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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, Second Special Session. Our chaplain for the day is Senator Dierks. Please rise.

SENATOR DIERKS: (Prayer offered.)

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

CLERK: (Roll read, Legislative Journal page 1.) I do have a quorum present.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Pursuant to a proclamation issued by the Honorable Mike Johanns, Governor of Nebraska, we are here and now assembled in the Ninety-Seventh Legislature, Second 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 2-4.)

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

CLERK: Mr. President, I do. I have a series...I have two resignation letters, the first from Senator Wickersham. (Letter read.) Pursuant to that resignation, Mr. President, I have an appointment letter from the Governor, appointing Mr. Frederick E. Hlava to fill the vacancy in the 49th Legislative District, to include the oath of office and appropriate paperwork as provided to me by the Secretary of State's Office. Mr. President, I have a second resignation letter. (Letter read.) Pursuant to that resignation letter, Mr. President, I have an appointment letter from the Governor, appointing Joel T. Johnson to fill the vacancy of the