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Legislature is now convened, organized and ready for the transaction of business and to return with any message the Governor may have for this, the 2nd Special Session of the 87th Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion with regard to the motion by Senator Lamb? Senator Newell, did you wish to speak to this motion? All right the motion then is to notify the Governor and appoint a committee of five to so notify the Governor. All those in favor signify by saying aye, opposed nay. The motion carries and the Chair appoints the following committee to notify the Governor that the Legislature is now convened, organized and ready for the transaction of business. The committee will be as follows: Senator Warner, Senator Carsten, Senator VonMinden, Senator Apking and Senator Lowell Johnson. Would the committee follow Senator Warner to so notify the Governor. The Legislature will be at ease but before we do, the Chair would like to introduce, take this privilege to introduce the Lieutenant Governor Elect, Don McGinley standing here at the end. Don, would you wave your hands. He is looking over and seeing whom he can rule out of order here in a few weeks. Welcome, Don. Lieutenant Governor Elect Don McGinley.

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PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Sergeant at Arms Wilson.

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

PRESIDENT: The committee will come forward. I present to you the Governor of the State of Nebraska, Charles Thone.

GOVERNOR THONE: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the 87th Nebraska Legislature and distinguished guests, good morning. It is me, your friendly Governor. As I was walking down the aisle there one of my good friends caught me and said, well for four years it has been who's who and pretty soon it will be who's he? Coincidentally, yesterday I gave a long scheduled talk to the student body at Union College. By the way, a beautiful, beautiful college here in southeast Lincoln and I appeared as a part of their Handicapped Awareness Week. I just couldn't resist sharing with them that I was a most fortuitous choice as keynoter since because of about 1:00 a.m. or thereabouts Wednesday of this week I was what politics calls a lame duck. Yes, a lame duck but not a lame ducker. On November 3rd, and I'll get to that in a minute. I'm as organized as usual here obviously but as I said, not a lame ducker. As you all know, the purpose of this special session of the Legislature is to cut the budget and take certain other actions so that state tax rates will not have to be increased. It was my position in the campaign and it is my position now that tax rates should not be increased to offset revenue shortfalls caused by the recession we have been experiencing. I would hope that each one of you

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