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committee and the important functions that the chairman needs to deal with. But I would also add that I believe the committee chairmanship requires an organized individual, one who has a competent staff, who can be both fair and efficient and friendly when people come in with requests and when there are decisions to be made dealing with travel, as well as those responsibilities the chairman has in offering senators opportunities to serve at the national level in leadership positions and policy-making organizations, such as NCSL and others. I want to be brief, I believe this is the last contested race. I would ask for your support and pledge again my fairness and the friendly efficiency of my staff in dealing with your requests and education opportunities. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator McKenzie. Are there any further nominations? Motion is that nominations close. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Nominations are closed. Would senators please cast their ballots. Will the Clerk and the Assistant Clerk please collect them. Senators Hall, Schellpeper, and Wesely, please serve as the Teller Committee. The Chair declares Senator Avery the Chair of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee by a vote of 26 to 23. Congratulations, Senator Avery. We now turn to the Rules Committee. Senator Will.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I rise to place my name in nomination for the Chairmanship of the Rules Committee. Two years ago I was elected Chair of this committee and during that time the committee has conducted several comprehensive studies of...examinations, not only of our rules, but also of rules of other legislatures across the United States. That process developed into a comprehensive set of rules changes that were adopted at the beginning of last legislative session. During this interim that process has continued. And when we adopt permanent rules, a few days from now, there will be another set of proposed changes, all with a view towards streamlining the legislative process and making sure that our procedures are as efficient and as fair as possible when we are considering legislation. I put in a lot of hard work, as has the committee during that time. We all know that situations arise every legislative session where the rules become critical, where we reach a juncture where the interpretation of a rule, or the need for a rule becomes of paramount importance. And I've made it a practice to pay an extreme amount of attention to those