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anywhere else down here. So if any of you decide to go, why, please let me know, come by our house for dinner with our family. Don't miss it. It is something you really ought to do. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Is the committee here? Would the special committee please escort the Governor to the podium of the Chamber, please. (Gavel.) The Chair would present the Governor of the State of Nebraska.

GOVERNOR KERREY: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, I appreciate your reconvening for the purpose of considering what is clearly a very special and unusual issue. At the end of the last legislative session, after two years of continuous debate and discussion, this Legislature passed LB 713 which appropriated \$8.5 million according to the Tort Claim Act. And very simply put, four words were left out which, when the depositors made an application as a result of their creditor's committee, approaching the district court of Lancaster County, making an application for permission to disperse that \$8.5 million, they discovered those four words were left off that appropriation bill. And what we are doing here today is simply to take action over the next seven days to include that language so when the creditors approach the court next Thursday or Friday, that that language will be there and the judge can make his decision based upon the merits of the application, not have to be concerned about whether those four words are included. This is not a usual political issue. This is not an issue of revenue. This is not an issue that I think we ought to tie anything to. This is an issue where we have 6,000 individual Nebraskans who have struggled, trying to figure out how they are going to be reimbursed, what sort of credit they are going to be given and at the long end of their struggle they find themselves getting \$8.5 million and then four words being left off. I urge you to consider that. This is not a normal political issue and we ought not to treat it lightly and I believe that you have demonstrated by coming together this evening that you're not, that you consider it to be special and that you consider it to be unique and that you're willing to consider what is a very simple bill. And I would like merely to read it to you. It's one page long and it indicates to me, better than anything that I can say, how simple this thing is. (Read