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is, are our young people receiving the type of preparation that they need to become productive members of our society, and I pledge to you, if you reelect me to this chairmanship, we will continue to address those issues. I have enjoyed very much working on those issues. I appreciate the confidence you've shown in me in the past and I would appreciate your vote this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Are there other nominations for Education Committee besides Senator Withem? If not, Senator Landis, would you like to make the motion, please?

SENATOR LANDIS: I move that nominations cease and that a unanimous ballot for Ron Withem be cast and that he be declared Education Chairman by acclamation.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Congratulations, Senator Withem. General Affairs Committee, nominations are in order. General Affairs Committee. Senator Smith, please.

SENATOR SMITH: Mr. President and members of the body, I would like to place my name into consideration for the continuation of the job as Chairman of the General Affairs Committee. I have served on the General Affairs Committee for the last four years, and the first two years as vice-chair of the committee, the last two as chairman. There are a number of issues that we have dealt with which we are continuing work on, and I would like to see the completion of those issues. One of them will be a vote for a statewide lottery. I guess what I would just like to say is that I see my role as the chairman of the committee as being someone who is a facilitator, and that I keep in mind that there are eight members on the committee, they each have their own vote, that my role is to be fair, objective, provide equal opportunity for input from both sides on an issue, and then take the vote, and right now I am asking you for your vote of approval. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Are there other nominations from the floor? I have no other lights on. Senator Lamb, would you like to make the motion, please, to cease?

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. President and members, I would move that nominations cease and that Senator Smith be elected by acclamation.