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SENATOR LANDIS: Some members of the Legislature can serve here for years, taking up oxygen, space and headlines, and when they are gone they are soon forgotten. Others can take their leave quietly and with dignity, with a legacy of sacrifice and stewardship trailing behind them. Ray Lundy is one of these. The least glamorous and most vital, important task this body does, year after year, after all the grand speeches are made, and all the brave new legislation has been ballyhooed, is to balance the check book, to keep faith with our constitutional prohibition against budgetary red ink. This vital task has consumed Ray Lundy for four years, and he's done it very well. For his courtesy, for his courtly gentility, and for the hard spine of fiscal integrity in his voting record, we honor Ray Lundy with this plaque. Ray. (Applause.)

SENATOR LUNDY: The attorneys certainly are at their best this evening. And certainly the gentleman that handed me the plaque just now does a fine job with his verbal renditions of whatever the subject might be. He and you honor me this evening. I have learned so much from all of you during the four years I've served. It's been my pleasure to receive an education on state government from you. I hope that as the time rolls along that we can continue the friendships that we have created today and in the four years before today, and continue to see you occasionally as we go along life's pathway. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Ladies and gentlemen, I was honored yesterday by our Clerk to recognize the next senator in line for special recognition today. He is a man, I think, that is much like my predecessor, Senator Maurice Kremer, of a long lineage of integrity and honesty, and probably the kindest and nicest man in this Legislature, I think, and most people would agree with me on that. He is a man of strong convictions for natural resources in our state, and one that I have admired a great deal in service with the Agriculture Committee and other activities that we have participated together. As legislative neighbors, we have shared many a podium together in the central part of our state. It is an honor for me to present him today this plaque and to wish him the very best. So, Senator Sieck, from the youngest member to the oldest, we wish you the very best. Thank you. (Applause.)

SENATOR SIECK: I want to thank you for this recognition. I really do appreciate it. I've enjoyed the eight years that I was here. Sure, it was frustrating and with some excitement,