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certainly one of our most precious resources. Together, we've weathered natural disasters, devastating drought, financial hardships, and acts of terrorism. And together, we've celebrated births, we've lauded graduations, we've reached out to our fellow man and woman, and we've laid the groundwork for an even brighter future for our children and grandchildren. While there is no shortage to my optimism for the future, I do realize that there are some very trying times ahead. We must continue to work together to concur our challenges and diversify our economy so that every Nebraskan has the opportunity to succeed in whatever life path that they might choose. I approach the next four years of my service to this great state with enthusiasm, humility and awe at the opportunity that I have been given. I also approach the next four years with deep gratitude to you, the members of the Nebraska Unicameral, for your willingness to serve our state and to partner in leading our state forward. Your service has earned my admiration. As I leave here today, I do so with tremendous hope for the future, knowing that our best days are still to come. May God bless each of you, your families, and the great state of Nebraska. Thank you very much. (Applause)

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you very much, Governor. Would the Governor's Escort Committee for the Governor please come to the front of the Legislature, please. Please escort the Governor, and also please escort the Governor's family at the same time. Would the Escort Committee for the Lieutenant Governor please come forward. And would you please escort the Lieutenant Governor and his family from the Chamber, please. Would the Escort Committee for the Nebraska Supreme Court please come forward. And please escort the members of our Supreme Court from the Chamber. Thank you very much. Could we please have the Escort Committee for the Secretary of State, John Gale, come forward. And would the Escort Committee for the State Treasurer, Lorelee Byrd, please come forward to escort the State Treasurer from the Chamber. The Escort Committee for the State Auditor please come forward and escort our State Auditor, Kate Witek, from the Chamber. Could we please have the Escort Committee for Attorney General Jon Bruning please come forward