

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I became a real friend of Bill and he would be very upset if we were hurt here today about his loss. He would sit back here, and we observed the Legislature as it would operate. He taught me a lot as many of the people in the sergeants at arms have. When I had a choice of seats this last election, I said I want to stay where I'm at because I can see everything that happens in the Legislature and it helps me because I'm not always a real good listener. I'm supposed to be a trained listener as a counsellor, but it doesn't always work. But with somebody like Bill here, he could help me and he did. And the other sergeants at arms have done some of the same. I called Bill my enabler. He always brought me fudge and peanut brittle and he would sneak it to me over the desk and said, here, have a bite, Dwite. He became a very dear friend and he was one, as Senator Kristensen said, was very professional and I know he was a very close friend of a lot of you too, but I could talk to him about needs that I had and problems that I had and he would listen and I know they never went any further as he probably did to some of you. He was a very good confidant, and it was as I would visit him in the early mornings before I'd come to work this last week at the hospital, I would visit with him and he couldn't visit back but I'm sure he was listening. I got to meet his dear wife, who I never knew before, in the last week, Helen, and, yes, he will be missed, but he would be very miffed if we were hurt. He had a sense of humor that was just absolutely fabulous. He was one who loved life and he thought if you can't have fun, what good would it be. So I, too, ask you, and I know I don't have to ask you, it will be a unanimous vote in passing on this resolution. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Senator Hall.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Madam President and members I rise in support of the resolution honoring Mr. Tallichet. Billy, as I called him, was an enabler for me too, Senator Pedersen, but he never gave me any fudge. I only got the peanut brittle and the candy as I walked into Judiciary Committee. It was the way that he helped me get through those long afternoons and all those bills that Senator Kristensen brought to the Judiciary Committee. Bill was a gentleman and a gentle man. He used to critique everything that I did on the floor it seemed like with those eyes that Senator Kristensen talked about. He would look at me and give that look like, Hall, I cannot believe you just said that. And then he would come by from time to time and he'd