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that there aren't some challenges ahead. Sure there are and working together we will make Nebraska still a better place for everyone. I should hurriedly highlight a couple of the real highlights of this session. Number one, the operational budget of the state was kept around 7% and, frankly, that took some doing. The other highlight of this work session of yours is this as I see it. I approved during this session, approximately thirty-five millions of dollars in state aid to local entities which provided direct property tax relief. These measures included 6.8 million dollars for personal property tax relief, 5.5 millions for homestead exemption, 2.6 million for county medicaid and 20 million dollars for school aid. All of this of course, under the current tax rate structure. You, in your wisdom, added 20 million dollars to school aid. Nonetheless, that is a 55 million dollar property tax relief package which should very much take some sharp teeth of the currently excessive property tax bite. A couple of special postscripts, number one, John DeCamp, no special session requests within the next week. Number two, for your next short session in 1982 I respectfully suggest, I hope this is taken in the spirit in which it is proper, don't overbill, don't overschedule yourselves to death. Maybe four or five major areas of statewide concern other than the budget could be isolated and focused in on qualitatively. Tell the many special interests legislative engineers not involved in those special areas to go get lost for a spell. I think the state would be better off with a rigidly improved discipline of that sort and I am doubly sure you would be, not to mention your friendly Governor. Some seer once said that politicians solve all the problems we wouldn't have if we didn't have any politicians. Sometimes I am not totally convinced we here don't overly complicate and cause many problems by trying to do too much too hurriedly and with too much outside the chamber help. Again, thank you. God speed and may the trip home be downward with the lovely spring breeze at your back. Thank you and God bless.

PRESIDENT: The committee will escort the Governor. All right the next motion is by Speaker Marvel. The Chair recognizes Speaker Marvel.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Before I make the motion I want to thank those of you who contributed of your hard earned money and it came out of that less than \$400 a month, for these beautiful cuff links. I move that the Journal for the sixtieth day as prepared by the Clerk be approved and that the 86th Legislature, Second Session of that Legislature having finished all business before it, now at 8:13 p.m. adjourn sine die.