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National Education Goals Panel has shown me that we still have work to do. But I've also learned that Nebraskans are responding through their commitment to broad-based, grass-roots school transformation. Business leaders, parents, administrators, teachers and students are all involved in our drive to reach world class standards. Pilot projects throughout Nebraska are linking schools together with interactive video. The Rural Health Education Network is expanding access to continuing education programs for health professionals across the state. Higher education continues to be one of Nebraska's primary assets. And I'm pleased with our progress in bringing business and higher education together to fashion a program that combines academic freedom with responsiveness to the needs of industry. The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education is making its presence felt. Over the long term, the commission must have a positive effect on higher education in Nebraska. We're doing things right. Our agenda has been packed and much more could be said about Nebraska's accomplishments in areas like children and families, or the role volunteers play in stretching the value of our resources. Our agenda has been ambitious and together we're making progress, real progress. But our agenda is not finished. There is work yet to be done. Tough choices must be made in order to maintain the stability that we've worked so hard to establish. We have to finish the job we began last fall. The budget I'm presenting today is spartan, it's a hold-the-line budget, it's austere. But keeping state spending in line helps to stabilize our economy, promoting investment and creating jobs. We take pride in our low unemployment rate, but we must continue to work toward the creation of more high-skilled jobs, high-paying jobs where working means earning a living. The Applied Information Management initiative is a creative program toward this objective. We will continue to work closely with the AIM Institute to match the skill requirements of Nebraska business with appropriate education and training programs. Enterprise Zone legislation is needed to provide incentives for job creation in economically distressed areas throughout Nebraska. Our goal is to improve significantly the neighborhoods and standard of living for the residents of Enterprise Zones. The turnaround in net migration is encouraging, but population continues to decline in rural Nebraska. We need to maintain and build on the momentum created by our Rural Development Commission and the projects it's initiated by giving it a permanent home in the Department of Economic Development. The commission has been recognized under the President's Initiative