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Appropriations Committee February 26, 2025

CLEMENTS: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Appropriations Committee. My name is Rob Clements. I'm from Elmwood and represent Legislative District 2, which is Cass County and eastern Lancaster County. I serve as chair of this committee. We will start off by having the members do self-introductions, starting with my far right.

SPIVEY: Hi. Good afternoon. I'm Ashlei Spivey, representing District 13, which is northeast and northwest Omaha.

M. CAVANAUGH: Machaela Cavanaugh, District 6: west central Omaha, Douglas County.

ARMENDARIZ: Christy Armendariz, District 18: Omaha, northwest Omaha and Bennington.

DORN: Myron Dorn, District 30.

STROMMEN: Paul Strommen, District 47: nine counties, essentially takes up the Panhandle.

PROKOP: Jason Prokop, District 27: west Lincoln and Lancaster County.

CLEMENTS: There may be senators missing because they have obligations in other committees. Assisting the committee today is Cori Bierbaum, our committee clerk. And to my left is a fiscal analyst, Nikki Swope. Our pages today are-- is Demet Gedik, a UNL student. If you're planning on testifying today, please fill out a green testifier sheet located in the back of the room and hand it to the page when you come up to testify. Online position comments must have been submitted on the Legislature's website by 8:00 a.m. the day of the hearing to be included in the record. If you have submitted a comment online, we ask that you not testify in person today. If you will not be testifying but want to go on record as having a position on a bill being heard today, there are yellow sign-in sheets at the entrance to my left. These sign-in sheets will become exhibits in the permanent record after today's hearing. To better facilitate today's hearing, I ask that you abide by the following procedures. Please silence your cell phones. Move to the front chairs, if you can, to testify when your bill or agency is up. When we hear testimony regarding agencies, we will first hear from a representative of the agency. Then we will hear testimony from anyone who wishes to speak on the agency's budget request. When you come to testify, please state and spill your first and last name for the record before you testify. Be concise. We request that you limit your testimony to five minutes or less. When you begin your testimony, the light on the table will be green. When

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the yellow light comes on, you have one minute remaining. And the led-- red light means you need to wrap up your final thought and stop. Questions from the committee may follow. Written material may be distributed to the committee members as exhibits only while testimony is being offered. Hand them to the page for distribution when you come up to testify. If you have written testimony but do not have 12 copies, please let the page know so they can make copies for you. With that, we will begin, begin today's hearing with Agency 19, Department of Banking. Good afternoon, director.

[AGENCY HEARINGS]

CLEMENTS: Is there anyone else? Anyone here wanting to testify regarding the Power Review Board? Proponents, opponents or neutral? Seeing none, that concludes Agency 74. And that concludes our hearings for today.