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thoughts and sentiments. There isn't a finer person than Bill. My wife, Kak, and I thank you for the moments that we've shared with you, and God bless you all. (Applause.)

SENATOR REMMERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and friends, I'm especially pleased to be able to make this presentation. Senator Nichol and Ruth, and Maxine and I have become very close friends in the six years that we've been here. Furthermore, I think that the two consecutive terms of Speaker of the Legislature certainly underscores the respect that his colleagues have had for his service. Senator Nichol's record, in the 12 years that he has served, is not only a credit to him, it is a credit to this body. It is a credit to the 48th District and a credit to this state. I think if you examined his record, you will find that he has been a leader and supporter of much progressive, positive legislation. Senator Nichol, we are going to miss you on the floor of this Legislature. We want to congratulate you for a fine record and wish you well. (Applause.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you. I couldn't help but think as Harry Chronister and Bill Barrett didn't know where the rest room was, and I always wondered why there was a strange smell back in that corner. (Laughter.) Now we know why that lingered there for a year or so. Ruth, would you please stand up. I want to recognize my wife a little bit. (Applause.) When we move, in a few days or tomorrow, this will be her 24th move. John, relax. Don't call the question. (Laughter.) But she has been a mainstay and, of course, a help all through the years and I do appreciate that. I wish that Terri Evans was here tonight, but she and her husband had planned to leave today since we were going to be through yesterday. And she did stay until into the afternoon. But she also has been a great help. Without her I would not have looked so good. I think several times during the 12 years I've been here someone has said to me, you know, what are those bunch of dumb heads or knuckle heads doing down there in the Legislature? And I can't help but think, and I've always responded in this manner, we may not do what you want us to do, or you may object to something that we have passed, or failed to pass something that you wanted to pass, but if you knew them individually you would know that they are a great bunch of people, and they really do what they conscientiously feel they should do. And I always respond in that nature and I hope that you do too because we are a great bunch of people. I know in this day and age it isn't popular for a man to say I love you to somebody...some group that includes men. And I'm cautious of