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knowledgeable with reference to the subject material at hand. I found him to rule the committee with firmness and yet he had an infinite ability to be fair not only with the members of his committee but with the members of the public who testified before his committee. Senator Koch's long legislative experience includes as all of you know I think by this time this past year's service as Vice Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee, a member of the Constitutional Revisions Committee, member of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee. He is also a member of the Education Commission of the States, he is a Commissioner of the National Assessment of Education, Progress Policy Committee, a member of the National Conference of State Legislators, a member of the Ethics and Elections Council of State Governments and finally, Senator Koch has just been named to the Steering Committee of the Education Commission of the States. With background and experience like that, I sincerely feel there is no question that Senator Koch is by far the best qualified member of this body to serve as Chairman of the Education Committee. I am proud to place his name in nomination for that post. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Are there any other nominations for Chairman of the Education Committee? The Chair recognizes Senator Clark.

SENATOR CLARK: Mr. President, I move the nominations close and a unanimous ballot be cast for Senator Koch.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion by Senator Clark, motion to close nominations and declare a unanimous ballot for Senator Koch as Chairman of the Education Committee. Any discussion? All those in favor of the motion vote aye, opposed nay. Record the vote.

CLERK: 40 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to cease nominations and declare Senator Koch unanimous victor.

PRESIDENT: Motion carries. The nominations are closed and Senator Koch has been reelected as Chairman of the Education Committee. Proceed then with the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Nominations are in order. The Chair recognizes Senator Maresh.

SENATOR MARESH: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it gives me great pride to place into nomination one of the most respected members of this Legislature, Senator Martin Kahle. I have served on the Agriculture and Environment Committee for four years with Senator Kahle.