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process and the history of the Legislature, and I commend them for all of their work. Let's give them a round of applause as well. (Applause) The public is also well-served by an office that we don't talk about much, but the constituents utilize it as we do from time to time as well, and that would be the Ombudsman's Office that's under the jurisdiction of this Legislature as well. Thank you to them for their help. (Applause) I think we're all well-acquainted with our legislative coordinator, Chuck Hubka, whose duties include repair of everything under the sun and coordinating things that we don't even realize, including our late-night snacks or meals that we sometimes have to have. We thank you, Chuck, for your hard work and always being willing to help us out on a moment's notice, and we also appreciate how cheerful you always are. (Laughter) We thank you, Chuck. I got to kid you. (Applause) And last but certainly not least is our staff in the Legislative Accounting Office, who ensures that not only each of you but the 250-some employees that constitute the legislative employees are kept happy by receiving a timely paycheck, along with providing our office supplies and travel arrangements. So to the Legislative Accounting Office, thank you. (Applause) Much has been said and will be said about this session, but let me just tell you that I think you should all go home and apologize to no one. If someone says, well, you sure didn't pass as many bills as you should have, or other years you've passed more bills, in the first place, it's not accurate, and secondly, it takes in...it takes nothing into account in terms of the challenges that you faced as you came into this session. You came in, I think we all did, thinking that we would have a little bit of a financial challenge, but it would be perhaps less significant considering our Cash Reserve, and it wasn't long till we had the low-level waste judgment and we had the revised Forecasting Board analysis, which changed the picture dramatically, and operating under that pressure you managed to do some very major things. You did pass a budget that is projected to be able to allow us to pay our bills and be balanced over the next year and a half. You did pass a major bill in ethanol and mental health, water policy. There will be a couple of major issues on the ballot that you worked on, livestock waste management, several other things, domestic assault, parental notification of abortion in public schools, fixing the construction labor tax,