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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you very much, Senator.

SENATOR PREISTER: (Microphone not activated immediately.)
...here with us today, I do appreciate you being here. It's good, as the Speaker said, to see so many family members here. Thank you for coming. And I share in your joy and the excitement of the day. To my colleagues, welcome back. It's good to see friends, new friends and previous friends. And I'm grateful to be here, standing with you today. I rise to place myself in nomination for the Vice Chair of the Executive Board. In doing so, I thought about it for some time, and I tried to make the choice for you a little bit easier, since I'm not quite as fortunate as Speaker Kristensen, or Senator Crosby, or our Exec Board Chair, Senator Coordsen, in not having competition. This race will have more than one person. And so I thought perhaps we could decide it with a contest and winner takes all. And I thought maybe a foot race would work, but then I thought that Senator Cudaback might prefer a piano recital, and he would certainly win that. (Laughter.) And then I thought that perhaps our good friend, Senator Engel, who's also in contention, would prefer to have the fatherhood award. So he would certainly win, being the only father of us. But, since we can't do it that way, I think you have three good people, three well-qualified people, each of us with different skills, each of us bringing different attributes, each of us would serve you well. I rise to ask you to vote for me. I do so in all sincerity, in all respect for this body, in respect for the position that I hold as a State Senator, and would commit to you that I will do what I can to further advance the kind of administrative things that the Exec Board is charged with doing. I think I bring some organizational skills. I think I bring some people skills and some communication skills, listening, which is extremely important, and would do my best to serve this body in the best of my ability and, if I'm lucky, bring a little bit of humor as well, since we can all use a little bit of that. I will conclude by asking you to write my name on your ballot. I don't even mind if you misspell it, as long as you don't start it with C-u, or E-n. (Laughter.) Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Preister. Chair recognizes Senator Engel.