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politician has been a tradition in our country and now we have in our Legislature some Irish politicians, some Polish politicians, German politicians and the like. So I would like to end with an Irish blessing that you have probably heard before but it says my feelings and expresses them at this time and it's a courtesy of Senator Lynch who helped me and reminded me of the exact phrasing. It says, "May the roads rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face. May the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, good friend, may God rest on your pillow and forever hold you in the palm of his hand." Good-bye and God bless. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Conway.

SENATOR CONWAY: Thank you. The next senator that we're going to be recognizing and who will be leaving is a person who was in fourth grade when I was serving in Vietnam. He still beat me to the Legislature by four years, two years as an aide and two years as a senator. I believe he currently is the only Harvard grad we have in the body. Possibly, that's what put him on that fast track to get him to the point of moving forward as he has. But in the eight years since he has been here, many of you have shared in a great deal of Senator Rod Johnson's life. In the eight years since he has been here, he married Lisa. A little over a year ago, Alexa came into the world to bless that family and has tickled many of us on the floor as Rod has brought her around and have gotten to know his family as he has developed in that sense. I remember the first time I ever saw Rod was when we were engaged in Legislative Council when I was first elected, six years ago, and I saw a commotion. We were out at the Kellogg Center and I saw this commotion over in the corner and as an inquisitive freshman senator I wanted to know what was going on and somebody suggested that there was...Rod Johnson was over there and he just wouldn't go along with the coalition, that he wanted to run for Ag Chairman come hell or high water and he didn't care what anybody said and he moved forward and became Ag Chairman, became an excellent spokesman for the agricultural community, has worked in that behalf in our regard. He has gone on and been recognized nationally in some of the national organizations that we are affiliated with and has served us well in all those situations. I think that one of the regrets we have in his absence, not only a friend and a respected colleague, but I know Senator Baack is quite concerned about what we're going to do for a power forward next year on