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have a chance to speak a little bit with the guests, and we will recess for lunch and resume after lunch with the next speaker. So we'll be at ease starting now.

If I could have your attention, if the ushers would bring in any former senators that are not already in the Chamber, I would ask them to do that if they would, please. And then I'd ask you to hold down your discussions while we make some introductions, please. Thank you. If I could have your attention, please, once again, if there are any former state senators who are outside of the Chamber, we'd ask them to come in at this time, and I'll begin introducing those that I have a list of that we think are here. And if I miss someone, it's not intentional, but I will ask for those who may have come in that aren't on the list. So I'll begin in alphabetical order here, if we could direct our attention to the back. And the first person on the list is former Congressman and former Speaker Bill Barrett, from Lexington, who served us from '79 to '90. Congressman Barrett. Former Senator Emil Beyer, Jr., from Gretna, '81 to '93. Senator Beyer. Former Senator Jim Dickinson, from Elkhorn, from...served from '73 to '77. Former Senator and colleague Cap Dierks, from Ewing, '87 to 2003. Former Senator Don Elrod, from Omaha, '66 to '73. Former Senator Bill Harris, Lincoln, '83 to '87, and currently the president of the former senator association. Former Senator Elroy Hefner, from Coleridge, who served from '76 to '93. The First Lady of Nebraska and former Senator Stephanie Johanns, from Lincoln, '87 to '89. Former Senator Howard Lamb, from Anselmo, '77 to '93. Former Lieutenant Governor and former Senator Don McGinley, from Lincoln, '55 to '59, and '63 to '65. Douglas County Commissioner and former Senator Carol McBride Pirsch, from Omaha, '79 to '97. Former Senator Dennis Rasmussen, from Lincoln, '73 to '79. Former Senator Eric Rasmussen, from Fairmont, '63 to '68. Former Senator Jerry Schmitt, from Ord, '93 to '01. Former Senator Merle Von Minden, from Allen, '81 to '84. Former Senator Willard Waldo, from DeWitt, '57 to '59, '61 to '63, and '68 to '73. Former Senator Steve Wiitala, from Omaha, '81 to '83. Is Senator Foote here? I have a note possibly. I don't have years, but we welcome you. Now have we omitted any senators who are here that we haven't called the names of? Any former senators? Please raise your hand or let