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Ron Withem for Chairman of Education.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Senator Withem is the Chairman of the Education Committee. Congratulations to you. (Applause.) Move on to General Affairs Committee. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I respectfully submit my name for consideration for Chair of the General Affairs Committee, and I would just simply say that I have been a member of the committee for two years and have been the Vice-Chair of the committee. I feel I have a grasp of the issues that we are dealing with and would try to do everything I could to serve in a fair and evenhanded manner. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Any further nominations for General Affairs Committee? Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. Chairman and members, as I said earlier, I consider it an honor to be requested to place in nomination the name of a colleague for a chairmanship of a committee. After my first effort today, I suspected that perhaps Senator Owen Elmer would request that I not place his name in nomination, but he came down and reaffirmed his request and, therefore, I am pleased to place in nomination the name of Senator Owen Elmer as one of our very hardworking young members, a man who understands a broad range of issues, a man who has a broad range of experience and background and of a young man who will do a very fine job if he is elected as chairman. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Schmit. Any other nominations for General Affairs? If not, the clerks will pass out ballots to you. We need a new counting committee. Senator Hall, Senator Nelson, and Senator Dick Peterson. Would you please come up and count these ballots, please. I would like to make an announcement if I could. The Speaker has asked me to announce that the Unicameral Club will meet at two-thirty this afternoon in the conference room which is just west of the Capitol. All members of the Unicameral Club are urged to be present, and that is at two-thirty this afternoon. So, those of you who are interested, please heed. While we are waiting for the counters to count, may I introduce some guests of Senator Lowell Johnson. Under the north balcony, we have Ruth Johnson, Mark Johnson, Kevin Krause, Tom Krause, Jeanette Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Larry Shepard, and Ben Sass (all phonetic). Would you