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of you. It's been very educational, it's been very rewarding, it's been very frustrating. I do want to thank a lot of you that are sitting in here today, though, because eight years, when I ran, it was pretty controversial, I said at that time I was going to seek two terms if my constituents wanted me. They did, but it was very controversial, and I want to thank a lot of you that are sitting here today that voted to seat me at that time. And, with that, before I do get emotional, I'm going fishing. I'm going to enjoy life. I think there's life after the Legislature. But, again, thank you all. I'm going to miss you, but I will be back and might even be back for some of those noons, Senator Schrock, Senator Jensen. We'll have an ag committee if I get back. Thank you. (Applause)

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Senator Wickersham, for a presentation.

**SENATOR WICKERSHAM:** Members of the body, it's my pleasure to speak on behalf of Senator Ardyce Bohlke. It was a challenge for some members in the past just to say her name, let alone to acknowledge that she's done a great job as a state senator, but this is...this as after all a place of change. This is a place where usually we think about changing laws or we think about changing policies that are going to apply to the state of Nebraska. Well, Senator Bohlke, I think this place has changed you. I remember when you came here in 1991 and I thought you had been some tomboy from Omaha. You were...everybody told me you were married to a farmer in Hastings, that you'd been on a school board, that you'd been on a public works board, but that whole first session in the Legislature, this was a special session, that whole first session I don't remember...I know you didn't introduce a bill and I don't even think you talked. I thought you were going to be kind of an unassuming wallflower. Well, I don't know whether I was wrong or we changed you, but one or the other happened and the next session you started out. I think you introduced two bills. One of them was killed and the other one you amended into another bill. I don't think you actually passed a bill with your name on it even in your second session in the Legislature, which was a regular session. But, by that time, you'd already convinced the members of the Education Committee, just at the very moment you had joined it incidentally, to become Vice Chair. And you went on, because in 1994 then you became Chair. At the same time, you were also