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there. (Applause) And of course, my mother.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, point of personal privilege.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, I think you have that right.

SENATOR SCHROCK: I want you to know I've served with five Speakers in my legislative career. And I'm not going to compare them. And I'm going to be brief because Senator Brashear would want me to be brief. I've seen him serve with personal sacrifice to his job and family. I've seen great acts of generosity. I will never forget the night when the campaign finance bill was up and Senator Beutler did not have enough votes because people were absent and he said, let's move this bill forward. Maybe the classiest act I've seen in my 14 years. He didn't let somebody's vote get in the way. He was fair. And when he lost, he didn't mope, he didn't grumble. There was no retribution. He was fair. He set his personal interests aside to serve this body. This body is not easy to serve. We are 49 mavericks. It may be the toughest job in the state of Nebraska. He has definitely served with honesty and integrity. And if this group would join me in honoring our Speaker, Kermit Brashear. I've been proud to know you. (Applause)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Speaker, stand up, please. Speaker Brashear has done a great job that we're going to reiterate this. So Senator Bourne?

SENATOR BOURNE: I'm going to piggyback on what Senator Schrock said. Senator Schrock, thank you. If a person is extremely fortunate, he happens upon an individual who has a profound impact on his or her life. I've had that good fortune in meeting Senator Kermit Brashear. Senator Aguilar and I take great delight in referring to Kermit as Denny Crane from the TV show "Boston Legal." Those of you who are fans of the show will recognize immediately the similarities. (Laughter) This of course is totally lost on Kermit as watching TV does not count as billable hours. (Laughter) Some of the memories I treasure most about Kermit are ones you'll recognize as well. Some might say that Kermit is wound kind of tight. Once I called him on his intercom. When he answered the phone, as I often do, I