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sure that they're in correct form; our Fiscal Analyst and their support staff; the Bill Room clerks; the Transcribers; the people in Computer Technology who come down and help you and your staff every day, whether you know it or not; the Unicameral Information Office that puts out those wonderful publications and information that all of us use; also the Accounting Division; our Legislative Coordinator and the Assistant Coordinator; our Sergeant at Arms; our Pages and their supervisor, Kitty; the Ombudsman and the Public Counsel as well. All of those people day in and day out do things that the rest of the public will never know and I think it's appropriate for us at this time to recognize them and thank them for their hard work. (Applause) I'd also like to take the opportunity, and it's probably a little bit of a stretch of privilege, but to thank the members of my staff who do so very much and they probably make your life more successful than I ever could and I'd like to thank them publicly at this time. Mr. President, thank you so much.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Senator Bruning, for a presentation.

**SENATOR BRUNING:** You know, it's my honor to present a gift on behalf of the members of the Legislature and the people of Nebraska to our esteemed colleague and the Chairman of the E & R Committee, Senator Smith. When Senator Smith was first elected in January of '99 to be Chairman of the E & R Committee, I said, you know, there's about 17 bill drafters, you don't really have to do much but they take care of everything. Adrian said, 17; well, I'm going to call a staff meeting; I'll go upstairs and I'm going to have to make some changes. Now, luckily, we stopped him from doing that. The meeting actually didn't take place. But since then, if you've noticed the serene look on the clerk's faces up here, it's been because Adrian has been such a superb E & R Chairman, the chief role of which is to be here in your seat during Select File. So, as opposed to the previous two years when you'd find Patrick looking a little red-faced as I sprinted up from my office, Adrian's been a much, much better E & R Chair who's in his seat when he's supposed to be to make the motions, and it does help keep things going. So, Adrian, on behalf of the members and the people of the state of Nebraska, we have a briefcase for your efforts, and thank you very much.