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have been a champion for all Nebraska business and a watchdog for Nebraska taxpayers. So as you take your "husker holiday", that was another program of his, you will be remembered with affection and pride by those who worked with you and I will only say farewell and not good-bye to you and to Carol. Would you like to come forward for your plaque. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Hefner.

SENATOR HEFNER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, guests, it is indeed an honor for me to receive this plaque. I know that some days have been frustrating, but there's also been a lot of rewarding days and Senator Pirsch mentioned some of those and I probably could go on, and on, and on, but the hour is getting late and so I won't. But it was not an easy decision for me to make not to run again. I've enjoyed my 16 years down here. You're a great bunch of people to work with. And so, as I leave here, but before I leave here I would like to thank my wife, who's sitting over there in the blue dress, for the many hours that she's spent with me and encouraged me to go on because some days you do get a little down and out. But all in all it's been a great group to work with. I know that some days we fight like cats and dogs. We even call each other names once in awhile, but in the end, after the day is done, after the week is done, after the session is over we shake hands and I just think that we belong to the greatest body that ever could come about here in Nebraska. Thank you again for this distinguished plaque and I'll remember it the rest of my life. Thank you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: I will now recognize Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Thank you, Madam Chairman. First of all, I would like to apologize. As Elroy said, you know, from time to time we get worked up here, and I tried to teach Elroy, and Lowell, and Howard to be laid back, low key, and not be so feisty, but from time to time, they would get away from me, and notwithstanding my best efforts, and so with that said, I couldn't let those gentlemen go because they are some of the finest people here. You know there are many of us who have served here for awhile, and we come and go, and we have our good days and our bad days, and many times after having sort of played defense the last couple of sessions, I'd like to go on the offense and remind my good Democratic friends that Senator Labedz received her indoctrination into state government at the