

you is as it is. The motion is to appoint an escort committee to bring the Governor to the Chamber. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. The Chair appoints the following committee, Senator Nichol, Senator Hartnett, Senator Smith, Senator Baack and Senator Abboud, to go to the executive wing of the building and escort the Governor into the Chamber to notify him that we have completed our business. The Clerk may read matters into the record at this time.

CLERK: Mr. President, communication from the Governor addressed to the Clerk. (Read communication regarding LB 1. See page 77 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes the Sergeant-at-Arms.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Honorable Governor of the State of Nebraska, Robert Kerrey.

PRESIDENT: Would the committee please escort the Governor to the front of the Chamber. The Chair has the honor of presenting the Governor of the State of Nebraska, Robert Kerrey. (Gavel.)

GOVERNOR ROBERT KERREY: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Speaker and members of this Legislature, I have come down here this morning simply to thank you. I know this is not easy to come back into session and deal with something that appeared to be as trivial as this and I think you have done it in a way that has given the people of the state confidence, new confidence in the democratic process, and I appreciate it. There has been a considerable number of debates and there has been a lot of statements made back and forth, as always happens when people of differing opinions get together, but in the end you have resolved the thing in a way that I think satisfactorily restores additional confidence that the people need in their government. It is my hope, although it is not my prediction, that we not have to get back together again before the regular session of the Legislature, but we will see, and until that time, I bid you good day and good luck. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Would the committee please escort the Governor out of the Chamber. Thank you, Governor Kerrey, for coming over. (Gavel.) We have a motion on the desk.