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BRANDT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Yeah, it's time, isn't it? Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fifty-ninth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain today is Senator Ben Hansen. Please rise.

HANSEN: Thank you, colleagues. Well, to preface this here a little bit, I am going to read something maybe a lot of people didn't know about, and this is George Washington's most famous prayer. Anybody who's been to my office has seen a painting on my wall of George Washington kneeling next to his horse in the woods at Valley Forge, and many contend that this is one of the prayers that he then uttered there, and he used in his circular letter starting in 1783. So with that, I would like to read that. So if you would, colleagues, join me in prayer. I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you in his holy protection, that he would incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government, to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another, for their fellow citizens of the United States at large, and particularly for their brethren who have served in the field, and, finally, that he would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the divine author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of those of whose example, in these things, we can never hope to be a happy nation. Amen.

BRANDT: I recognize Senator Bob Hallstrom for the Pledge of Allegiance.

HALLSTROM: Colleagues, please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

BRANDT: Thank you. I call to order the fifty-ninth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call.

KELLY: Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

KELLY: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

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CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, sir.

KELLY: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. Report of registered lobbyists for April 9, 2026 will be found in today's Journal. Additionally, agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website. That's all I have at this time.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Moser would like to recognize the physician of the day, Dr. Jeff Gotschall of Columbus. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Senator Lippincott would like to recognize some fourth graders from Twin River Elementary in Genoa who are in the north balcony. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB737, LB753, LB784, LB788, LB913, LB952 with the emergency clause, LB977, LB998, LB1055, LB1108, LB1195, LB11-- excuse me, LB1216, LB1256, LB429, LB721, LB722, LB727, LB743, LB745, LB748, LB749, LB758, LB768, LB778, LB787, LB797, LB798, LB822, LB365, LB365A, LB823, LR293, LR296, and LR422. Senators, please find your seats for Final Reading. All unexcused senators are present. The first bill on Final Reading is LB455. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB455]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB455 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Rountree, Spivey. Vote is 37 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President.

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KELLY: LB455 passes. The next bill is LB525. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title LB525]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB525 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB525 passes. The next bill is LB596. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB596]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB596 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Frederickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm,

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Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt. Vote is 46 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB596 passes. The next bill is LB764.

CLERK: [Read LB764 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB764 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Guereca, Hunt, McKinney, Riepe, Sorrentino, and Spivey. Vote is 42 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB764 passes. Senator von Gillern would like to recognize three guests under the south balcony. They are Derek Schmitz, Chelsie Schmitze, and Brycen Schmitz of Omaha. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. The next bill is LB781 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB781]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB781 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibauch, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer,

Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Votes 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB781 passes with the emergency clause. Senator Hughes, you're recognized for a tribute.

HUGHES: Thank you, Mr. President. It is my honor today to rise and recognize our friend and colleague Jane Raybould from District 28 in Lincoln. Jane and I go way back, or should I say up, to cell block 10. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure, that is the 10th floor of the Nebraska State Capitol where six of us senators and staff had to serve our sentence. Up there, where the elevators always seem to take just a little too long when you're running late to a vote. And there was one, Kathleen, gender-neutral bathroom. That first year, none of us, Holdcroft, Armendariz, Ballard, or von Gillern, could have predicted that Jane would get early release. And, yet, here she is wrapping up 4 years and choosing not to go back for a second term. Jane, honestly, I think for many of us, when I say that, we're a little bit jealous. Some of us are still trying to figure out the paperwork for parole. Senator Holdcroft, can you help us with that, please? Am I the only one that gets thirsty when you hear Jane on the microphone? If there is one thing you know about Jane, it's this: she cares deeply about water. And not in a health-focused drink 8 glasses or 8 ounces a day or 8 glasses a day kind of way. She has been a relentless advocate on issues like nitrates in our groundwater and the priorities of our water improvement projects, specifically for the tribal lands under federal no-drink orders. She's also been a strong voice in conversations about the Perkins Canal funding and the uses of the money set aside for that project. Honestly, I think Jane has spoken more about Perkins County Canal than Jesse Bradley, Governor Pillen, and the Colorado Legislature combined. But Jane's passion doesn't just stop at water, she is one of the most tenacious people you will ever meet. If she believes in something, she does not give up ever. You might outlast her in a meeting, but probably not. And if you think you've reached the end of the conversation, Jane is just getting warmed up. She has also been a tireless advocate for Nebraska businesses, especially small businesses. She understands that these are the backbone of our communities, and she has fought hard to make sure that their voices are heard. And let's not forget, Jane didn't just show up here one day and figure this out on the fly. She brought with her her wealth of experience, 8 years on the Lincoln City Council, 4 years as a Lancaster County Commissioner, and even a run for Congress. Public service isn't something Jane dabbles in, it's who she is. At her core, she has a true servant's heart. She shows up, she

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listens, and she really cares. She leads with conviction, even when it's not the easy path, whether it's being a leading voice on difficult issues like constitutional carry or standing firm on the priorities she believes in matters most. Jane has never been afraid to do the work or afraid to even go against her party. Thank you for your service, your passion, your determination and your friendship. Nebraska is better because of you. And while we may joke about early release, the truth is you've more than earned it. So on your desk, let's all raise a glass of water that is nitrate free, not sourced from Colorado, and definitely not from the Perkins County Canal. So to Jane, enjoy this next phase.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB815. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB815]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB815 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Ballard, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Hunt, McKinney, Raybould, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen. Vote is 35 ayes, 14 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB815 passes. The next bill is LB815A. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those-- Mr. Clerk, please read the bill.

CLERK: [Read LB815A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB815A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storm, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, McKinney, Raybould, Storer, and Strommen. Vote is 42 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB815A passes. The next bill is LB820 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 [SIC--45] ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Mr. Clerk, please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB820]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB820 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Closue, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. Vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB820 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB820A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB820A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB820A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippiocott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Voting no: none. Vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB820A passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB826 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB826 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure haven't been complied with, the question is, shall LB826 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB826 passes with the emergency clause. Senator Lippincott, you're recognized for a tribute.

LIPPINCOTT: Thank you, sir. A wise King long ago wrote, quote, the righteous care for the needs of their animals, but the kindness acts of the wicked are cruel. About 20 years ago in February, on a blustery winter night after 1 a.m. on a farm near Glenvil, Nebraska, farmer Dave heard the sound of a heifer in distress. On a dairy farm, it's always calving season, so it would not be unusual to tend to the birth of a new calf in the middle of the night, but tonight was different. The cow bawling that Dave heard was frantic and continuous and could be heard over the howling winds driving the windchill to minus 25. Quickly donning warmer coveralls with his flashlight in hand, Dave followed the panicked cow sounds and discovered the almost 2-year-old, 1,000 pound heifer had gotten out of containment while grazing corn stalks and wandered toward the runoff pit. This runoff was used

year-round for wastewater to wash out the barn and free stalls after milking operations. It covers 3 acres, 200 yards away from the milking barn, and is over 10 feet deep. The heifer in distress had somehow gotten out of the cornfield, had been driven by the winds toward the runoff pit, which was covered with ice. However, the 1,000 pound animal broke through the ice in the middle of the pit and was completely submerged except for its eyes, nose, and mouth. Just enough to cry out for help. Dave parked his loader tractor on the berm, wedged down two 30-inch irrigation pipes link ways across the ice to serve as a base for him as he lay on his belly and dragged two log chains across the eyes to the weakening heifer. The irrigation pipes Dave laid out was for his rescue in case he went into the frigid waste water. Once at the panicked cow, Dave partially went into the runoff water to put the log chain around the cow's neck. Dave, now partially wet with sewage water, crawled back to his tractor and pulled the heifer out of the reuse pit with the tractor. Mission success. Now I relate this story to describe the man who has led the Education Committee, a man who stands on principle, who believes he is helping those in need, standing up for those without a voice. Senator Dave Murman is a man of resolve, principal, gentle, yet resolute. As Chairman, Senator Murman has been under extreme pressure to compromise his beliefs. He has undergone tremendous criticism from those outside the Capitol Building and within. Regardless of circumstances, Senator Murman stays the course and remains faithful to his cause based on his bone deep convictions. Senator Murman will soon return to his farm beside his wife, Kathy, and their daughter, Whitney. Dairy farmers understand faithfulness, duty, and perseverance. Being responsible for 500 Holsteins 24-7-365, which he affectionately calls his girls, builds discipline that has clearly served Senator Murman well and our Nebraska Legislature. He's a good friend, he loves Jesus, and he wants all to have a closer relationship with Christ. Thank you, Dave Murman. You will be missed.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB838 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB838]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB838 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Conrad, Hunt, Raybould. Vote is 46 ayes, 3 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB838 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB838A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB838A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB838A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Boastar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippicott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Arch. Senator Arch voting yes. Vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB838A passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB839.

CLERK: [Read LB839 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure have been complied with, the question is, shall LB839 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach,

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Juarez, McKinney, Fred Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, von Gillern, Wordekemper.

Voting no: Senators Andersen, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Clements, Hallstrom, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Glen Meyer, Riepe, Storer, Storm, Strommen. Vote is 34 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB839 passes. Senator von Gillern would like to recognize guests in the north balcony. They're fourth graders from St. Wenceslaus Catholic School in Omaha. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, bills read yesterday were presented to the Governor at 10:26 a.m. Additionally, new LR from Senator Storer, LR509, that will be laid over. New LR from Senator Arch, LR510, that will be laid over. And LR511 from Senator Arch, that will also be laid over. That's all I have at this time.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The next bill on Final Reading is LB852. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB852]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB852 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB852 passes. The next bill is LB867 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: 46 ayes, 0 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB867]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB867 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators, Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB867 passes with the emergency clause. Senator Hansen, you're recognized for a tribute.

HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. All right, so I was asked to give my friend Senator Moser's farewell address, and I asked myself, why would they ask me? Is it because nobody else wanted to do it? And then I thought, no, because Senator Moser is a well-liked person in this Chamber. And I thought, I think it's because he is a complex man. I think a lot of us might agree, hard to nail down sometimes, hard to summarize. He's more complex after 8 p.m., some of us might know. So I just want to touch on a little bit about Senator Moser that some of those may not know. He did graduate from Columbus Scotus High School. I say that because they were our main rival. I was from Schuyler. Nobody liked Scotus. He was actually the Columbus Youth Softball Association Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer from 1997 to 2002. He owns Columbus Music Company in Columbus, Nebraska that has served the community since 1945, offering a wide variety of instruments, accessories, and sheet music, along with this knowledgeable staff and welcoming atmosphere, is a local hub for musicians at all levels, located at 2514 13th Street. They're open Monday to Saturday to serve all your musical needs. I'll expect my royalty check soon, Mike. He is also the guitarist, co-vocalist, and founding member of Cruisin, the band in Columbus. Some of us have actually attended his soirees, and he plays the guitar very well,

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playing music from rock's golden age. So I've known Mike for 8 years now. I have known him to be an honest man, sometimes brutally honest. But that's what we need here sometimes. He's always willing to listen. He's always willing to stick to his guns. I appreciate that about him. He once said in an interview, when they're interviewing about his band, that each person has their own talent. And sometimes the way we do it is not the way the original artist did it. Like a Beach Boys song, it's not possible to do those note for note. Well, Mike, you are definitely an original song that I don't think anybody could replicate note for note. So I appreciate everything you've done here. You've served your district well the last 8 years. And I want to thank you for everything you have done. Thank you.

KELLY: Senator Juarez would like to recognize guests in the north balcony, students from the Creighton University for the Center for Service and Justice. Thank you and please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. The next bill on Final Reading is LB888. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: [Read LB888 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB888 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Conrad. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB888 passes. The next bill is LB905 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB905]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB905 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB905 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB912 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB912]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure haven't been complied with, the question is, shall LB912 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays.

KELLY: LB912 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB912A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB912A on Final Reading]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB912A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Armendariz. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB912A passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB935 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB935]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB935 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Raybould, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, McKinney, Quick, Rountree, and Spivey. Vote is 38 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB935 passes with the emergency clause. Senator Sorrentino, you're recognized for a tribute.

SORRENTINO: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. This morning I'd like to recognize Senator Fred Meyer for his service to this legislative body and the state of Nebraska again. Senator Meyer

has served not one, but two terms as a state senator, each time answering the call to be appointed to his office and serve the remainder of a term and a special session of another District 41 senator. This past one as a fellow bowling alley office tenant. Just so much fun. Imagine putting your life, business, and family on hold to serve our state with just a few days notice, not once, but twice. The seamless ease that he has exhibited in blending into this legislative body is impressive. And his contributions to our mission in the form of expert testimony on agriculture, education, and ranching have not gone, have not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. But what I will remember most about Senator Meyer's service is his easygoing, friendly, and professional manner. Always calm, always even tempered. A good lesson for us all. Senator Meyer has truly been a timely gift. We thank him and wish him well in the resumption of his well-deserved retirement. Thanks for coming off the bench, giving it your all, and, most importantly, agreeing to coach the senators to victory this afternoon over their basketball game over the lobbyists. Thank you, Senator Meyer.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB955.

CLERK: [Read LB955 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB955 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Hunt and Juarez. Vote is 47 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB955 passes. Senator Dorn would like to recognize guests in the north balcony, fourth graders from St. Joseph Catholic School in Beatrice. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. The next bill on Final Reading is LB972. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

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KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB972]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB972 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Andersen. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB972 passes. The next bill is LB972A.

CLERK: [Read LB972A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB972A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Hallstrom. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB972A passes. The next bill is LB986 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB986 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB986 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott-- excuse me, Lonowski, McKinney, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Juarez, Lippincott, Meyer, Meyer, Raybould. Vote is 41 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB986 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1010. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1010]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1010 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1010 passes. Senator Fredrickson, you're recognized for a tribute.

FREDRICKSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and good afternoon, colleagues. So there was a lot of pressure on me to honor the legendary Senator Megan Hunt. And I'll start by saying I've been practicing this in the mirror all week because we all know how she feels about senators who read scripts on the mic. Megan is, without a doubt, a lightning rod in this body. And her being termed out is truly the end of an era that I am sure many are cheering, but I also know for sure that many are

mourning. Love her or hate her, no one can disagree that Senator Hunt has been an unforgettable member of this body. In a Legislature that often defaults to polite restraint and carefully worded answers, Megan has been none of those things. She's been candid, unapologetic, disruptive, and truly always right where she needed to be. You never had to guess where she stood. And if you ever found yourself wondering, honestly, that's on you because you probably hadn't refreshed Twitter in the last 5 minutes. And I say that with real affection because what Megan brought to this Chamber wasn't just her sharpness and her candor, it was style, it was clarity, it was conviction, and it was the kind of honesty that can make people uncomfortable, but it also made this institution better. Megan, you have a true talent for saying the thing that everyone else tends to dance around. And while this sharpness has defined your public presence, I've come to appreciate even more who you are behind the scenes. Over the last 4 years I've been lucky enough not just to call you a colleague, but a genuine friend. And that's something that I will carry with me long after our time shared serving together. Because behind the punchy one-liners, the viral floor speeches, it's someone who is deeply loyal, deeply thoughtful, deeply committed, and deeply Taurus. And speaking of being deeply Taurus, what many of you may not know is that Megan comes alive after the lunch hour. And I know many of you have spent a lot of time trying to figure out exactly why this is. Well, I am here to reveal that secret. It's her daily lunchtime nap. While the rest of us are eating out of some trough at Billy's, Megan was wisely cuddled up on her second floor nest, complete with a space heater, an eye mask, and various [INAUDIBLE] cashmere blankets. And I will also say that it wasn't just the rest and self-care that kept her fueled throughout debate, but her unwavering adherence to a strict diet, which is pediatric in nature, primarily composed of beige and fried foods, and plenty of aspartame from her Diet Coke. I know that the United States Department of Health and Human Services and RFK Jr., and his little worm have taken note, and I do expect updated FDA guidelines on healthy eating in the new future. Megan, this place will feel different without you. Quieter? Maybe. Less entertaining? Definitely. But your impact on the institution, on the conversations, the debate that we've had in here, and on our state will absolutely not go away. Your staff wanted me to share a couple notes with you. Trey, your newest AA, wants to thank you for taking a chance on him and being the best mentor he could ask for. Cassy, your legendary former AA, wanted to share that you made the work matter, the people around you better, and you kept treats a priority. She will always be grateful to have learned from you and to

call you her friend. Hanna, your LA of 6 years, wants to tell you that the years she has spent working alongside you are some of her most cherished memories for life, and that because of your example, she is a stronger and braver woman and internally grateful. And for me, I am really going to miss having you in here. Becoming your friend has been one of the best parts of this whole experience. So thank you for your candor, for your tenacity, for keeping all of us on our toes, and for the friendship. And wherever you go next, I think it's safe to say they have absolutely no idea what they are in for. And whatever you do, do next, just don't look at the teacher's shoes. Congratulations.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB1029.

CLERK: [Read LB1029 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1029 pass. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, McKinney, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Spivey, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Clements, Hallstrom, Hardin, Holdcroft, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern. Vote is 29 ayes, 20 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1029 passes. The next bill is LB1048. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1048]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1048 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom,

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KELLY: LB1048 passes. The next bill is LB1057 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB1057 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1057 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Glen Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators DeBoer and Fred Meyer. Senator DeBoer voting yes. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1057 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1086 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB1086 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1086 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

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KELLY: LB1086 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1087.

CLERK: [Read LB1087 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1087 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Stormmen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1087 passes. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, you're recognized for a tribute.

M. CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Mr. President. Good afternoon, colleagues. Please reference your handout that the pages gave out. It is a mock-up of a text conversation between myself and Senator Ben Hansen. When thinking about how best to pay tribute to Senator Hansen, I thought I needed to come up with something as quirky as our friendship. So you will see that the pages are handing out the mocked text thread between Senator Hansen and me, discussing his legislative career in emojis. So bear with me, I will read a little bit of it. The page, page, page, that's Senator Hansen showing up year after year, consistently dedicating himself to public service, inspiring respect through his work. Boxing glove, ice cube, waving hand, that's LB635. Slap fighting on ice. Laughing face. And that is something about Senator Hansen. He's not afraid to take on something a little unconventional, something that gets people talking, something that meets people's needs where they are. People laughing, people, hospital? Because even in lighter moments, Senator Hansen's work sits alongside bigger questions. Health care, access, cost, issues he spent a lot of time on as well directly improving Nebraska family lives. Pregnant person, stethoscope package, LB374, LB676, LB1234, the omnibus, which I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge his legislative aide, Ellie, who's sitting off to the side, big part of those emojis, baby hour class, the reality of the work, families who need those systems to function well. One of my favorites, motorcycle helmet, red X, a whole

bunch of red X's, that would be LB91, LB581, LB730-- LB378, and LB1004. Finally, Senator Hansen got that one passed in 2023. Senator Hansen has been consistent. He believes in personal freedom, an individual choice, and he's brought that perspective forward again and again. Values that resonate deeply with Nebraska's spirit of independence and responsibility. Mailbox pink postcard, LB1250. That's Senator Hansen trying to make government more visible, more understandable. How decisions show up in people's mailboxes in their daily lives. Syringe scales of justice, LB643, LB906, LB645, those were difficult years. Senator Hansen engaged in those debates about mandates, about rights, about where government should and shouldn't be. And then this one, page, arrow, person raising hand, arrow, person saying no, LB1249. This was a bill that Senator Hansen brought to the Health and Human Services Committee and during the hearing itself, convinced himself that he no longer supported the bill. And what I appreciate about Senator Hansen is his willingness to engage honestly, adapt, and listen, building trust in the process. And when you step back, you see this. Page, page, page, arrow. When you look at Senator Hansen's work, you can see what matters to him. You can see it in debates he dives into, defending personal freedom, defending government's-- defining government's role, and you feel it in the moments that defy categorization like regulating slap fighting on ice or being flexible enough to rethink in real time. It's not merely theory, it's the essence of the job. It's about stepping into the arena with your perspective, documenting it, and being willing to have that view tested openly. Senator Hansen, Ben, embodies this dedication. He brings his experiences, convictions, and vision for Nebraska into this Chamber without shying away from conversations that arise. So whether you agree with him or not, you always know where he stands. And in this work, that clarity matters. Thank you, Senator Hansen, for your 8 years of service to Nebraska.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB1091.

CLERK: [Read LB1091 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1091 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez,

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KELLY: LB1091 passes. The next bill is LB1126. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1126]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1126 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Hunt. Senator Guereca voting no. Vote is 42 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1126 passes. The next bill is LB1126A.

CLERK: [Read LB1126A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1126A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Sorrentino. Senator Sorrentino voting yes. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

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KELLY: LB1126A passes. The next bill is LB1135 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1135]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1135 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Fred Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Glen Meyer. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1135 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1181. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1181]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is shall LB1181 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman,

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Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordkemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1181 passes. The next bill is LB1181A.

CLERK: [Read LB1181A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1181A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1181A passes. Senator Holdcroft, you're recognized for a tribute.

HOLDCROFT: Thank you, Mr. President. Myron Dorn. Well, I have to admit, like Senator Hansen, I was a little surprised when I got the phone call to do this tribute, and, frankly, I said can you find somebody else? And they said, no, you're our last hope. So I, I took this on with gusto, did a lot of research, talked to a lot of people, but, folks, I got nothing. So just the facts. Myron Dorn was born on October 23, 1954 in Beatrice. He grew up on a farm near Adams and graduated from Adams High School in 1972. He married the former Julie Salomons on December 1, 1979. They have two children, Kyle and Erin. Thank you, Mr.-- only kidding. I have a few things, others to say about Myron. Myron attended the University of Nebraska graduating in 1976 with a degree in animal science and returned to farming. Recognized as a leader in his community, he was elected to the Gage County Board from 2010 to 2018, serving as its Chairman for 3 years. His philosophy was, and I quote, When people visit with you about something, or when they have an issue, they want to feel that they had somebody that was interested, or had somebody that really listened to their concerns and their thoughts. Based on his service to his county, he was encouraged to run for the Unicameral and was elected in 2018 to serve in the One Hundred Sixth Legislature. As a member of the One

Hundred Sixth Legislature, he served on the Appropriations Committee. As a member of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, he served on the Appropriations Committee. As a member of the One Hundred Eighth Legislature he served the Appropriations Committee. And as a member the One Hundred Ninth Legislature he served on the Appropriations Committee, and the Executive Board, and as the first Chairman of the Legislative Oversight Committee. His first LA was Janet Anderson and AA Barb Dorn. This is what Barb had to say about Senator Dorn. He's very down-to-earth, family and farm-oriented. He delights in watching his grandkids play sports and show livestock. He is a hunter and fisherman and loves taking the grandkids along. Another grandchild is due in August. As a scheduler, I was careful to avoid putting anything on the calendar when it was his special golf night with his wife Julie. He definitely believes in public service and is active in the Adams Rescue Squad as an EMT. His morning routine includes coffee in town with fellow farmers whenever he is able to get there, and I assume that will be a lot more common in the months ahead. Two significant pieces of the Legislature include his work to structure settlement with the Beatrice 6 and the promotion and expansion of ethanol 15. Since Senator Clements refused to attend the Wednesday morning meetings with the ag community leaders, it fell to Senator Dorn to represent the Appropriations Committee to the ag mafia. I was very impressed with his breadth of knowledge of appropriations and his ability to recall numbers without hesitation and satisfy the numerous questions coming from the ag community. In closing, I don't know anyone who doesn't genuinely like Myron Dorn. He has a great sense of humor and a very pleasant disposition. We will miss him greatly. Thank you, Senator Dorn.

KELLY: Senator Riepe would like to recognize some guests under the south balcony, the parents of Amendment Clerk Logan Duran. They are Joe and Melissa Duran from Denver. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. The next bill on Final Reading is LB1212. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 2 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1212]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1212 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Sorrentino. Senator Sorrentino voting yes. Vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1212 passes. The next bill is LB1237. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 2 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1237]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1237 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Fred Meyer, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Conrad, Hunt, Glen Meyer, and Moser. Vote is 45 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1237 passes. The next bill is LB1237A.

CLERK: [Read LB1237A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1237A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Fred Meyer, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Glen Meyer and Moser. Vote is 47 ayes, 2 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1237A passes. The next bill is LB1261. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1261]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1261 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Raybould-- Quick-- Raybould, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Bostar, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dorn, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Prokop, Quick, Rountree, Spivey. Vote is 33 ayes, 16 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1261 passes. The next bill is LB1261A.

CLERK: [Read LB1261A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1261A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft,

Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hallstrom, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney. Vote is 43 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1261A passes. Senator Bosn, you're recognized for a tribute.

BOSN: Focus. Today, I rise to honor the service of one of my favorite people in the Legislature. We have occasionally been confused for one another, which may be fitting because we often act like sisters and anyone who has a sister knows how that goes. You can be best of friends, worst of enemies, but you are the only one allowed to be best of friends and worst of enemies, or you will have their back. I'm not sure who will ever do a sine die top 10 list 2 years in a row as well as us, but we did make a great duo. To be honest, though, I do now understand why we do not allow props in committee hearings. Senator Wendy DeBoer is a dedicated public servant, a thoughtful leader, and a tireless advocate for Nebraskans. Throughout her time representing what she calls District 10 in beautiful northwest Omaha, although this year it was beautiful District 10, or District 10 in vibrant northwest Omaha, she did so with integrity, with compassion, and a deep sense of responsibility. All are traits of a true leader, and I am very grateful for her friendship. Five days a week throughout hearings in Transportation and Telecommunications and Judiciary, I sat directly to her left, which was very convenient because she is left-handed and I am right-handed, and for passing notes and sharing ideas that randomly popped into our minds during hearings, that made it easier. We also actually came up with some very wild ideas to improve bills and fix problems on those notes, and then tented them up in front of us and those tent notes piled up day after day. And I am going to miss those occasionally intense debates via chicken scratch on notepads. But when I think about the key bills that Senator DeBoer passed, at least during my time here, they were often bills that improved a situation that to most of us seemed either too daunting, too cumbersome, or whatever the reasonable excuse we would have given was, Senator Wendy DeBoer said yes. And those who have served 8 years in a row with her would probably agree, she often said yes year after year after year. Whether it was second-parent adoptions, improving guardianships for aging Nebraskans, tribal customary adoptions, colleagues, the list goes on. When some of us would say, I can take a hint, this bill isn't going anywhere, Senator DeBoer would say, well, I'm bringing it next year, and I'm committing to working with the opponents until we find a solution. And even when I disagreed with her, that is a quality that I

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and most of you admire. So, Senator DeBoer, as you leave this room for the final time as a, quote, state senator and graduate to your new title, former state senator, I hope you do so knowing you have left a positive impression on your colleagues. You have given every day your 100%. And you have done some great things that will benefit Nebraskans for generations. I am going to miss you next year. And I hope you won't be a stranger. I'm a better senator because of you, and I know I'm not the only one who feels that way. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your friendship. And I know you will do great things in the future. Thank you, Mr. President.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB304. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB304]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB304 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43-- excuse me. Voting aye: Senators Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Clements, Hansen, Kauth, Lippincott, Murman. Vote is 43 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB304 passes. The next bill is LB304A.

CLERK: [Read LB304A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB304A pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes,

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Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Machaela Cavanaugh, Clements, Hansen, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, and Murman. Vote is 41 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB304A passes. The next bill is LB762.

CLERK: [Read LB762 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB762 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, Dorn, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Clements, DeKay, Dover, Jacobson, and Juarez. Senator Juarez voting yes. Vote is 45 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB762 passes. The next bill is LB803 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB803]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure being-- having been complied with, the question is, shall LB803 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe-- excuse me, Raybould, Rountree,

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Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Riepe. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB803 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB803A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB803A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB803A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Lonowski. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB803A passes with the emergency clause. Senator Hardin, you're recognized for a senator tribute.

HARDIN: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I'd like to salute a man who is the only one of us to have spent a significant amount of time playing on the field at Memorial Stadium. And, Mr. President, I looked up his statistics, and somewhat tragically, he has no tackles, no interceptions, no fumble recoveries, no touchdowns. In fact, Mr. President, his football statistics are rubbish. Well, he didn't play football for the Huskers. Oh, but you should hear him play that trumpet. As a member of the Cornhusker Marching Band on the field at Memorial Stadium, Senator Rob Clements is an amazing player. He's impressive. And so are the 10 years that he invested in the Nebraska Legislature, 5 bienniums. That's nearly 70 legislative dog years. During that time, he introduced 51 bills and 32 legislative resolutions, 51 to 32. Here's why that's significant. Over a decade of service to his district and Nebraska, Rob brought just a few impactful bills each year. He did not make a habit of bringing ideas that were fluffy. He focused on ideas that mattered for the largest number of people. I find his ratio of bills to LR's telling. LR's are usually either a dull meeting that happens during the interim that nearly

everyone forgets 10 minutes after that happens, or an LR is a public declaration of encouragement, cheering someone on. Rob's LRs were typically the encouraging kind, and the individuals who receive those LRs never forget them. That's Rob. For about every two bills Rob brought, he brought one targeted moment of encouragement. That's a ratio we need to emulate. What would Nebraska be like if for every two bills each of us brought, we brought encouragement to someone? Of course, the two bills in that two to one ratio that Rob brought usually had to do with money. What else would you expect from a banker and actuary? He brought his expertise to bear on the best ideas. He does not think about, will this law feel good now? He does imagine will this law do good finally? Something else we can learn from. I got to know Rob best along with several others here at the Bible studies held in his office early in the mornings. He's a husband and dad and grandpa and an expert water skier and he blows a shofar, a dead animal horn. Don't knock it till you try it, he insists. His relationship with God matters more to him than anything else. Jesus is his priority. And, Rob, it's been a privilege to serve with you and learn from you, and you showed us how to do this well. And Mr. Appropriations, you made each of us richer for the privilege of watching you. Thank you.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB878 with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB878 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB878 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Juarez, Kauth, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Clements, Dover, Jacobson, Lippincott, Lonowski, Riepe. Not voting: Senator Armendariz. Vote is 41 ayes, 7 nays, 1 excused, not voting, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB878 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB889.

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CLERK: [Read LB889 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB889 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, McKinney. Not voting: Senator Armendariz. Senator Armendariz voting yes. Senator Fredrickson voting yes. Vote is 41 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB889 passes. The next bill is LB921. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 42 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB921]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB921 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Raybould, Rountree, Spivey. Vote is 37 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB921 passes. The next bill is LB929.

CLERK: [Read LB929 on Final Reading]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB929 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, Juarez, Lonowski, McKinney, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, von Gillern. Voting no: Senators Andersen, Armendariz, Bosn, DeKay, Hardin, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, Lippincott, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Storer, Storm, Strommen, Wordekemper. Vote is 32 ayes-- Senator Clements voting no. Vote is 31 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB929 passes. Senator Spivey, you're recognized for a senator tribute.

SPIVEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I am honored to give remarks regarding the tenure and legacy of my colleague and friend Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, lover of the Library Commission and an avid, and an avid beanbag reader. Before serving together, I had the pleasure of working with her on pieces of legislation outside the glass. And as we all know, being on this side of the glass is a very different world and the impact of her service is felt nationally and within the people's house. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh is a trailblazer. Now, some would argue it was due to her Jordan year, or 2023, that really cemented her in our history books. I would say yes, and offer that is also her service in general. The Eastern Service Area Child Welfare Contract Special Investigative and Oversight Committee of the Legislature was formed by her LR29. And based on its findings, the state ended its service contract. And we all know what happened next and the important ripples that came after. She is also the reason why we have a mother's room and is the first senator to ever breastfeed on the floor and now won't certainly be the last. The through line, which is most important, is her consistency and integrity. The guidepost in her work is fighting for those that are pushed to the margins. Communities that felt like their voice is dismissed, removed, and excluded, she brings to the center. She says the hard things out loud and challenges this body to be accountable and better to live up to our potential. And it isn't just about what she accomplishes, it's the how, it's about the process. She is a stickler for the rules. I told her the other day, actually, that I know when she is up to something by either how fast she is walking from, like, the back of the floor or the side and her hair is blowing or the look on her face. Nebraskans

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are better because of her tenacity, resilience, and love. This institution is better because of her commitment, consistency, and care. And, Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, Machaela, my macaroni, I am better because of your support, your leadership, and your friendship. I will miss serving with you on Appropriations and the brilliance you bring to government and policymaking. Thank you for your service.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB937. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conrad, I have MO441, FA1005, and FA1006, all with notes that you withdraw.

KELLY: So ordered.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I have nothing further.

KELLY: First vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 43 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB937]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB937 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB937 passes. The next bill is LB958 with the emergency clause. Senators, the Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative contemporaneously with the adoption of this initiative measure, or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all of the members of the Legislature. LB958 will require 33 votes to pass. The first vote is

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the vote to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 47 ayes, 1 nay, to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the bill--title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB958]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB958 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Riepe. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB958 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB962. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB962]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB962 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman,

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Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none.

The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB962 passes. The next bill is LB965. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 2 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB965]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB965 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Rountree, and Spivey. Vote is 39 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB965 passes. The next bill is LB966.

CLERK: [Read LB966 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB966 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, Juarez, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Armendariz, Clements, Clouse, Hansen, Ibach, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Murman, Storer, and Storm. Vote is 38 ayes, 11 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB966 passes. Senator Clements would like to recognize guests in the north balcony. They are fourth graders from Messiah Lutheran Church-- School in Lincoln. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Senator John Cavanaugh, you're recognized for a senator tribute.

J. CAVANAUGH: Thank you, Mr. President. I was going to move around and use a different microphone, but it seems like everybody's ready to be out of here. So we'll keep it tight, tight five. So what can I say about Tom Brandt that hasn't already been written in a puff piece in the Lincoln Journal Star. A maverick. So a maverick, the phrase comes from an unbranded steer, and with all of the conversation, so much time spent in this place talking about branding I think it's fitting that Tom Brandt would be labeled as unbranded. When I got here, I met Tom Brandt by serving on every single committee with him: Agriculture, General Affairs, and Natural Resources. We sat next to each other on a number of committees. I had no idea who he was. He invited me into his office one Friday afternoon, the very beginning of the session, to say-- kind of mentor me, which I really appreciated, because I got here and I was looking for a mentor. And so I went to my staff and I said Tom invited me to his office to talk about what we're going to talk in the committee this year. And they said which Tom? And I said I don't know. And I said, well, it's about agriculture. And I said I think that's probably Tom Brandt and not Tom Briese. So I couldn't tell him apart at first, but then I sat down with Tom in his office and said what are we going to talk about in agriculture this, this year? And he said branding. He said that's going to be the big issue in the Agriculture Committee. And I say, no, seriously, what are we going to talk about? But it was, branding was a big issue that year. And we, you know, took that up and, of course, got no further than this Legislature had gotten in a long time. But it's that type of effort that Tom put in to help and mentor. And now that he's leaving, I can probably out him as a person who taught me a lot of how to be a senator. So in one of those early General Affairs Committees, I was sitting next to him and encouraged me to ask questions. And, you know, ask to get to the core of what was going on, on those bills. So, so many of you, and I know you all look at me whenever someone stops talking to start asking questions, that's Tom Brandt's fault. So getting him in trouble already. He taught me how to take notes in committee hearings. He taught me about engaging in floor debate. I didn't understand how to use the website or how to find the committee statements. That was the first time I didn't-- he said, OK, you go and you look at this, you see who came and talked, you see how people

voted. Taught me how to read those things so I could engage in a floor debate. Tom started his career here by, well, running for Legislature because he couldn't find anybody else to run. He was mad at his senator, he was mad at the other person running. Tom went and filed at the last minute. So Tom Brandt's failure is our boon, I guess. In his career here, he's done so many great things: farm to table, dark fiber, germination testing, which I do remember that in the Ag Committee, the raw milk bill, where, again, he taught me oat milk doesn't count, soy milk doesn't count, rice milk doesn't count. I'd be remiss if I didn't mention Czech license plates. That was the last bill on the agenda for about 2 weeks. And he kept having-- he had everything ready to go every single day, and it just kept getting pushed off the agenda. But he got it done. And I think the people in his community are very appreciative of that. I hope there are a number of Czech license plates in-- oh, what town is it-- Wilber. I hope Wilber is happy to see the Czech license plates. I would say if-- one of my favorite things about Tom is his ability for me to criticize him and him to criticize me back. So I'm going to take this opportunity: Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, you missed the chance to make it the Water, Energy, and Environment Department. I think it would have been much more popular. So Tom is a true maverick. He came into the Legislature because he was upset with who was representing him. In his first year, he started a floor debate against a bill and was the only person who opposed it. But he still opposed that bill and on General File, fought that bill, was the only no vote, and then I think killed it on Select File. And so he's brought that sort of maverick attitude towards everything. One of my favorite things that ever happened here was the veto override of Tom's LIHEAP bill. So that was in 2021, where-- so I still have this picture. Sorry. Of course, getting emotional at this point talking about a veto override. These are the things that don't happen here anymore. When I got to the Legislature, we had these folks-- thank you-- we had these folks who stood up on their principles and they fought against the Governor and they got things done over the Governor's objection. And Tom Brandt was one of those guys. And I have a picture of him, John McCollister, and Mark Kolterman, who were the three people who overrode a veto that year. It's still on my desk to this day. So Tom's done so many more great things in this Legislature. I'm going to miss him terribly, but he's a model of a public servant and what a legislator can be. And so I hope other people take lessons. I've seen him mentoring other people over the years. Maybe people aren't throwing themselves into the questioning as much as I've done, or the talking on the floor, but Tom's legacy here will be one of feeding people, of connecting people,

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and fighting for property tax relief, which will be continued after Tom leaves. He's done so much great work. So to Tom Brandt, it's been an honor to serve with you and I will miss you.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB1022.

CLERK: [Read LB1022 on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1022 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Riepe, Spivey. Vote is 37 ayes, 12 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1022 passes. The next bill is LB1032. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1032]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1032 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

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KELLY: LB1032 passes. The next bill is LB1075 with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Senator Dungan, I have MO567 with a note that you withdraw.

KELLY: So ordered.

CLERK: Senator Dungan, I also have FA1181, FA1182, and FA1183, all with notes that you would withdraw.

KELLY: So ordered.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I have nothing further at this time.

KELLY: Senators, the first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 47 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1075]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1075 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1075 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1075A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB1075A on Final Reading]

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KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1075A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1075A passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1096. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1096]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1096 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Clements, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Raybould, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Spivey. Vote is 34 ayes, 15 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1096 passes. Senator Dover, you are recognized for a senator tribute.

DOVER: There are no such things as coincidence. My first year, I sat in Mike Flood's old seat. Then when a session started in 2023, there was a new senator sitting next to me. I'd never heard of or met her before. We started talking and found out that her son and my

son-in-law went to school together at Creighton and spent time in each other's houses growing up. Small world. When I found out we were both going to be on Appropriations Committee together, and, yes, together our first year was 2023. And what a year it was. In conversations, I learned of her conviction and commitment to helping north Omaha and the needy, cutting unneeded spending and lowering property taxes. And now at the end of her 4-year term, we've all gotten to know who Senator Armendariz is and what she stands for. Many of us tried to convince her to run again, but Christy decided that she could do better for herself and those she was trying to help by working outside the Legislature. I'll be watching as she continues to fight for the needy, not with giving a hand out, but in giving them a hand up. You see Christy doesn't believe that simply giving things to the needy does anything to solve their problem. Christy tells you that policies-- thank you. Something John Cavanaugh and I have in common, I guess. Christy will tell you that policies need to focus on giving people the ability to lift themselves out of poverty and instill in them a deep belief that everyone has all they need to flourish in today's society within themselves. People need to know that they are complete, that they have all that they need to do more than survive and to flourish and accomplish their dreams. I think I can speak for all of us when I say it was an honor to work with Christy Armendariz and she'll be missed.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB1114 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 41 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1114]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1114 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom,

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Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Riepe. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1114 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1165 with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Conrad, I have FA942 and FA943, both with notes that you withdraw.

KELLY: So ordered.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I am nothing further at this time.

KELLY: Please read the bill. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading on LB1165 with the emergency clause. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 46 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1165]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1165 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, and Raybould. Vote is 42 ayes, 7 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1165 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB1165A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB1165A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1165A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, John Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney, Raybould. Vote is 43 ayes, 6 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1165A passes with the emergency clause. Senator Strommen, you're recognized for a tribute.

STROMMEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to recognize our Head Sergeant at Arms Scott Black for his lifetime of exceptional public service as we mark his final legislative session, and my understanding is that this is his last day here as he will not be here next Friday. Scott has dedicated decades to protecting and serving the people of Nebraska, highlighted by an impressive 25-year career with the Nebraska State Patrol from 1987 to 2012. His extensive law enforcement background includes serving as a trooper in traffic services, an investigator for the alcohol tobacco division, and operating within executive protection from 1998 to 2002 where he not only provided security details for Governor Ben Nelson and Mike Johanns but also diligently conducted Legislative Capitol and Supreme Court security. Beyond his daily duties, Scott has shown unwavering support for his peers and community through his roles as eastern Vice President for the Nebraska State Troopers Association, a critical incident stress management peer team member from 1988 to 2018, a Vice President of the Raymond Central School Board. Whether protecting this Capitol, serving as Sergeant or stepping into the role as Head Sergeant at Arms in January of 2025, Scott's commitment to our state has been absolute. Please join me in thanking him for his steadfast service, his sacrifice, and his leadership and wishing him the best as he concludes this time with us.

KELLY: The next bill on Final Reading is LB1187. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: 39 ayes, 2 nays to dispense with the at-large reading.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Mr. Clerk, please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1187]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1187 pass? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hallstrom, Hansen, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hardin-- excuse me. Voting no: Senators John Cavanaugh, Machaela Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, Rountree. Not voting: Senator Hardin. Vote is 39 ayes, 9 nays, 1 present, not voting, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1187 passes. The next bill is LB1209 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 2 nays to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB1209]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB1209 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKinney, Meyer, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick,

Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senator Conrad. Vote is 48 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB1209 passes with the emergency clause. Senator Jacobson, you're recognized for a senator tribute.

JACOBSON: Thank you, Mr. President, and good afternoon, colleagues. I rise with the distinct honor to pay tribute to Speaker John Arch, someone whose title matters, but whose impact mattered more. In a Legislature shaped, shaped by term limits, it's easy to chase what's urgent. Speaker John Arch chose again and again to build what's durable: systems that outlast a term, relationships that outlast a disagreement, and policies that move from paper to practice. If you want to understand his leadership style, you can start with a simple question he encouraged people to ask one another: Tell me your story. Why are you here? That wasn't small talk, it was a method, a way to turn 49 strong opinions into a governing body that will still-- that could still do the people's work even in hard sessions. And to that approach is, is exactly what made him an effective Speaker. Being-- because being Speaker is far from the scheduling of bills, it requires patience. It requires the trust of your colleagues. It requires a deep understanding of the rules and when to rely upon them and when to guide the body through difficult moments. For 2 years, this body elects its leadership. And 4 years ago, Speaker Arch didn't simply step into that role, he positioned himself for it. He built relationships, he earned credibility, and he demonstrated the kind of steady, thoughtfulness, leadership that this body ultimately chose to elevate. For many of us, his legacy is especially clear in three areas: First, strengthening behavioral health and access to care. He helped modernize access to telehealth in a way that acknowledged real-world conditions, LB400 in 2021. Not every community has the bandwidth for video, not every crisis waits for a perfect connection, and the Nebraska law now explicitly recognizes that telehealth includes audio only behavioral health services. A particularly-- a particular challenge that can be, that can be the difference between getting help and going without it. Second, strengthening oversight and accountability within the Legislature. This may not always make headlines, but is one of the most important institutional changes. He led efforts that created a clearer structure for legislative oversight by establishing a dedicated division of legislative oversight and a legislative oversight committee designed to do serious work with firms-- firm guardrails including proper handling of confidential information, LB298 in 2025. That matters because oversight is not

about politics, it's about building trust while ensuring that government can learn from mistakes, make corrections, and ignore-- and improve, especially in complex systems like child welfare, Corrections, and health and human services, where the stakes involve people's lives. And, third, strengthening the institution itself. Speaker Arch consistently modeled respect for this body for its process and for the people who make it work. He emphasized communication over conflict, collaboration over division, and results over rhetoric. In doing so, he helped create a legislative culture that allows a good policy to move forward, and that may be for his most lasting contribution because long after any one bill is passed what remains is the way this body functions and the example set for those who follow. Speaker Arch, thank you for choosing communication over noise. Thank you for building systems that will still serve Nebraska after the next election cycle and the next class of senators-- and when the next class of senators come in. And thank you for your work to strengthen access to care, strengthen accountability, and strengthen the culture of service that this state depends on. We wish you and your family the very best in what's next to come. Thank you.

KELLY: While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB455, LB525, LB596, LB764, LB781 with the emergency clause, LB815, LB815A, LB820 with the emergency clause, LB820A with the emergency clause, LB826 with the emergency clause, LB838 with the emergency clause, LB838A with the emergency clause, LB839, LB852, LB867 with the emergency clause, LB888, LB905 with the emergency clause, LB912 with the emergency clause, LB912A with the emergency clause, LB935 with the emergency clause, LB955, LB972, (LB972A), LB986 with the emergency clause, LB1010, LB1029, LB1048, LB1057 with the emergency clause, LB1086 with the emergency the clause, LB1087, LB1091, LB1126, LB1126A, LB1135 with the emergency clause, LB1181, LB1181A, LB1212, LB1237, LB1237A, LB1261, LB1261A, LB304, LB304A, LB762, LB803 with the emergency clause, LB803A with the emergency clause, (LB878 with the emergency clause), LB889, LB921, LB929, LB937, LB958 with the emergency clause, LB962, LB965, LB966, LB1022, LB1032, LB1075 with the emergency clause, LB1075A with the emergency clause, LB1096, LB1114 with the emergency clause, LB1165 with the emergency clause, LB1165A with the emergency clause, LB1187, and LB1209 with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, priority motion, Senator Dorn would move to adjourn the body until Friday, April 17 at 9:00 a.m.

KELLY: The question is the motion to adjourn. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. The Legislature is adjourned.