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proceeded to talk about the bill again. And then we talked about...he said, no, that's not going to do it, let's talk about Nebraskaplex, he always enjoyed talking about Nebraskaplex and he said that was really an issue of the civic auditorium, how we got the money, which I still don't understand. And finally we talked about the gun regulations and we could talk about that for a while and we kept on bouncing from topic to topic and you know that was just so typical. And finally I said, why don't we...I'll think of something to talk about and he cooled down and really when I think of Brad Ashford, there's a lot of different issues I think about with Brad. And probably when you try to summarize what he's done while he is in the Legislature, you can just say that he's really a good person and a good guy that tries to solve the problems of the world and he has made a good attempt at that, at least he has here in the State of Nebraska and maybe he'll get the opportunity back in Congress to try to solve the world's problems. And it is with a great deal of pleasure that I would Senator Ashford to come up and accept the plaque of appreciation for serving in the body.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Chris. It's like I was telling Chris this morning, it's like two ships passing in the night, as Senator Abboud becomes more liberal, I become more conservative and we're just...(laughter)...you know, I guess it's the nature of the beast. I...this is a very difficult time for me because I'm very sorry to be leaving, but I wanted to thank...I guess the best thing I could say is this, that I have been here for eight years and I've learned from everyone. I've learned from those who are not here now and I've learned from everyone here. Everyone here has taught me something and I was picking out a few of those teachers for not necessarily special recognition, but because I can only pick a few in this limited time frame. I will pick a few and I thought about Senator Haberman who taught me the lesson that you can't get everything you want, and we didn't get a dragon and a moat for Joslyn Castle, Senator Haberman, and I will now admit it after eight years that it didn't happen, so that didn't happen. But there are many others, I wrote them down. I'm going to open this because I can't remember them all. But I want to thank Senator Schellpeper for making me famous, thank you very much. Senator Tim Hall for teaching me what it was like to be from South Omaha because I always wanted to know as I grew up in the affluent area of Omaha to learn what it was really like to be from South Omaha. I learned from Dave Landis that there is always a middle ground. I learned from Scott Moore how not to spend money

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