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SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Madam President and members. It is a real privilege this morning for me to nominate Senator Floyd Vrtiska for Vice Chair of the Executive Board. I think if you look at his biography in the Blue Book you realize how much administrative and committee work Senator Vrtiska has done over the years in his area in southeast Nebraska. I grant he is from southeast Nebraska, Senator Hillman. He has worked on boards and supervisors boards, the commissioners, in the county, and regional boards having to do with mental health, and the Peru State College Foundation. The Nebraska Environmental Control Council, he was Vice President of that group. And he has dealt with problems that I think are difficult and has proven that he has the ability to work with all segments of society and the population, and I think he would just fill the office of Vice Chair of the Executive Board in an exemplary way. During the interim, in particular, we need someone who is available, and when I think of Hall-Vrtiska, that sounds sort of like a law firm, or something, so I think it might be a good combination. And as I said, I appreciated the fact that he asked me to nominate him. I am pleased to do that, and I will ask you to join me in voting for Senator Vrtiska. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Crosby. We have Senator Hillman and Senator Vrtiska nominated. Are there any further nominations? Now we have a motion that the nominations cease. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The nominations are closed. Would the senators please vote, and reminded to vote only the name on a separate sheet of paper, and the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will pick up your ballots. Senator Avery, Senator Jones, and Senator Lindsay are the balloting committee, the tabulation committee. The Chair declares Senator Vrtiska the Vice Chair of the Executive Board by a vote of 28 to 21. Congratulations, Senator Vrtiska. The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman, members of the body, I move to proceed to the election of the other six members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council as outlined in 50-401.01.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Witek. The motion is to caucus for the election of the other members of the Executive Board. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion carries and there will now be a caucus.