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Senator Aguilar has been appointed to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee and the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee; Senator Kremer has been appointed to the Natural Resources Committee; Senator Crosby appointed to the Retirement Systems Committee; Senator Bohlke appointed to the Revenue Committee; and Senator Byars to the Transportation Committee. Senator Stuhr would like to announce that Senator Bourne has been selected as Vice Chair of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. (Legislative Journal page 125.)

And, finally, Mr. President, two communications from the Governor. The first involves designating January 5 as George W. Norris Day for the Great state of Nebraska; and a communication regarding the designation of a chairman for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission; both communications will be inserted in the Journal. (Legislative Journal page 125.) That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Members, you certainly are a historic group as you are now the first Legislature to meet in this new century. I wish you all well. I realize that there are many issues that may divide us as the session goes along, but there are also many issues that I know we'll tackle together. So I trust that you will take serious the business of legislating and I know that you will. I would like to let you know the plans that we're going to have for the next few days of the session, so that you can plan. Tomorrow, at eight o'clock, my office will begin accepting any priority bill designations for next (sic) year, that will be tomorrow. We will meet starting at ten o'clock for the rest of this week. We will adjourn by noon. There will not be bill debate this first week. We will take introduction of new bills, allow the committees to begin to do some of their beginning work. On the 10th, which will be next Monday, we will meet at 10:00 a.m., and we will begin any changes of rules. We will recess for lunch that day and return at 1:30 in the afternoon. On January 11 and 12, we will begin meeting at 9:00 a.m., conduct our business, recess for lunch, and again return at 1:30. The State of the State Address is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., on January the 12th. On the 13th, again we will meet at 9:00 a.m., that's our last day that session or that week. We will work through the noonhour, plan to have that if we've completed rules, we will be