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Floor Debate February 1, 2021

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

**ARCH:** Let's pray. Heavenly Father, in your scriptures, you make it very clear what you require of us as your children here on Earth. In Micah 6:8, you say, "He has told you, oh man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" You, oh God, are just and kind. May each of us individually and as leaders in this state be known for doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you, our God, reflecting your character. May you accomplish this in our lives, in the name of your son Jesus. Amen.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Arch. Senator Lathrop, you're recognized for the pledge.

**LATHROP:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Lathrop. I call to order the eighteenth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** I have 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:** There are, Mr. President. First of all, a committee report from the Education Committee on certain gubernatorial appointments to the Nebraska Education Telecommunications Commission as well as the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. A notice of committee hearings for the Education, Transportation, Retirement, Government, General Affairs, and Appropriations Committees. Additionally, your Committee on Education refers LB288 to

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General File, as well as LB323 to General File, LB323 with committee amendments. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll proceed to the first item on the agenda.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Mr. President, Senator Lathrop would, would move to withdraw LB55.

**HILGERS:** Senator Lathrop, you're recognized to open on your motion.

**LATHROP:** Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, good morning. My motion to withdraw LB55-- this is a judges' salary bill-- I actually put two judges' salary bills and this was the first one and it had Xs near the pay raise. Since then, there has been agreement on what that should look like, at least as it should be offered as a bill, so a second bill was put in with the dollar amounts, which means the one with the Xs is unnecessary. So for that reason, I'd like your vote to withdraw LB55. Thank you.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Senator Lathrop. Debate is now open on the motion. Seeing no one in the queue, Senator Lathrop, you're recognized to close. Senator Lathrop waives closing. Colleagues, the question before the body is the adoption of the motion to withdraw LB55. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have all those voted who wish to? Record, Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** 30 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to adopt.

**HILGERS:** The motion is adopted. Senator Machaela Cavanaugh would like to recognize Dr. Joe Miller of Omaha who is serving as our family physician of the day. Dr. Miller is seated, I believe, under the, the north balcony. Please stand and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Colleagues, we're waiting on a notice so we're just going to stand at ease for a few minutes until that comes in.

[EASE]

**HILGERS:** Mr. Clerk, for items.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** I do, Mr. President. Senator Wayne would move to rerefer LB656 to the Urban Affairs Committee, pursuant to Rule 6, Section 2(a).

**HILGERS:** Senator Wayne, you're recognized to open on your motion.

**WAYNE:** Thank you. I'll go ahead and withdraw that motion.

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**HILGERS:** Without objection, the motion is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

**HILGERS:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, we're still waiting on that, that notice, so we'll just stand at ease for a few more minutes.

[EASE]

**HILGERS:** While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR1.

[EASE]

**HILGERS:** Mr. Clerk for items.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Yes, Mr. President. A notice of committee hearings from the Business and Labor Committee. Additionally, a committee report from the Executive Board rereferencing LB523 from Education to Revenue. Name adds: Senator Matt Hansen to LB20, Senator Machaela Cavanaugh to LB83, Senator Blood to LB256, Senator McCollister to LB298, Senator Brewer to LB508, and Senator Lowe to LB650. The Business and Labor Committee will meet in Executive Session in Room 1524 immediately following their hearing this afternoon. Business and Labor, 1524 following their hearing. Finally, Mr. President, a motion from Senator Aguilar to adjourn until Tuesday, February 2, 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.