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Floor Debate March 3, 2021

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

AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President. Please pray with me. God of light and life and love, as we begin our work today on behalf of our beloved people of Nebraska, we quiet our minds and lift our hearts to you and ask for your guidance as we navigate the business of our state. Shine your light upon us that we may wisely discern the challenges before us. Share your life with us in ways that will benefit the lives of our constituents. Shower us with love and grace that we may work together in harmony, ever mindful of our own dignity and the dignity of each other. Let everything we do today be done unselfishly for the people of the state, mindful of your infinite justice and mercy and intent upon the common good of all your people. Today's prayer was from Marylyn Felion, an associate of the Sisters of Mercy in Omaha.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Pahls, you're recognized for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PAHLS: 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 Pahls. I call to order the thirty-seventh day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

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

CLERK: I have no corrections.

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

CLERK: There are. Committee on Urban Affairs reports LB81, LB555, LB556, LB423, LB446, and LB467 to General File. Senator Williams, Matt Williams selected LB322 as his priority bill for this session and I have a hearing notice from the Natural Resources Committee signed by Senator Bostelman. That's all that I have, Mr. President.

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

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CLERK: Mr. President, Select File bills. Senator McKinney, LB159. I have Enrollment and Review amendments, Senator.

HILGERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: OK. Mr. President, I move that LB159 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney, there are E&R amendments on this bill.

McKINNEY: Oh, Mr. President, I move that the E&R amendments to LB159 be adopted.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator McKinney. Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB159 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB159 advances. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, LB4. I do have Enrollment and Review amendments.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that the amend-- the E&R amendments to LB4 be adopted.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB4 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB4 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, LB149. I do have Enrollment and Review amendments.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that the E&R amendments to LB149 be adopted.

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HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB149 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB149 advances. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Senator, LB174. There are Enrollment and Review amendments.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that the E&R amendments to LB174 be adopted.

HILGERS: It's a debatable motion. Senator Clements, you are recognized.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to bring your attention to Section 30. It amends the crash reporting threshold increase. If you have an accident with damage of \$1,000 or more currently, you have to do an accident report to the state. This is going to raise it to \$1,500 or more. As an insurance agent, an accident reporting is very important. You only have ten days to report an accident with damage or bodily injury, but if there's even just damage. This will raise it from \$1,000 to \$1,500 as the cutoff. Of course, a tail light can cost you \$1,500. I probably would have suggested raising this to a higher limit, but it is important if you have damage of \$1,500 or more now that you'll need to do an accident report. It was formerly \$1,000 and I do support that. Would have probably made it higher-- the accident report is fairly lengthy-- but I, I did like the fact that if a police officer is at the scene, you don't have to report. You can just rely on the officer's report and I was glad to see that was in there. And that's the only comment I had, just that it was time to increase the cutoff for reporting an accident within ten days. So that's all I had. I do support LB174. Thank you, Mr. President.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Clements. The motion before us, colleagues, is the adoption of the E&R amendments. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB74 [SIC--LB174] be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

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HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB174 advances. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator, I have LB302. There are Enrollment and Review amendments pending.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that the E&R amendments to LB302 be adopted.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB302 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB302 is advanced. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB253. Senator, I have no amendments to the bill.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB253 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB253 advances. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next item on the agenda is LB503.

HILGERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Colleagues, pursuant to the agenda, any, any bill on Select File for today that had an amendment that was not an E-- E&R amendment will be skipped over. LB503 has an amendment and pursuant to that directive, we will, we will pass over LB503 and go to the next item. Next item, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB532. Senator McKinney, I have Enrollment and Review amendments.

HILGERS: Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that the E&R amendments to LB532 be adopted.

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HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. The E&R amendments are adopted. Senator McKinney for a motion.

McKINNEY: Mr. President, I move that LB532 be advanced to E&R for engrossing.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. LB532 advances. Senator Geist would like to recognize Dr. Michels of Walton, who is serving as our family physician of the day. Dr. Michels is seated under the north balcony. Please rise and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk for items.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. President. Thank you. New A bill, LB70A by Senator Wayne. It's a bill for an act to appropriate funds to implement LB70. Senator Arch has selected LB400 as, as his personal priority bill for this session. Announcements: Government Committee will have an Executive Session today following their hearings. Appropriations Committee will have an Executive Session on Wednesday, all day, in Room 1301. The Business and Labor Committee will have an Executive Session on Tuesday, March 9 at 10:00 in Room 1524. I have an amendment by Senator Wayne to LB329 to be printed and an amendment from Senator Cavanaugh to LB503. Name adds: Senator Day, LB87; McCollister, LB158; Arch, LB387; Albrecht, LB454; McCollister, LB548. Mr President, Senator Arch would move to adjourn the body until Thursday, March 4 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.