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please welcome them to the Legislature. I am advised that the results are Jackie Smith 36 votes, Owen Elmer 12 votes, so Jackie Smith will be Chairman of General Affairs. Congratulations to you. (Applause.) We will move on to Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. Do we have any nominations? Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I am paying my dues today where it is at a time when nothing is ventured and nothing is gained and we have a long session of 89 days so I don't want anybody to misperceive my basic character by how accommodating I am today. I am going to make a nomination again of my seatmate, Senator Baack, to be Chairman of the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. He has served for a year and I have appeared before that committee to offer bills. They are very courteous. He is very efficient, witty, but the best thing about him is his staff. So I hope, with that in mind, you will accept him.

PRESIDENT: The staff of Senator Baack has been nominated. Are there any other nominations from the floor? Senator Chambers, do you want to work some more, please?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I move that the nominations be closed and Senator Baack be unanimously proclaimed Chairman of the Government, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Congratulations, Senator Baack. (Applause.) We will move on to the Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Warner, please.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I deem it a privilege to offer in nomination a fellow legislator from Lancaster County who has served for a number of years now as chairman of the committee. With pleasure, I would nominate Senator Don Wesely. I think all of us are well aware of the great drive that Senator Wesely has shown, his interest in a variety of the issues that come before this committee, his ability, and efforts to include a broad spectrum of Nebraskans in the discussions of these very difficult and complex issues, and while I have to say that occasionally I have to vote no on some of the things that he supports, nevertheless, I am very appreciative of the manner in which he conducts those committee hearings and the committee itself and it is a pleasure to place