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SENATOR COPE: Mr. President, members and friends. I've looked around for Gerry Stromer and I don't see him. I'd hoped he'd be here, most all of you know him in this body and I wanted to thank him personally for not running the last time so I have the opportunity of being here.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: We skip by the Chairman of the Banking Committee, Senator John DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. When I first came here I unseated a man named William Wylie and one of my big campaign programs back then was to say, Wylie always voted the wrong way. In the years since then, I've discovered I'm voting more like Wylie every day and it's worrying both of us. I want to introduce one of the best Legislators that ever served in this body. A man that did vote right most of the time, Senator Bill Wylie, who's now a lobbyist.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Times do change, don't they Bill? Next the Chair recognizes Senator Myron Rumery.

SENATOR RUMERY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and visitors. I don't think any of my predecessors are here, but I'd just like to recall them for you. Senator Ellen Craft, who succeeded her husband following his death. Senator Jim Waldron who is my immediate predecessor is out of the state. The last report I had he was in law practice in California. Governor Bob Crosby is one of the few who came up through the ranks, through the Legislature from Speaker to Governor and served the state well in all capacities. I don't believe he is here now either, at least he wasn't a while ago. Thank you.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Chair recognizes Senator Savage.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Mr. Speaker, this gentleman has already been introduced before he got here, but I'd like to take this time to introduce Lad Tesar who is over here to my left. Lad would you please stand and be recognized.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Senator Dennis Rasmussen has someone else to introduce.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. The pitch game is now over. I'd like to introduce Senator Rudy Kokes.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Thank you Senator Rasmussen. Now I believe we've got all of the members of the Appropriations Committee. Now we'll start out down here with Senator Cal Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I am indeed happy this afternoon to present the Senator from the 2nd Legislative District at that time was from Nebraska City, the home of J. Sterling Morton and founder of Arbor Day and is now the home of the Arbor Day Foundation. I had to get that in. We were so pleased to have Rick Budd serve our district from '65-70 and we are real happy that he could be here today and to be introduced to you. Senator Rick Budd.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: Next, Chair recognizes Senator Orval Keyes.