- Welcome – familiar faces (Secretary of State Kiffmeyer, the Honorable Thomas McCarthy, legislators, Fisher, Bosacker, Wheelock)

- and new faces (mainly from the business sector . . .)

- Let me say right at the outset: Everyone in this room understands technology more than I do . . . but that doesn't matter.

- I only need to know one thing about technology: It's a <u>tool</u>.

- This is the first meeting of the Technology *Enterprise* Board . . .and I do know quite a bit about <u>enterprise.</u>

- After all, I've been an entrepreneur all my life . . . . .

- So this board exists to help make sure that both government and the private sector know about the <u>best tools</u> they need to be efficient and successful enterprises.

I just want to emphasize some of the important goals of this Board:
- Make sure that the information highway connects every city, town and village in Minnesota

- Increase the efficiency and public access of online government services

- Find ways that technology can improve our <u>state-wide</u> economy

- Oversee the Technology Enterprise Fund.

- Basically, we want to use the combined brainpower of the public and private sectors --- to make sure that we have the right tools in the right hands --- to make Minnesota the #1 state in technology and telecommunications.

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