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And so, Bernice, I take great pride in presenting to you this plaque, and I want to say it is always risky to do this, and I want to say that Bernice is probably...is my best friend, and I want to say good-bye to you, Bernice, and God bless you. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Labeledz.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you very much, Madam President, and colleagues. It is very difficult for me to stand up here, and I want to see the rest of you in front. They should have a stool here for me, but, anyway, I do want to thank each and every one of you for your friendship throughout the years. And as I said, it is difficult for me to say farewell or good-bye. I will say it in Polish so that you will never understand what I said. "Dzien dobry, Bog za Hac", and good night, good luck, and God bless you. But I do want to say one thing, if it wasn't for the Pages bringing me that Diet Coke twice a day, and a half a cup of ice every day, so I do want to thank the Pages, and the Clerk's Office. They have been just wonderful to me for 16 years, the Research Office, the Fiscal Office, everyone of the staff. It is so wonderful to walk down the halls of this Capitol and see the staff of every office walk by and say good morning, Senator. That was a great deal of pride for me, not just from my colleagues, but from the staff and the Pages, and like I said, the divisions of the Legislative Council. So, thank you, God bless you, and I shall never forget you, but I have one more thing to do. This one is for you, Scotty. (Applause.) Scotty waited everyday to hear that sound after lunch. I told him he couldn't have candy before lunch. There you are, Scotty. He is going to take it over. Thank you, again. God bless all of you. I enjoyed Senator Schmit every day of the 16 years that I have been here, but I also want to tell you that they got up and said, thanked their husband, or I mean their wives. I am thanking my husband but I've beat them all. One said 40 years, one said 43. In three weeks, my husband put up with me for 50 years, golden. Thank you. (Applause.) I am going to miss my staff, Lorraine and Elaine. I fired them twice a day for years now. Fifteen years Jo has been with me, and I have fired them at least twice a day but they just sit there and laugh at me, and that's what most of you did, too. So, thank you, bless you, and "Bog za Hac, dzien kuje and dobra Noc". Good night. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Labeledz.