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Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS:      Mr. President, I ask for a ruling from the Chair that this bill requires 40 votes to pass. (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Motion overruled. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK:      (Record vote read, Legislative Journal pages 1263-1264.) The vote is 33 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, 5 excused and not voting, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 172 passes. For what purpose do you rise, Senator Preister?

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends, all. I rise for an opportunity of personal privilege, if I may, please.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You may.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you. I would like to thank Senator Combs and Senator Foley and Senator Chambers for ending our last discussion on a positive note to lead into what I consider another positive note. Tomorrow, as many of you know, we have a friend here who will celebrate her 95th birthday, a very momentous occasion, and I would like to take a moment to acknowledge that. But before I do, let me say also that we have a number of Red Coats here. We have many staff, both male and female, and I think we appreciate all of you, and I would add that if any of you do happen to still be serving when you're 95, please let me know and I'll come back and I want to recognize you then as well, and that includes Senator Chambers. (Laughter) Moving on, I do want to acknowledge and say to Sally Gordon, our Red Coat for the past 20 years, that we have, with the help of the Speaker and the Clerk, put together--and Bill Drafters--a resolution, and I will read the resolution. It recognizes Sally and her service. It says: Whereas Sally Gordon, the Nebraska Legislature's first female assistant sergeant at arms and 20-year veteran of the Red Coat corps, turns 95 years young on March 26, 2004; and whereas Sally Gordon