY AM440 WILL ENSURE THAT THIS ADDED MEASURE OF ACCOUNTABILITY IS PROPERLY TIMED WITH, HOPEFULLY, THE SIGNING OF THE LAW THAT WOULD START THIS YEAR IN 2015. I WOULD URGE THE BODY TO ADOPT AM440. [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE AMENDMENT TO LB167. ARE THERE SENATORS WISHING TO BE RECOGNIZED? SEEING NONE, SENATOR MELLO, YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO CLOSE. SENATOR MELLO WAIVES. THE QUESTION IS, SHALL THE AMENDMENT TO LB167 BE ADOPTED? THOSE IN FAVOR VOTE AYE; THOSE OPPOSED VOTE NAY. HAVE ALL VOTED WHO CARE TO? RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB167]

CLERK: 35 AYES, 0 NAYS, MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE ADOPTION OF SENATOR MELLO'S AMENDMENT. [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED. [LB167]

CLERK: I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER ON THE BILL, MR. PRESIDENT. [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: SENATOR HANSEN FOR A MOTION. [LB167]

SENATOR HANSEN: MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE THAT LB167 BE ADVANCED TO E&R FOR ENGROSSING. [LB167]

SENATOR GLOOR: YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION. THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED SAY NAY. LB167 IS ADVANCED. ITEMS FOR THE RECORD, MR. CLERK. [LB167]

CLERK: MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT AND REVIEW REPORTS LB34 TO SELECT FILE; LB46 TO SELECT FILE; AND LB129 TO SELECT FILE. YOUR COMMITTEE ON REVENUE...YOUR COMMITTEE ON REVENUE REPORTS LB123 TO GENERAL FILE; LB246 TO GENERAL FILE; LB277 GENERAL FILE. AMENDMENTS TO BE PRINTED: SENATOR KOLTERMAN TO LB77. I HAVE A HEARING NOTICE FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FOR SEVERAL DIFFERENT DATES. NAME ADDS: SENATOR GROENE WOULD LIKE TO ADD HIS NAME TO LB437; SENATOR EBKE TO LB172; AND SENATOR EBKE TO LB173 AND TO LB268. AN ANNOUNCEMENT: THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 1:00 TODAY, ROOM 1113...JUDICIARY, 1:00, 1113. (LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL PAGES 554-556.) [LB34 LB46 LB129 LB123 LB246 LB277 LB77 LB437 LB172 LB173 LB268]

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AND, MR. PRESIDENT, I HAVE A PRIORITY MOTION. SENATOR MURANTE WOULD MOVE TO ADJOURN THE BODY UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 20, AT 9:00 A.M.

SENATOR GLOOR: MEMBERS, YOU HAVE HEARD THE MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL FEBRUARY 20 AT 9:00 A.M. THOSE IN FAVOR SAY AYE. THOSE OPPOSED, NAY. WE STAND ADJOURNED.