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office has done after you have committed yourself to a campaign. We have shared the same newspaper, so, each of us writing our weekly articles during session, we've shared much of the same constituency and many of the same problems. The Swan Creek project in DeWitt is a good example of that. I've worked closely with Don because of that, and I can tell you that from all of us in this particular body he has, I believe, studied every issue very carefully. And I don't know of another senator that has done his very best to represent his constituency in every vote, and I know that the people have made another selection, but I think it is only fitting that we honor, today, Senator Don Eret for the fine service that he gave to his district in service in the Nebraska Legislature. Please join me in doing that. (Applause.)

SENATOR ERET: Thank you very much, Pat. Thank you to all of you. Serving in the Legislature has been a great experience for me, probably especially since I never held any other public office. So, it was a great four years for me. I got to know my district much better. I got to know the State of Nebraska much better. I guess I could probably say at this time that probably I'll claim as one of my achievements selecting LB 999 as my priority bill this year because it brought out what I thought was some of the most eloquent debating in bringing it back now for LB 3. I think that it also allowed for all of you and all of us to get back together again. So, thank you very much. (Applause.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Eret, we are happy to do this. As usual, you didn't use all of your time. We do appreciate Senator Eret's fine attitude, high regard for the other members of the Legislature. Certainly he will be missed. Thank, you, Don. Senator Loran Schmit, would you please come forward.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, fellow members, friends, and guests, I also, as Senator Morehead indicated, make this speech with mixed feelings. The individual legislators, who will replace the gentlemen who are leaving us, will understand better in 5 or 10 years the feelings that those of us have for the individuals who have served with us the past 4, 8, and 16 years. Tom Vickers came to this body 8 years ago. Tom Vickers leaves this body totally unchanged. He came in as an individual free-thinking, tough-talking, single-minded individual, and that was to serve the people of his district with a single purpose that was never, ever clouded over by any other kind of indication from whatever quarter. Many times on this floor,