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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the first day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Wehrbein. Please rise.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: We will now have the Presentation of Colors, the State Area Command of the Nebraska National Guard, the 155th Air Refueling Wing of the Nebraska Air National Guard.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 10, Article III of the Constitution of Nebraska, the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session of the Legislature of Nebraska, assembled in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber of the State Capitol, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2003, is now called to order. Will senators please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: (Roll read, Legislative Journal page 1.) I do have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to the appointment of temporary officers. The Chair recognizes Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. President, I move to appoint Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell as temporary Clerk of the Legislature, and Ms. Lynne Yost as temporary Sergeant at Arms.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The motion before you is the appointment of temporary officers. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair declares the Legislature temporarily organized. The Chair recognizes Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, I move that we proceed to the