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served on the Appropriations Committee which enabled me to have a broad perspective of state government. These experiences have given me a thorough understanding of our legislative process and how the committee structure plays an important role. I have also developed a good working knowledge of the often complex issues that come before the Government Committee. I was in the first military draft in the Korean War and I served in the 179th Infantry Regiment in Korea. I have been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion ever since that time. These experiences have taught me a great deal and provided me with an understanding of the many important issues which face veterans and our military in Nebraska, specifically the National Guard and our Reserves. Over the years, I have served on and been the leader of many governmental and civic committees, this along with my experience as an administrator has given me insight on what makes an effective committee. I will be able to work with the members of the Government Committee to ensure that bills are dealt with evenhandedly and efficiently. I realize that many of the bills and issues that come before the committee are emotional and are very important to those involved with them, and I pledge that the committee and the staff will treat everyone fairly and with great respect and a high degree of integrity. I will not take the responsibility of being a committee chair lightly. I will work hard and to the utmost of my abilities to uphold the fine tradition of the Nebraska Legislature. I appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Robinson. 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. Will the senators please cast your ballots. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will collect them. The Chair appoints Senator Stuhr, Senator Preister, and Senator Pedersen as the Teller Committee. The Chair declares Senator Robinson the winner by a vote of 26 to 23. Congratulations, Senator Robinson. We now move to the election of the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Thank you. Madam President, members of the Legislature, I would like to rise and place my name in nomination as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. First off, let me begin by thanking all of you for the privilege of having chaired the committee over the past years. It's really meant a great deal to me. I've enjoyed it and I feel