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ARCH: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the thirteenth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Jacob Richardson from Citylight Mosaic Church in Omaha, Senator John Cavanaugh's district. Please rise.

JACOB RICHARDSON: Awesome. Let's pray. Father, we thank you for this day. God, we thank you for the opportunity that you have given each and every person here to, to wake up God; to breathe, to have life in their lungs, and now to come into work for the good of this state, where we know that you love Nebraska, that you love the people of Nebraska, and we pray that, that you would use the, the bills and the laws that are created in this place by these individuals to honor you, to lead to, to human thriving. And God, that, that you would just do a great work in our state; that you would powerfully advance your kingdom in and among Nebraskans, and that you would use the laws that come in this room to be a work of that. So we, we pray that you would bless each individual, God. Thank you for their willingness to serve this state and the people who live here. Pray that you bless them and their families. And I pray in your name, Jesus. Amen.

ARCH: I recognize Senator Andersen for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANDERSEN: Colleagues, please join me. 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.

ARCH: Thank you. I call to order the thirteenth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, sir.

ARCH: Are there any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Senator Brandt, reports LB20 and LB35 to General File, LB35

having committee amendments. Additionally, notice of committee hearing from the Education Committee, the Business and Labor Committee, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, the tr-- the-- that's all. The-- amendments to be printed from Senator Cavanaugh-- John Cavanaugh-- to LB19, as well as a motion: Senator Lonowski would move to withdraw LB418; that will be laid over. New LR: LR32, from Senator DeKay, recognizing and honoring Jack Hoffman for his perseverance and strength; that will be laid over. Committee reports: the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, chaired by Senator Sanders, reports LB58 and LB126 to General File. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

ARCH: Senator Storer would like to recognize a special guest, Eric Storer, her husband, from Whitman, Nebraska, located under the north balcony. Please rise and be welcomed by your Nebraska Legislature. Senator Hansen for an announcement.

HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. All right, colleagues, as you know, this session has been particularly difficult on our Bill Drafting office, as evidenced by the 715 bills that were introduced, along with a number of proposed constitutional amendments. I want to take a moment here quickly this morning, this afternoon, to recognize the Bill Drafting staff for all they have done these past few weeks and months, understanding the important role they play in the work that we in this room do throughout the session. Specifically, Revisor of Statutes, Marcia McClurg; Deputy Revisor of Statutes Micah Uher; Associate Revisor of Statutes, Andy Conroy, Matthew Pernicek, Loguen Blazek, Dana McNeil, Quinn Conzemius, Josh Hairston and Cynthia Odabasi. Supervising Statue Technician Jane Plettner, Deputy Statue Technician Marilee McPherson, and Statue Technicians Brandi Thorn, Gaylena Gibson, Saige Hastings, Alex Harrison, and Savannah Hastings. And, on another note, colleagues, especially maybe some of the newer senators-- because of the-- maybe the, the backlog of bills we had with drafting, the-- and I know they did their absolute best to make sure that the wording was correct, your intent of the bill is correct, areas of statute were correct. So I'm just going to encourage everybody here, maybe do your due diligence, read through your bill, make sure the wording is correct, and make sure what you-- the intent of the bill is correct; have your legislative aides look over them so that way, if any committee amendments have to be brought, you have those prepared and ready. So then, the last-- some of this work might be have to be done a little bit more in the committee than it has done

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in other years. So, I just want to make sure that we get a good, clean bill out there for the committee and the whole process. So, thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ARCH: Mr. Clerk, for items.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources, chaired by Senator Brandt, reports LB30 and LB43 to General File, both having committee amendments. Additionally, notice of committee hearings from the Urban Affairs Committee. And a series of name adds: Senator DeKay to LB-- and Andersen to LB6; Senator Brandt and Dungan to LB115; Senator DeBoer, LB136; Conrad, LB411; Clements, LB550; Dorn, LB569; and DeKay to LB694 and LR 21. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Sorrentino would move to adjourn until Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

ARCH: Colleagues, you've heard the motion to adjourn. All those in favor, say aye. All those opposed, nay. We are adjourned.