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PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Pirsch. Senator Lynch, please, your light is on. You don't want to talk? All right. Are there further nominations to be made? Seconding speeches? If not, will our honest committee please come forward and the Clerk will pick up the ballots. You didn't get any ballots. Well, you will get some. I understand we need a new teller committee. I don't know what was wrong with the last one, but I guess we need a new one, so Senator Dierks, would you, please, Senator Dierks, would you please be a teller. Senator Langford, would you do it, please, and, Senator Baack, are you honest? Yes, okay. I just thought I would check, please. So that many of you who are wondering how we do this, if one of the nominees gets 25 votes on the first count, that person wins. If nobody gets 25 votes, we peel off the bottom one and then run off an election between the two top vote getters. The results of the first election was Senator Pirsch 19, Senator Coordsen 18, Senator Abboud 12. So we will vote again on that and we will be voting on Senator Pirsch and Senator Coordsen. The Clerk will deliver ballots to you. Have you done that, Mr. Clerk, yet? They are in the process of doing that, so this time you will vote only on Senator Pirsch or Senator Coordsen. Our tellers tell us that Senator Coordsen received 27 votes and Senator Pirsch 22 votes, so Senator Coordsen will be Chairman of Business and Labor. Congratulations to you, Senator Coordsen. (Applause.) We will move on to Education. Senator Withem, please.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, as others have done in the past, I am standing to nominate myself for Chair of the Education Committee. As you know, I served for two years as chair of this committee, and for some unknown reason, I am interested in serving another two years as chair of this committee. Seriously, I do think we have made some excellent progress in a number of very tough controversial areas the last couple of years. Hopefully, you think that I have been an individual who you can visit with, who will consider all aspects of a problem with education and I would like to serve for the next two years as your Chair of the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further nominations for Chairman of Education? If not, Senator Lynch, would you like to make a motion, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I would move that we close the nominations and we cast a unanimous ballot for Senator