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PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING

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

SENATOR DUBAS: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Senator Dubas. I now call to order the tenth day of the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Are there corrections for the Journal?

ASSISTANT CLERK: I have no corrections this morning.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Messages, reports, or announcements?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a Reference Committee report for LB420 through LB474, plus LR29, LR30, and LR37. I have notice of committee hearing from the Government Committee. Banking reports favorably on the confirmation of the director of the Department of Insurance. Announcements: The Building Maintenance Committee has selected Senator Hansen as Vice Chair, and Senator Langemeier has been chosen as Vice Chair of Intergovernmental Cooperation. That's all that I have at

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this time. (Legislative Journal pages 263-266.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR15, LR16, LR17, and LR18. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, we will now proceed to introduction of new bills. [LR15 LR16 LR17 LR18]

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. (Read LB544-554 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 266-268.) [LB544 LB545 LB546 LB547 LB548 LB549 LB550 LB551 LB552 LB553 LB554]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) Members would also like to extend a very happy birthday wish to Ron Witkowski, the Sergeant at Arms, located in the back of the Chamber. Happy Birthday, Ron. Members, for your information the intent is to adjourn today around 11:30, but if you have legislation for introduction please attempt to get it up to the Clerk's desk by 11:00 so we can get them processed. Mr. Clerk, you have bills for introduction.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB555-573 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 268-271.) [LB555 LB556 LB557 LB558 LB559 LB560 LB561 LB562 LB563 LB564 LB565 LB566 LB567 LB568 LB569 LB570 LB571 LB572 LB573]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, do you have new bills for introduction?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB574-588 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 271-273.) [LB574 LB575 LB576 LB577 LB578 LB579 LB580 LB581 LB582 LB583 LB584 LB585 LB586 LB587 LB588]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. Your Committee on Transportation reports LB67 and LB158 to General File. Executive Board gives notice of public hearing, as does Judiciary, Revenue, and Natural Resources. In addition to that, Performance Audit has chosen Senator Harms as Chair and Senator Mello as Vice Chair. (Legislative Journal pages 273-275.) [LB67 LB158]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Mr. Clerk, do you have new bills for introduction?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB589-598 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this

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time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 275-277.) [LB589 LB590 LB591 LB592 LB593 LB594 LB595 LB596 LB597 LB598]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Speaker Flood, you are recognized for an announcement.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, members. If I could have your attention for a moment I want to talk to you about the rest of the week. First of all, today I recognize according to Bill Drafters there are a number of members that are still waiting for three-parts from the Revisor's Office; accordingly, we will go until 11:30 this morning. Please come see our Assistant Clerk this morning if you're waiting for something so that he and our presiding officer are aware of that. Recognizing this is the last day of bill introductions we can be flexible, but 11:30 is what we're looking at right now, so hopefully everybody has got what they need en route from Bill Drafters. Secondly, we're going to start tomorrow morning at 9:45. At 10:00 we'll have the State of the Judiciary Address. Chief Justice and several Justices of the Nebraska Supreme Court will be here to advise this body on developments in the Nebraska judicial branch. We will then take up Revisor's bills after that and adjourn prior to noon tomorrow. On Friday we will begin at 10 a.m., and we will take up General File order bills as arrived on General File with the Clerk. So I know the Education Committee and some other committees have forwarded some bills. If you want to know what's coming up on the agenda Friday, grab a worksheet. Take a look at the worksheet at the end of today and find out where we're going on Friday. Again, we'll start at 10:00 on Friday with General File debate. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Speaker Flood. (Visitors introduced.) Mr. Clerk, do you have new bills for introduction?

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB599-614 by title for the first time.) In addition to that, Mr. President, your Committee on Retirement gives notice of public hearing. That's all I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 277-280.) [LB599 LB600 LB601 LB602 LB603 LB604 LB605 LB606 LB607 LB608 LB609 LB610 LB611 LB612 LB613 LB614]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER PRESIDING

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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB615-633 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 280-283.) [LB615 LB616 LB617 LB618 LB619 LB620 LB621 LB622 LB623 LB624 LB625 LB626 LB627 LB628 LB629 LB630 LB631 LB632 LB633]

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SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB634-657 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 283-287.) [LB634 LB635 LB636 LB637 LB638 LB639 LB640 LB641 LB642 LB643 LB644 LB645 LB646 LB647 LB648 LB649 LB650 LB651 LB652 LB653 LB654 LB655 LB656 LB657]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, you have new bills for introduction.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read LB658-682 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at that this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 287-292.) [LB658 LB659 LB660 LB661 LB662 LB663 LB664 LB665 LB666 LB667 LB668 LB669 LB670 LB671 LB672 LB673 LB674 LB675 LB676 LB677 LB678 LB679 LB680 LB681 LB682]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, you have new bills for introduction.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do. (Read LB683-698 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 292-294.) [LB683 LB684 LB685 LB686 LB687 LB688 LB689 LB690 LB691 LB692 LB693 LB694 LB695 LB696 LB697 LB698]

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, do you have items for introduction and items for the record?

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, new resolutions: LR40CA by Senator Pirsch is a proposed constitutional amendment relating to fishing, trapping, and hunting. LR41 by Senator Nordquist is to honor the memory of Ted Sorensen. LR42 by Senator Utter would congratulate Tanar Fairchild on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. LR43 would honor Hastings St. Cecilia. LR44CA by Senator Pirsch is a proposed constitutional amendment relating to the starting dates of the legislative session. LR45CA by Senator Pirsch is a proposed constitutional amendment providing for the recall of state elective officers. LR46CA by Senator Pirsch is a proposed constitutional amendment to require a two-thirds vote to approve a bill that imposes or increases tax or license fees. LR47 by Senator Lathrop would continue the work of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee. LR48 by Senator Flood would congratulate the Lutheran High Northeast Eagles on their state volleyball championship. LR49 by Senator Flood would congratulate the Norfolk Catholic Knights for football championship. LR50 by Senator

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Harms would congratulate the Western Nebraska Community College volleyball team. LR51CA by Senator Heidemann is a proposed constitutional amendment to change the distribution of state lottery revenues. In addition to that, Mr. President, your Committee on Education would report LB18 and LB59 to General File. Transportation would report LB135 and LB170 to General File. A reminder that the Reference Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 2102. (Legislative Journal pages 294-304.) [LR40CA LR41 LR42 LR43 LR44CA LR45CA LR46CA LR47 LR48 LR49 LR50 LR51CA LB18 LB59 LB135 LB170]

And Senator McCoy would move to adjourn until Thursday, January 20, 2011, at 9:45 a.m.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: You've heard the motion to adjourn until Thursday, January 20 at 9:45 a.m. All those in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. We are adjourned.