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Legislature by a rather large margin, which is truly remarkable. And then just as in 1984 and 1990 the hornet's nest of the Natural Resources Committee, for a variety of reasons, he, with his slow, steady, competent approach to governing a committee, took over the Natural Resources Committee and shepherded that through some tough times as well. Well, now he...the good thing is for Nebraska state government is not losing Rod Johnson, he's just moving on and going to practice his wares over a few blocks away for the Public Service Commission, and we're certainly, as members of the state, we're proud of that. Obviously, those of us in the Legislature will miss him. We certainly wish him good luck. And now, Rod, would you come up here, please. Rod, since I'm Chairman of the Appropriations Committee, we want to do all we can to save money, and since we already gave you one of these, why don't you just tape this over your old one and we can save the money. But we do have a new one for you too, Rod. (Applause.)

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Ladies and gentlemen, colleagues, friends, staff, I am deeply grateful to the Legislature for giving me this second plaque in spite of Senator Lindsay's obvious lobbying effort to stop that from happening. But it is both a time of sadness and a time of joy for me, personally, in sharing today with you. Sadness in leaving this institution but knowing that this institution is made up of very fine and special people and it will continue to do the work of the state in a diligent manner and a manner that I think is fair to all Nebraskans. It is also a joyful time in moving on to a new position, the new challenges that that job will present to me and to my fellow commissioners and I am certain and very confident that you will see much of me in the coming years as we tackle some of the issues that affect the Public Service Commission. I will tell you this is my last good-bye. I'm not planning on making a reentrance, at least not for a while. But, you know, Scott mentioned just a moment ago some of the things that have happened to me in my career and I would have to say I was asked one time by a reporter what both the happiest and saddest days of my political career have been so far. The saddest day of my political career had to be election night in 1990 when I lost in the primary to Bill Barrett for the Congressional campaign. The happiest night of my life, politically speaking, happened that same year in November when I was reelected to this Legislature as a write-in candidate and I'm deeply grateful to the people of my district that gave me that third opportunity to come back here. And I see Phil Nelson sitting up in the balcony. He's