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SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the following officers be elected to serve for the Ninety-First Legislature, First Special Session: Clerk of the Legislature, Patrick J. O'Donnell; Assistant Clerk of the Legislature, Richard Brown; Sergeant at Arms, Carl E. Kamprath; Chaplain Coordinator, Harland Johnson.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Labeledz. You have heard the motion, all in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Yes, sir. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes. Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, since the Governor and her henchpersons insisted on bringing us here today, I'm going to gain as much from this session as I can. I think it is an irresponsible act of futility. I think it is a sham and a hoax and a shame on this Legislature, but really on the Governor, because it is by her power as the Governor given to her under the Constitution that we are here. I think too highly of all of the officers of this Legislature to require them by my vote to be a party to this charade, so I'm going to vote no on this motion. They are employees. They really have no choice and we are placing them in a position to be a part of this sham. One thing I'm glad of, that Senator Warner has looked to the future and it is now...and he has drafted a bill that solves all of the personal property taxes, and for that I want to publicly applaud him. These definitions in the other part of the bill, that other bill they have got, I love that and I think the farmers will love it too. I didn't know we had so much genius in this state when it came to taxing matters and I believe there is only one motion that is going to be made that I'll probably vote for, and I'm not going to state what that motion is because it will be offered by somebody else. But my no vote, and I want the officers of the Legislature and our employees to understand that this is a vote not against you, but one to show the respect that I have for you. It is too bad that we, as a Legislature, won't assume our responsibility and adjourn sine die, period. We ought to look at what the responsibility of a doctor is. The first principle is this, first, do no harm. We have people who are geniuses in tax matters telling us, well, we don't know if this is going to solve the problem; we don't know if this can stand constitutional muster, but we know it will carry people past the 1990 election. If there are to be court cases, Senator Haberman, it will take beyond the election for a decision to come down, so the Legislature once again is being held up to