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of personal privilege.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President. Members, I wanted to bring to the body's attention that one of our red coats is retiring after this session. Dewey Foster, who's been a red coat here for eight years, has decided to retire. And, Dewey, on behalf of the body, I want to acknowledge your cheerful disposition and the service that you've given to the Legislature, and again, on behalf of the Legislature, we wish you the best in your retirement and your future endeavors. Dewey, thank you very much for all you've done. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Erdman, would you please come forward?

SENATOR ERDMAN: Members of the Legislature, it is my honor to present this award, this service award, to one of our colleagues. There was a question at times this session about who that member was, whether it was Senator Landis or Senator Johnson or Senator Jensen or even myself, but even though Senator Mossey was imitated often, he was never duplicated, and I'd like to present him this award for being our E & R Chair for the last two years. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, would you please come forward, please? By the way, thank you, Senator Erdman. Members, if you would like to, you may take your seat, or you may stand. Suit yourself. This is your decision, your last big decision.

SENATOR RAIKES: Members of the Legislature and guests, Senator Chip Maxwell has decided not to seek a second term in the Legislature and he has given me this opportunity to celebrate. (Laughter) The man is generous to a fault, as I think he may soon realize. I will tell you that I have decided not to express the full range of emotions I have experienced in dealing with Chip as a colleague, given the family nature of this event. (Laughter) The experience of working with Chip began with our association through the independent caucus. You may be interested in the inner workings of this tightly woven and exclusive group. Perhaps "exclusive" is the wrong adjective.