

every agency, in every department, from the Legislature to the University, from Omaha to Scottsbluff, thousands of people who could, of course, be much better compensated elsewhere, who work with little or no recognition, who do it out of a love of principle, a dedication of public service, to make Nebraska a better place for all of us to live. We know so well in this body that working for the people is not easy. Our fellow Nebraskans are quick to criticize, they are slow to praise, they are forgetful of our accomplishments, they are skeptical of our proposals and, to say the least, grudging of their rewards. They take state employees for granted. But Bernie was an example of the very best who stick it out. In recognizing his work we are recognizing that of other similarly dedicated and skilled public employees. Bernie was a dear, close personal friend of mine. His family, friends and colleagues here today can appreciate how deeply we will miss him. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Hoagland. Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. President. It was fun for me to have a young attorney friend before he came in to head an agency of state government with which we all have had contact. I knew him as that cheerful person who always made you feel special when he would greet you when you passed in the hall, or when you asked for some of his time to discuss a problem. I knew him as that individual who made you feel very special, as if you were the most important person in the world when he was giving his time to you to share his expertise. He, personally, will be missed by his family, but he, personally, will be missed by many hundreds of friends for he left a heritage of courtesy, consideration and thoughtfulness for all of us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Marsh. Speaker Nichol, do you wish recognition?

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature and members of the Wishnow family, so often when one takes a position that provokes controversy we aren't all that anxious to go say to that person that we think you are doing a good job and urge them on to continue good work. Especially when someone is taken from life at a rather early age we are not prone to do that. But at a time like this I think it is appropriate that we add our words of appreciation, even though, and I was one of them, we did not