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next light, I would like to announce that while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 111, LB 175, LB 186, LB 233, LB 233A, LB 250, LB 259, LB 292, LB 294, LB 333, LB 333A, LB 357, LB 357A, LB 359, LB 451, LB 487, LB 524, LB 607, LB 619, LB 688, LB 726, LB 756, LB 756A. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I had a question after I last spoke and I would like to expand on that just a little bit, as far as, what do different things make how much decibel level noise, if that makes any sense? During the hearing, we had a dosimeter which measures the sound, and when Senator Schrock was giving the instructions to the room as far as cell phones and how to testify and sign in and all that, his noise level, if you will, went from 45 to 60 decibels. During my introduction of the remarks, I went anywhere from 65 to 71 decibel level. If you want to know what some ordinary things around your house or your workplace, what decibel level they are, the noise of a refrigerator is 50. A power lawn mower can be anywhere from 65 to 95. Freeway traffic is 70. A motorcycle can be anywhere from 95 to 110. A hair dryer, 60 to 95. Power saw, 110, a car horn, 110. A football stadium, and I don't know if the Nebraska stadium qualifies, but 117. A chain saw is 125, and a doorbell, I was very surprised, is 80. If you want to know what's harmful, I can tell you that, too. If you are subjected to only one time a decibel level of 145, that can cause harm after just one time. At a level of 125, you would have to be subjected to that level 100 times in 24 hours. At a 90 decibel level, it would be...have to be continuous for 24 hours. Ninety is, if you look at all of the states that have these levels, 90 is at the upper range. They go anywhere from 82 to low 90's. So we thought this was a good place to start. The average was 88 to 90 and so we thought 90 would be a good place for Nebraska to start because we had no specific level before. There, again the fiscal note, there is no fiscal note. The people that prepared this assumed that there would have to be 40 of these sound level meters, the dosimeters. Game and Parks said, no, they already have a handful on hand, and that they could absorb the cost of whatever additional number that they would have. So with that, Mr. President, I would return the rest of my time to the Chair.