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in the Legislature because of its members. And there are several of those members who have expressed some interest in this committee as well, they're good and decent people, they really are. I'd ask for your support to continue to be your Transportation Chair, I harbor no agenda. We've run a fair and open committee and that will continue. I have wonderful staff, I'm very proud of them. They will continue if they desire to do so. This morning I would ask you to cast a vote for me for the Chairman of the Transportation Committee. I'll give you my best effort, nothing less. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Fisher.

SENATOR FISHER: Madam President and members, get those pencils out. I announced my candidacy for Chairman of Transportation early and I intend to carry it out. I've never been a quitter in the other life that I lived, and I do not...start quitting in this life that I now live. I'm here to enter my name as Committee Chairman of Transportation. I have by no means any dissatisfaction with the present leadership, only praise. I've enjoyed working on the committee. Transportation was my committee of choice. I was very fortunate to serve as Vice Chair, and I assure you that if I'm elected Chairman I will fulfill every bit that duty as a Chairman to carry it out. I appreciate your support and I wish you well.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Fisher. Senator Pedersen.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Point of personal privilege, please.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Yes, Senator.

SENATOR PEDERSEN: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I tell you this morning, after Senator Kristensen came to my office, I had to do some quick thinking because as most all of you know that I was interested in this chairmanship but have decided, in the last few hours, to withdraw my name. I was running for chairmanship to give you people a choice, and I came here to serve my constituency, and I can still do that without being a chairman. Senator Kristensen has served us well as the Chairman, I'm not so sure that Senator Fisher can't, I haven't seen him as a chairman, but you no longer need my name on that ballot, so I'm backing out. I'm not a quitter, but I know we have candidates who can handle the job, and I do have another