

few years. We appreciate the attention immensely. But what I have to tell you, it appears to me that the time has arrived to induct you into this great Navy of the state of Nebraska, so come on forward. I want to give you a little bit of history. This actually dates back to 1931. It's got a little bit of a dubious past inasmuch as this arose when the governor left town – Governor Charles Bryan left the state for awhile and left in charge his lieutenant governor Theodore Metcalfe who issued 20 to 25 admiralships to prominent Nebraskans, otherwise described as his cronies. [Laughter.]

GOV. JOHANNIS: Since then, we have made many people admirals, but today we do it to honor people. You join the ranks of President George W. Bush, President Ronald Reagan, President Gerald Ford, President Harry S. Truman, President Franklin Roosevelt, General Douglas McArthur, and Queen Elizabeth, II. So it is my pleasure to make you an admiral in the great Navy of the state of Nebraska. [Applause.]

MR. BROWN: I guess that means we salute now, Mr. Secretary. Thank you all for coming. Senator Nelson, again, thank you for your attendance here today. Governor, we appreciate your being here. Mr. Secretary, again, thank you very much for your attendance. Thank you all for taking the time out of your busy schedules to be here today. We are adjourned.