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SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

SENATOR GLOOR: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the third day of the One Hundred Third Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Nelson. Please rise.

SENATOR NELSON: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Senator Nelson. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred Third Legislature, Second Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you. Are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: I have received a Reference report referring LB656 through LB724. I have also received a Reference report regarding certain gubernatorial appointees that have been referred to standing committee for confirmation hearing. I have a report from the Committee on Committees, signed by Senator McCoy, regarding the appointments of Senator Garrett; two letters regarding gubernatorial appointments to be referred to Reference Committee. And, Mr. President, a reminder: The Reference Committee will meet at approximately 10:30 this morning; Reference Committee at approximately 10:30 this morning. (Legislative Journal pages 143-149.)

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Speaker Adams.

SPEAKER ADAMS: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, members. I'd like to just make a quick announcement in anticipation of next week. You realize that Monday when we come in we will start at 10:00 a.m., and the first thing that we will do is to take up the report on the Committee on Committees that met this morning. And then we'll take up any Rules issues that we have, the adoption certainly and any potential rule changes that may be coming forward as a result of the actions of the Rules Committee

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today. We will begin at 10:00 on Monday and we will work through the week. Probably somewhere to the 4:00 or 5:00 range we will try to end each day next week, with the exception of Friday. And Friday we will work through the noonhour in anticipation of a three-day weekend, but we will work through the noonhour. I'm also anticipating today that after the Rules Committee meets that Senator Lautenbaugh will forward to all of us via e-mail any proposed changes that will be on the floor Monday, if any of those occur. So be watching your e-mail. You know, let me take this moment, my one shot, as we begin on Monday, debate. We are a deliberative body. We all know that as democracy. There's going to be a whole lot of times there's a tremendous amount of disagreement in this body. That's the way it works. That's the way it works. There's going to be times when we may end on issues with no action. It's happened. It will probably happen again and again and again. That, too, is part of being part of this deliberative body. The thing that I would ask all of us to do as we set out on what will be a pressure-packed session, because it's 60 days and we all have things that we want to get done, talk to one another, find agreement if agreement can be found. If you need my help to facilitate, that's part of the reason that I'm here. And if all else fails, we need to be civil to one another. Also next week we will have the Governor coming in for the State of the State Address, and on Friday the Chief Justice for the State of the Judiciary Address. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We will now move to the introduction of new bills.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB774-795 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 149-152.) [LB774 LB775 LB776 LB777 LB778 LB779 LB780 LB781 LB782 LB783 LB784 LB785 LB786 LB787 LB788 LB789 LB790 LB791 LB792 LB793 LB794 LB795]

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) And the cookies being passed out today by the pages are being provided by the office staff of Senator Crawford in celebration of her "30th" birthday. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, some new bills. But first of all, Reference Committee will meet now; Reference Committee will meet now in Room 2102. Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB796-799 by title for the first time.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal page 153.) [LB796 LB797 LB798 LB799]

SENATOR GLOOR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We continue with bill introduction. The Chair recognizes the Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, just an announcement: Revenue Committee will meet now underneath the north balcony; Revenue Committee will meet now under the north balcony.

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SENATOR GLOOR: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB800-820 by title for the first time.) Mr. President, in addition to those items, Performance Audit is meeting in Executive Session, 11:00, Room 2022. I have a Reference report referring LB725 through LB773, as well as LR393CA. I have a rereferral of two gubernatorial appointees. New resolutions: Senator Schumacher offers LR394; Senator Brasch and others, LR395. Those will both be laid over at this time. An amendment to be printed by Senator Krist to LB13. Name adds: Senator Wallman to LB703; Senator Mello, LB660, LB661, LB718, LB719, LB720; Senator Coash to LB740. (Legislative Journal pages 153-160.) [LB800 LB801 LB802 LB803 LB804 LB805 LB806 LB807 LB808 LB809 LB810 LB811 LB812 LB813 LB814 LB815 LB816 LB817 LB818 LB819 LB820 LR394 LR395 LB13 LB703 LB660 LB661 LB718 LB719 LB720 LB740]

And a priority motion, Mr. President: Senator Kintner would move to adjourn the body until Monday morning, January 13, at 10:00 a.m.

SENATOR GLOOR: Members, you've heard the motion to adjourn until Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. Those in favor say aye. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. We stand adjourned.