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which was pretty ugly. But it was my legislative position and my willingness to be involved that brought it all together and made it happen. And each day I drive down from Omaha past that facility knowing that after my legislative work is done and maybe even after I'm gone, there will still be people working there and contributing to the state of Nebraska. And that's very special. I want to share one more story. I was flying to Washington D.C. on September 11. I got as far as Chicago and when the tragedies in New York City and in Washington happened, began trying to get home. I took the "L" downtown from the airport, talked to one of the policemen that was standing on one of the corners, and there were policemen everywhere. And he said, the Sears Tower was to be the next target, they were afraid, and that they were trying to get everyone out of town, and that if I needed to get out of town, I'd better get out. I went to the train station where hundreds of other people were standing in line to get out of Chicago. And for all the horror and tragedy of that day, there was such a sense of community and humanity. When the people I was standing with found out that I was a state senator, and it was about the time that they were proposing that Congress might be evacuated, they asked the Amtrak agent to take me to the front of the line so that I could get one of the last seats out of Chicago that day. That day for those people, I symbolized the system of government, a system that they believed in and wanted to know was secure. We all represent that system, and it is an awesome thing. The members of my class--Senator Stuhr, Senator Jensen, Senator Brashear, and I--are honored to have been a part of it. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We had Senator Kermit Brashear, our Speaker, Senator Pam Brown, Senator Jim Jensen, and Senator Elaine Stuhr. Senator Kermit Brashear, Senator Pam Brown, Senator Jim Jensen, and Senator Elaine Stuhr. Before we go to the class of 1990, which consists of the class of "dumber and dumber" (laughter), Speaker Brashear wants to be recognized. You pick the order.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Mr. President, members of the body, thank you. I just couldn't pass this up. You work on a procedure, you're told to make things orderly, you get everyone to agree, you think you've achieved consensus, and then you have to remember what it's like to be Speaker. Apparently, at 3:30 this