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PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Senator Landis, congratulations. Move on to Business and Labor. Senator Coordsen, please.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. I would like to place my name in nomination for Chairman of Business and Labor Committee. I think those of you who have served before are aware of the approach that we have used in that committee the past two years under my chairmanship, where we have provided, I think, a balanced approach to addressing the issues, the issues that are not easily addressed because of the polarization between the entities, and I would appreciate your support to continue those efforts. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Any further nominations? Are there further nominations? I have no other lights on, are there further nominations? Senator Hall, would you like to make the motion to cease?

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, I'd move that the nominations for Business and Labor Committee Chairman be closed and that Senator Coordsen be nominated by acclamation.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Senator Coordsen, congratulations, good speech. Move on to Education. Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to place my name in nomination to continue to Chair the Education Committee. It has been a very eventful four years since I was honored with the privilege of chairing that committee. We have done a lot of work in the area of school finance. Hopefully, we have placed the contentious issue of school reorganization behind us. We have succeeded in placing in the Constitution an amendment dealing with coordination of higher education. All of these things, I think, are accomplishments that this body can rightfully be proud of. We have a number of issues in the future and I would like to continue to work on those. We need to pass the implementing language for the constitutional amendment. We need to continue to monitor the legislation that we have passed in the area of school finance and reorganization. More importantly I think we need to get to the heart of what education is all about and that