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Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature is about to complete its work, and to return with any messages the Governor may have for the Legislature. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: All in favor of the motion say aye. Opposed nay. The motion was successful.

SPEAKER BROMM PRESIDING

SPEAKER BROMM: The motion having been approved, I would appoint the following committee: Senator Wehrbein, Senator Landis, Senator Brashear, Senator Raikes, and Senator Schimek. Committee may retire to escort the Governor to the Chamber. Sergeant at Arms.

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

SPEAKER BROMM: (Gavel) Governor.

GOVERNOR MIKE JOHANNNS: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, distinguished guests and friends, thank you to the women and men of this Legislature for your work this session. The dominant story of these eighty-nine days has been the budget debate and our differences in approaching that issue. For two years the national recession and resulting fiscal crisis on the state budget has been our greatest challenge. Together, however, all Nebraskans have hope that the toughest of times will soon give way to a time of prosperity, providing the opportunity to enhance our commitment and our investment in the future. However, the untold story of this and really, for that matter, every regular legislative session is the good work on so many pieces of legislation that positively impact Nebraskans. Throughout this session, senators worked diligently to approve more than 230 legislative bills addressing an assortment of issues. Because of your effort and the leadership of Senator Landis, Nebraska consumers will be afforded greater protection in natural gas pricing. Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Brashear led the effort for community corrections initiative. This legislation recognizes the need for a thoughtful transition