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SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will, would you come to the podium, please.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Senator McKenzie has just finished her first and only year as Chair of the E & R Committee and this is a privilege or, you might call it a privilege, it's a duty that is given to a, traditionally, to the youngest freshman senator with the idea that they probably don't know what it involves which is endless hours of standing behind a microphone and repeating the same phrases over and over. But it's a necessary job, it's one that Senator McKenzie has done very well and, Senator McKenzie, if you would come up here we have a token of the Legislature's appreciation for the job that you've done. Typically, traditionally, the outgoing Chair of E & R gets a nice attache' case. We've got kind of a scaled down version for Senator McKenzie because she only served for a year, but nonetheless, it's very nice.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you. What did you say, Curt? (Laughter.) Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Mr. President and members, I get the distinction of presenting this plaque to Senator Withem in recognition of his service to the Legislature this year. You know during the session we heard Senator Chambers sometimes and others quote other familiar tunes and a number of them kind of describe your leadership and what is necessary to be Speaker. I think maybe when you were thinking about running for Speaker, one may have been "Sink of Swim, You've Got to Give it a Whirl", and as far as your leadership, a number of them come to mind like one that Senator Chambers often says, "You've Got to Know When to Hold Them and Know When to Fold Them", "Sometimes You Lead and Sometimes You Follow", there's a time to listen and a time to talk, and you have to know when to walk away and know when to run, and taking a little liberty with the words, never count your votes while you're sitting at the table, there will be time enough for counting with the dealing is done. And finally it's very necessary for you to know people in low places. But, Ron, we do thank you for your work in bringing us together and the leadership you've given us this year and would like to present you with this plaque and, thank you very much.