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SENATOR ROBAK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, it is my privilege and honor to nominate my good friend and neighbor, Senator Loran Schmit, for Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. I have known Loran and his family for over 30 years and since his accomplishments in the Legislature are legion I will only say that he has been the leader on water and environmental issues for over a decade. As a lifelong irrigator, Loran appreciates the need for good water policy. Colleagues, I ask you to unanimously...I nominate this man. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you and you did well on your maiden voyage. Are there other nominations for Natural Resources? If not, Ms. Robak, would you like to make a motion to cast the unanimous ballot for Senator Schmit?

SENATOR ROBAK: I move that we unanimously accept Loran Schmit for this post.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. You have heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Congratulations to you, Senator Schmit, you finally won. Very good. Revenue. Nobody wants Revenue. Senator Lamb, please.

SENATOR LAMB: I think I'm being pushed to the front here. Mr. President and members, it's a privilege for me to nominate Senator Elroy Hefner for this very important post. And I would like to comment at this point that I think the reorganization procedure this year has gone more smoothly than any time I can remember that candidates...there had been a number of contested races but there has not been the acrimony that we have seen in past years and I appreciate that. Senator Hefner, as many of you know, has been a member of the Revenue Committee for all the 12 years he has been in this body, so that speaks well for his commitment to that committee. He has also been Vice Chairman of that committee for 12 years, and so that means for six consecutive elections he has been elected by the members of the Revenue Committee to serve as Vice Chairman. And I think that also speaks well of his capabilities. So, Senator Hefner has had a wealth of experience and is very knowledgeable about this committee. Also, very important, I think, in the characteristics of the Chairman is to get diverse groups to work together and I remember back in 1981 when Senator Hefner was Chairman of Miscellaneous Subjects and that was the committee then that dealt with reorganization...or with reapportionment of