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Thompson, Senator Preister and Senator Brashear to escort the Secretary of State to deliver the election returns of the General Election. Would you three please retire to the back of the Chamber. Lynne, you're recognized for the purpose of....

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. Speaker, your committee now escorting the Secretary of State, Scott Moore.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You may be seated.

SECRETARY OF STATE MOORE: You don't have to be seated. I'll be brief. (Read report from the Secretary of State and Certificates as found on pages 20-25 of then Legislative Journal.) The original abstract sheets contained...containing the tabulation of votes from the 93 counties, with reference to 2 initiative measures and 7 constitutional amendments, are on file in my office as well. These are the certified returns as attached. I'll present them to the Speaker.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Secretary. It's been received and acknowledged. Would our committee please escort the Secretary of State. Thank you.

EASE

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Thompson, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR THOMPSON: Mr. Speaker, I move to approve the report of the Secretary of State and the candidates stated therein to be declared duly elected.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: You've heard the motion. The question before the body is the acceptance of the report from the Secretary of State, the delivery of election returns from the General Election. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. Report is accepted. Senator Engel, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR ENGEL: Mr. President, I move to arrange to hold the inaugural ceremonies for the newly-elected state officials on Thursday, January 7, 1999, at 1:45 p.m.