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consideration for Senator Hartnett on this committee, and would only add that having been the committee Chair for eight years now, he certainly doesn't need any training for the job. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Are there any further nominations? Thank you, Senator Hall. The motion is that nominations close and that Senator Hartnett be elected by acclamation. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Senator Hartnett is elected. Congratulations, Senator Hartnett. We now move to the election of special and select committee chairpersons. The Chair recognizes Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTEK: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I move to proceed to the election of the special and select committee chairpersons by secret ballot.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: The motion is to move to the election of special and select committee chairpersons. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. We will now move to those elections. The first election is that of Intergovernmental Cooperation. Senator Avery.

SENATOR AVERY: Madam President, colleagues, I offer my name in nomination and for your consideration. I put my name in early and thought that this was one of the best ways that I could serve you, the members, and serve the state. Just because this is a special committee, I don't think it's of less importance in the operation of the Legislature. The Intergovernmental Cooperation Chairman and Committee play an important role in the education of senators. They do this through allowing the senators a means of being involved in national legislative organizations. The responsibility here is to maintain the records and provide senators with the policies and rules of travel. I believe that each senator has the responsibility to abide by the policies and the rules and be accountable. I pledge myself and I guess I can't forget and omit the staff, because they always play an important role in this, to work hard for you and with you. I ask for your support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator McKenzie.

SENATOR MCKENZIE: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I, too, offer my name in nomination for Intergovernmental Cooperation. Mike has pretty well summed up the role of the