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**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** Thank you, Senator Bromm. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, Senator Coordsen.

**SENATOR COORDSEN:** Thank you, Madam President. Members of the body, in spite of the nominating speech, I would move that (laugh)...that nominations cease and that Senator David Landis, by acclamation, be declared Chair of Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee.

**PRESIDENT ROBAK:** Motion before you is to elect Senator Landis Chair by acclamation. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed nay. Congratulations, Senator Landis. Business and Labor Committee. Nominations are open. Senator Vrtiska.

**SENATOR VRTISKA:** Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I rise for the purpose of nominating myself for Chair of the Business and Labor Committee, and I do so for several reasons. First of all, I think that I have shown that I have a great deal of respect for this body. As has been suggested earlier in the session, I think that it's one of the outstanding organizations in the country, and especially when I heard that the new Governor of Minnesota decided that they also should have a body such as this in Minnesota. I thought that was somewhat interesting. I have, I think, after six years, developed an understanding of this system and how it works. I served four years as Vice Chair of Business and Labor, and four years as Vice Chair of the Executive Board, and I think that gave me a good understanding and a respect for the credibility and the understanding of how the system really works. And I think that helps me to...in my willingness to work for the Business and Labor and chairing that committee. As many of you know, I served, 24 years, on the County Board of Commissioners. During that time, I was elected 19 times as Chair of that board. And being Chair of that board it was my obligation to work with business...with the...working out an agreement between business and labor, between the taxpayers who elected me and the people who worked for the county in coming to a compromise on the settlement when we had disputes about the wage situation, and all of 19 times I was able to successfully come to a conclusion satisfactory to both sides of that issue. And I think that shows that I'm open and fair and willing to listen to both sides of an issue and come up with a conclusion. I think that