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experiences with their current legislators and those members who have served in the Unicameral prior. Today, we take time from our schedule to recognize and welcome back our old...I shouldn't say old, Senator Crosby, should I? I should say, our good friends. Senator Lamb probably will be the only one who served during the Bicameral sessions, and maybe we should have him discuss that. (Laughter) But it's fun to have former senators who we share so much in common and we have a very good bond with. We are on day fifty-eight, former legislators; fifty-second day, excuse me. It seems like the fifty-eighth day today. (Laughter) It's the fifty-second day. The state budget is over at the Governor's office, we don't know where the vetoes are going to be, members are trying to find homes for bills, and we're trying to address those last priority bills. That may bring back good memories for some of you, terror for others. But what it does bring back is that the state's business has been done well by the Unicameral. We want to recognize you as being a vital part so we can do the state's business today because you did the state's business in the past. And with that, I'd like to recognize today those members of the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators. I'm going to read off the names. I'd like you to stand and wave so we can make sure we know that you're here today. And if we want to...in fact, I think it's appropriate, we should give applause as each member is introduced. Our first is Senator Emil Beyer, from Gretna, who served from 1981 to 1993. (Applause) Senator Beyer. (Applause) Senator Harry Chronister, of Schuyler, who served from 1979 till 1987. (Applause) Senator Owen Elmer, of Indianola, who served from 1987 to 1999. (Applause) Senator Don Elrod, from Omaha, who served from 1966 through 1972. (Applause) Senator Elrod is the president of the association this year. Senator Tom Fitzgerald, from Omaha, served from 1975 until 1981. (Applause) I wasn't allowed any editorial comments, but from my legislative district, Senator Kathleen Foote, of Lincoln, who served from 1955 till 1959. (Applause) Senator Foote. (Applause) Senator Elroy Hefner, from Coleridge, who served from 1976 till 1993. (Applause) Senator Hefner. (Applause) Senator Lowell Johnson, from North Bend, who served from 1981 till 1993. (Applause) I should address you as well as Commissioner. Senator Ralph Kelly, from Grand Island, who served from 1973 till 1981. (Applause) Senator Tom Kennedy, from Newman Grove; he served from 1969 till 1981. (Applause) Senator Howard Lamb, from Anselmo, who served from 1977 to 1993.