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the Speaker his plaque for the last two years and actually for the last four years. I thought it was interesting. When I first got to know Bill well, I had known him a long time. When I first got to know him well was on an Angus tour in central Nebraska on a hot day in September, 1985. And I didn't see him much after that and, lo and behold, I ended up sitting beside him when I came into the Legislature back four years ago. So we shared our seats together. Bill has taught me a lot about the Legislature and as I see what he has meant to each one of you as he has led as Speaker the last four years here, I'm sure we all have had the fair and equitable treatment that we have all almost taken for granted. In fact, he's the best Speaker I have ever known except he's the only Speaker I have ever known. But from whether he uses a mallet or a meat cleaver to make his point or from the many introductions that he has made over the last four years, as we participated in the banquet circuit, or whatever he is being...in determining the agenda for the next day, he's done it well and he's done it fairly and I think, without exception, that we all are happy with the way we have been guided through the last four years. So it's my honor, as each of us takes a memory, Bill, of the last two years and the last four years to present you this plaque of the Speaker on behalf of the Legislature.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you, Rog. (Applause.) Thank you very much, Rog. Just very briefly, let me thank each and everyone of you for your cooperation and giving me the honor to serve you as I have the past two years and I consider it a tremendous honor. A couple of things that were touched on a moment ago, let me reemphasize. In spite of the fact that this session was at times a little disorderly, perhaps a little chaotic, perhaps even a little messy, it's important for us all to know that the system worked, the system worked. The institution is intact. Let me also take just a moment to recognize some people that have made my task so much easier. Karl and his staff in the back, the redcoats, have done a tremendous job this year. (Applause.) As I said to you two years ago, I say to you again tonight, it would not have been possible without the help of Richard Brown and Patrick J. O'Donnell, a couple of terrific guys, terrific. (Applause.) Finally, just a word about my staff, Mitch McCartney and Diane Dentlinger are over here. Why don't you wave, folks, okay? (Applause.) Finally, let me present to you again, back in the back, my very strong right arm for the past 11 years, Jane Goodding. Jane. (Applause.) Thank you very much. It's been an honor. (Applause.) As long as I'm