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the election of the Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Coordsen, you're recognized to make the motion.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that we proceed to the election of a General Affairs Committee Chairperson.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: All those in favor of opening nominations and proceeding to the election of the Chair say aye; those opposed say nay. Nominations are now in order for the the Chair of the General Affairs Committee. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. I rise to place my name in nomination for the General Affairs Committee. Actually, I'd just as soon not be standing here placing my name in nomination for the reasons you all know why this has to be done, and the system must go on. And I'm sure that Stan would have wanted it to go this way and to proceed as quick as we have. The General Affairs Committee handles very hard and controversial issues and they are very important issues and must be dealt with. Therefore, we have to proceed in this fashion. I've had some experience on the General Affairs Committee for four years, understand most of the issues that are there, and am very willing to learn and do justice to that position. I've also chaired the Retirement Committee last year which gave me some experience in running a committee. So with that, I don't think there is anything else that needs to be said. I will work very hard and keep an open mind and be very fair. With that, I just ask you to give me a green vote on my nomination. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further nominations. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Mr. Speaker, I move that nominations cease and that we cast a unanimous ballot for Senator Ramon Janssen as Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The motion is for nominations to cease and election by acclamation of Senator Janssen as Chair of the