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know Senator Schmit will remember this, oh, it was a few weeks ago, Senator Schmit was presented with a traveling trophy. It was a little tiger, and I know you recall that, and then when I had the bill up for the university, \$29 million plus, I think it was the hole across the street that you objected to, and when both of those won Senator Schmit presented me with the tiger and he said you only hold it in your desk until it travels to someone else. So it is going to leave the Legislature today because I want to present this tiger with a pistol to Marge Higgins because what she did the other day showed a lot of courage and she showed us that she has a lot of strength, so, Marge, I am very sorry to see you go. We're going to miss you very much, but you take that tiger home and use the water pistol on Dave.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Bernice, you didn't load it. Thank you very much. (applause)

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Marsh, will you please come forward. Senator Marsh, Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I've had an opportunity to do this a time or two before and the ones that I always enjoy the most were those people who was a friend before they became a member of the Legislature. And, Senator Marsh, Shirley, I've known for a great many years. When I was asked this afternoon if I would do this, I was pleased to do it and I was trying to think of the kind of words that I would want to describe Shirley and there was just a whole bunch of them that came through my mind, all of which were the kind that energy, caring, kind, dedicated, just a whole series of words that you would use to describe Shirley Marsh. She has been here 16 years, a member of the Appropriations Committee during that entire period. Was a lot of help to me when I first came on, she had a lot of that background that is so helpful on every legislative issue. Her interest has been in many areas, but certainly you always think of education of children, health, youth, equity issues of all kind. Shirley is not one to give up, she's not hesitant to speak for what she believes. There will be one thing that will be retained if I come back and if I'm on Appropriations, Shirley, and that is that we'll still have the no smoking rule. Though what I want to say to Senator Marsh is to thank her on behalf of all of us for her service because I believe the state is a better place because Shirley has been here. So with that, Shirley, I'd like to present this plaque on behalf of all the members of the Legislature.