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fair. And before we proceed, I would like to read a special letter to the Legislature. "I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to all those gathered for the inauguration of Ben Nelson as Governor of Nebraska. Inaugurals are a time for renewal and rededication. Nebraska has a bright future and I share the high hopes that are so much a part of this state. I value the relationship I have with the nation's governors. They provide leadership in a challenging arena and every day their work impacts the lives of the people they represent. Ben Nelson brings to this office a special understanding of the concerns of the citizens of Nebraska and valuable insight into the opportunities facing your great state. Barbara joins me in sending you our very best wishes on this special day. President George Bush." And now as my first official act, I have the honor and the pleasure to ask Chief Justice Hastings to proceed with the swearing in of the 37th Governor of the State of Nebraska, E. Benjamin Nelson.

CHIEF JUSTICE HASTINGS: (Administered Oath of Office to Governor Ben Nelson.)

GOVERNOR BEN NELSON: Thank you. Please be seated. (Delivered the inaugural address found on pages 90-97 of the Legislative Journal.) Thank you for that warm reception. I am delighted that my family is here with me today; my wife Diane, her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Fort from Baltimore, Maryland, her mother, Mary Lyle from Arkansas, my son Kevin, my daughter Sarah, and my mother Birdella, and we are delighted that they are here today. I am glad to have them with me, and have you with me as well. Thank you very, very much.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Governor Nelson, and we will now have the closing prayer from Father George Sullivan.

FATHER GEORGE SULLIVAN: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BAACK PRESIDING

SPEAKER BAACK: Now I would like to have the various escort committees please escort their people out of the Chamber in reverse order of the way they came in, and I would also like to announce that there will be a reception in the Governor's Office, so I would like the escort committees to escort these people over to the Governor's Office, please. Thank you. Senator Rasmussen.