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ridicule and scorn and is being mocked. This Legislature is the butt of jokes that I haven't heard since I've been down here. The lobbyists are telling the jokes. The "big shot" businessmen are telling the jokes. They are going to sit back and watch the Legislature make a collective fool of itself. And from the very first opportunity to distance myself, that is what I want to do, and I'm going to have a delightful time watching those who propose this legislation, defend it on the floor and explain it and tell to the whole State of Nebraska how they have solved all of the personal property tax problems, how they have done it in a just, fair and equitable manner, not taking a little snip here and a little snap there, but solving the problem. I advise my colleagues to follow my example and vote no on this motion so that our officers will not be implicated in this as a result of an affirmative act in the form of a vote by the Legislature. We have no choice about coming here. There is no discretion on the part of the Legislature once the Governor jumps through the constitutional hoops required to call us into session. We are here and we have no discretion, but we don't have to do what we've been ordered to do. I'm going to vote no for the reasons that I have given.

PRESIDENT: There are no other lights on. The question is...a machine vote has been requested, and the question is the election of the officers as stated by Senator Labeledz. All those in favor vote yes, opposed nay. Mr. Clerk. A record vote has been requested. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: (Record vote read. See pages 5-6 of the Legislative Journal.) 38 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion.

PRESIDENT: The officers are elected. Mr. Clerk, do you have any messages, reports or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a series of messages received by the Legislature pursuant, or following their adjournment sine die in May of this year. The first is the official roster of membership for this First Extraordinary Session of the Ninety-First Legislature, First Session.

Mr. President, I have received during the interim a series of appointment letters from the Governor, appointing a number of individuals to a variety of state boards and commissions. Those appointments will be referred to Reference Committee for