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been. There's a bond between people who served...who have served inside the glass. It's a bond between people of different views, different backgrounds, different faiths, differing geography. It's, it's a bond of people who know the pain that comes with choosing between a red or green button. It's a bond that cannot be described well in words, but it is this bond, this camaraderie that I shall miss most. People ask what I'm going to do now and I'll tell you. Most of me is going to go play a little T-ball, go fly a kite, go read a book to my kids. But a little part of me is always going to stay here in this room. And I guess in conclusion I'd simply say, God bless you all, for Sena'or Chambers, whoever does the blessing in your case (laughter). Thank you all for the opportunity to serve with you for the people of this state.

(APPLAUSE)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Withem.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Well I know a lot of us have been surprised by the news that, that we're going to have another colleague leaving us at the end of this session. It was tough enough, John, getting used to the fact that you were going to be gone, but then we found out, in recent days, that we're going to have another colleague leaving us. Actually, David stopped in my office about a week ago and indicated that he was...this was going to be his last session. I was very grateful that he did that because it actually gave me some time to think of some good things to say about him here today as this (laughter) session, session came up. It's...I am very pleased to be able to give this. I'm probably the only person serving in the Legislature now who ever met David Stevens. Most of you have known Senator David Bernard-Stevens, I actually met David back in the late 1970s when he was an applicant as a teacher at the Papillion/LaVista Schools to teach Social Studies, and we had this gentleman named David Stevens who was making application. And we hired him. Actually what we ended up though, he got married that summer and we ended up with David Bernard-Stevens, and we all know what, what that sort of situation is like. No, I've known David for quite some time and he's been a good friend. I remember his early days in the Legislature. I remember him being appointed by the Governor, and the Governor, at that time, feeling that she'd made a very good appointment. I also remember about two weeks later, David indicating in a