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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I'd like to place my name in nomination for the Ag Committee chairmanship. I think I have always been very honest and fair with everyone here and I would continue to do that as the committee chairman. I think I have a very good working relationship with a lot of different ag committees and a lot of different ag groups and I would just ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Are there any other nominations? Senator Rogers, please. Just a moment. Okay.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President, I rise to place my name in nomination for chairmanship of the Ag Committee. As most of you know, I have worked with you for the past six years, I'm a man of few words so I'll keep my remarks brief. I have come to realize that we as lawmakers can have and have had a positive contribution to the ag community of Nebraska and this is why I have chosen to run for the chairmanship of the Ag Committee. My experience has taught me the values of compromise and consensus with dealing with those issues, particularly between our urban and rural friends. As a lifelong farmer and livestock producer I have come to understand that resolution of an issue concerning one segment of the agriculture industry will always have an indirect effect on all the rest of us. And I also would like to strive for constant communication between all of our farm organizations in the state. I think this is very important if they could come to us as one body, that they would have a lot stronger voice. And so I think that they really should work together and I'll strive to be fair and hard working and open with communications if anyone so desires. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Are there other nominations for Secretary (sic) of Agriculture? If not, we'll proceed with the vote. Are the ballots on your desk? Please mark your ballots and the Clerk will collect them. Thank you. The three tellers this time, Senator Cudaback, please, Senator Will and Senator Smith. Ladies and gentlemen, the Clerk advised me that Senator Rogers has been elected as Chairman of the Agriculture Committee. Congratulations to you, Senator Rogers. We'll move on to Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and nominations are now in order. Nobody wants it? Senator Lowell Johnson.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I rise to offer my service as your next