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purpose, and always a sense of rectitude, always a sense of rectitude. Now, his sense may differ from my sense, and it may differ from your sense, but we always knew that Senator Hoagland was speaking from positions that had been formed early on, were well kept, were out front, sincerely held, and abiding value set. And one of the important tributes, I think, of any legislator, in the end, is they keep faith, they keep faith with those fundamental principles of the heart that we all have to walk by, and we all have to listen to, and we all have to stand up to. And Senator Hoagland has kept faith. Now saying good-bye to Peter is saying good-bye, for me and I think for all of us, to a real friend, a real friend of the legislative process and a real friend of good government. So, Peter, come on up for your good-bye, your speech, your plaque, and your recognition. (Applause.)

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Well, you know from the state plate to the state loss, those are really good comments. (Laughter.) Those of you that haven't seen the questionnaire yet, I know, will understand why. You know it's been a wonderful eight years. This is an extraordinary institution and we have an extraordinary membership. And it is always interesting for me to marvel on how well we do our business, to compare our government with the governments of Libya, or Nicaragua, or the Soviet Union, or South Africa, all the stuff we read in the newspapers, because our institution works so well. I mean, it really works so well. We get excited in here and we have differences in here, but we resolve them, and we resolve them without shooting one another. And it is a real pleasure to be part of an institution that does that. But, you know, when I think back on these eight years it is the friendships that really make the difference. Some of the friendships that I've made here are among the best that I've made in my lifetime. And my advice to all you, younger and older and most of you wiser, is to appreciate the friendships while you have them because you are not going to be here forever. The friendships extend across the philosophical board and they are just wonderful and it is really what keeps us going and makes it so enjoyable. And I may come back, you know, in 20 years when the family is older and I've made enough money to put them through college. When I do, I look forward to working with Senator Warner, and Senator Schmit (laughter), Senator DeCamp, Senator Goodrich, and Senator Marsh, because I know you all will be here. And in the meantime, as I indicate, it's been a pleasure and I look forward to seeing you at the special session. (Laughter.) (Applause.)