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the tax revenues necessary to support the current level of state spending. All of us must sacrifice for the foreseeable future. In the more than 135 years of our state's history, we have met many challenges, including recessions, the Depression, drought, and farm crisis. There is no question that we are being tested. But I remain confident that we will pass the test and be better for it. In 1938, in the midst of the Great Depression, FDR said, "We have all learned the lesson that government cannot afford to wait until it has lost the power to act." We must hold to that same sentiment today. The time to act is now so that we can preserve a bright future for our state and our children. There isn't a person in this Chamber or across this state who doesn't wish for a rapid national and state economic recovery. That day will come. When it does, I will lead the charge to allocate funds to worthy programs that are impacted by this budget proposal. As always, I pledge to have an open door to work with you in this legislative session. Good luck, Godspeed in your work, and God bless Nebraska. Thank you. (Applause)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Governor Johanns. Would the committee please escort the Governor. Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. (Read LB 401-424 by title for the first time, Legislative Journal pages 171-175.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair would like to announce that we will remain in session for about 15 minutes. Any of you who have new bills, please bring them forward as quickly as possible. Thank you. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LB 425-432 by title for the first time.) New resolutions: LR 15CA by Senator Johnson, propose an amendment to Article XIII, Section 1, and adds a new Section 18 to Article VII; LR 16CA by Senator McDonald, a bill for...it's a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to Article IV, Section 1.

Mr. President, I have a series of hearing notices from the Judiciary Committee, signed by Senator Brashear, as Chair. And