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SPEAKER FLOOD PRESIDING

SPEAKER FLOOD: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Christensen. Please rise.

SENATOR CHRISTENSEN: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Christensen. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record. (Gavel)

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

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you. Are there messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, the Retirement Systems Committee, chaired by Senator Nordquist, would like to announce that Senator Loudon has been selected as Vice Chair of the committee. Also I've received two reports, one from the Department of Education, a second from the Workers' Compensation Court, both those will be on file in the Clerk's Office and available for member review. Two announcements, Mr. President. The Judiciary Committee will meet in Executive Session this morning at 10:15; Judiciary, south balcony, 10:15. And the Education Committee, chaired by Senator Adams, 10:30 in Room 2022; Education at 10:30 in Room 2022. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 87.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) We now proceed to the first item on the agenda, that being the introduction of new bills. Members, please feel free to bring your bills forward to the front of the Chamber for processing. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB136-142 by title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 88-89.) [LB136 LB137 LB138 LB139 LB140 LB141 LB142]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Mr. Clerk for an announcement.

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Agriculture Committee will meet in Executive Session immediately under the south balcony; that's Ag Committee under the south balcony.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Mr. Clerk for an announcement.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Health and Human Services will meet under the north balcony at 10:30.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Mr. Clerk for an announcement.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Health and Human Services is meeting under the north balcony at the present time. That's Health and Human Services under the north balcony.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB143-154 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, in the way of an announcement, the Revenue Committee will hold an Exec Session at 11:00 this morning; Revenue at 11:00 this morning. (Legislative Journal pages 89-90.) [LB143 LB144 LB145 LB146 LB147 LB148 LB149 LB150 LB151 LB152 LB153 LB154]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Members, as you will note on the agenda, we will be considering the report from the Committee on Committees at the conclusion of the Clerk's reading in of these bills. In addition, at approximately 11:30 this morning I anticipate adjournment. Again, we will be going to a vote on the Committee on Committee report at the conclusion, most likely, of the Clerk's reading over of the bills, so prepare to return to the Chamber. And I anticipate adjournment at 11:30 this morning. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB155-177 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 90-95.) [LB155 LB156 LB157 LB158 LB159 LB160 LB161 LB162 LB163 LB164 LB165 LB166 LB167 LB168 LB169 LB170 LB171 LB172 LB173 LB174 LB175 LB176 LB177]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hansen, you are recognized to open on your report from the Committee on Committees. Senator Hansen. (Legislative Journal pages 95-96.)

SENATOR HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. We did have a great Committee on Committees meeting on Wednesday and then again yesterday late morning. We have all the trades and changes that occurred after the preliminary report, and I think everyone is pretty well happy. Therefore, I would move that we approve the final Committee on Committees report. Thank you, Mr. President.

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SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Senator Hansen. Members, you've heard the motion. There are no members wishing to speak. The question before the body is, shall the report from the Committee on Committees be adopted? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have all those voted who care to? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Committee on Committees final report.

SPEAKER FLOOD: The report is adopted. We continue to the introduction of new bills, again anticipating an 11:30 adjournment.

SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

SENATOR GLOOR: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB178-198 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, Business and Labor will meet under the north balcony at 11:15. (Legislative Journal pages 97-100.) [LB178 LB179 LB180 LB181 LB182 LB183 LB184 LB185 LB186 LB187 LB188 LB189 LB190 LB191 LB192 LB193 LB194 LB195 LB196 LB197 LB198]

SENATOR GLOOR: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Business and Labor will meet immediately underneath the north balcony; Business and Labor, north balcony, immediately. Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB199-205 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, I also have some resolutions. LR12 is by Senator Pirsch, LR13 by Senator Gloor, and LR14 by Senator Pahls, all of those will be laid over at this time. Announcements: Senator Ashford, as Chair of Judiciary, announces Senator Lathrop has been selected as Vice Chair; Senator Adams, as Chair of Education, announces Senator Howard has been selected as Vice Chair; Health and Human Services, chaired by Senator Campbell, reports that Senator Gloor has been selected as Vice Chair; and Senator Carlson, as Chair of the Agriculture Committee, has announced that Senator Wallman is selected as Vice Chair of the committee. Name adds: Senator Brasch to LB48; Senator Conrad to LR5CA. (Legislative Journal pages 100-108.) [LB199 LB200 LB201 LB202 LB203 LB204 LB205 LR12 LR13 LR14 LB48 LR5CA]

Mr. President, a priority motion. And I might remind the members of the Executive Board, Reference Committee will meet upon adjournment in Room 2102. Senator Langemeier would move to adjourn the body until Monday morning, January 10, at 10 a.m.

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SENATOR GLOOR: Members, you've heard the motion to adjourn until 10 a.m. Monday morning. All in favor signify by saying aye. Opposed, nay. We are adjourned.