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you please go to the northeast quadrant of the Capitol Building and escort the Governor to the Chamber. The Legislature will stand at ease until the Escort Committee has returned with his honorable presence. Is your microphone working, Mr. Sergeant? Just want to make sure you are ready, able and willing to go forward.

EASE

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

PRESIDENT: The committee will escort the Governor to the front of the Chamber, please. Welcome, Governor Kerrey. It is my distinct pleasure to present to you the Governor of the State of Nebraska. (Gavel.)

GOVERNOR KERREY: Mr. Speaker, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, I know that all of you understand what it means to be disappointed. I understand myself what it means to be disappointed. I know that you understand how it feels, that it can hurt, that you can feel as if you have no control over your own circumstances, and you sometimes have difficulty, in the face of disappointment, taking credit for things that have been accomplished. You might, for example, have been satisfied at one point in your life of climbing up halfway a mountain, but once you've set your sights on going to the summit you will be disappointed if you stop halfway up that mountain. You find yourself, all through your lifetime, being disappointed and facing disappointments of one kind or another. I would say that in this particular session of the Legislature we have seen disappointments of all kinds, both disappointments of people in this body and myself, but also people outside this body. We've looked up at the...you've looked up at these balconies and I've stared in the faces of Commonwealth depositors, and that is sheer disappointment on the faces of those individuals who expected and hoped to get more than \$8.5 million, who believed that they were going to be able to get more than that amount, and hoped that they would be able to get more than that amount. You saw that disappointment on their face and you understand what that disappointment means. We also saw a tremendous disappointment on the faces of the supporters of the Class I schools in the State of Nebraska who also filled the