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thanks to the people of my district that elected me. People would always ask what was the biggest surprise you had when you were elected a state senator, and I have to say it's the very special feeling that you are a member of a unique group, and that closeness cannot be explained to anybody who has not experienced it, but it enveloped me from the moment that I was elected. When you're a sitting senator, the relationship you have with your fellow senators is very much like a family. You may disagree, but there is always caring and respect. It's a single step out that door, but it will take me a world away and I will miss that feeling. The friendships, though, that I've made I treasure and I know that they'll grow, just in a different way. I have a lot of people I'd like to thank: first of all, my husband, Ernie, whose love and support allowed me to do this (darn, I thought I'd make it); our children, B.J. and Stacie (phonetic), who so many times heard "mom's at a meeting"; and other people that were so helpful in my short session here: Patrick, Dick, Carol, and Vickie and the rest of the staff for all their help; Joanne and her staff for their endless patience; Kitty and the Pages, who make things run so efficiently and for bringing the endless cups of coffee; and all the other staff and legal counsel who were always there when I needed them, especially George, who would always take the time to explain to me what the heck was going on; and I especially thank Joyce and Debbie for all they did and, Joyce, you are the best LA ever and you became a dear friend. Again, thank you to the people at Grand Island for electing me. It was an honor to serve you. And, finally, I want to thank my fellow senators. Thank you for the friendships, thank you for the lessons taught, planned and unplanned, and for the honor of serving with such dedicated people who care so much for the citizens of the state of Nebraska. Good-bye. (Applause)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Best wishes, Senator Peterson. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Legislature approve the preparation and printing of the permanent Legislative Journal, session laws and indexes by Patrick J. O'Donnell, and that he be directed to send to each member of the Legislature a copy of the loose-leaf session laws and of the permanent Journal and session laws.