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SENATE PRESIDENT COMMENTS ON 2016 SESSION

Statement by Senate President Peter Courtney

“This has been an extremely difficult session, but today was a good day. Without our friend and colleague Senator Jackie Winters, our Senate family has not been complete. Having her here closed the session on a high note.

“This session also had immense sadness and a great display of courage. Senator Brian Boquist and his wife Peggy soldiered on in the face of an unspeakable tragedy. Thank you Senator Winters and Senator Boquist for reminding us what is really important.

“The short session is hard. In the end, its length is self-limiting. Issues that were carried over from 2015 and worked on in the interim fared well. Those that were sprung on us on opening day or even later did not. Preparation is the key to success in life and in the February session. That’s been my message since voters approved annual sessions and set strict Constitutional deadlines six years ago. It is my message again today. We can only hope that our struggles over the last 30 days will help us all learn this crucial lesson.”