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regard all of you. Thank you. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Chip Maxwell. Senator Smith, would you please come forward. That was quick. (Laughter)

SENATOR SMITH: Good morning, friends, colleagues, families. I'm here to bid a, I believe, temporary farewell. I don't know if Senator Mark Quandahl plans to come back to the Legislature, but he has stated in the press that this is a temporary departure from politics, and I must say that I'm glad. I remember getting a call shortly after I was elected and came down to Lincoln, but I got a call from a new appointee and I was so new that I wasn't even quite sure how appointments were made and carried out and so forth. But I received a call and began what I really believe is a lifelong relationship with Senator Mark Quandahl. And with that, his wife and three kids that are so important to Senator Quandahl that I believe he came into the Legislature with the right reasons for public service and he's leaving the Legislature for the right reasons--family obligations and a lot of those challenges of time. But I noticed that along the way, his six years in the Legislature, that he made time to drop his kids off at school in the morning, every morning, even when we were in session, and sponsor the Scout troop. I think those are qualities that could kind of be put on the back burner, but Senator Quandahl has kept those on the forefront. Senator Quandahl, as many of you know, is a steady voice as Chair of the Banking, Insurance Committee. I certainly never heard him get real...raise his voice, at least here in the body. I think probably once in his lifetime he raised his voice and I suppose his son hit a home run or something at the ball diamond. But that steady voice, steady mind I will certainly miss, and I believe that others here in the body will as well. But Senator Quandahl's vision for the future I think is what's going to be missed here, his vision for the future not only as a father of three but seeing the future through his kids' eyes and through his own eyes with legal expertise and other expertise that he brings to the body. I know that I will miss him certainly and I believe you will too. So please join me in sending our farewell to Senator Quandahl and thank him for his service. (Applause)