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**SPEAKER BRASHEAR PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER BRASHEAR:** Thank you, Senator Bourne. Members, if I could have your attention, please, and if we could take our seats. We are at a point in time in our proceedings where we have a special opportunity to recognize some special people as is our tradition. And at least 20 of us or so ought to be even more interested in this matter of protocol. With that, I would like to make note of the fact that our former legislators are with us today. We welcome them. In recognition of their service and their presence and in order that we can simply enjoy their moment with us, we'll do as we did last year and I will ask them to go to the head of the aisle and to assemble there. There's not a mystery to the order. I'm going to ask them to walk the center aisle to the well of the Chamber as I call their name and indicate the years of their service. And then we will stand and recognize them all together. First, I would ask...everybody is a former senator but, you know, it's your highest last title so it's going to be today. Senator Bill Barrett, a former Speaker of the body and a former Congressman. Senator Barrett, Congressman Barrett, is from Lexington and served from 1979 until 1990. He is the current president of the former legislators group and I understand will be collecting your dues, your future dues from you shortly. I'd also next like to recognize Senator Emil Beyer, Jr. from Gretna. He served from 1981 to 1993. Next, Senator George "Bill" Burrows from Adams. He served from 1975 to 1983. I'm going to ask you, ladies and gentlemen, to anticipate and go to the head of the aisle, please. Next, we have Senator Bob Dickey from Laurel. He served from 1999 until 2001. He's followed by Senator Don Elrod from Grand Island. His service was from 1966 until 1973. Senator Bill Harris from Lincoln, 1983 to 1987. Senator Elroy Hefner from Coleridge, from 1976 to 1993. Senator Jim Jones from Eddyville, 1993 to 2005. Senator Howard Lamb from Anselmo, served from 1977 to 1993. Senator Jerry Miller from Davenport, served from 1984 until 1989. Senator Norman Otto from Lincoln, 1955 to 1961. Senator Carol McBride Pirsch from Fremont, from 1979 to 1997. I do know how to spell it, Carol, I just don't know how to say it. Senator Stan Portsche from Lincoln, from 1957 until 1961. Senator Shirley Marsh is standing at the head