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background in the election laws. Secondly, the legal counsel that I had had been of assistance in a previous contested election and has some experience and, obviously, the Clerk and Assistant Clerk have assisted in the legal viewpoint and with those sources of legal assistance, plus the members of the board, we seem to have a fairly good cross section of the Legislature, it is felt this might be appropriate. And so we have offered the motion in order for confirmation by the Legislature as we had indicated. I believe it was indicated prior to the session or the day of convening of the session, rather, that wherever the reference was made it would be brought back to the Legislature to confirm or reject. So I would be glad to respond to any questions that someone has.

PRESIDENT MOUL: There are no senators asking to speak on this issue so, seeing none, we will proceed with the vote. All those in favor please vote aye, all those opposed please vote no. Mr. Clerk, would you please record the vote.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on the reference of the election contest to the Executive Board for its consideration.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The motion carries. We will stand at ease.

EASE

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Mike not activated immediately.) ...guest with us today that we would like to recognize. Keith Niemann, who is a Sarpy County Extension agent, is seated under the south balcony. Welcome, Mr. Niemann. If senators have bills to present, would you please bring them forward. Senator Baack.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you Madam President, I'm just going to make a couple of brief announcements. First of all, I'd like to encourage the committee chairs to put in their hearing notices. Those have to be in seven days ahead, and if you're going to have hearings next Tuesday, you have to have those in today, or if you're going to start next Wednesday, you have to have them in tomorrow, so we need to have those seven days ahead. And I might also say that I think we'll stay here in session until probably ten o'clock unless I get some requests that people want to introduce bills after that point, but otherwise we'll just stay in session until about ten so I'd encourage if you have some bills to bring them up here in the next 20 minutes so we