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the last year. I've always attempted to be fair and consistent in running the committee. Those goals I would like to continue to meet during the next two years. I sincerely enjoyed the...the job because of the many controversial topics that come before this committee, such as gaming, liquor taxation and licensing. In addition, there are...there are other things, other topics that the committee addresses, such as libraries and cemeteries that people often forget about. I believe that the committee has run smoothly over the last year and...and we've had to address many of those tough subjects while I've been there. I appreciate the time that you've given me to be the Chairman of that committee and I would think it would be a privilege for me to continue in this capacity. I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further nominations? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I listened to Senator Janssen and I agree with everything he said. I want to add something that maybe you all don't know. He makes some of the best smoked meat in the state and that's the best qualification for that position. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: In spite of that sterling endorsement, Mr. President, I would move the nominations cease and Mister...that Senator Ray Janssen be elected unanimously Chair of the General Affairs Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Members, you've heard the motion. Those in favor say aye. Those opposed nay. The motion carries. Congratulations, Senator Janssen. The next election is for the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I rise to place my name in nomination for Chair of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, and I'd like to thank