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PRESIDENT: Were privileged this morning to have some visiting dignitaries at this time I would like to have Senator Luedtke of Lincoln go to the back of the chamber and escort to the front Mr. Gordon McCrae and Miss Sally Warner, Miss Nebraska. Senator Luedtke

SENATOR LUEDTKE: Fellow members of the legislature, it is a great pleasure for me this morning, first of all I would like to have Sally Warner, Miss Nebraska stand up and be recognized by the legislature. I think we are all honored to have her here this morning, and I also am very delighted to bring before the legislature a gentleman who I was privileged to meet a year ago last summer in a very unusual way. His contagious enthusiasm for the state of Nebraska really revived the spirit in me to get out and do something to promote Nebraska. I mean sometimes it takes someone to come in from someplace else to let us know what we have really got here. Gordon McCrae, who is a world renowned figure certainly did that to me when I met him a year ago last summer. This gentleman a native of East Lawrence, New Jersey, had the uncommon good taste back in 1967 to marry a Nebraska girl, Elizabeth Chraft from right here in Lincoln, now comes back to Nebraska. Some people go to the mountains in the summer but Gordon McCrae comes to Nebraska and I understand that you are going to come back again next summer. That is wonderful. He is going to be speaking at a Nebraskaland foundation annual luncheon this afternoon at Grand Island. He is helping to promote tourism throughout Nebraska throughout the year, he will as I say be doing that this summer. He has been recently appointed to the National committee on the Centennial celebration of Arbor Day that will be a planting of a few trees I presume. I would like to have Gordon McCrae say a few words to us this morning.

GORDON MCCRAE: Well Gentlemen, I think Roman said it all for me, I am a transplanted, New Yorker, and starting last year we make our summer home in Nebraska and if Uncle Sam ever lets me save enough money, I would like to retire here. That will probably take another fifty years, but I think Roman said it all. I fell in love with your state as I did with my wife who is from Sterling her Dad used to work with a power and light company along with Johnny Carson's father and a its nice to be out here. I'm not much of a speech maker I don't know what your Secretary of State let himself in for this afternoon, but I have a few things to say and we really are going to try to get on the ball and promote a greater interest in tourism in your beautiful state and my new beautiful state. There is lots of things that I can say about it but I think some of the people have forgotten or don't even know about. So, we will let you get back to work and we'll be on our way to Grand Island, and I'll see some of you on the Golf Course at the Country Club along about April 15th. Thank You, take care of yourselves.

PRESIDENT: I think we have resolution 40 on the desk.

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