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members, or most of the committee members, I should say, have been included in ceremonies for send-offs for the troops, and for welcome-homes for the troops. We've also had a renewed focus on veterans' homes, and have done studies on the veterans' homes, to make certain that they are being well run. We have looked this past summer in an interim study at veterans' benefits, because there's been some question, since an Attorney General's Opinion, about whether veterans who have a general discharge under honorable conditions can receive benefits, since that opinion. And actually, we have done the interim study and we are introducing legislation this year to straighten that all out. Those veterans have been receiving benefits for the past 60 years, so to take them away at this point in time seemed to us to be not a very positive thing to do. We're also involved with a lot of state agencies, and oversee a lot of state And we have election law under our purview. So government. especially since the elections of 2000 and the passage of the federal HAVA Act, we've been very busy looking at the fine points of election law, and have introduced a number of pieces of legislation. And I think that's going to continue for a while, because it's not all straightened out yet. And even in Nebraska, where we have a very good election system, I must say, we still have some things that we need to iron out. do...have enjoyed my work with the Secretary of State, have served with him on the election task force and also on the Vote Nebraska Initiative. We've looked at personal service That's a continuing issue, and we've worked very contracts. closely, especially with Senator Preister, on those. And we are finally at the point with reviewing boards and commissions where I think we have an excellent catalog of all the boards and commissions in the state. And we're now reviewing those every two years. I think we'll be coming to you with a piece of legislation this year to make that every four years. Now that we're finally at the point where we know where all those boards and commissions are, we'd like to continue it, but to make it a four-year program. We have a lot of issues that we still need to look at. And I think Senator Raikes' comments triggered this thought in my head, about how we need to continue to look at the number of local subdivisions that we have in this state, and how we can fund all the services that are needed. Anyway, I would like...I would very much like your support for continuing in