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"town"...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...and "township", it conjures up this notion of everybody knowing everybody, having these cobblestone streets which glisten after the rain, which comes to purify the air, and then the inhabitants emerge from the safety of their homes, or they put away their multicolored umbrellas and no longer does this look like a huge growth of multicolored mushrooms, if you're looking from the air. You see that it is a place where human beings live. A nice, to use Senator Maurstad's term, parochial setting, bucolic, restful, stress-free, as a matter of fact it might not be a bad idea to change the name of Omaha from "city" to "town". Ah, I see that Morgan...

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...has joined us this morning. Welcome, Morgan, to the Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB 497, (LB) 33, (LB) 109, (LB) 299, (LB) 369, (LB) 376, (LB) 629, and (LB) 834. And Senator Kristensen would announce that there are two very special guests visiting the Legislature today, Morgan Kristensen, and Paige Nicole Kristensen are here visiting. They are both under the north balcony. Will you please recognize them. Senator Wickersham, your light is next.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Madam President. A couple of things have been said that I think merit some remarks before I get the heart of the issue. One, Senator Maurstad, I'd respectfully disagree with the assertion that you made that the townships lost their levy authority in 1114. There will still be, in those places that have elected to have township form of government, there will still be a levy, it is a levy by the township, it is going to be determined, the levy will be determined by the county board in an allocation process. But there still will be a township levy. And if you look on your tax notice, you'll see that. I also disagree with Senator