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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Good morning and welcome to the George W. Norris
Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundredth Legislature, First Session.
Our chaplain for today is Senator Langemeier. Would you all please rise? []

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: (Prayer offered.) []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Langemeier. I call to order the third day of
the One Hundredth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence,
roll call. Please record, Mr. Clerk. []

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

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Do you have corrections for the Journal? []

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President. []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Messages, reports, announcements? []

CLERK: Mr. President, a series of reports received in the Clerk's Office in the last day or
two from the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, Department of Health and Human
Services, Department of Roads. Those will be on file. []

I have a gubernatorial appointment appointing Ms. Christine Peterson as chief
administrative officer of the Health and Human Services System. That will be referred to
Reference Committee. And I received a proclamation from Governor Heineman
commemorating January 5 as the day to commemorate and honor the life of George W.
Norris. []

Mr. President, a series of announcements: the Committee on Revenue will meet in
executive session at 10:15 under the north balcony; that's Revenue, 10:15, north
balcony. Government Committee will meet now under the south balcony; Government
Committee now under the south balcony, Senator Aguilar would like to have that
happen. And General Affairs Committee, Senator McDonald, will meet at 10:15 under
the north balcony; General Affairs at 10:15. That's all that I have, Mr. President.
(Legislative Journal pages 85-86.) []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day and visitors
introduced.) We'll now move to introduction of new bills. Mr. Clerk. []

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CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB57-64 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 86-87.) [LB57 LB58 LB59 LB60 LB61 LB62 LB63 LB64]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, do you have announcements?

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CLERK: Mr. President, just one. Judiciary Committee will hold an executive session right now underneath the south balcony; Judiciary Committee, south balcony, right now.

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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Flood, you're recognized to speak. []

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. If I could have your attention for just a moment. In just moments, you will be handed a memo from me that outlines kind of the direction we're going to go here in the next couple of days with regard to scheduling. Also attached to that memo will be the 2007 permanent session calendar. There's only been one change on your temporary calendar that prior Speaker Brashear offered, and that is we added another four-day weekend in the month of May. Other than that, nothing else has been changed. So please review that and see me with any questions that you might have. But that is the permanent session calendar. As far as the next couple of days, on January 8, 9, and 10 we are going to convene at 11:00 each day and adjourn by 12:00 or earlier if we do not have enough bills introduced. So please get here at 11:00, get your bills in. We'll give the Clerk staff time to process those bills. We may adjourn a little early on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday depending on the number of bills introduced. On January 11 at 9:30, we will convene. The Governor will give his State of the State Address at 10:00 a.m. I intend to adjourn by 12:00 or, as I said prior, earlier if we don't have enough bills to process. And then on the 12th, which is next Friday, I intend to convene at 9:00 that morning. We will debate any rules changes forwarded by the Rules Committee and we will adopt on that day permanent rules. I hope to adjourn around noon dependent upon debate. It may go as late as 12:30. That is also the last day, tentatively, to submit bill request of Bill Drafting. So a week from today if you want to introduce a bill, please see the Bill Drafters upstairs. On January 16, that's the Tuesday after the holiday there, we will begin committee hearings and the last day of bill introduction will be Wednesday, January 17. A couple of parting comments here. Next Wednesday, it is my hope to get to you an outline of how we will handle the priority bill designation process. I will tell you that if you were here last year in the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, it will be very similar. There may be some modifications but I will have a complete detailed memo for you by next Wednesday outlining how we will handle priority bills. Other than that, we're off to a good start. I appreciate your attention. Thank you, Mr. President. []

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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk, do you have an announcement at the desk? []

CLERK: Mr. President, I have in front of me the final report of the Committee on Committees report. I might indicate to the membership that copies have been distributed. It should indicate on the copy you have in front of you final report of the 2007 legislative committee standing committees. Senator Pedersen offers that report, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 88-90.) []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Pedersen, you are recognized for a report from the Committee on Committees. []

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. As your Chairman of the Committee on Committees, I submit to you the motion to adopt the final report of the Committee on Committees. Thank you. []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. The question before the body is for the adoption of the report from the Committee on Committees. Any discussion? Senator Pedersen, you're recognized to close. Senator Pedersen waives closing. The question before the body is for the adoption of the report from the Committee on Committees. All those in favor vote yea; opposed, nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk. []

CLERK: 43 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Committee on Committees report. []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The report from the Committee on Committees is adopted. []

CLERK: (Microphone malfunction) ...will hold executive session right now; Banking Committee, right now, in Room 2022. And the Agriculture Committee will meet at 10:45 under the south balcony; Agriculture Committee, 10:45, south balcony, as per Senator Erdman's request. []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Mr. Clerk, do you have additional bills for introduction? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. (Read LB65-83 by title for the first time.) (Legislative Journal pages 90-93.) [LB65 LB66 LB67 LB68 LB69 LB70 LB71 LB72 LB73 LB74 LB75 LB76 LB77 LB78 LB79 LB80 LB81 LB82 LB83]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Mr. Clerk, do you have an announcement at your desk? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. The Education Committee will meet under the north balcony at 11:00 this morning. Mr. President, I do. (Read LB84-107 by title for the first time.) (Legislative Journal pages 93-97.) [LB84 LB85 LB86 LB87 LB88 LB89 LB90]

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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Mr. Clerk, additional messages, reports, announcements, or introduction of bills? []

CLERK: Mr. President, new resolutions. LR4CA is a constitutional amendment by Senator Avery proposing an amendment to Article IV, Section 5 of the Nebraska Constitution. And LR5CA, a constitutional amendment by Senator Friend to Article XIII, Section 2 of the Nebraska Constitution. [LR4CA LR5CA]

In addition, Mr. President, announcements. The Revenue Committee selected Senator Dierks as its Vice Chairperson. The Government Committee, chaired by Senator Aguilar, has selected Senator Mines as Vice Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Mr. President, the Business and Labor Committee will meet Monday, January 8 at 11:00 underneath the north balcony; that's Business and Labor on Monday. []

A series of name adds: Senator Cornett and Synowiecki would like to add their name to LB86; Senator Stuthman, Schimek, Rogert would like to add their name to LB32; Senator Dwite Pedersen would like to add his name to LB32; Senator Wightman would like to add his name to LB58. (Legislative Journal pages 97-99.) [LB86 LB32 LB58]

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Kopplin would move to adjourn until Monday morning, January 8, at 11:00 a.m. []

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The question before the body is, shall the Legislature adjourn until Monday, January 8, 2007 at 11:00 a.m.? All those in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. We're adjourned. []