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job will be easy; will only approach it with the same dedication and patience that I always have and with the first premise that I follow is the simple fact that you write as many checks as you can on the account. Once the account is over you cannot continue to write them. I have no priorities going into that other than the simple fact is that in accordance with our Constitution we must have a balanced budget. I pledge to work with the committee and with all of you to make sure that we as Nebraskans can do the most within those constitutional restrictions of a balanced budget. With that, I quite simply ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Senator Chambers, please.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, and members of the Legislature, unlike the other two announced candidates, I arise in arrogance, great self-love, and bursting with confidence. As I listened to my colleague, Senator Johnson, reading his statement, I thought he was giving a eulogy for me. All of those traits fit me like a glove, and if those are the qualifications for this job, I feel that nobody could be more suitable for it than myself considering my energy, my knowledge, my ability. However, I have no interest in the job. So if you nominate me, I will not run. If you elect me, I will not serve.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Senator Wehrbein, please.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Mr. Speaker and members, I didn't know whether I should get up after that or not, Senator Chambers. I would like to place myself in nomination for Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. As most of you know, I have served on the committee for four years. Previous to that, I have had quite a bit of experience in county board budgets. I think I understand well the relationships and the interrelationships among the various budgets across Nebraska in its various government entities. I pledge to you a continued fair and impartial and, perhaps more importantly, a straightforward approach to working the budget for the State of Nebraska, its citizens, both the citizens of Nebraska and the citizens in Nebraska. I have worked hard to grasp the budget of the State of Nebraska the last four years. Admittedly, there is much more to know. Admittedly, it is very intricate. But I would not only pledge to work harder myself to continue to understand the budget, but I would offer to you an understanding of the budget if I could be of help to any of you. In other words, not only