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Appropriations Committee Chairman. It has been a privilege to me to have already served on the Appropriations Committee for a period of 10 years since my arrival in the Legislature and as Vice Chairman of the Committee over the past eight. Now I sincerely appreciate this window of opportunity to offer my decade of accumulated experience in budgetary matters as we move forward through the challenging fiscal periods ahead. Those who have heard or have shared service with me on the committee are aware that our work is conducted almost continuously throughout the legislative session. The committee's work involved exhaustive review of agency budgets and extensive public hearings leading to the formal presentation of our budget. The Appropriations Chair is truly a sensitive position requiring experience and knowledge of government operations and programs and an ability to view matters from a historical perspective. It is equally important that this position be served with complete honesty, fairness, dignity and reliability. I would pledge total commitment to upholding these uncompromising standards of conduct. With my election you can be assured that your Appropriations Chairman is one who is unfettered by concealed commitments or alliances. I have no personal agenda other than advancing opportunities of all Nebraska citizens to the extent possible while maintaining the fiscal soundness of our state. I pledge cooperation with the new administration and with each and every member of this Legislature and all of our support services to confidently pursue our common goals. I promise to serve with the judgment of Solomon and the patience of a camel as only one as chronologically gifted as myself can. Please bear in mind my extensive experience and my perseverance, openness and character when marking your choice. And with deep humility and respect for Nebraska's great legislative process, I confidently ask for your vote. Thank you all.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Moore, please.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. President and members, I, too, rise and rise with a sense of humbleness and humility, given the fact that history of this particular position as Senator Warner for a decade and a half and Senator Marvel before him, I all too well understand the shoes that need to be filled in this position. I don't in any way pretend to say that I can replace those people. I can only promise you that I'll do my best to do the job for all of you. Secondly, that is compounded by the simple fact of where the State of Nebraska is at this juncture in time in relation to revenue and spending. I have no false pretenses the