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the Health and Human Services Committee, the Natural Resources Committee. Mr. President, a motion by Senator Preister; he would like to withdraw LB 325. That will be laid over. And that's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 161-165.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Chair would recognize Senator Cunningham for a motion.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the state of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State and budget Address.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cunningham. You've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. I would ask that the committee of five consist of Senator Ray Janssen, Senator Engel, Senator Raikes, Senator Schimek, and Senator Wehrbein. Would the committee of five please retire to the Governor's Office and escort the Governor to the Chamber. Madam Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Mike Johanns, and his wife Stephanie.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Ladies and gentlemen, the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Governor Mike Johanns.

GOVERNOR MIKE JOHANNNS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, and my fellow Nebraskans, our state constitution requires that the Governor address the Legislature and present a budget recommendation early in the legislative session. This morning I come before you to fulfill that obligation; in doing so, accept the responsibility of framing the reality of the day. The past two years have witnessed national and international events that have dramatically altered our individual priorities and how we view the world around us. Since the Legislature last debated and adopted a biennial budget, our nation has been attacked, we've commenced a war on terrorism, our national economy has slipped into a stubborn