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Ray you have guarded the ramparts loyally and we appreciate very much. Chair recognizes Senator Simpson.

SENATOR SIMPSON: Mr. President, I would also like to personally congratulate Ray Wilson, I have been here with him the last eight years and before that he was for four years my boss at the mill and I appreciated him there also.

PRESIDENT: Well very good, that is a nice addition. Senator Frank Lewis, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Mr. President, I don't have a prepared remark but I think that we are talking about people that have helped us we certainly ought to look at our own staff. The Pages and the other people and I think that they also deserve a round of applause.

PRESIDENT: I would agree with that. All you people have been very pleasant, we appreciate that. The Chair has appointed a committee of two consisting of Senator Fellman and his seat mate Senator Kime, we would like to have them wait on the Governor at this time to find out if there are any messages that the Governor might have for the Legislature. In the meantime.....also tell the Governor that we have completed our work. Legislature can be at ease until they return please. Senator Marsh for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. President, before we adjourn today as one of the newer members of this legislative body, I would like to say how much I have appreciated the thoughtfulness and helpfulness and also the consideration from the members who have served here for many, many years as a corporate body. It has been extremely pleasant to work with the Senior Members of this legislative body and I as a new person in this body, this past two years have deeply appreciated working with the members of the appropriations committee especially and all of the other members of this legislative body.

PRESIDENT: Thank you Senator, do you have any idea what's for supper? (At ease)

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

PRESIDENT: Have the committee escort the Governor forward. His excellency the Governor of the state of Nebraska, the honorable J. James Exon.

GOVERNOR EXON: Mr. President, and I believe that the Speaker is out of the chambers today and members of the legislature and Ladies and Gentlemen. I'm not going to detain you very long because I know that you have had a very long and hectic day. I appreciate your invitation to come over and say a very few closing words. Here we are at one more very important and hectic session of the legislature. I say to you after having reports of what was done on the floor today that my head is bloody but unbowed and I congratulate the winners. Who overrode several of my vetos today. Usually I like to keep myself above personal feuds and I recognize that you have