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explained to me eight times, which has helped prepare me for this session, a session that I think will focus very much on school finance. As I have mentioned in the past, I think I bring a balanced perspective. To those of you who are new, I will tell you that I'm a graduate of a metropolitan high school, Omaha Central. I was a teacher and a school board member. I served on a school board in a medium size district and we pay taxes in a Class VI and a Class I. I do think that gives me a very balanced perspective. I also want you to know that I have not solicited any letters or phone calls in behalf of my nomination, and I think that we have been able to prove that this does remain an internal process and a chance for us to vote for leadership that you feel will work hard to be fair. And I want to stress to you that I particularly will continue to provide...try to provide accord, not acrimony, and always strive to base each decision on what's best for all of the children in the State of Nebraska regardless of the size school district they attend. Thank you very much. I would appreciate your vote.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. The Chair recognizes Senator Witek.

SENATOR WITEK: Madam Chairman and members of the body, I also would like to place my name in nomination for Chairman of the Education Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: We have two nominations for the Chair of the Education Committee, Senator Witek and Senator Bohlke. Are there any further nominations? The motion is that nominations are closed. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Nominations are closed. Would the senators please cast your ballots and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk please collect them. The Chair appoints Senator Brashear, Senator Will and Senator Engel as the Teller Committee. The Chair declares Senator Bohlke the new Chair of the Education Committee by a vote of 36 to 13. Congratulations, Senator Bohlke. We now move to the election of the Chair of the General Affairs Committee. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Madam Chairman and members, I would like to place my name as Chairman of the General Affairs. It's been my privilege to serve the last three years as the Chairman of this committee. We have several important issues. I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.