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wanted to do. I have that same feeling tonight. I'm going to offer a plaque to Senator Lamb. Senator Lamb has been a real rock for me in this legislative body. He exemplifies, I think, what most of us have seen here in the people who are leaving tonight, people that are being given plaques. Their word has been their bond. They represent the people that they represent extremely well. When they told you that they were going to do something, they did it. You could rely on that. They were solid as rocks. Senator Lamb is the same way. Senator Lamb, when I think of the adjectives that Senator Warner was using, I think of those same things, integrity, ethical, trustworthy, a man of dignity. And I can recall having visited with him a number of times before I ever even considered running for this Legislature, and I was always impressed with his forthrightness, his willingness to listen and for someone from being even outside his legislative district. So I am pleased tonight to offer this plaque to you, Senator Lamb. I also thank you for your attention to me, personally, and it has gone noticed. (Applause.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Madam Chair, Senator Dierks, and members, I am supposed to feel sad, I know, but I really don't feel sad, not particularly glad either but not sad because I realize there's a time to come and a time to go and for me it's time to go. I would like to take a moment or two to thank some people who have been instrumental in my life, starting with my parents. You know, this...a lot of people think serving in the Legislature is...it's really not a very high office, but my parents were very humble people and I remember they sacrificed to send me to high school because I was the only member, the first member of either family to ever have attended high school, so that was a big deal when their son graduated from high school. Unfortunately, they were not able to be here when I was in the Legislature, but they would have thought that was a real accomplishment and I owe them a lot. Also to those of you here on the floor who have been so very helpful to me over 16 years, and, of course, those of you who have not been helpful are forgiven at this point. (Laughter.) And the staff people, you know, this is...you really have a dedicated staff and an able staff and I appreciate all the work that they do. You know, Joanne Pepperl, I know, got tired of me going up there wanting those amendments at the last moment, which she knew were no good in the first place, but she would act like she believed that it