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"Cuts, layoffs announced across the state", Gary Switzer, Production cutbacks, worker layoffs and employee realignments are expected to have a substantial impact on November unemployment figures and Nebraska's economy in the last quarter of 1981. As a national October jobless rate of 8% was announced Friday, workers across Nebraska were getting in line for unemployment benefits and jobs while others were waiting management decisions on layoffs and realignments. October was not a busy month for the Lincoln unemployment insurance division of the State Labor Department but Les Alber of that office reported increased activity in the past week. None of us know exactly what will happen, he said, he expects November activity to show a sizeable increase in announced layoffs and activity at his office this past week if activity at his office this past week is any indication. There is no question that when you return in January for your regular session that it will be time for the same type of fiscal restraint that you exhibited so well in this special session. The budget that I will submit to you in January will be tighter and leaner than any so far. That is lean indeed when you consider that our budgets have allowed state income tax reductions to Nebraskans totalling a hundred million dollars in the last two years. As your appropriation chairman, Senator Jerome Warner stated yesterday, budget cuts that you have now enacted should be and must be considered permanent cuts to the state agency budget basis. No doubt about that. There is no question that when you return in January for your regular session that it will be time for the same type of fiscal restraint that you exhibited so well in this special session. As you return home you can be assured that you have the thanks of the great majority of Nebraskans who agree with the philosophy that government needs to tighten its belt just as each citizen does when times get rough. Again, thank you for your fiscal responsibility for Nebraska. I bid you all well and again, thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Chair recognizes Senator Hefner for the next motion.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President, members of the body, I move that all bills not otherwise disposed of, excluding vetoed or line-item vetoed bills on this date, be indefinitely postponed.

SPEAKER MARVEL: All those in favor of that motion say aye,