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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Engel. You've heard the motion. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair now recognizes Senator Cudaback for a motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Chairman, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officer of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion before you is to select a committee of five to escort the Chief Justice. All those in favor please say aye. Those opposed nay. Motion is adopted. The Chair appoints the following committee: Senator Brashear, Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Quandahl, Senator Thompson, and Senator Tyson. Will you please retire to the Clerk of the Supreme Court's Office. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, John Hendry.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair now recognizes the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY: Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Would Mr. Witkowski please come forward to be sworn in. (Oath of office administered to Ron Witkowski.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Chief Justice. Will the committee please escort the Chief Justice from the Chamber. Mr. Clerk, do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have the certificate certifying the membership of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session. Mr. President, I have a resignation letter from State Treasurer Lorelee Byrd to be inserted in the Legislative Journal. I have an acknowledgement from the Governor as to the acceptance of that resignation letter. And finally, Mr. President, I have the