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Floor Debate
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[LB12 LB13 LB14 LB15 LB16 LR4 LR6 LR7]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER PRESIDING

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for this the third day of the One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Hansen. Please rise.

SENATOR HANSEN: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you. I call to order the third day of the One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

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

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. A series of confirmation reports: three separate reports from the Education Committee signed by Senator Adams; Natural Resources offers three separate reports signed by Senator Langemeier; and the Business and Labor Committee, chaired by Senator Lathrop, has a confirmation report. Hearing notices: Agriculture Committee for Monday, November 9; and the Business and Labor Committee for Monday as well. Mr. President, a communication with respect to LR4. That resolution has been referred to Reference for referral to standing committee for public hearing purposes. And I have a report of registered lobbyist to be inserted in the Journal, as required by state law. (Also, reports from the Board of Parole and the State Treasurer.) That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 43-47.) [LR4]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB13-14 by title for first time.) And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 47-48.) [LB13 LB14]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Stuthman, you're recognized

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for a point of personal privilege.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. The reason that I'm asking for a point of personal privilege this morning is, is I have submitted a bill, I think it's LB12. LB12 has to deal with wind energy, the sales tax credits for wind energy. The reason that I submitted this bill is the fact that in the budget proposal from the Governor, they were taking money, potentially taking money from the producer checkoff funds and utilizing that to help with the budget. I do not agree with that part of it. But in the conversation that I had with the Governor, he stated if you can find a replacement for it, then he would consider it. We do have bills presented at the present time, you know, that would take care of that part of it. But, like I said, my intent was try to find a replacement for it. I do not want to take away some tax credits from a business, wind energy, that could benefit the rural and the state of Nebraska. But I was trying to find a replacement for it. So it is my intent at the present time that this bill is having a hearing this afternoon, but it's my intent to not proceed with it and ask the committee at that time to kill the bill. But I was trying to do my duty as a senator to find a replacement for those funds because those funds are producer funds directly intended for education, research, market development, and market development does help the state of Nebraska from these agriculture parts. Thank you, Mr. President. [LB12]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: New resolutions, Mr. President: LR6 by Senator Stuthman, LR7 by Senator Campbell; both will be laid over at this time. (Legislative Journal pages 48-49.) [LR6 LR7]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will continue with bill introduction. (Visitors introduced.) Members of the body, we are waiting for two bills that we know of that are coming down. If you have a bill that is still pending that we don't know of, please notify the Clerk. Once we receive those two bills, we will stand at ease for referencing at that time. So we are waiting for two bills. Thank you. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Mr. President, two new bills. (Read LB15-16 by title for first time.) In addition, Mr. President, confirmation reports from the Transportation, Telecommunications Committee signed by Senator Fischer, and General Affairs signed by Senator Karpisek. That's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 49-50.) [LB15 LB16]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Speaker Flood, you're recognized for an announcement.

SPEAKER FLOOD: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, members. The Legislature will stand at ease to give the Reference Committee an opportunity to reference the bills that have been filed. I would repeat, if you have a bill that you would

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like introduced during this special session, now is the absolute last time you have a chance to do it. Please get that in. Again, we will stand at ease.

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Thank you, Speaker Flood. The body will stand at ease as Reference Committee meets.

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SENATOR STUTHMAN PRESIDING

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Mr. Clerk for messages, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, hearing notices from the Agriculture Committee signed by its Chair, and the Revenue Committee signed by its Chairperson. I have a Reference report referring certain bills introduced earlier today. Name adds: Senator Giese would like to add his name to LB14. (Legislative Journal pages 50-51.) [LB14]

And a priority motion: Senator Giese would move to adjourn the body until Monday morning, November 9, at 9:00 a.m.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. You have heard the motion to adjourn until Monday at 9:00 a.m. All those in favor say aye. All opposed, nay. We are adjourned. Have a nice weekend. Thank you.