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PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion for the appointment of a committee. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The Chair appoints the following committee to escort the Governor to the Legislative Chamber, Senator Marsh, are you available here? Is Senator Marsh here? Senator Labedz, are you available? Senator DeCamp, would you be on the escort committee to bring the Governor in? Well, I appoint you then, plus Senator Rod Johnson, Senator Rupp, Senator Vard Johnson and Senator Schmit. These are members of the escort committee to ask the Governor to come over and be notified that the Legislature is in session. The members will be at ease while Senators DeCamp, Johnson, Rupp, Vard Johnson and Schmit escort the Governor to the Legislative Chamber.

EASE

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms, Mr. Hubertus.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting his excellency the Governor of the great State of Nebraska, Governor Bob Kerrey.

PRESIDENT: Will the committee please escort the Governor to the front of the Chamber. I have the honor of presenting to you the Honorable Robert Kerrey, Governor of the State of Nebraska.

GOVERNOR KERREY: I know I'm welcoming new members to the Legislature, as well as previous members. I do, as Governor, welcome you back into session. I understand very well, as I'm sure all of you do, about the serious problems that all of us face during the next, Lord help us, five months that we'll be together here in Lincoln. We unquestionably face some very serious questions that are currently expressing themselves in a very rapid deterioration in the agricultural community. There is unquestionably very serious problems with credit, very serious problems with income, and those problems do not lend themselves to easy answers. Those problems do not lend themselves to quick solutions. I met yesterday for a couple of hours with a group of farmers across the hall. I know that Senator Lamb witnessed that meeting. I am sure all of you have witnessed similar meetings where you are face to face with people who are angry, face to face with people who