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PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Wallman. Would you all please rise.

SENATOR WALLMAN: (Prayer offered.)

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

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

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. Any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring LB706-LB795, as well as LR220CA. I also have a series of gubernatorial appointees being referred to standing committee for confirmation hearing, that report signed by Senator Engel as Chair. Senator Burling would like to announce he's selected LB269 as his priority bill for this legislative session. And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 149-154.) [LB269]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to introduction of new bills.

CLERK: (Read LB851-LB864 by title for the first time.) And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 155-157.) [LB851 LB852 LB853 LB854 LB855 LB856 LB857 LB858 LB859 LB860 LB861 LB862 LB863 LB864]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll move to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Mr. President, the motion before the body at this time: Senator Hudkins would move to adopt the permanent rules. Pursuant to that offering, Senator Hudkins would move, as Chair of the Rules Committee, to offer certain amendments. I might indicate to the membership that copies of the proposed Rules Committee changes as offered by the Rules Committee, you can find copies on your desk.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hudkins, you are recognized to open on your motion to adopt permanent rules.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. The Rules Committee met Wednesday afternoon. We had several issues to discuss. The ones that we made decisions...well, all of them that we discussed are in the papers on your desk, as Mr. O'Donnell indicated. We advance some, some were postponed, and a couple of them were held for further discussion and study, so we might see those later on in the session. The ones I would like to bring to your attention: If you look on the first page, number one, two, and three, those are pretty much related, so I would like to take those three up all at the same time. These were brought to the Rules Committee by the Legislature Performance Audit Committee, and they relate to when that committee may meet in a closed session. As you know, in a closed session the committee may exclude the press as well as the public from the meeting. The Performance Audit Committee believes, and the Rules Committee has agreed, that the Performance Audit Committee has a need to meet in closed session more frequently than do other legislative committees. Currently our rules allow committees to meet in closed session only under rare and extraordinary circumstances. The amendment would exempt the Performance Audit Committee from that provision and allow it to meet in a closed session upon a majority vote of the committee. The amendment would also state the reason for going into a closed session. That would be to protect confidential information pertaining to a potential or an actual performance audit. Number two goes right on with that and it gives an exception, except as provided in Rule 3, Section 5(c)(iii), and it just adds the word "all" other...it doesn't add it; it takes away the capital, so except as provided before, all other meetings shall be public. And the third one relates to the type of bills that the committee may prioritize. Our rules allow the Performance Audit Committee to prioritize two bills introduced as a result of a performance audit. This amendment would simply clarify that the committee could also prioritize bills relating to the audit process. It would not extend the committee's authority to prioritize bills into other subject matters. It would just be allowed to prioritize any bill related to either the audit process or a specific audit. So Mr. President, I would move the adoption of those three amendments at this time.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. The floor is now open for discussion on the amendments of 1, 2, and 3 to the rules. Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to thank the Rules Committee for their consideration and to say that the Performance Audit Committee really did consider this matter for awhile before we brought it to the Rules Committee. We even had a public hearing on the matter of closed sessions before we did bring it to the committee. I think that Senator Hudkins has explained very well why we did it and what the parameters are. I would just ask the body to approve the rules, and basically, it is putting into rules what the committee has already been doing, and we would feel more comfortable, I guess, if we had it codified, in a sense. So thank you very much for your consideration. I'd be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I echo what Senator Schimek said about the good work done by the Rules Committee, and I will support this. And I'm glad for the comments that Senator Schimek made by way of background. I'd like to ask, though, Senator Wallman a question or two, if I may.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Wallman, would you yield?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Yes, I would.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Wallman, even though I'm conspicuous during you all's prayer ritual by my absence, when my machine is on downstairs, the television, I do hear what is going on. If I heard correctly, you were referred to as the chaplain; is that correct?

SENATOR WALLMAN: That's correct.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You are aware that a chaplain is a member of the clergy--are you aware of that?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Yeah, I suppose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes or no?

SENATOR WALLMAN: I suppose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. A clergy person is one who has been ordained. It could be either as a minister, a priest, or a rabbi. Which of those categories were you ordained into?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Well, I can honestly tell you, Senator Chambers, I was ordained

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as a Stephens minister.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You were ordained what?

SENATOR WALLMAN: As a Stephens minister.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: As a what?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Stephens minister.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you are a minister? Would you like to be called reverend or

elder?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Just Norm. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, no, we can't do that, because now you've been elevated to the position of chaplain. So which do you prefer? Well, let me ask you this: Is a

Stephens minister one who attends a church?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Do you ever preside over the festivities or the processes or

proceedings of the church?

SENATOR WALLMAN: No.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you're not a pastor?

SENATOR WALLMAN: No. I visit the sick and the people that need help.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you would be a minister, a ministering minister.

SENATOR WALLMAN: I suppose.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, what do you find wrong with the terms "elder" and

"reverend"?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Nothing.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they're not good enough for you?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Yes, they're good enough for me.

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Which one do you object to the least?

SENATOR WALLMAN: I suppose "minister."

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So you...but if...that kind of tells what you do, but we need something more specific. So if you don't want to say which one you object to the least, which do you prefer the more, elder or reverend?

SENATOR WALLMAN: Well, I don't consider myself better than anybody. I'd just as soon be considered, even though if I were a clergyman, by my first name.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But Minister Wallman, you were referred to this morning by the term "chaplain," and you did not object to it or give any disclaimer or modification. So the term "chaplain" was not objectionable to you; is that correct?

SENATOR WALLMAN: No, it's not.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well then, may I refer to you as Chaplain Wallman from here on, whenever the spirit so moves me?

SENATOR WALLMAN: If you want to, that's fine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And you would not be offended?

SENATOR WALLMAN: No, I wouldn't.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. That's all I would have to ask you. I'd like to ask Senator Carlson a question or two, if I may.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Carlson, would you yield?

SENATOR CARLSON: Yes, I will.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Carlson, jumping into your business, what is your light on for? What are you going to talk about?

SENATOR CARLSON: Well, you're going to need to wait your turn, Senator Chambers. (Laughter)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. I will wait, but I shall not wait to exhale. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Carlson, followed by

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Senator Friend. Senator Carlson.

SENATOR CARLSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I'd like to address a question to Senator Hudkins.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Hudkins, would you yield?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Yes.

SENATOR CARLSON: Senator Hudkins, I'd just like to ask for a clarification on Rule 3, Section 5(c)(iii) concerning the closed session. And it would seem to me like in a review of a performance audit, there would be two possibilities as an outcome. One would be that it's determined there are no violations, there's no need for further consideration. A second possibility would be that there may be violations, there may be concern for additional attention. And my question is, in either case, would there ever be a time, that what was discussed in the committee hearing would become public?

SENATOR HUDKINS: Senator, if you don't mind, I'm going to refer your question to Senator Schimek. She can answer that, as to what actually is done in the Performance Audit Committee, if you don't mind.

SENATOR CARLSON: That would be fine.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Schimek, would you yield?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. Thank you, Senator Carlson, for your question. I want to outline for you just a little bit why we go into closed session, and maybe that will be the best way of answering your question. In the beginning when we have a list of performance audit requests, we discuss those in closed session, because we don't want to cause unnecessary spotlight on any given program or state agency, just because we've had a request. And then when we actually vote to decide which performance audit we're going to do or the staff is going to do--the committee doesn't do it--we go back into open session, and our votes are in open session. When a preaudit or an audit is completed and the staff wants to report back to us, once again that is done in closed session, and if it's a preaudit, then we will want to go into open session to either approve that preaudit or say that we need to move forward on the full audit. And when an audit is completed, at that point we have heard not only from the Audit Committee, but we've also heard back from the agency, and that's all included in the report, and we vote whether or not to adopt that report. The minute we do that it all becomes public, and if the committee decides to have a hearing on that audit, that of course, gives even more public discourse on the questions.

SENATOR CARLSON: Okay, and I'm not trying to be difficult here.

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SENATOR SCHIMEK: No, I know you're not.

SENATOR CARLSON: I'm just trying to understand. But...so when you say "if the audit is approved," it's very possible that none of the content from this closed session, it would be necessary to make it public.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Not really, because all we're doing is deciding whether or not to direct staff to move ahead on a certain preaudit or audit, and as I said, it would be a little bit unfair to make something like that public before the agency even knows about it.

SENATOR CARLSON: Okay, and I believe in and recognize the need for confidentiality, and I just had a question about whether this ever became public, and you've been helpful.

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SPEAKER FLOOD: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: And it does, once that report is issued. Thank you.

SENATOR CARLSON: Okay, thank you.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Carlson. Senator Friend, you're recognized.

SENATOR FRIEND: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I was wondering if Senator Chambers would yield to a question briefly.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Senator Chambers, will you yield to a question from Senator Friend?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I will.

SENATOR FRIEND: Senator Chambers, did you deduce from your conversation with Senator Wallman that he is actually...that he was legitimately placed in a position to give the prayer this morning as a certified pastor or reverend?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Judge not lest ye be judged. By the same measure that ye mete, it shall be meted unto you.

SENATOR FRIEND: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: In my years of being here, when I look at the miscellaneous...

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SENATOR FRIEND: It's scary enough, I understand that.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm going to give you an answer.

SENATOR FRIEND: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...I look at the miscellaneous collection of folk who have been allowed to give prayers, I would say that if Mickey Mouse were here and able to speak English, he would be allowed to give the prayer. You don't have to be a preacher or anything.

SENATOR FRIEND: Okay, and that's...yeah. I got you, and that's consistent with your...I think, with your thought process, because you had mentioned before that in your opening, if you will, before you questioned him, that you were downstairs watching the proceedings on your machine.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, the television. That's (inaudible).

SENATOR FRIEND: Yeah, so you consider the television a machine?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes, I do.

SENATOR FRIEND: Okay, the definition of a machine is an apparatus consisting of interrelated parts with separate functions used in the performance of some kind of work. So yeah, maybe. And then it gives you a bunch of examples: a bicycle, a motorcycle, a vending machine. I don't consider a TV a machine. You have a lot of interrelated parts. You are an apparatus, a contrivance. You have a lot of mechanisms.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm also...

SENATOR FRIEND: You're old.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But I'm also a mean machine. (Laughter)

SENATOR FRIEND: Exactly. I wouldn't consider a TV a machine, but I'll go ahead and give you that. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives. There are no other senators desiring...Senator Chambers, you are now recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, having been called

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out. I cannot allow that exchange to end in the way that it did. Senator Friend read a definition of a machine. I'm sure that Senator Friend knows that what a definition in a dictionary does is to provide the common usage of language. So simply because a definition is in the dictionary does not mean that it is definitive or exhaustive. Sometimes listening to Senator Friend can be exhausting (laughter), but by the same token sometimes it is exhilarating. So when Senator Friend speaks, initially I view him as E.F. Hutton. I peel my ears and listen. During the session various people are going to be called up there. I couldn't get up here in time to talk to Senator Heidemann in the way that I did Senator Wallman. But if people are going to allow themselves to be referred to as "chaplain" on the record, then chaplain they are to me. They determine what it is they choose to be called. People referred to Louis Armstrong as Louie Armstrong. He referred to himself as Louis. So Louis Armstrong is Louis Armstrong to me. There are many instances when people are not satisfied to refer to a person according to that person's desires. If you heard some of the things that people who call themselves Christians when they call me on the phone would refer to me as, you'd know what I mean about, it would be better if they simply called me what I choose to be called. And if they are the God believers that they profess to be, I have to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln. He was going through so much agony and grief for having signed the Emancipation Proclamation and other things, that he said if being the ruler of hell is as difficult to manage as it is to manage this country as the president, I can find it in my heart to have some compassion for Satan. So if the people who call me and identify themselves as Christians, Bible-believing, God-believing people, I can find it in my heart--of which I have none--to find and extend sympathy to God, if there be a God. Anybody at any point is free to question me about anything I say on the floor--anything. And I don't take offense. I think what Senator Friend does on occasion is to break through a veneer which will open the way for a discussion of issues, when such discussion may not otherwise occur. So I hope Senator Friend never loses his tongue. I hope he never loses the urge to speak when he feels that he should. And we know that from Senator Friend we're as likely to get a bucket of nonsense as we are to get a thimbleful of sense, but that's the price that we pay. And I'm willing to pay it any time, any day.

SPEAKER FLOOD: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. President, and thank you, Senator Friend.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no other senators wishing to speak at this time. Senator Hudkins, you are recognized to close. Senator Hudkins waives closing. The question before the body is, should the Legislature adopt the permanent rules found in amendments number one, two, and three of the sheet provided in front of you. All those in favor vote yea; all those opposed vote nay. Have all those voted who wish to? Mr. Clerk, please record.

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CLERK: 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of proposed amendments 1, 2, and 3 to the permanent rules.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Amendments 1, 2, and 3 are adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hudkins, as Chair of the Rules Committee, would now move to amend the permanent rules with amendment 4, labeled as number 4 on your sheet.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open on amendment 4 to the permanent rules.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. On your handout, this is the first one on the second page. It says "Amend Rule 3, Section 5(b). This rule proposal is the result of the Legislature passing LB34 last year. The bill created the statutory reference for the creation of a special legislative committee on state-tribal relations. In short, the committee would be created to foster better understanding of the issues surrounding the relationship between the government of the state of Nebraska and the federally recognized tribes within the state. Basically, it is a seven-member special committee that will meet as necessary to consider, study, monitor, and review legislation that impacts state-tribal relations issues and present draft legislation and policy recommendations to the appropriate standing committee. The tribes of Nebraska have supported this effort. They would like to see an increased communication between the state government and the tribes of the state. So Mr. President, I would move adoption of this amendment. Thank you. [LB34]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You've heard the motion on amendment 4 to the permanent rules. Are there any other senators wishing to speak? There are no other senators wishing to speak. Senator Hudkins waives her opportunity to close. The question before the body is, should amendment 4 be adopted? All those in favor vote yea; all those opposed vote nay. Have all those voted who wish to vote? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of proposed amendment 4 to the motion to adopt permanent rules.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Amendment 4 is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hudkins, as Chair of the Rules Committee, would move to amend with what is being characterized as amendment 5 found on your handout.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to open on amendment 5.

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SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. This would change Rule 4, Section 3, which has to do with study resolutions. This proposed rule change amends the procedure for interim studies. Currently, Rule 4, Section 3 requires committees to submit interim study plans for the highest priority study resolutions referenced to the committee. This is provided on a form prescribed by the Clerk. The rule provides for the study plan to be submitted within 30 days of adjournment, sine die. In practice, this procedure has essentially evolved to be a more or less pro forma activity. The Clerk's Office does not track requests for copies of committee study plans, but our inquiries with staff of the Clerk's Office suggests that only two to three requests are received each year. It's our understanding that the most frequent requests come from state agencies and occasionally from the public. Requests from other legislative offices are rare. It is thus an apparently obscure rule. The rule change would allow the committee Chair's discretion to file a study plan for any interim study and eliminate the requirement for filing within 30 days of adjournment. The introducer of this rule change felt that it would be more meaningful for committee chairs to file a study plan as needed for those studies that are of the greatest public interest, and for which the public and the body would have the most interest in following the committee's plan for conducting the study. Eliminating the 30-day requirement also enables time for committees to report a more thought-out process. The study plans that are currently submitted contain largely generic information and really do not set forth procedural details or methodology, in part due to the need to meet the 30-day deadline, often before committees have had an opportunity to develop a study process. Mr. President, that is the final rules change that we have proposed be changed, and I would ask the body's acceptance of this final change. Thank you.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. You've heard the opening on amendment 5 to the permanent rules that will be voted on momentarily. Are there any other senators that wish to speak? Seeing none, Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to close. Senator Hudkins waives closing. The question before the body is, should amendment number 5 be adopted? All those in favor vote yea; all those opposed vote nay. Have all the senators voted who wish to? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the fifth amendment to the motion to adopt the permanent rules.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Amendment 5 is adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, at this time I have nothing further pending to the motion to adopt permanent rules.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Are there any senators wishing to speak on the motion to adopt permanent rules? Senator Hudkins, you are recognized.

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SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to thank the members of the Rules Committee for devoting quite a lot of time. We met on Wednesday afternoon from about 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. There was a lot of discussion. As you can see by your handout, there were other rules proposed changes that did not get advanced to the full body. If you want to know the individual reasons for those, feel free to contact me. But we feel that we sent forth the ones that would make our procedures a little more easy to understand, and I do appreciate all of the senators that came to the hearing giving their feelings on some of the ones that were indefinitely postponed. So at this time I would please ask you to adopt the permanent rules of the session. Thank you.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. There are no other senators wishing to speak. Senator Hudkins, you're recognized to close. Senator Hudkins waives closing. The question before the body is, should the Legislature adopt the motion to adopt permanent rules? All those in favor vote yea; all those opposed vote nay. A record vote has been requested. Have all the senators voted who wish to? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 158-159.) 35 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the motion to adopt permanent rules.

SPEAKER FLOOD: The permanent rules have been adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have new bills. (Read LB865-LB877 by title for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 159-161.) [LB865 LB866 LB867 LB868 LB869 LB870 LB871 LB872 LB873 LB874 LB875 LB876 LB877]

SPEAKER FLOOD: (Visitors introduced.) Just a couple of updates as we prepare for Monday. We will begin debate Monday morning at 10 a.m. We will be taking up a priority bill at 1:30 p.m. on Monday. It is Senator Rogert's priority bill regarding the repeal of the Nebraska motorcycle helmet law. The agenda will be out after adjournment today. Those are all the announcements that we have at this time. We would ask that if you do have bills that you bring them to the floor and hand them to the Clerk so that we can make the most of our time in the Chamber this morning. Thank you.

SENATOR STUTHMAN PRESIDING

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Mr. Clerk, would you introduce the bills that have been introduced?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, more new bills. (Read LB878-900 for the first time. Legislative Journal pages 161-165.) [LB878 LB879 LB880 LB881 LB882 LB883 LB884 LB885 LB886 LB887 LB888 LB889 LB890 LB891 LB892 LB893 LB894 LB895 LB896 LB897 LB898 LB899 LB900]

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CLERK: Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have a notice of hearing from the Retirement Systems Committee. Two new resolutions, Mr. President. LR223, offered by Senator Avery. It calls for the Legislature to urge the Secretary of the Treasury to select Standing Bear as one of the designs for the reverse of the Native American \$1 coin to commemorate Standing Bear's important contribution. Mr. President, pursuant to that introduction, I have a communication from the Speaker directing that LR223 be referred to committee for purposes of conducting a public hearing. The second resolution, Mr. President, LR224, offered by Senator Fulton, asking the Legislature to encourage all municipal, county, and state law enforcement agencies to enter into a memorandum of agreement as authorized by Section 287(g) of the federal Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act. Once again, pursuant to that offering, a communication from the Speaker directing that LR224 be referred to standing committee for purposes of conducting a public hearing. LR225, Mr. President, it's a new constitutional amendment offered by Senator Karpisek. It proposes amendment to Article I, Section 22 of the Nebraska Constitution. I have a motion to withdraw LB740, offered by Senator Fulton. That will be laid over. Amendments to be printed, Mr. President, to LB395, by Senator Johnson; to LB480, by Senator Johnson; to LB157, by Senator Stuthman; to LR5CA, by Senator Friend. A series of name adds: Senator Rogert would like to add his name to LB501; Senator McDonald to LB718; Senator Johnson to LB718; Senator Pankonin to LB738; Senator Stuthman to LB765. A reminder, Mr. President, and announcement that the Reference Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 2102; Reference Committee upon adjournment in Room 2102. (Legislative Journal pages 165-172.) [LB157 LB395 LB480 LB501 LB718 LB738 LB740 LB765 LR5CA LR223 LR224 LR225CA]

Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Kopplin would move to adjourn until Monday morning, January 14, 2008, at 10 a.m.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) The question before the body is, shall we adjourn? All in favor say aye. All opposed, nay. We are adjourned until Monday morning at 10 a.m. Hope you all have a nice weekend. Thank you.