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Notes from the Capitol

By SDR A Executive Director Jerry Wheeler

January 12th was a big day for your Association.

It started with a two-hour discussion on 1993 legislative issues. The SDR A Board of Directors debated and developed positions on legislative proposals, with input from Association members who traveled to Pierre for Retailers' Day at the Legislature.

At the Annual Meeting, SDR A members received a full report on Association activities, and elected Officers and Directors for 1993 (see articles on page 4).

Everyone then went to the State Capitol to watch Governor George Mickelson deliver his State of the State Address. Afterward, our organization hosted the Legislature and Constitutional Officers at a reception in the Capitol Rotunda.

SDR A members later watched as Pierre Mayor Gary Drewes and SDR A President Terry Casey cut the ribbon and dedicated the new Association facility, across the street to the west of the Capitol. After touring the new building, everyone enjoyed a social hour and the Annual Banquet. The day ended with a dance featuring Bob and the Beachcombers.

It was quite a day, and one that everyone who attended said they enjoyed. If you missed this year's event, make plans now to attend in 1994.

My sincere thanks to outgoing President Terry Casey for a great year in 1992, and congratulations to new President Dick Beverley, President-Elect John Clarke, Secretary-Treasurer Clark Sinclair, and



Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held for SDR A's new headquarters in Pierre on January 12th. Pierre Mayor Gary Drewes (front left), general contractor Harvey Wald of Pierre, outgoing Board President Terry Casey of Chamberlain, newly-elected SDR A Board President Dick Beverley of Sioux Falls and SDR A Executive Director Jerry Wheeler conducted the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Board members, staff, and other special guests are also pictured.

This is the first time in SDR A's 96-year history that the organization has had a permanent headquarters. The Association occupies the first floor of the new building; the second floor is leased to the State Public Utilities Commission, and to the Lee Brown Company.

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the newly-elected Board Members. I know with their leadership, we will have another successful year in 1993.

Last but not least, I congratulate our SDR A award winners, who set a fine example for all retailers across the state.

Early session highlights

Now on to legislative issues. SDR A Attorney Ron Olinger and I have spent the first two weeks of session working on

SDR A's five legislative measures, and gathering sponsors for their introduction. Here are the bills (numbers have not been issued yet) and their sponsors:

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Requires that the month and year new bank accounts are opened be imprinted on checks. Upon advice from the SDR A Board

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