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Good afternoon and welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. As you can see from the board, we are in the process of checking in to begin this afternoon's work in the Legislature. We want to extend a warm welcome to all the former state legislators. As you all know, the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators was formed in 1976 by a group of former state legislators which was headed by Ross Rasmussen. This is their 25th anniversary this year. Many of you have had the opportunity to have lunch with them today. We want to take a few minutes out of our legislative time and the state's business to give recognition to the people who have served before us and who set a firm foundation for process and for issues, and certainly we would not be able to serve as well as we do today without those who have gone before us. At this point in time, it's my privilege and I'd like to introduce members of the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators here in Nebraska, and when I call out your name, if you would just stand and give us a wave, we would like to give you some recognition. First of all is Wally Barnett from Lincoln. Wally served from 1971 to 1978. Senator Sharon Beck, who served from 1989 to 1991. Senator Emil Beyer from Gretna. Emil served from 1981 to 1993. Bill Burrows from Adams, Senator served from 1975 to 1983. Just...Senator just walked in. Senator Burrows, thank you for being here. Senator Harry Chronister from Schuyler. Senator Chronister served from 1979 to 1987. I don't see Senator Chronister. I'm sure he'll be coming in. We'll acknowledge him when he gets here. Senator John DeCamp from Lincoln served from 1971 to 1987. Senator Bob Dickey from Laurel. Senator Dickey served from 1999 through this year. Senator Jim Dickinson from Elkhorn served from 1973 through 1977. There's Jim. Quite an entrance. Senator Owen Elmer from Indianola served from 1987 to 1999. Senator Don Elrod from Omaha served from 1966 through 1973. Senator Richard Ely from Guide Rock served from 1967 to '69. Senator Tom Fitzgerald from Omaha served from 1975 through 1981. A legislator who served in the district I'm honored to serve in, Senator Kathleen Foote from Lincoln. She served from 1955 through 1959. Senator Elroy Hefner from Coleridge served from 1976 through 1993. He's just walking in the door. Senator Hefner. There must be quite a staging area out there to get that to happen. It's kind of like the Academy Award. Senator Lowell Johnson from North Bend,