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that rather narrow area. You have passed and created into law the research and development authority. You have made revisions in the Department of Economic Development, both of which, in my judgement, will help us create much needed jobs for the people of Nebraska. You have passed remarkably, and despite the cynical approach that is taken by many people outside of government, four important pieces of legislation to protect the quality of underground water in Nebraska. You passed a major underground storage bill. You passed the well diggers legislation. You passed a comprehensive groundwater protection bill and you have passed a chemigation bill. As you leave here today, relieved that your work is done, and you return to your homes, I urge you to remember that our task essentially is to ask and to attempt to answer one important question, and that is, what can government do to expand the opportunity of the people of this state? And as we attempt to answer this question, we begin to understand why our government is committed to effective law enforcement, outstanding schools, efficient roads, aggressive economic development, and the protection of our natural resources. As we focus on this question, we see that the opportunities of our people are improved as we look at our investment in parks and in health and in libraries. We understand, as we look at the diversity of our people and their capabilities, why services for the mentally retarded, mentally ill, alcohol and drug dependent, and aged are so important. We understand that we must continue to try to protect and enhance the rights and liberties of the people of this state. And we must understand that these rights have their origins in God and not in man. For in the end, as much as I marvel at the success of this miracle called democracy, I remain more in awe in the power of faith, hope and of love. And their abundance in Nebraska make me confident that with work we will survive and we will become all we are meant to be. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT: The committee will escort the Governor from the Legislative Chamber. Thank you very much, Governor Kerrey. (Applause.) The Chair recognizes Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, and members of the Legislature, I move that the Journal for the 60th day, as prepared by the Clerk, be approved and that the 89th Legislature, Second Session of the Legislature, having finished all business before it, now at 7:51 p.m. adjourn sine die.