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outside. It's too easy to criticize government bureaucracy and government bureaucrats and I think you people in here know, as well as I and better than most, what we have. The other surprise that I had, and Frank started to talk about it and thought better of it, and that was the dedication and competency of the state senators with which we serve or which I have served over the last eight years. And as an outsider you talk about the stupid idiots down there and why can't they do something right. And I'm...I'm here to tell you that we have great competency and great dedication in our state senators. And you people have taught me a lot, not the least of which was Senator Warner, the dean of the Legislature who has really taught me a reverence for the system, the process that I think needs to endure. And he has taught me to...as more than one of you have taught me, to take your job very, very seriously but never take yourself too seriously. And I have tried to do that. The last thing that was a big surprise to me, being an Omaha native, born and raised in Omaha, is that I came down here thinking that what's good for Omaha is good for the State of Nebraska and I'm here to tell you people in Omaha, if you're watching, and you all here know that on the floor that that's not necessarily true, that there are a lot of things that Omaha can live with and live without that the rest of the state feels just the reverse on. And being here has taught me, as you all know, that it isn't necessarily true that if it's good for one part of the state, it's not good for the rest. This is a once in a lifetime experience that you have down here. I just can't envision having this kind of experience in any other walk of life and you, my colleagues, know, as well as I, and if you don't have that experience, I just don't...I don't know how else you could get it. It's been a tremendous experience for me and I'm here to tell you I think the system works. It didn't work real good today, I lost most of the votes I had, but that's all right, the system works and it's a good, good system to have in the State of Nebraska. I hope you keep it up. And, finally, I would like to say that my staff and the Pages and my daughters back home know that I refer to them as "you guys" all the time, male and female, and it's not a sexist remark that I use, it's just kind of an affectionate way I call you guys. And what I would like to say is I'm going to miss you guys. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker, will you come forward one more time, please. It's my privilege tonight to be able to present