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the Legislature for six years. I served for four years on the Executive Board and I have served the last three years as the Chairman of the Government Committee. I think being Speaker of the Legislature requires certain things of an individual and I think that over the years I have tried to establish a record of being fair and honest and working straightforward with people as I deal with...as I deal with all of you and deal with legislation. I would pledge to you that I will bring that same fairness and same honesty to the Speaker's job. I think there is a couple of other things that I can bring to the Speaker's job. I have a very, very competent staff. And, as we all know, the staff is very, very important to a legislator and I think I would bring a very competent staff to the Speaker's office. I think another thing that I would bring to it is the fact that I have tried to maintain great accessibility. I have tried to treat each of my colleagues equally and fairly and I would do that as the Speaker of this Legislature. You would always have access to me to bring your concerns to me and we would try to work on those concerns. I think, finally, another thing that the Speaker is called upon is many times to be a spokesperson for the Legislature. I would pledge to you that I would be a very strong spokesman for the Legislature. I have always been very, very proud to say that I serve in the Nebraska Legislature and I would continue to say that and I would continue to defend this body. With that, I would appreciate your support for Speaker. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Are there other nominations? Senator Moore, since you're standing would you please make a motion to cease nominations and elect Senator Baack by unanimous ballot.

SENATOR MOORE: Yes, Mr. President, I move that nominations cease and Senator Baack be declared the Speaker of the Legislature by acclamation.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted that care to vote? Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 42 ayes, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion as offered by Senator Moore.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Congratulations, Senator Baack. Would you like to make a short statement?