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**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Father. You may be seated. We will now proceed to the swearing in ceremonies. At this time, I'd like to recognize the Chief Judge of the Nebraska Supreme Court, Judge John Hendry. Your Honor.

**CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY:** (Administered Oath of Office to the newly elected state officials.) (Applause.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Lieutenant Governor Maurstad, now that you have been duly inaugurated, your constitutional position is that of President of the Nebraska Legislature to preside. At this point in time, you shall preside. (Applause.)

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD PRESIDING**

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Good afternoon. It's a pleasure to...and an honor to join you again. Mr. Justice, please administer the oath to our new Governor.

**CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY:** (Administered Oath of Office to the newly elected Governor.) (Applause.)

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** At this time, please join me in welcoming the new Governor of the great state of Nebraska for his Inaugural Address, the Honorable Mike Johanns. (See Governor's Inaugural Address on pages 73-79 of the Legislative Journal.)

**GOVERNOR MIKE JOHANNNS:** Thank you very much. Thank you. Thank you very, very much. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. Recently, I spoke to a group and they gave me a standing ovation and I said to them, but I haven't done anything yet. And they said, enjoy it because when you do something you probably won't get the standing ovation. It's a pleasure to be here today. Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Chief Justice, members of the Legislature, judges, distinguished guests, family and friends, I am deeply honored to be here today as Governor of the state of Nebraska. As you know, this journey began over three years ago. It spanned nearly 150,000 miles. It involved hundreds of visits to communities, large and small, in all 93 counties in the state of Nebraska. During the past three years, I've had an opportunity to become acquainted with thousands of Nebraskans.