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Peterson, to Scotty Moore for working for me for a year, some faces I'm going to miss, but...and, quite frankly, to my staff over the years that have worked with me because they become as much of your family as your wife or children and I thank them, too, for doing so much for me to make me look better than probably I really had a right to look. And, like I said, whatever happens, I am probably one of the proudest young men in Nebraska for having nine good years of being part of this body and I thank each and everyone of you, both on the floor here and on the sides and in the balconies and the people in the back behind the glass, for giving me a chance to have an experience that very few people in Nebraska get a chance to do, especially at my age. And I thank all of you for this opportunity, and the plaque. Thank you.

SENATOR WARNER: Senator Hannibal, if you would come up. When any...whenever any of our colleagues leave this body we are always sorry to see them leave. In fact, I think, without exception, we make a point of telling them personally that we are sorry to see them leave. In Senator Hannibal's case that has not only been co-members of the body but it has also included a great many others and I suspect there are a few that I have heard people outside this body express their regret of Senator Hannibal's decision to not run for reelection. Senator Hannibal has provided to me, at least, and I think to this body a level of stability, a fairness, respect for others, thoughtfulness. In all of that, I do not recall animosity, get even or vindictiveness. If it existed, it never showed. Truly, Senator Hannibal, you have merited the title of a State Senator. Statewide responsibility sometimes is not easy. It's easier a lot of times to represent the area we come from even if it's not in the state's interest. But I have seen Senator Hannibal, on many occasions, feel that his first responsibility was a statewide one and that's the kind of conduct that all of us appreciate and admire. I have thought a few times when Senator Hannibal speaks on the floor that if I spoke as clearly and as distinct as Senator Hannibal does, I probably wouldn't get anything passed. But, on the other hand, it's also occurred to me that if I didn't have Senator Hannibal and some other members of the Appropriations Committee standing up and saying, what Senator Warner is trying to say, I probably wouldn't have been very successful either. But I do want to say to you, Gary, that I want to express my personal thanks and I'm sure those of everyone here for the many times that you reminded me of the kind of considerations of facts of reasonableness and the right