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STINNER: --on time, and it's 1:30. Welcome to the Appropriations Committee hearing, my name is John Stinner. I'm from Gering and represent the 48th District. I serve as Chair of this committee and I'd like to start off by having members do self-introductions starting with Senator Clements.

CLEMENTS: I'm Rob Clements from Elmwood, District 2, which is Cass County, part of Sarpy and Otoe.

McDONNELL: Mike McDonnell, LD5, south Omaha.

STINNER: John Stinner, District 48. All of Scott Bluffs County.

BOLZ: Kate Bolz, District 29.

WISHART: Senator Anna Wishart, District 27, west Lincoln.

VARGAS: Tony Vargas, District 7, downtown and south Omaha.

DORN: Myron Dorn, District 30, Gage County and southeast portion of Lancaster.

STINNER: Assisting the committee today is Brittany Bohlmeier, our committee clerk. Our page today is Cadet Fowler, he is studying film studies at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. On the cabinet to your right, you will find green testifier sheets. If you are planning to testify today, please fill out and set-- the sign-in sheet and hand it to the page when you come up to testify. If you will not be testifying at the microphone but you want to go on the record as having a position on a bill being heard today, there is a white sign-in sheet on the cabinet where you may leave your name and other pertinent information. These sign-in sheets will become exhibits in the permanent record at the end of today's hearing. To better facilitate today's proceedings, I ask that you abide by the following procedures: please silence or turn off your cell phone. The order of testimony will be introducer, proponents, opponents, neutral, and closing. When we hear testimony regarding agencies, we will first hear from the representative of the agency. We will then hear testimony from anybody who wishes to speak on the agency's budget request. We ask when you come up to testify that you spell your first and last name for the record before you testify. Be concise. It is my request that we limit your testimony to five minutes. Group materials may be distributed to committee members as exhibits only while testimony is being offered. Hand them to the page, page for distribution to the

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committee and staff when you come up to testify. We need 12 copies. If you have written testimony but do not have 12 copies, please raise your hand now so the page can make copies for you. With that, we will begin today's hearing with LB586. Senator Stinner.

BOLZ: Good afternoon, Senator Stinner.

STINNER: Good afternoon, Senator Bolz. These both are shell bills, so I'm gonna make a really brief presentation. My name is John Stinner, J-o-h-n S-t-i-n-n-e-r, and I represent the 48th District. LB586 is a shell bill which is intended to provide a contingency plan in the event certain components of the mainline budget bill must be modified. An amount to be modified by this bill under the General Fund is indicated as a charge of \$1, which can be amended to specify modifications to be made. With that, I will take any questions.

BOLZ: Any questions for Senator Stinner on his shell bill? Seeing none, do I have any proponents? Do I have any opponents? Do I have any neutral testifiers? Seeing none, Senator Stinner will you waive closing?

STINNER: I do.

BOLZ: Senator Stinner waives closing. That closes the hearing on LB586. We'll open the hearing on LB587.

STINNER: This is the cash reserve shell bill fund. And for the record, my name is John, J-o-h-n S-t-i-n-n-e-r, and I represent the 48th District. LB587 is a shell bill typically introduced by the Appropriations Committee Chair in odd numbered years as a contingency plan in the event the cash reserve transfers become part of the Appropriations Committee budget recommendation. Since the government-- Governor may not always introduce a cash reserve fund transfer bill, it has become routine to have a shell bill in a committee as a tool should it become necessary in order to enable the overall budget recommendations of the committee. An amount to be transferred by this bill as indicated by XXX million dollars which can be amended to specify the amounts to be transferred. Thank you all for your time, and I'd be happy to take your questions.

BOLZ: Any questions for Senator Stinner? Thank you, Senator Stinner. Do I have any proponents, opponents, or neutral testifies on LB586

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[SIC]? Seeing none, Senator Stinner waives closing. That closes the hearing on LB587.