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how you follow Senator Suttle's act, to tell you the truth. I found that out when we roomed together. But she brought to me a very serious grounding in how to go about getting things done, very practical approach to issues that are important to me and important to her too. When I ran for this office I ran because I thought that this was a body where the people of Nebraska were considered to be the most important thing; that families were more important than anything else, any issue, any bill, anything else in the state of Nebraska, and I'm leaving this body believing that that is certainly the case with all of you, my colleagues. It has been an honor to serve with you. It has been a pleasure to serve with you and I will miss you a lot and I hope I can come back and visit a few times over the next number of years. Thank you. (Applause)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Kiel. Senator Schrock, to make a presentation.

SENATOR SCHROCK: The nice thing about serving in this body is you end up with 48 good friends. I'd like to talk about one of them today. Jerry Schmitt came to office in 1993, but I didn't get to know Jerry until 1995. That's because I was serving a two-year recess while some of you were still here working. But I can tell you after I got to know Jerry we've had a lot of fun together. Senator Cudaback, Senator Schellpeper, and Jerry and I did a lot of things together, and of course we know that we haven't been doing that with one of those members this year. But we had a good time together. We've taken Jerry to a few movies. I must confess most of them he hasn't liked, but a lot of them Jim Cudaback hasn't liked either, but I'm a little easier to please. But if we had a night off, and it seems like we're having fewer of them, if we had a night off a lot of times you could see the four of us, or this year the three of us, going out to dinner together and we just had a lot of good times together. Jerry has been my fishing buddy. He's been my hunting buddy. We've been to Chadron shooting turkeys, the kind that fly, you know? (Laughter) We've even had good discussions on ethanol and I've really enjoyed Jerry. I'm going to miss him. We've had some noon meetings that maybe didn't get a lot of legislation discussed, but we've had some good times there too. Jerry has taken a common sense approach to life and he's brought that to the Legislature. He's brought a balance to the