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SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it would be my privilege to place the name for Speaker of Senator Barrett of Lexington. I think all of us have appreciated the manner in which he has conducted those responsibilities in the last two years. His basic desire of fairness and, at the same time, have a Legislature move in a very positive and effective way I think has been apparent to all of us. I, for one, have appreciated his many efforts to speak publicly on the institution itself and the importance of the Legislature as an institution of state government, and I would be of a great deal of pleasure to place his name in nomination to serve as Speaker for the ensuing two years.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Warner. Are there any other nominations from the floor for the position of Speaker? If not, I would entertain a motion. Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, I was going to move that we just cast, since there are no other nominations, that we cast a unanimous vote for Senator Barrett.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All those in favor vote aye, say aye, all those opposed will say no later. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed. It is carried and Senator Barrett will be the continuing Speaker of the Legislature. Congratulations to you, Senator Barrett. (Applause.) The Chair recognizes Senator John Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: Mr. President, I move that a committee of five members be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the Officers of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is approved. Would the following please escort the Supreme Court Justice to the podium: Senator Lamb, please, Senator Wesely, Senator Hartnett, Senator Ashford, and Senator Nelson. Mr. Sergeant At Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, the Honorable William Hastings, Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court.

PRESIDENT: (Gavel.) Will the new officers please come up front