



Good Morning.

I am happy to say that I have just signed the flood relief bill for Northwestern Minnesota cities and counties.

In addition, I signed two tax bills that will fix very specific problems for charitable givers and the sellers of aggregate products.

While this process has sometimes been emotionally charged, it was for the most part a very methodical process done by some very talented professionals.

I would like to thank the Departments of Trade and Economic Development, Agriculture, Public Safety, Natural Resources, Housing Finance and the Board of Water & Soil Resources for the work that they have put into this effort.

In addition, I would like to recognize the elected officials from the affected communities and the thousands of volunteers that helped in the immediate aftermath of the devastating floods.

I should also thank the legislators who came in yesterday and did their job in spite of the fact that some of them wanted to do more than we asked.

As you know, recovering from a flood is no easy task.

But sometimes it is made easier if there is commitment from key individuals and businesses in a community.

In the Roseau area we have seen that kind of commitment.

Since the day that the water started coming down one of the businesses that has stood out is Polaris Industries.

Tom Tiller, the Chief Executive Officer of Polaris is here with us today and I would personally like to thank him and his company for sticking with the people of the Roseau area during a very difficult time.

Tom I understand you have something more to say about Polaris and your commitment to Roseau...

Ladies and Gentlemen, Tom Tiller.