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vote aye, opposed no. The Legislature will be at Ease.

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PRESIDENT LEUDTKE PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Wilson.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your Committee now escorting His Excellency the Governor of the great State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: The Committee will escort the Governor.

PRESIDENT: The Governor of the State of Nebraska, Charles Thone.

GOVERNOR CHARLES THONE: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, it is of course a real pleasure for me to take this opportunity to congratulate all of you on a good productive session. Working the art of the possible I'd say that the people of Nebraska can be very proud of their representatives in 1979. It has been a good year. Before I get overcommitted here, Mr. Speaker, it's too late is it not for amendments, new bills, and more appropriations, is it not? Not necessarily, Senator Kelly says. That kind of reminds me of an old story of Ole, Fred and Pete, who had been carousing buddies for many years. They truly led a life of wine and song, and then Ole went off to his eternal reward. Fred and Pete put on their Sunday best and slipped into the back row at the funeral service, and then as they do, you know, the minister extolled the many virtues of the deceased, about how great a citizen he was, how great a contribution he had been making to society, and he went on and on with a beautiful obituary, and toward the end Fred kind of nudged Pete and said, you know, we might be making a terrible mistake here, maybe you better go see who is really in that coffin. So I ask you again, Mr. Speaker, you are all through with this first session, are you not? Well, let me go on with a couple or three of my favorite philosophers who have influenced me considerably. First, there was my mom. You all saw her here Inauguration Day. She is now ninety as of about a week ago. Maybe you read the story not very long ago where she said I smiled too much. So there will be no more Mr. Nice Guy. Some of you found that out here this last day a little bit. Second, there was Yogi Berra, the great