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## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE

Fifth Calendar Day - Fifth Session Day

Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center  
Rooms 303-304  
Des Moines, Iowa, Friday, January 13, 2023

The House met pursuant to adjournment at 8:02 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Bradley of Jones.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Meghan Nelson of Monroe.

The Journal of Thursday, January 12, 2023, was approved.

Windschitl of Harrison moved that upon the dissolution of the Joint Convention, the House adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

The motion prevailed.

### COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Nordman of Guthrie moved that a committee of three be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention.

The motion prevailed and the Speaker appointed as such committee: Nordman of Guthrie, Chair; Wilz of Wapello and Forbes of Polk.

The House stood at ease at 8:04 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The House resumed session at 8:11 a.m., Speaker Grassley in the chair.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SENATE

Nordman of Guthrie, Chair of the committee to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive it in Joint Convention, reported that the committee had performed its duty. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the President of the Senate, the Secretary of the Senate and the honorable body of the Senate.

The President of the Senate was escorted to the Speaker’s station, the Secretary of the Senate to the Chief Clerk’s desk and the members of the Senate were seated with members of the House.

JOINT CONVENTION

The Joint Convention was called to order at the Community Choice Credit Union Convention Center, Rooms 303-304 at 8:14 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that the roll call be dispensed with and that the President of the Joint Convention be authorized to declare a quorum present.

The motion prevailed.

President Sinclair announced a quorum present and the Joint Convention duly organized.

REPORT OF CANVASS OF VOTE

The report of the canvass of the vote was read by Meghan Nelson, the Secretary of the Joint Convention, as follows:

MADAM PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF THE JOINT CONVENTION:

Your tellers, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to canvass the vote cast for candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor at the election held November 8, 2022 beg leave to make the following report of the total vote cast for Governor:

Kim Reynolds .....	709,198
Deidre DeJear .....	482,950
Rick Stewart.....	28,998
Scattering .....	718

And the total vote cast for Lieutenant Governor at the election, held November 8, 2022:

Adam Gregg.....	709,198
Eric Van Lancker .....	482,950
Marco Battaglia.....	28,998
Scattering .....	718

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

Senator Jason Schultz	Representative Gary M. Mohr
Teller of the Senate	Teller of the House

Senator Annette Sweeney	Representative Ann M. Meyer
Assistant Teller	Assistant Teller

Senator Eric Giddens	Representative Kenan M. Judge
Assistant Teller	Assistant Teller

MEGHAN JVW NELSON  
Secretary of the Joint Convention

Senator Schultz of Crawford moved that the report be adopted.

The motion prevailed and the report was adopted.

President Sinclair of the Joint Convention announced that the Honorable Kim Reynolds and the Honorable Adam Gregg, having received the highest number of votes cast for Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Iowa, respectively, for the ensuing term, or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

The following certificates were signed in the presence of the Joint Convention:

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION  
STATE OF IOWA  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GREETING:

This is to certify that upon a canvass in Joint Convention of the two Houses of the Eighty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, of all the votes cast at the general election held November 8, 2022, for the office of Governor of the State of Iowa, it appeared that Kim Reynolds received the highest number of all votes cast for any candidate at said election for said office and was thereupon declared duly elected to said office for the term of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

Signed in the presence of the Joint Convention this Thirteenth day of January, A.D., 2023.

Pat Grassley  
Speaker of the House

Amy Sinclair  
Presiding Officer of the Joint Convention

Gary G. Mohr  
Teller of the House

Jason Schultz  
Teller of the Senate

Meghan Nelson  
Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Joint Convention

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STATE OF IOWA  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HALL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GREETING:

This is to certify that upon a canvass in Joint Convention of the two Houses of the Ninetieth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, of all the votes cast at the general election held November 8, 2022, for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the State of Iowa, it appeared that Adam Gregg received the highest number of all votes cast for any candidate at said election for said office and was thereupon declared duly elected to said office for the term of four years and until a successor is duly elected and qualified.

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President Sinclair then directed that the abstract of votes and certificates of election be filed with the Secretary of State.

Senator Whitver of Polk moved that a committee of six, consisting of three members from the Senate and three members from the House, be appointed to notify Governor-elect Kim Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor-elect Adam Gregg of the official result of the canvass of votes.

The motion prevailed and the President named as such committee Senators Sweeney of Hardin, Westrich of Wapello and Boulton of Polk, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Kniff McCulla of Marion, Latham of Franklin and Nielsen of Johnson, on the part of the House.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE

MR. PRESIDENT: As a committee appointed at the Joint Convention to notify the Honorable Kim Reynolds and the Honorable Adam Gregg of their election to the office of Governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, we beg leave to report that we have performed the duty assigned to us and that they stand ready to assume duties of the offices to which they were elected.

Respectfully submitted,

Annette Sweeney  
Cherielynn Westrich  
Nate Boulton

Shannon Latham  
Barb Kniff McCulla  
Amy Nielsen

The Joint Convention stood at ease at 8:19 a.m., until the fall of the gavel.

The Joint Convention proceeded to the floor of the auditorium for the inauguration of Governor-elect Kim Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor-elect Adam Gregg.

The Executive Council was seated prior to the Joint Convention.

The Joint Convention resumed at 9:13 a.m., President Sinclair presiding.

The Legislative Inaugural Committee, consisting of Senators Brown of Mitchell, Driscoll of Iowa, Koelker of Dubuque, Zaun of Polk, Knox of Polk and Trone Garriott of Dallas, on the part of the Senate, and Representatives Wills of Dickinson, Collins of Des Moines, A. Meyer of Webster, Forbes of Polk, James of Dubuque and Nielsen of Johnson, on the part of the House, escorted Governor-elect Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor-elect Gregg to the Joint Convention.

“America the Beautiful” was sung by Victory of Des Moines Christian High School.

The Honorary Sergeant-at-Arms, Major Jacob Johnson, announced the arrival of Pastor Mike Housholder, from Lutheran Church of Hope, and Pastor Craig Ferguson from Johnston River of Life.

The pastors were escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of Supreme Court Chief Justice, Susan Christensen.

Chief Justice Susan Christensen was escorted to her seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the Senate and House Inaugural Committee.

The Inaugural Committee was escorted to their seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the family of Lieutenant Governor-elect Gregg.

Lieutenant Governor-elect Gregg, his wife, Cari Gregg and their family were escorted to their seats by Brigadier General Steven E. Osborn.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of the family of Governor-elect Reynolds.

Governor-elect Reynolds, her husband, Kevin Reynolds, and their family were escorted to their seats by Major General Benjamin J. Corell.

The Advancement of Colors was led by the Iowa National Guard.

The National Anthem was sung by Damon Dotson.

The invocation was delivered by Pastor Craig Ferguson from Johnston River of Life.

“Rise Up” was sung by Jon Mero.

The oath of office was administered to Lieutenant Governor-elect Adam Gregg by Chief Justice Susan Christensen.

President Sinclair presented Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg who gave the following remarks:

## LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR REMARKS

Governor Reynolds, Madam President, Mr. Speaker, legislators and elected officials, justices and judges, friends, family, and the people of Iowa: thank you for giving me the honor to address you today as Governor Reynolds and I begin another term leading this great state.

In my office at the Capitol is a book tracing the history of previous lieutenant governors. In preparation for my speech today, I looked through that book, searching for a past lieutenant governor whose accomplishments I might highlight. I didn't have to flip too many pages before I realized that two of the most influential former lieutenant governors are here with us this morning – Kim Reynolds and Terry Branstad.

I'm proud and honored to hold the same office as both of these history-making leaders. Thank you for elevating the role of lieutenant governor through your incredible service and success.

Some special thank yous are in order from the outset.

First to Governor Reynolds. Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside you.

When I think of the example you've set, I can't help but think of our state motto: "Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain." You've shown us that's not just a motto. Not just a statement of our foundational values. You've shown me and all of Iowa that it is a command to be executed by future leaders. A command which you have implemented with fidelity, even under withering criticism from the media and political opponents. While some leaders chose to restrict freedom, control action, and compel compliance, you maintained our rights, prized our liberties, and trusted Iowans.

Through natural disasters, a pandemic, many wins and even a few losses, I've been honored to be at the table, by your side, learning and growing every step of the way. Thank you for believing in me, and allowing me to be part of your team. Please join me in saying thank you to Governor Reynolds.

To my family. First, a sincere thank you to my parents Larry and Carol, and Cari's parents Steve and Shari. You help us serve in so many ways – perhaps most importantly as babysitters-in-chief! Not easy when you live nearly four hours away. Thank you.

To my wife Cari and my children, Jackson and Lauren. Thank you for your unconditional love and support. I could never do this without you, and would never want to. We have experienced so many special moments together. Jackson and Lauren, at this ceremony four years ago, you both were little kids, squirming in your seats, half listening, and though I may be biased – very cute! Now you're more like little adults. Still probably only half-listening, but far less squirming...and still very cute! Will you help me say TY to my wonderful family?

Thank you to all three of them for keeping me humble. Yes, I may have just been sworn in for a second term as the number two executive in our state, but they often remind me that I still rank number five at home – behind Cari, both kids....and the dog.



Allow me a brief personal story. My kids get dragged along to parades, fundraisers, and all kinds of political events, and they hear lots of speeches from dad – whether they like it or not!

After a speech a while back, Lauren asked me, “Why do you always say ‘honor?’ You always say you’re honored to be here, honored to serve, and honored to represent the governor. What do you mean by that?” I explained as best I could that being honored means I take great pride in being in this role. That I take it seriously. That it is a position of trust and responsibility.

She nodded and seemed like she understood. Then she said, “That’s nice, but you still say it way too much!”

So, at the risk of facing Lauren’s wrath, let me say to the people of Iowa once again: I’m honored to serve in the role of lieutenant governor, and I’m proud to serve each and every Iowan. Thank you for giving me this opportunity.

The Iowa Constitution states that the lieutenant governor shall have such duties as the governor assigns. I appreciate that Governor Reynolds has given me meaningful roles to move the state forward, whether it was chairing the FOCUS Committee on Criminal Justice Reform, or leading the Feeding Iowans Task Force, which provided an estimated 38.4 million meals during the height of the pandemic.

Perhaps the most important role Governor Reynolds has asked of me is to lead the Governor’s Empower Rural Iowa Initiative.

Our efforts are driven by a fundamental belief in the value of the rural character of our state. Some may have the impression that rural revival is all about population growth. That metric is important, of course, but we believe rural vitality is about so much more.

As products of small-town Iowa, Governor Reynolds and I recognize that the rural communities that dot our state’s rolling hills offer something not found anywhere else. They are a place where Iowans can build their lives with unique freedom to chart their own course. Where citizens can pursue abundant opportunity in safety and security. Where you can truly have it all. We believe this way of life is worth preserving.

So what are we doing about it? We’ve invested in quality of life programs to ensure our smaller communities are attractive places to live. We’ve carved out funds in state programs so we can get more homes built in our least populous counties, and to drive investment on rural main streets and town squares. We’ve intentionally worked to develop the next generation of leaders for our communities, and ultimately for our state.

Now, I happen to be on the older end of the millennial generation (I’m told they’re calling us geriatric millennials now...which is kind of hurtful, to be honest!). In any event, folks in my generation and younger expect to be connected at all times. We’ve worked to meet that expectation through Empower Rural Iowa broadband grants, which have provided hundreds of millions of dollars to fund greater connectivity, leveraging hundreds of millions more in private investment.

Fighting for rural Iowa also means taking a clear-eyed look at our challenges, and working toward innovative solutions.

For example, Iowans have long expressed frustration with watching thousands of high school graduates walk across the stage each spring, often with a diploma in one hand and a scholarship in the other, which finances an education somewhere far from home. You might call this the old “pay and pray” strategy – paying for a student’s education elsewhere, and praying they come back some day. Our task force turned this idea on its head – we’ve piloted “reverse scholarship” programs to help students return to their rural communities after their education, and start building a life and career as young professionals.

On the other end of the spectrum, we also face a looming retirement challenge in rural Iowa. In fact, two-thirds of Iowa businesses with at least one employee are owned by a baby boomer. The future retirement of those business owners presents a strategic challenge for our state. Therefore, we’re encouraging business succession planning and promoting various forms of employee ownership. After all, if an Iowa business is sold by a retiring owner to its employees, that means it’s not sold to an out-of-state company which might consolidate operations elsewhere. In this way, we’re working to keep jobs, wealth, and prosperity in rural Iowa, all while developing the next generation of rural entrepreneurs.

Preserving our rural way of life also has to mean preserving the health and lives of our citizens. Soon, we will turn our attention toward another long vexing challenge: rural emergency medical services. As it stands today, too many rural Iowans have limited access to timely, life-saving intervention in an emergency.

We’ll use creativity and technology to tackle this problem as well - with an assist from our friends in the Holy Land!

Last year on a trade mission to Israel, I learned about the United Hatzalah model for EMS. Hatzalah is the Hebrew word for “rescue.” Think of it as Uber but for EMS, allowing us to crowdsource emergency responders. When an emergency occurs and 911 is called, nearby trained volunteers are alerted through an app on their phone, allowing them to respond quickly and stabilize the patient until an ambulance arrives. This Israeli model has driven down response times in Jerusalem to ninety seconds on average. We believe this concept can be adapted to help us address our EMS challenges in rural Iowa, and we’ll be funding a pilot program to do just that.

These are all examples of programs which are using new and innovative ways to address long standing problems and challenges in rural Iowa. Our goal in all of this is to give Iowans the freedom to build the life they dream of, no matter where they live.

Preserving and empowering rural Iowa – and all of Iowa – means preserving this freedom, and the values that underlie it.

As I close, I want to draw your attention to an iconic rural Iowa attraction, which has received renewed focus in recent years – the Field of Dreams. I love the movie, and I’ve watched it countless times.

Perhaps the most famous line from that movie: “Is this Heaven? No, it’s Iowa.”

But the rest of that exchange with Kevin Costner’s character is also profound and meaningful, though often overlooked. He goes on to ask the ghost player, who is actually his dad, whether heaven exists.

The ghost player responds, “Oh yeah - it’s the place dreams come true.”

Kevin Costner looks at his ball field he created when everyone said he was crazy. He looks at the rolling cornfield beyond. He looks at his wife and daughter on the porch of his beautiful home in rural Iowa. And he replies, “Well maybe this is heaven.”

Maybe it is!

I’m not saying you have to plow under a cornfield to build a baseball diamond, but you can build an incredible life here in Iowa. You can build something that’s uniquely yours – a business, a nonprofit, a life of your own. You can raise a family and provide great opportunities for your children. You can live in a peaceful place and impact your community through service. You can have it all – maybe even a little piece of heaven...and that’s what Governor Reynolds and I are working to preserve.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the great state of Iowa.

“Oceans” was sung by Maddie Poppe.

The oath of office was administered to Governor-elect Kim Reynolds by Chief Justice Susan Christensen.

President Sinclair presented Governor Kim Reynolds, who delivered the following inaugural address:

### GOVERNOR’S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Madam President, Mr. Speaker, Lt. Governor, legislative leaders and members, justices and judges, distinguished guests, family, friends, my fellow Iowans:

I’m so honored to be here. I want to start by saying “Thank you.”

Thank you, Iowans, for the trust you’ve placed in me; for giving me the indescribable honor of serving as the governor of this great state. Everything we’ve accomplished over the last four years, and everything to come, begins and ends with your unwavering support. I would not be here without you.

The heart of Iowa is my passion, and the people are my compass. I believe in Iowa; more importantly I believe in Iowans. Our families, our small communities and neighborhoods, our quality of life—all that make this such a special place.

I’m humbled and honored to embark on a second term.

Thank you to my entire family—who have surrounded me with love, grace, encouragement, reassurance, and a lot of patience. You bring out the best in me.

Mom and Dad, thanks for instilling in me a sense of responsibility to leave things better for the next generation and to serve our neighbors with honor. The past few years, I know you’ve faced ups and downs, health scares and difficult decisions, and through it

all I've witnessed your courage and faith. Thank you for leading by example. I am so blessed to have your love and support.

Kevin, nothing I have done or achieved would be possible without your love and support. You continue to be my source of strength; I'm a better person because of you. You are an incredible husband, father, and grandpa to our eleven grandchildren, and this state is lucky to have you as their first gentleman. Your service to Iowans, including your work honoring disabled veterans, is appreciated by all.

Nicole, Jennifer, and Jess: You were my first constituents, even though you never got to vote and couldn't have replaced me if you tried. But together with you, I learned about setting boundaries, meeting budgets, and having faith in the process of negotiation. You are amazing moms and it's fun watching life come full circle as you go through some of your own negotiations now. I'm so proud of each of you.

Ryan, Jason, and Scott: Dealing with a mother-in-law can be difficult at the best of times. Throw in my current job and it's a whole new ballgame. Thank you for making time for our family's special role in service to the people of Iowa. But most of all, thank you for the unconditional love you show my daughters and grandchildren.

To my grandkids: you warm my heart and bring such joy to grandpa and me. I know I don't get to as many activities as I would like, which is why I cheer so loud when I'm there. (Maybe sometimes maybe too loud, right Gavin?) But I love spending time with you; being your grandma is the best job in the world. It's your faces I see in the decisions I make and the optimism I feel for our future. I love you.

Lieutenant Governor: Thank you for being a loyal and vital member of my team. I know first-hand what it's like to sit in your seat, and I know your service may sometimes seem thankless. But I also know, and Iowans know, how hard you work to bring visibility and new ideas to help empower rural Iowa, and by serving as a voice for rural issues in our office. Thank you for your service and inspiring words this morning.

And to my incredible team and cabinet, your dedication to public service is unparalleled. You are a small but mighty force and I am so proud to serve alongside you every day.

When we gathered here four years ago, I closed my speech by saying that:

*The world is constantly changing—sometimes for the better and sometimes not. We must be prepared to embrace the change that enriches our lives and lets us focus on what's important.*

*But when it comes to the qualities that define our great State, let's not let the world change us. Let's change the world.*

When I said that, we didn't know how important it would be; we didn't know how much change was ahead and how fast it would come. But together we persevered through the lowest lows and the highest highs. And in the midst of the chaos, we stayed true to who we are, and we earned the respect of the nation.

Calvin Coolidge once said, "The real heart of the American Government depends upon the heart of the people." What do I see when I look at the heart of Iowans?

I see kindness and self-reliance; I see grace and humility. It's every self-deprecating joke we tell about ourselves and every effort to share the credit for our accomplishments. It's the way Iowans are more likely to brag about getting a great deal than making an expensive purchase.

I see love of family and community, of state and country.

I see compassion—even for their governor. During the pandemic, because things were changing so fast, I thought it was important for the people of Iowa to hear directly from me with a daily press conference. In the middle of one of those briefings, right on camera, I choked up as I thanked Iowans and acknowledged the anxiety and despair that all of us were feeling.

Immediately I was filled with regret. I was disappointed in myself, because I had shown weakness at a time when I believed Iowans needed to see unwavering strength from their governor. It felt like I had let Iowans down. But I was wrong. Many of you were feeling the same way; Iowans flooded my office with messages of support, thanking me for caring so deeply. They saw their emotions in mine and themselves in me.

The response of Iowans that day reassured me that many of you saw I wasn't trying to make decisions for you, but as one of you, using the best judgment and deepest empathy I could summon in those trying times.

That connection to my fellow Iowans is one of the reasons I decided to run again for this office. Because over the last four years, what we've seen from too many elected leaders—in other states and in our nation's capital—was the exact opposite. The disconnect between these leaders and the people who have to live with their decisions was both irrational and inexcusable.

What else can we conclude when states shut down schools, closed businesses and restricted their citizens' for two years, then characterized it as just "following the science?" When our government fired our men and women in uniform for their medical decisions but paid others to stay home?

Because states like Iowa had the courage and sense to swim against the current, today we rarely see public officials make the case for such policies; in fact, we often hear denials they did.

As scary as it sounds, it would have been easy to completely shut down our economy during the pandemic. It would have been easy to keep kids out of the classroom.

But easy was not right. And let me tell you, right was not always easy.

But I learned a long time ago not to fear what I cannot control and to focus on what really matters.

Two decades ago, I began living by the motto "one day at a time," because I had a problem and had hit bottom.

Thankfully, through my faith and with the help of my family, I found the courage to get back up.

I found the courage to become the mom my girls needed me to be and the wife Kevin deserved.

Hardest of all, I found the courage to forgive myself. To let go.

“Trust in the Lord with all our heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.” Psalm 32:8

Having that perspective has given me freedom. A freedom to be bold and not beholden.

Not beholden to others, to elections, or even to what’s popular. Instead, I have the freedom to do what I believe is right. Right for our state, right for our citizens, and, most of all, right for our children—regardless of the personal consequences to me.

Over the last four years, we’ve all reached that place together. We struggled through difficult and scary times, but we’ve come out stronger. We have been forged in the fire, and it shows in the strength of our resolve. A resolve to be decisive and bold; to stand for freedom and to respect those we serve; to lead the nation.

And when that next unexpected challenge arrives—and it will— we will once again be ready to tune out the noise and do what’s right. We’ll know from experience that the easiest decisions are often the ones that need extra scrutiny; that what almost everyone believes they know to be true is the same thing they will soon regret.

Over the last four years, we’ve built a strong foundation upon which Iowa can continue to rise. A place where children and parents come before special interests, where life is protected, and work is rewarded. A place where families thrive, businesses grow, and government is responsive to the people.

And this is the work we will continue to do. Because Iowans want results, not excuses. And results are what we delivered —a national reputation as the #1 state for fiscal responsibility and opportunity, a top ten state for living and raising children. A strong economy with low taxes, thriving communities, and flourishing families.

In short, a vibrant present and an even brighter future.

In states across the country, fame, wealth, and good connections are required to really get ahead. But here, in Iowa, hard work, fairness and understanding are what matters.

That’s why I’m so glad that Republicans will be holding the first presidential caucus in Iowa, and why I’m so disappointed that Democrats are not.

As a Republican, it benefits my party for Democrats to turn away from Iowa. As an American, it pains me to see.

Early in her career, Margaret Thatcher said “in politics, if you want anything said, ask a man; if you want anything done, ask a woman.” Now I don’t *generally* subscribe to that theory; I mean, men have come a long way since 1965 when Margaret Thatcher said that.

But if we were to refresh that quote for today, I think it would go something like this: “If you want something done *right*, ask an Iowan.”

That's true for just about anything—and it's definitely true for a presidential selection. You see, Iowans look beyond the flash, beyond credentials. They peek behind the curtains and consultants to see the real person.

You can't buy a victory in Iowa; and you can't fake it either. You have to sit down with the people of this great state and tell them what makes you tick. They need to see that you have the moral conviction to do what's right, not what's politically expedient. Because anyone can have a 10-point plan to save America; not everyone has the moral compass to do it.

So to the national Democrats, to President Biden, I say this: Reconsider. Come back to Iowa, and you won't regret it.

And to my fellow Republicans: Welcome back! Iowans look forward to hosting you over the next year; to having you in their living rooms and to having real conversations. We take this opportunity—and we know it is an opportunity—very seriously. We hope you do too.

I know that the world is changing, faster than at any point in my lifetime. I know people are turning away from their faith, turning away from our shared American values, and often turning away from hard work.

It worries me, and I know it worries many of you. But here in Iowa, it's different. In Iowa, America still works; it's where real life still lives.

In a world increasingly marked by uncertainty, Iowa's strength and stability stand out as a beacon of hope.

So, as the world descends upon Iowa over this next year, let's show them who we are; let's show them why we're first. Because what America wants right now, what it needs more than anything else, is exactly what we've always valued. Real people, connected and safe communities, and the freedom to flourish. The road to national renewal really does run through Iowa.

That's why I truly believe Iowa has never been more important than it is today. And it's why I'm so proud of this state and its people, and it's why I'm so proud to be your governor.

Thank you, once again, for this great honor. Thank you for standing strong through it all.

God bless you, and God bless the great state of Iowa.

“When We Rise” was sung by Jon Mero.

The benediction was offered by Pastor Mike Housholder from Lutheran Church of Hope.

Governor Kim Reynolds and her family were escorted from the Joint Convention by Major General Corell.

Lieutenant Governor Adam Gregg and his family were escorted from the Joint Convention by Brigadier General Osborn.

On motion by Windschitl of Harrison, the Joint Convention was dissolved at 10:28 a.m.

#### STUDY BILL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

#### **H.S.B. 31 Administration and Rules**

Relating to permanent rules of the House of Representatives for the Ninetieth General Assembly.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT

##### **House File 30**

Economic Growth and Technology: Ingels, Chair; Wilson and Wood.

#### STUDY BILL SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

##### **House Study Bill 19 Reassigned**

Local Government: Latham, Chair; Golding and Staed.

##### **House Study Bill 31 (Committee of the Whole)**

Administration and Rules: Siegrist, Chair; Cahill, Croken, Dunwell, Grassley, James, Johnson, Konfrst, Matson, Nielsen, Steckman, Stone, Wills, Windschitl and Young.

On previous motion by Windschitl of Harrison to adjourn upon the dissolution of the Joint Convention, the House adjourned at 10:28 a.m., until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 17, 2023.