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I could get him to stay here. When John was running for the Douglas County Board, I heard a commercial coming on, when I was driving down here, well within the speed limit, being passed by some of my colleagues (laughter), on the interstate, and the commercial talked and it was the Governor speaking about how much John had done to help the Governor, how many instances he had saved the Governor's bacon, using different words, naturally. And my conclusion, when John lost, was that the people felt he was helping the Governor so much and the Governor needed him so much he should stay in the Legislature instead of going to the Douglas County Board. And if there were anything I could say now that would get him to change his mind, I would do that. But the man has a young family, he has a responsibility to them. I think he has been a splendid role model while being in the Legislature. I think his children can be proud of him, his wife can be proud of him. As a matter of fact, it...oh, excuse me, John, I was reading from what my obituary was to be. (Laughter) But I'd like you to come forward and receive this plaque, if you will.

(APPLAUSE)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was told that I could either present it in his hand or on his head. But being the respectful person that I am, I'm going to give it to him in his hand and, John, thank you for all you've given to us.

SENATOR LINDSAY: I'm...got to tell you, I'm scared, scared personally and I'm scared for this body because in a few minutes Senator David Bernard-Stevens will get up here and talk with no time limit. (Laughter and applause) I do, I do want to just start off, and maybe it will sound like an Academy Award, Senator Bohlke, but there's a few things, I guess, a few people I do have to thank. And I think, certainly, initially I think you'll join me in that and that is that this Legislature operates and operates well because there's some people in the background who don't make it out on the floor here but are every bit as important to it. And when I talk about that I'm talking about each of our staffs, I'm talking about the LRD, I'm talking about the Bill Drafters' Office, Bill Drafters' Office which has done tons of rush items for me to get them to the floor, the Fiscal Office, the Clerk's Office, Kitty and the Pages. There's a lot of, a lot of people. You notice I didn't mention the lobby. But a lot of people who really make things, make all of