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service in support whenever it's needed. And, most importantly, my wife, Ruth, along with my family and other close friends I'm sure have sacrificed many of their own aspirations to the demands of my public life. I'm honored to have served and worked beside 48 of the more articulate and talented people in the great State of Nebraska. There's no tangible way of measuring it, of course, but I've always felt that Nebraska's Unicameral version of the legislative process is one of the finest parliamentary examples anywhere. Ours is really a dynamic process, reflecting the unique characteristics of both our Legislature and its legislators. Visitors to this Chamber usually witness the quality of debate that emanates from a vibrant democracy at work. On any given day, today included, the words spoken on this floor can be informational, they can be commending, often stirring, sometimes revealing, philosophical, vitriolic, frustrating, and depressing, but almost invariably tempered by calmity, intellect and good humor. I harbor no regrets for the time spent here or the decision to step down, but I'd be much less than candid if I said I won't miss it all. There comes a time, however, when we realize it is important to make family decisions at the kitchen table rather than over the telephone. Now it seems that it is good policy for me and for most all of us eventually and for our Nebraska citizenry that we come here, serve for a time, give it our all, and then move on. In that spirit, hopefully, I leave secure in the knowledge that nothing in our careers has done us more credit than having the courage and the wisdom of knowing when to leave them. Finally, I simply and warmly say thank you, thank you, thank you, and commend you all to carry on the important work of this state in the competent and responsive manner which characterizes this Legislature and each of you individually, and thank you so very much. God bless you all. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: I will now recognize Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Madam Speaker, members and friends, it is my pleasure to make a few comments about Senator Emil Beyer, the ol' trucker, I call him. He kept good guard back there in our section of the Chamber and I am pleased to serve with Emil. I remember meeting Emil when you first came in 12 years ago. I was active on the outside, and I was pleased to make your acquaintance then. Since then you have been dependable, responsible. I hazard to say that you probably never missed a session of the Unicameral because of the weather, the ol' trucker in you, and I say that affectionately. I am not saying