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sewers for industrial purposes, reform tax increment financing, created the Volunteer Emergency Responders Recruitment and Retention Act, created the public-private airport funding, created the Local Option Municipality Economic Development Act, and helped to change the manner of gas regulation in this state by passing the State Natural Gas Regulation Act. Senator Hartnett also wrote the current law on highway bonding, created law authorizing the use of pharmacy technicians, gave legal standing to the state Foster Care Review Board that allows them to appear in court on behalf of the children in foster care, and sponsored the corporate takeover of law, the shareholder protection act. This isn't all of them, but those are some of the major things that have happened under the direction of Paul Hartnett. Paul, we're all going to miss you in the Legislature and we hope that you will come back and visit us occasionally. I hope you have a long and wonderful life with Marge and your family, and you and your family deserve that very much. It's been a...it's been a great pleasure for me to serve with you and I am speaking for a lot of other of our colleagues also. So, Paul.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Hartnett, come forward please. (Applause) Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR HARTNETT: I want to thank a lot of people. I've been here a long time. (Laugh) First, I want to thank my wife back there. She put up with me serving here for the 20 years. She's been a very loyal person. When we'd campaign, we never did it...we always did it together, the two of us, and so she's been my partner for over 50 years, so I think she deserves applause. (Applause) I also want to thank my staff. Bill Stadtwald I saw just walk in. He was...he's been with me when I first came here 20 years ago. We didn't really know what we were getting into and I was only going to run for one term, and here it's a lot longer than that period of time. Sally Schultz and Chuck Bisbee work for me now. And in the 20 years that I've been here, I've only had six staff people: Natalie Chapman, she's getting her...maybe I taught her a little bit about politics, she's running for school board in Bellevue now, one of the candidates; and Julie Holmquist moved to Matt Connealy; and Kathy Brown was with me just for a short period of time. So I really have