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you all and I pray that God will bless each and every one of you and give you wisdom and courage so you can face the issues of this coming session and the years afterward. Thank you all very much, I do love you all.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The Chair recognizes Senator Beutler for the purposes of a presentation.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Carol, if you could come forward, please. The infamous "Class of 1978", reduced by one this day, has become a mere remnant in the Legislature. Time goes by so fast. It's sobering to think that Senator Bruning, one of the newest members of the Legislature, was a precocious third grader at the time that Senator Pirsch and I entered this legislative body. (Laughter.) You have served long and you have served conscientiously. Your aspirations for the state have been deep and sincerely held. The victims of crime and others who have benefitted from your persistent efforts will feel the loss of your advocacy. If I may paraphrase that great Republican, Abraham Lincoln, let me say that I believe you have, with firmness in the right as God has given you to see the right, "striven" to progress the work of this great country. Nothing more can be asked of anyone, and she has certainly given...never given anything less. With warm regards we wish you God speed and a safe port. Thank you.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator, do you wish to make remarks?

SENATOR PIRSCH: Well, I probably said it all before. But, again, thank you all. And I do wish you all, each and every one of you, God's blessings of health and wisdom and courage. This is a special body. This is a special place and these are special people. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. We appreciate your years of service. And we welcome, at this time, Senator Pedersen and Senator Suttle. We also have an announcement today. Senator Hilgert's birthday is today. Senator Hilgert is 33 years old today. Happy birthday, Senator. Mr. Clerk.