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believe last session we went a long way toward burying the urban-rural splits that have been plaguing this body for a while when we did, in fact, arrive at a consensus on a number of those troubling issues. I would very much like to continue to serve in this position, pledge to you that I will be fair, that I will work with everyone, and that I will seek everyone's input as we make decisions as the agenda moves forward. I would very much appreciate your support. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Withem. We now have Senator Coordsen and Senator Withem nominated for the position of Speaker. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair needs a motion to close nominations. The motion has been made to close nominations. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Nominations are closed. The Chair appoints Senator Schimek, Senator Matzke, and Senator Cudaback as the tellers for the balloting. Will the senators please vote. And the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will pick up the ballots. The Chair declares Senator Withem the new Speaker by a vote of 25 to 24. Congratulations, Senator Withem. We will now turn to the oath of office. Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: A point of personal privilege please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Yes, Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Withem, I would like to be the first to offer to you my congratulations and pledge full cooperation with you in your office for a successful two years.

SENATOR WITHEM: Thank you. Thank you very much, Senator.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Coordsen. Senator Abboud.

SENATOR ABOUD: Madam President, I move that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Abboud. Hearing the motion, all those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. The motion carries. The Chair appoints the same committee, Senator Abboud, Senator Crosby, Senator Lynch, Senator Hillman, and Senator Robinson to escort the Chief Justice. Yes, the Chief