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what can happen, of what we might be able to do and what we may not be able to do that it is helpful, I think, and beneficial to members of the body to get as much information as possible from as many sources as possible so that we can use that combined wisdom to do the best job we can for Nebraskans. And many times that means that we need to travel, we need to get to the other states, we need to talk to them, experience, see for ourselves what is happening. And that is what, as chairman, I would hope that we would be able to do because, quite honestly, the more information we have and the more people throughout the country that we can relate to that have similar problems and have had a chance to attack it maybe in a different way, the more information we have, the better our state will be. And as chairman, I would pledge to provide the opportunity for people to get that information as needed as well as be as fair and as practical in the budget restraints that might be there. And with that, I certainly would ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Are there other nominations for the Intergovernmental Cooperation? If not, the nominations will cease. You have ballots on your desk, will you please mark them, and the Clerk will pick up your votes. For tellers, Senator Labeledz, would you like to help us this time, please? Senator Hillman, would you help us again, please? Senator Hillman comes from out west, we will get her working hard the first day. Senator Landis, would you help us, please? You want to work hard, too. The Clerk has advised me that Senator Owen Elmer is the new Intergovernmental Cooperation Chairman. Congratulations to you, Senator Elmer. We will move on to the Rules Committee Chairman. Senator Lynch, please.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. President and members, I have been Chairman of the Rules Committee for about four years. It is a process that is necessary for us to conduct the business of the body. Nothing changes without the permission of the body as well. Our job is to make sure that the order is maintained, that we provide for all the fair play that is possible, and at the same time, the time necessary for us to understand the issues. Appreciate your support to serve another term as Chairman of the Rules.

PRESIDENT NICHOL: Thank you. Are there other nominations, please? Senator Abboud, please.

SENATOR ABOUD: Yes, Mr. President, I move that nominations be