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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Quandahl, would you please come forward? Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Thanks. And they didn't put the little stepstool up here so it's kind of hard to see me over the lectern here, so I'm going to stand off to the side. Before I forget, it's been a privilege and an honor to have served with each and every single one of you. And Paul Hartnett gave me a list of the different senators that have served with him over the last years, and I also looked at that list and I have served for...it's going to be six years, and I will have served with 69 different state senators over that six-year period. So there is a substantial turnover, so I want to make sure that you get the message it's an honor and a privilege for me to have served with you. A couple years ago, during the midst of some debate, I referred to Senator Tyson. He's getting a lot of...a lot of mention. I was reading a book at the time. John Adams described one of his friends as a "rare collection of disagreeable qualities," and (laughter) I referred to Senator Tyson as that. And what I found in my service is that everyone here really is a rare collection, some of us disagreeable qualities, but all of us with a commitment to the state of Nebraska, and I appreciate that. So thanks for letting me hang around with you for six years. And as Chip and some other people have alluded, my public service isn't over and it's an honor and a privilege to have served with you. So thanks.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Mark Quandahl. (Applause) Senator Jim Jensen, would you come forward, please? And thank you, Senator Smith, for being here also.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you. It's a pleasure for me to speak in behalf of Gene Tyson. Now why would Gene Tyson choose me? I'm thinking, well, maybe it's because at our symposiums at the Platte River State Park, by the staff arranging things, I got to bunk with Gene Tyson, and I got to tell you there's something very peaceful and serene to go to bed at night after talking about concealed weapons and guns and armor. And so you just lay there in bed and you think, h'm, gee, what a great chat we had. (Laughter) But Gene Tyson came in the Legislature in 1996, after a long career in business and he also had served on