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PRESIDENT SHEEHY: The Chair recognizes Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. President, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the state of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the Nebraska State Address.

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you. The motion before you is to select a committee of five to escort the Governor. This will be by vote voice. All those in favor say aye. Opposed, nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair appoints the following committee, senators, to escort the Governor: Senator Brown, Senator Engel, Senator Fischer, Senator Don Pederson, and Senator Raikes. Will you please retire to the rear of the Chamber? Mr. Sergeant at Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Dave Heineman, and his wife Sally. (Applause)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: (Gavel) Ladies and gentlemen, the Governor of the great state of Nebraska.

GOVERNOR HEINEMAN: Mr. President, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, Tribal Chairmen, distinguished guests, friends and fellow Nebraskans, thank you for the opportunity to address this body under these unique circumstances. As I look out among you, it's reassuring to see familiar faces. Some of you are long-time friends. Speaker Brashear, over the course of the last two years, your friendship has been very, very special to me. Congratulations on being chosen to serve as the Speaker of the Legislature. The confidence your colleagues have placed in you is well placed. Your attention to detail, creativity, and leadership abilities will serve this body well. Senator Schimek, in a sense you and I cut our political teeth together long ago. I am grateful that we have always set aside political and philosophical differences to enjoy a friendship that follows in the great tradition of this nonpartisan institution. I want to recognize my senator, Ray Janssen. Not only have I appreciated your representation, Senator, I appreciate the longstanding friendship that Sally and I have shared with you