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**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Cunningham. Motion is to advise the Governor. Those in favor vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

**CLERK:** 35 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, to advise the Governor.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Motion is agreed to. Would Senators Bromm, Byars, Erdman, Maxwell and Schimek, please escort the Governor. Senator Byars' is excuse; excuse me. Senator Raikes, would you take Senator Byars' place? Madam Sergeant at Arms.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS:** Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the Great State of Nebraska, Mike Johanns and his wife, Stephanie. (Gavel) Governor Johanns.

**GOVERNOR JOHANNS:** Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, distinguished guests and friends, today the First Session of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature comes to a close. For 90 days you've worked diligently doing the people's business, taking up a wide range of issues and representing your constituents to the best of your ability. I thank you as Governor of the state of Nebraska for your service. Working together we have made progress on significant issues that will positively impact peoples' lives, including statewide economic development, public safety, juvenile justice, health care and education. We continued our effort to build a 93-county economy where no county and no community with the spirit and the drive to fight for their future are left behind. From Invest Nebraska to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the the Venture Capital Format, we have tailored a set of economic development initiatives that hold the promise of capital investment and good-paying jobs for communities from west to east and south to north. Through the budget we funded eight additional State Troopers, provided additional funding for criminal justice technology and began...began the process of investing in much needed statewide wireless communication. This year we successfully advanced sweeping juvenile justice reform. The approval of the gatekeeper concept is the first step in overhauling Nebraska's juvenile justice system. We also initiated a new program where the state will partner with