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Governor. Today, I feel the urgency to move this agenda forward with each of you as a partner. This morning I have laid out the details of a budget that funds our shared priorities while proposing to return \$400 million in direct property tax relief to Nebraska real property taxpayers over the next four years. And, most importantly, our priorities are funded and tax relief achieved within the limitation of 2.2 percent spending growth the first year and 3.4 percent in the second year. Ladies and gentlemen, I look forward to working with you for passage of a budget that meets these reasonable spending targets, actions on my proposals relating to school finance, passage of an anti-crime initiative that will further punish those who violate the laws, and approval of the Direct Property Tax Relief Act. I close today with a quote from General John J. Pershing from a letter he wrote to a French Army commander. General Pershing said, "there is an abiding confidence between our people that insures to the world our constant friendship and our common purpose in behalf of humanity." I am confident that you and I can work together to accomplish our common purpose for all Nebraskans. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you. I'd ask the committee to please escort the Governor and we will stand at ease. Members, if I could have your attention, we'll stand at ease and reconvene at eleven o'clock.

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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Members, we will come back to order, please. At this point, members, I'm going to ask that we all check in again so we make sure we've got a quorum. Members, please check in for a quorum check. Members, would you please check in so we can begin finishing this morning's work. If we have an opportunity, we may be able to complete the agenda. Chair's satisfied there's a quorum. Mr. Clerk, items for the record before we resume.

CLERK: Mr. President, hearing notices from the following committees. I have Natural Resources Committee, Revenue Committee, Judiciary, and from the Appropriations Committee, all