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HILGERS: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fifteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Williams. Please rise.

WILLIAMS: Good morning, everyone. Please join me in prayer. Dear Lord, we thank you for today and we thank you for all days. We know you are the God of our past, the God of our present, and the God of our future. You have promised a bright and fulfilling future, a future full of possibilities. We ask today that you create in each one of us a burning desire to be possibility seekers, to be possibility believers and possibility thinkers. We know that through our trust in you and your love in us, all things are possible. As we continue the legislative work of the state, please encourage each of us to seek opportunities in our challenges, to become seekers, thinkers, and believers in the possibilities that lie ahead of us on our doorstep. Let us use our combined wisdom, our independent imagination, and our abundant compassion for the good of all Nebraska. Amen.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Williams. Senator Ben Hansen, you are recognized for the pledge.

B. HANSEN: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Hansen. I call to order the fifteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: No corrections this morning.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are. First of all, the Legislative Performance Audit Committee will hold an Executive Session under the north balcony at 9:10 a.m. In addition to that, the Government Committee will hold an Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1507. I have a series of notice of committee hearings from the Health and Human Services Committee, the Natural Resources Committee,

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the Agriculture Committee, the Executive Board, and the Revenue Committee, Mr. President. In addition to that, a motion filed by Senator Lindstrom to suspend the Rules to permit cancellation of a hearing by the Retirements Systems Committee for a bill in less than seven days. That will be laid over. That's all I have at this time.

HILGERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Bostelman, you are recognized for a personal announcement.

BOSTELMAN: A point of personal privilege.

HILGERS: Please proceed.

BOSTELMAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It's with great joy this morning that I announce the birth of Meredith Lynn, nine pounds, six ounce baby girl, to my son Micha and his wife, Zana. We're very happy that they'll be coming home today and I can tell you, my wife will be as well very happy as we've been babysitting their two-year-old, so Evelyn is very excited to meet Meredith as well. But we were very blessed and want to announce the, the birth of Meredith Lynn Bostelman to Micha and Zana Bostelman. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Bostelman and congratulations. Senator Brandt would like to recognize our doctor of the day, Dr. Jason Bespalec of Geneva. Dr. Bespalec is sitting under the north balcony. Please rise and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk for a motion.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I do have a priority motion. Prior to that, a series of name adds: Senator Wayne to LB44 and LB99, Senator Groene to LB188, Senator Ben Hansen to LB237, Senator Matt Hansen to LB268, Senator Brewer to LB461. In addition to that, Mr. President, your Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance reports LB21, LB22, LB23, LB66, LB77, LB248, LB363, and LB373 all to General File. In addition, LB297 placed on General File with committee amendments. Finally, Mr. President, priority motion. Senator Brewer would move to adjourn until Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

HILGERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. We are adjourned.