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SENATOR GOLL: Boy, I was afraid he wasn't going to mention the Ford Motor Company. (Laughter.) I've got a story to tell you. Vickie, it's all right, it's all right. Six years ago I made a phone call to an old friend of mine. Some of you will remember former State Senator Floyd Pohiman who lives in Auburn. I said to Floyd, I told him about the fact that I had been asked to accept an appointment to the Legislature. And Floyd said, Jim, he said, the Governor offer you the job? I said, he did. He said, take it, take it. He said, I want to tell you something, Jim, you will meet, and you will get to know, and you will admire, and you will respect, and you will have for the rest of your life as friends the finest people in the world, and that is the members of the Legislature. And I want to tell you something, he was right. Thank you very much. (Applause.)

SENATOR BARRETT: It is my distinct honor, pleasure and privilege to present to the body Harry Chronister. I'm fighting one of my primary weaknesses at this point and that is delusions of adequacy. Harry Chronister and I came into this body a month apart as gubernatorial appointees in 1979. And I would dearly love to joke and jest at this point, but I can't. Harry's relationship with yours truly has been absolutely unbelievable. We have had more fun than any two people deserve. Our wives have become tremendously good friends, our families are good friends. Many of you will recall the opening days in that year of 1979 when Harry came in. We had our own corner, you will recall, back under the south balcony. We didn't know where the bathroom was for a week, the longest week of our lives. (Laughter.) Harry and I laughed together and we cried together. We worked hard. We've roomed together. We've officed together. And a closer friend I don't know that I've ever had. He is one wonderful, wonderful Christian gentleman, loved by all. I guess I'll just stop right there, Harry. Hippety-hop, come up and get your plaque will you, please. (Applause.)

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Thank you, Bill. Mr. President, members and guests, I'll always be grateful that the people in my district granted me the privilege to join this body. And, as I said, I'll always be grateful because I've formed friendships here that cannot be formed in any other walk of life in this way. And as I say, I'll eternally be grateful. I look at Bill, wherever he is, and I remember that we've officed together ever since 1979 when we came here together. And as I think about it again, should I be grateful for that? (Laughter.) I always have fun putting Bill down, but he knows that I echo his