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a strong supporter...has had the strong support of Floyd, and I think all Nebraskans ultimately will thank him for the effort that he has done. He, too, is going back to his family, Doris, and his family: Terri, Lori and Kim. And we've appreciated sharing Floyd over these years as well as the untold years that you put in community service to southeast Nebraska. So not only will the state miss you, but southeast Nebraska is going to miss you. But on the other hand, I suspect we're going to see Floyd around on some board or commission, because I think you're going to get totally bored somewhere along the line, Floyd. So it's my privilege to honor you today and bid you farewell, and I wish you well and your family into the future, and we'll look forward to seeing you again. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Vrtiska, would you come forward?  
Senator Vrtiska.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you all very much. I need to start by, obviously, thanking my wife and my family for all the hard work and the times they put up with me when things were difficult. I'm like all of you, I'm proud of my family. I'm proud of my wife and the hard work that they done...they have done in...during the years when I was running for office, because they spent a lot of time out walking in the district. They believed in me. So my message to you, if you don't like what I've done, go talk to them because they're the ones that got me up here. (Laughter) In a serious note, I do want to also especially thank Judy from my office and Laurie from my office. Judy has been with me the full 12 years I've been here. She is the one that has kept me somewhat on the straight line. And Laurie has helped out in my years as Chairman of the Business and Labor in doing the right thing for the people of this state. Amanda is also here today. She's somewhat new with me, but she's been an inspiration, as I'm sure all of you realize that that's what makes us go. I will say that it has been a pleasure to serve with you people who are dedicated to the work that you're doing. I don't think people who are outside of this system ever recognize the dedication that is put forth by the members of this body in the work that they do. I have never met a person in this body who wasn't extremely, extremely concerned about the future of Nebraska and their dedication to do the kind