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SENATOR CHAMBERS PRESIDING

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would the Legislature please come to order? Although I'm the new kid on the block, I would request that the Legislature please come to order. Thank you. Good morning. Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the first day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session. We are going to have a minute or two of contemplation. Since this is strictly voluntary, a person may rise or sit, based on your preference or your circumstances. We will be led in this minute or two of contemplation by Senator Kruse. Senator Kruse.

SENATOR KRUSE: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Kruse. We will now have the Presentation of the Colors from the Nebraska Army National Guard and the Nebraska Air National Guard.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of Nebraska, the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Legislature of Nebraska, assembled in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber of the State Capitol at this hour of 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5, 2005, is now called to order. Will the senators please record your presence. And I'm going to leave the board open a little longer due to the inclement weather. Mr. Clerk, will you please record and preserve the vote for posterity.

CLERK: (Roll read, Legislative Journal page 1.) I do have a quorum present, Mr. President. (See resignation letter and message from the Governor, Legislative Journal pages 2-3.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will now proceed to the appointment of temporary orders...of officers. I recognize Senator Cudaback for a motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, I move to appoint Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell as temporary Clerk of the Legislature,