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like we've done a lot of good things over those years. You know, back when I first started 16 years ago I went to Senator Marvel, who was then the Speaker of the Legislature, and sought his advice. He told me you really need to focus on an issue area, try and learn all you can about that, and it will serve you and the Legislature well. And I tried to follow his advice and decided to focus on health and human services all these 16 years. Of course, Senator Marvel gave me some other advice. He suggested I don't pass around too many handouts, but I haven't quite got the hang of that yet. But, nevertheless, I did follow his advice in terms of focusing on an issue area and have served in the health and human services area and I think what I would like to share with you is that this Legislature, all of us, as individuals need to be generalist to deal with the eight hundred some different bills we'll face, the hundreds of additional amendments. And so we have to know a little bit about a lot. But, as an institution, as a Legislature, we have to have individuals who focus on areas and can deal with the complex issues that are in those areas and come to some solutions. And that's what I offer to you, the chance to take the years of experience that I have, the expertise I have built up, to continue to address some very tough issues. Over the last two years, we have had some great successes, in my view. They have been good years for health and human service issues. We were able to address the Medicaid issue with some bills to reduce the costs there. We dealt with welfare reform. We moved forward on health care reform. We dealt with the AIDS issue in a very positive fashion, as well as many other issues. In the next two years, we face additional issues that are going to be very tough and difficult. Welfare is back and at the top of the agenda. Health care, urbanization of services and agencies, adoption, abortion, EMS system, mental health, child care, and on and on. We have many very tough issues that we face. With your continued support, I pledge to work with you, as I have in the past, to address these issues and together I think we can successfully find solutions to the problems we face. Again, I would appreciate your support for the Chairmanship of the Health Committee.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Senator Day.

SENATOR DAY: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I rise to place my name in nomination for Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee. Having served on this committee for the past two years, I understand the scope of the