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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good afternoon. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the first day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Special Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Wehrbein. Please rise.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. I call the first day of the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Special Session to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Record.

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

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Pursuant to a proclamation issued by the Honorable Mike Johanns, Governor of Nebraska, we are here now assembled in the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, First Special Session of the Nebraska Legislature. I, as President of the Legislature, declare that we are now open for the transaction of business. The Chair recognizes the Clerk to read the proclamation.

CLERK: (Proclamation read, Legislative Journal pages 2-3.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Mr. Clerk, are there any items for the record?

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have an appointment letter. An appointment letter by Governor Johanns, appointing Vickie McDonald to the seat...to the 41st Legislative District seat. I have the Oath of Office accompanying that. Mister...and the appropriate documentation from the Secretary of State's Office. Mr. President, in addition to those items, I have an appointment letter from the Governor...first of all, I have a resignation letter from the Lieutenant Governor directed to the Governor, announcing the resignation of David Maurstad as Lieutenant Governor. I then have the appointment, by Governor Johanns, of David Heineman, State Treasurer, to the post of Lieutenant Governor. And once again, Mr. President, I have all the