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SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twelfth day of the Ninety-Ninth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Heidemann. Please rise for prayer. Senator.

SENATOR HEIDEMANN: (Prayer offered.)

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Heidemann. I call the twelfth day of the Legislature to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a quorum present.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. Clerk, do you have any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. I have an appointment letter from Governor Johanns regarding the appointment of John Munn as director of Department of Banking and Finance. Mr. President, yesterday, a communication from the Governor: "Dear Mr. Speaker, Pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 32-562, I hereby resign my position as Governor of the state of Nebraska, effective today at 3:00 p.m. Sincerely, Mike Johanns, Governor." Pursuant to that communication, Mr. President, I have a communication from the Speaker addressed to Governor Johanns: "On behalf of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, I hereby accept your resignation as Governor. Please accept my congratulations on your new position as the United States Secretary of Agriculture. Best wishes in your new position."

Mr. President, I have a Reference report referring LB 617 through LB 763, signed by Senator Engel, as Chair. Your Committee on Agriculture, chaired by Senator Kremer, reports LB 52 to General File with amendments; that's signed by Senator