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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Madam President. I move that a committee of five be appointed to advise the Governor that the Ninety-Second Legislature, Second Session of the Nebraska State Legislature is about to complete its work, and to return with any message the Governor may have for the Legislature. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Labedz. You've heard the motion. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The motion carries. I now appoint the following senators as the Escort Committee: Senator Beyer, Senator Chizek, Senator Labedz, Senator Schrock, and Senator Lowell Johnson. Would you please escort the Governor to the Chamber. Senators, I now recognize the Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Madam President, your committee now escorting the Honorable E. Benjamin Nelson, Governor of the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Governor Nelson.

GOVERNOR NELSON: Please be seated. Thank you. Madam President, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Legislature, in January, I said that the hallmark of this 1992 Legislature would be your deliberations on the personal property tax. With that session now behind us, that has clearly been the case. As the session draws to a close tonight, I want to personally thank each of you for the time, the effort, and the hard work which you have put forth to address the personal property tax issue. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with the positions that I have advocated, I commend each of you for your efforts. It was, is, and will continue to be my position that the Constitution of the State of Nebraska needs to be amended if we are going to solve the personal property tax crisis. Amendment 1 will, in fact, accomplish this goal. I am pleased and gratified, as well, that 40 members of this Legislature agreed to allow the voters to ratify this position. As the people of Nebraska consider the alternatives, I am confident that they will authorize this change in our Constitution come May 12. I also commend you for accomplishing something no other Legislature has done. You held the line on spending in the middle of a two-year budget. In January, I cautioned everyone that the federal government has its foot on our accelerator while we are applying the brakes to state spending. I will warn