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SENATOR NELSON PRESIDING []

SENATOR NELSON: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the eighth day of the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Bud Leach, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Falls City, Nebraska, Senator Heidemann's district. Please rise. []

PASTOR LEACH: (Prayer offered.) []

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Pastor Leach. I call to order the eighth day of the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record. []

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

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have no corrections this morning. []

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you. Are there any reports, messages, or announcements? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, there are. I have a Reference report from the Executive Board. Notice of committee hearings from Business and Labor; from Banking, Commerce and Insurance; General Affairs; and Government. I have a report of registered lobbyists for the current week; a series of reports that have been received in our office; an announcement that the Building and Maintenance Committee will meet under the north balcony at 10:15; and a motion from Senator Carlson to withdraw LB162. That will be laid over. And that's all that I have, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 171-175.) [LB162]

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to the first item on the agenda. Mr. Clerk. []

ASSISTANT CLERK: First item, Mr. President, is a motion by Senator Langemeier to withdraw LB143. [LB143]

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SENATOR NELSON: Senator Langemeier, you're recognized to open on your motion. [LB143]

SENATOR LANGEMEIER: Mr. President and members of the body, at this time I would ask for your support to withdraw LB143. After further review, LB143 does not represent the goals or the intent of where I was headed with that piece of legislation. At this time I would ask for your vote to withdraw it. And you'll see it later on in a more abridged version later in the week. Thank you. [LB143]

SENATOR NELSON: Is there further debate on the motion? Senator Lathrop, you are recognized. [LB143]

SENATOR LATHROP: Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I appreciate the fact that Senator Langemeier is withdrawing LB143, and I don't have any objection to that. I would just like to address a concern I had with where the bill was referenced in the first place. The bill contains various criminal and civil immunities. I thought it was properly referenced in Judiciary Committee. And this is actually an accommodation of my concern about where it was referenced, and I just want to make sure that we don't establish a precedence with a bill that is now being withdrawn, that immunities, civil and criminal, go somewhere other than the Judiciary Committee. And with that, I would certainly support his motion to withdraw the bill. [LB143]

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Senator. Are there any others wishing to speak? Senator Langemeier, you're recognized to close. Senator Langemeier waives closing. The question before the body is, shall the motion be withdrawn...shall the bill be withdrawn? All those in favor please vote aye. All those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record. [LB143]

ASSISTANT CLERK: 43 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to withdraw the bill, Mr. President. [LB143]

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, are there additional items for the record? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, I have new bills. (Read LB356-366 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 175-177.) [LB356 LB357 LB358 LB359 LB360 LB361 LB362 LB363 LB364 LB365 LB366]

SENATOR NELSON: The body will stand at ease pending the introduction of additional bills. []

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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, more new bills. (Read LB367-387 by title for the first time.) That's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 177-180.) [LB367 LB368 LB369 LB370 LB371 LB372 LB373 LB374 LB375 LB376 LB377 LB378 LB379 LB380 LB381 LB382 LB383 LB384 LB385 LB386 LB387]

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Doctor of the day introduced.) Members, I would encourage you to get your bills in as soon as possible. The intention of the Speaker is to adjourn right around 11:00 if we can do that, so please be advised. Mr. Clerk, are there additional items? []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB388-404 by title for the first time.) And that's all I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 180-183.) [LB388 LB389 LB390 LB391 LB392 LB393 LB394 LB395 LB396 LB397 LB398 LB399 LB400 LB401 LB402 LB403 LB404]

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will continue to stand at ease pending the introduction of further bills. Mr. Clerk. []

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, more new bills. (Read LB405-416 by title for the first time.) In addition to that, Mr. President, new resolutions. LR7 by Senator Fulton: Legislature memorializes Congress to ensure that the parents of the poor, the working poor, and the disabled be offered an option to enroll their children in government-sponsored health plans. I have notice of committee hearings from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee; from the Judiciary Committee; the Revenue Committee; the Education Committee. I have a series of proposed rules changes that were offered by the Rules Committee. A series of name adds: Senator Howard to LB81; Senator Cornett to LB92; Senator Howard to LB139; Senator McGill and Howard to LB261; Senator Stuthman to LB334; Senator Nordquist to LB381. (Legislative Journal pages 183-195.) [LB405 LB406 LB407 LB408 LB409 LB410 LB411 LB412 LB413 LB414 LB415 LB416 LR7 LB81 LB92 LB139 LB261 LB334 LB381]

Mr. President, I have a priority motion. Senator Campbell would move to adjourn until Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. []

SENATOR NELSON: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. You have heard the motion for adjournment until 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 20. All those in favor say aye; all those opposed, nay. All those opposed? The ayes have it. The motion is adopted. We stand adjourned until Tuesday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. []