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[LB1 LB2 LR1 LR2]

SPEAKER FLOOD PRESIDING

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

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you. I call to order the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Special Session. I call it to order at this time. Senators, please record your presence. (Gavel) Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

SPEAKER FLOOD: Pursuant to a proclamation issued by the Honorable Dave Heineman, Governor of Nebraska, we are here now and assembled in the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Special Session of the Nebraska Legislature. I, as Speaker and President of the Legislature, declare that we are now open for the transaction of business. The Chair recognizes the Clerk to read the gubernatorial proclamation.

CLERK: (Read proclamation, Legislative Journal page 2.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there items for the record?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. I have a resignation letter from Senator Dave Pankonin, resigning his service to the Nebraska State Legislature. Subsequent to that action, Governor Heineman appointed R. Paul Lambert to fill the vacancy of Senator Pankonin. In addition to those documents, I have the various oaths and bonds and documentation provided by the Secretary of State's Office acknowledging R. Paul Lambert has been declared Senator Pankonin's successor. Mr. President, I also have the listing or roster of membership for the convening of this One Hundred Second Legislature, First Special Session. In addition, items received since the Legislature sine died in May of this year, a series of appointment letters from the Governor: appointments to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, to the State Highway Commission, to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee, to the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, to the Nebraska Ethanol Board, to the State Personnel Board, to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, to the Environmental Quality Council, to the State Emergency Response Commission, to the Technical Advisory Committee for Statewide Assessment, to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, to the Beginning Farmer Board, to the Beginning Farmer Board, to

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the Board of Educational Lands and Funds, to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission, the Nebraska Arts Council, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board. All of those appointments will be referred to Reference for referral to standing committee for confirmation hearing. In addition, Mr. President, I have a series of reports received in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office pursuant to law and filed by various state agencies. Those reports include the Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Arts Council, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Chief Information Officer, Department of Economic Development, Department of Education, the Legislative Fiscal Office, the Game and Parks Commission, the Health and Human Services Agency, the Investment Finance Authority, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, the Public Service Commission, the Retirement Systems, the Nebraska Department of Revenue, the Nebraska Department of Roads, the State Fair Board, and State Treasurer. All those reports are on file in the Clerk's Office and available for individual member review. Mr. President, I've also received a communication from the state of Utah regarding a proposed constitutional amendment, acknowledging receipt thereof. And finally, Mr. President, I have received a conflict of interest statement filed pursuant to rule by Senator Cornett to be acknowledged in the Legislative Journal. And that's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 2-18.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. At this time, we'd like to recognize Senator R. Paul Lambert, representing District 2. Welcome to the Nebraska Legislature. We will now proceed to the introduction of new bills. I would encourage anyone who has bills to bring them to the Clerk's desk as soon as possible. Mr. Clerk, new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. New bills.

SPEAKER FLOOD: (Gavel)

CLERK: (Read LB1-2 by title for the first time.) In addition, Mr. President, new resolutions: Senator Langemeier offers LR1. LR1 proposes to congratulate the Wahoo Warriors on winning the 2011 Class C State Softball Championship. And LR2 is a resolution offered by Senator Krist declaring and recognizing November 11, 2011, as Veterans Day. Both of those will be laid over, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 18-20.) [LB1 LB2 LR1 LR2]

SPEAKER FLOOD: Mr. Clerk, any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring certain gubernatorial appointees to the various standing committees for confirmation hearing. And pursuant to that action, Mr. President, I have a series of hearing notices regarding confirmation hearings. The Agriculture Committee; Education Committee; the General Affairs Committee; the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; the Health and

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Human Services Committee; the Natural Resources Committee; and Transportation and Telecommunications Committee all give notice of confirmation hearing. And that's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 20-23.)

SPEAKER FLOOD: Mr. Clerk, do you have a motion on the desk?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Senator Carlson would move to adjourn the body until Wednesday morning, November 2, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Members, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. We are adjourned. (Gavel)