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SENATOR CHAMBERS: All those in favor say aye. Anyone foolhardy enough to be opposed bray heehaw. Thank you very much. Thank you, members. The Chair recognizes Senator Dwite Pedersen for a motion.

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: I move that a committee of six be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislature Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the Legislature.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. The motion before you is to select a committee of six to escort the Chief Justice to administer the oath of office to the officers selected. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed, nay. The motion is adopted, and the Chair appoints the following committee: Senators Combs, Hudkins, McDonald, Price, Stuhr, Thompson. If you will proceed to the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court to escort the Chief Justice to the Chamber. Thank you. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms.

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

SENATOR CHAMBERS: (Gavel) The Chair recognizes the Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY: Thank you. Would your newly-elected Speaker please come forward, Senator Kermit Brashear? (Oath of office administered to Speaker Brashear.) (Applause)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The committee...will the committee please escort the Chief Justice from the Chamber. Oh, I'm sorry. I'm getting ahead of myself.

CHIEF JUSTICE HENDRY: I believe there are two other. The Clerk of the Legislature first, Mr. Pat O'Donnell, would you come forward? (Oath of office administered to Clerk O'Donnell.) And now would the Chief Sergeant at Arms Ron Witkowski please come forward. (Oath of office administered to Sergeant at Arms Witkowski.) Now the Assistant Clerk of the Legislature please