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lose situation in here, and we forget about the people out in the state who are impacted, and David never, never forgets that. He's been a leader, he's not been afraid to speak out. He's been a strong defender of the institution. And, David, I know that, speaking for myself and for my colleagues, you will be missed. David, if you'd come forward and receive your plaque.

(APPLAUSE)

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Lindsay, you did it to me again. You harassed me on how long I'm going to speak and you went on for thirty-five minutes, I think (laughter). Originally Bud Robinson was going to make the comments for me, but we made a last minute change this morning and Senator Withem was asked. And because of some of the things Senator Lindsay said, I do want to make a couple of comments. John talked about all of you going back and kissing your spouse and giving them a good hug and thank you. And, Jim, what can I say. I don't know what you'll do, maybe that laptop that, that you'll have will be able to do that. But if you...if we can find a girl for you, you'll be able to...in fact, just go and kiss anybody when you go and give them a hug, either whether they're same sex, no sex, whatever the case may be (laughter). I told...Senator Cudaback and I were talking this morning and I don't know if it was Jim, it might have been Senator Vrtiska, I'm not sure, but they talked about they'd miss some of my comments from time to time, and I told them that, that at the end of the year I'll go ahead and mail them a set of the, you know, the best ever speeches. And of course I told Jim I wouldn't mail his because the mail-in stuff I'd go ahead and hand deliver because I didn't want any fraud to take place. The other thing I wanted to say that Senator Lindsay talked about, he left...you know, it's kind of good news and bad news for me. John said that, you know, he's going to...a large part of him will be with his family and his children, and I can certainly relate to that with my family and Janet, my wife. But he said a small part of him will be here. As far as I'm concerned, the good news is, for you, that only a small part of me will be left here. The bad news is it'll be my mouth that will be here. But beyond that, there are a couple things I do, I do want to...people I do want to thank. I've had, in the past, the privilege of having some tremendous staff people work for me. And I do want to mention just...not all of them, I can't, don't want to mention all because I don't have the time, but there are some that I do want to particularly