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Floor Debate March 1, 2021

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

KOLTERMAN: Good morning, colleagues. On this statehood day, we give thanks for 154 years of prosperity. While there are many challenges in our state, we are blessed, but let us not forget those among us that are less fortunate. In Luke 4:28, it says: From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked. We as leaders are held responsible for what we have. If we are blessed with leadership, talents, wealth, knowledge, time, and the like, it is expected that we use these attributes well to glorify God and benefit others. Help us today and throughout the week to focus on what is best for others as we go about our work. Amen.

HILGERS: Thank you, Senator Kolterman. Senator Lowe, you're recognized for the Pledge of Allegiance.

LOWE: Thank you. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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 Lowe. I call to order the thirty-fifth day of the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: There is a quorum present, Mr. President.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: No corrections this morning.

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

ASSISTANT CLERK: There are, Mr. President. First of all, Health and Human Services Committee reports LB436 to General File. Additionally, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee reports LB275 and LB664 to General File, both having committee amendments. The Health and Human Services Committee has a committee report on certain gubernatorial appointments to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention

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Fund Board and the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Education Committee has selected LB528 and LB529 as their committee priority bills. Communications from the Governor regarding certain gubernatorial appointments to the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education, the Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, Public Employees Retirement Board, the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing [SIC], the State College System Board of Trustees. Additionally, a conflict of interest statement. Pursuant to Rule 1, Section 19, Senator Morfeld has filed a potential conflict of interest statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. That statement is on file with the Clerk of the Legislature's Office. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

HILGERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Slama would like to recognize Dr. George Voigtlander of Pawnee City, who is serving as our family physician of the day. Dr. Voigtlander is seated under the north balcony. Please rise to be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk for items.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Committee reports: General Affairs reports LB371 and LB75 to General File, LB75 having committee amendments. Additionally, notice of committee hearings from the Urban Affairs Committee. Name adds: Senator Wayne to LB40, Senator Groene to LB156 and LB299, Senator McDonnell to LB664. Announcements: Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee will have an Exec Session in Hearing Room 1507 at 10:00 a.m. today. Banking Committee, Exec Session, 1507, 10:00. General Affairs Committee will be holding an Executive Session in-- at 1:30 in Room 1510. General Affairs, 1:30, 1510. The Health and Human Services Committee will hold an Executive Session Wednesday, March 3, at 1:45 p.m. in Room 1510. Wednesday at 1:45 p.m. in Room 1510. Finally, priority notice, Senator Bostel-- excuse me, priority motion, Senator Bostelman would move to adjourn the body until Tuesday, March 2, 2021, at 9 a.m.

HILGERS: Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed say nay. We are adjourned.