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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 Third Special Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator Coordsen. Please rise.

SENATOR COORDSEN: (Prayer offered.)

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

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

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, Third 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: Mr. President. (Proclamation read, Legislative Journal page 2.)

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

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a resignation letter from Jon Bruning. (Letter read.) Pursuant to that resignation letter, Mr. President, I have received from Secretary of State John Gale the certificate of membership for this Ninety-Seventh Legislature Third Extraordinary Session. That's all that I have at this time, Mr. President. (Legislative Journal pages 3-4.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. The Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen for a motion.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the following officers, recommended by the Executive Board, be