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But I would only say this, that I served on the Judiciary Committee for two years and I had such a great experience that I now serve on the Appropriations Committee. But be that as it may, I think Senator Chizek has done an excellent job and I'd certainly like to see him return to that position. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Any further nominations? I have no other lights on. Senator Ashford, would you like to close it up since it is your show?

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you. I have nothing further other than to move Senator Chizek's election by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: You have heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. Congratulations, Senator Chizek. Natural Resources, please. Senator Ashford, oh, Senator Dierks. Senator Dierks, please.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and members of the body, I rise to place my name before this body for nomination to chair the Natural Resources Committee. I have a very deep and abiding love for the resources of this state. I try to practice this in my own little domain, these good resource practices. I feel that we are the garden state of the nation, although many other people haven't realized that yet, and I think that they will soon. I think we need to do everything we can to protect that particular place we have. So I would ask that you give me the opportunity to represent you on the Natural Resources Committee as its chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Senator Robak, please.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues, two years ago Senator Schmit asked me to place his name in nomination for Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee and this year I asked Senator Schmit if I could, again, nominate him for Chairman of the Resources Committee. Senator Schmit has served this body with distinction for 22 years and he has worked with the Natural Resources Committee for 20 out of those 22 years, two decades of involvement in the natural resources area. Senator Schmit has been the committee's chairman for the past eight years, and before that, he served as a member of the Legislature's Public Works Commission. He has the experience that we need today to face the deals that we face with resource issues; solid waste disposal, ethanol development, low waste