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PRESIDENT MCGINLEY PRESIDING

PRESIDENT: One cannot say that the Nebraska Unicameral is not courageous and brave and striking out new paths. We have broken over into the border here and introducing this morning our colleague, Bishop Higgins, for the prayer. Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. I did not know that I would be giving the prayer on the last day of our meeting, so I have changed it from what I thought I would have said last week. Since this is sine die and we will not be meeting again probably until next January, instead of giving a prayer, I will be giving a blessing. It's an old Gaelic blessing that many of you have probably heard before, seen it on plaques. I suspect it was written by an Irish farmer and when you hear it, you'll understand why. And I offer this blessing to all of my colleagues, to the Sergeant-at-Arms who have welcomed our guests so graciously and to the Pages who have served us so very willingly, to all those who have worked for the Legislature in every department from the President of the Legislature, the Speaker of the Legislature, the Clerk, and all those other offices. May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the rains fall gently upon your fields and may the good Lord hold you in the hollow of his hands until we meet again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. Roll call. Members, please record your presence, please. Please record your presence. Clerk will record those present.

CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Quorum present, the Legislature's in session. Are there any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: No corrections, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Item number 4, messages and so forth.

CLERK: Mr. President, the only items I have are the certificates for your signature regarding the line-item overrides that were adopted yesterday by the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Very well. The Chair recognizes Speaker Nichol. May we have attention to our noble Speaker?

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I don't know how noble but anyway I should remind you of two or three things on the agenda that have come up since the