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we have a motion on the desk, there?

CLERK: Mr. President, I move we recess until 2:00 P.M., signed, Senator Proud, Speaker.

PRESIDENT: Motion is to recess until 3 o'clock this afternoon. All those in favor of the motion, please say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered. We are recessed.

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SPEAKER PROUD: The Legislature will come to order. We will get on with the business here. We have today a Federal Regional team who is here to explain to us Revenue Sharing and some of the other programs that they have been working on, and, as I understand it, this team has been traveling throughout this Regional area explaining Revenue Sharing, etc. to the various Legislatures and to the Governor's office and to the administrative people. The Chairman of this Committee is Mr. Elmer E. Smith. He is the Acting Chairman. I would now like to introduce Mr. Smith to you and he will introduce the rest of the panel. Mr. Smith.

MR. SMITH: Mr. Speaker, distinguished members of the Legislature, ladies and gentlemen, it is a great pleasure for the Federal Regional Council to be here today and present the other members of the Council; Mr. Bill Gilbraith, representing the Department of Agriculture; Mr. Bill Smith, representing the Law Enforcement; Mr. Max Mills, ATW; Sam Cornelius of OEO; Admiral Waishe of the Department of Transportation. We are, also, very honored to have with us the Deputy Under-Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Mr. Theodore Lutz and it is my pleasure to present Mr. Lutz who will address the Legislature on Fiscal Year '74 proposed budget by President Nixon. Mr. Lutz.

MR. LUTZ: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, distinguished Legislatures, it's my pleasure to be in Lincoln, again, not only because it's the home of Nebraska's state government and the nation's finest collegiate football team over the past three years, but because it also has the loveliest women in the world. I know. I married a Lincoln girl shortly over two years ago. So, I do have a warm spot in my heart for this city, at least, so far. It is indeed a privilege, also, to be able to address the Nebraska Legislature today. As a student of government for many years, I learned early that it is the only Unicameral Legislature in the United States. A fact that clearly sets it apart and many think above the rest of the states. Another thing that we feel can set this Legislature apart from the rest would be your strong backing for two items that I would like to discuss with you today. The President's efforts to restrict Federal budget to a non-inflationary level and our proposal, which I know you've considered previously, to improve our highway program to allow it to meet the changing needs of this nation. First, allow me to touch on the 1974 Federal budget. As you know, President Nixon has resolved to keep taxes down, to reduce Federal spending, to place more revenues in local hands, and to allow our country to continue its progress without renewed inflation. The President is committed to these goals. He is fully aware of what is needed to curb rising prices and he is starting a downward spending spiral in his own back yard. Today, I ask you to give him your strong support in these efforts. Let me give you some facts about our economy. At the present rate of growth, the budget of the Federal government would be over one trillion dollars, the size of our entire economy today, by the 1990's

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