Randy's wife, Lisa, and Senator Day's niece and nephew, Molly
and Nicholas. Could you be recognized, please. Senator Wesely,
followed by Senators Wehrbein, Pedersen, Jensen and Vrtiska.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you.   Mr. Speaker, members of the
Legislature, I, too, rise in support of the resolution by
Senator Chambers. And, Senator Schellpeper, in follow-up, your
concern about the retirement, and I think obviously with term
limits and all of the things that have been raised with that,
people are...look a little skeptically at people that are long
enough to build up retirement.   But the interesting point I
would like to make is that when I was Retirement Chair back
about, oh, a little over ten years ago, we added part-time state
employees   for others, like schools and others, we added
part-time employees into retirement plans, so for most public
employees that are part-time, as we are part-time, they do have
a chance to participate. And, yeah, I would yield some time to
Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Am I on?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: You said that was, what, ten years ago?

SENATOR WESELY: Oh, about that, a little over that.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: But don't you think, in these ten years,
that the people's views have changed and that what they did ten
years ago they won't approve now? I mean, term limits weren't
something ten years ago and they are now.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, I...you know, I agree.   All I'm saying
though is that the idea that somebody that isn't full time
getting retirement benefits is, in terms of public, we've
already changed that a long time ago and in the private sector
ERISA does require part-time employees to have...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Well, I think we should get it but I don't
see the voters giving it to us.

SENATOR WESELY: I see what you're saying.   You're not arguing
with the proposal, you're just suggesting the public's concern.
Well, my argument back to the public would be that part-time
employees, it has been a policy for public employees and private