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PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair appoints the following to escort the Governor to the Chamber: Senator Lowell Johnson, Senator Labedz, Senator Crosby, Senator Kristensen, and Senator Wehrbein. Would you five senators please return to the Governor's Chambers and escort her to the Chamber, please. Thank you.

We're ready to proceed, will you please return to your desks. Mr. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, announcing the Governor of the State of Nebraska.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Ladies and gentlemen, may I introduce the Governor of the State of Nebraska, Kay A. Orr, for her message to the Ninety-First Legislature, First Special Session. Governor Orr.

GOVERNOR ORR: Thank you, ladies and gentlemen, please be seated, thank you very much. Thank you. The eyes of the people of this great state are upon you and they are upon me. Nebraskans probably will not remember a great deal of our debate, our motions, our vote, but surely they will remember whether we did seek together to resolve, with reason and responsibility, the difficult issue which faces us at this time. Special sessions often produce rhetoric which is used to tell a political point for one side or the other, but let this be a time when we lay that temptation aside and work together for the greater good of Nebraska. The Enron decision made earlier this summer by the Nebraska Supreme Court has forced elected officials at all levels of government to a new awareness of the State of Nebraska's property tax system. It is clear from the court's decision that more than \$30 million in personal property taxes paid by certain Nebraska corporations could be lost if action is not taken this year. This revenue levied and budgeted by local governments across the state is absolutely essential for continuation of the needed services that are part of the quality of life that we enjoy in Nebraska. It is revenue dedicated to educating our children, providing police and fire protection for our homes, keeping our streets and roads safe for travel as winter approaches. The proposals being offered for your consideration have been designed to address this problem immediately. These bills were drafted upon the