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shows...should show to everybody that I am a person who tries to be fair, is willing to listen to both sides of an issue, and in some way work out a compromise, to come to a successful conclusion. I can only say that I'll work hard, I'll be fair and honest, I'll do my very best to serve in that capacity. And certainly I would appreciate your vote in this particular instance. I would like to finish by saying it's too bad that everybody doesn't vote for me, and we wouldn't have to...only vote once. Thank you very much. (Laughter.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Hilgert.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Madam President. I rise to put my name in nomination for the Chairmanship of Business and Labor. And I wanted to cite some of the things that Senator Vrtiska just talked about as far as his experience, as far as bringing sides together. And I would like the body to remember last year, there was a bill that for years we had tried to index unemployment compensation benefits. We were able to come together with the AFL-CIO and the Nebraska State Chamber of Commerce, came together and we produced a compromise piece of legislation that the body accepted wholeheartedly, and it passed with very, very little debate and controversy, and it's because of the hard work that we did. Not only did we...were we able to produce a piece of legislation last year with the help of many others, Senator Coordsen played an important role, the executive branch played an important role. It also was the type of a bill that did not call upon us, this year, to revisit the issue, or the year after. We were able to solve the problem, hopefully, for several years to come. That was a good piece of work. I would like to do the same thing as Chairman of the Business and Labor Committee on other issues that the body deem appropriate. Last few years we've had an issue about the CIR bill that many of you had cosigned and are very interested in. During the interim I worked to try to get the sides together, to try to come up with a piece of legislation that would satisfy both the people who protect our public safety and our firefighters, as well as the municipalities who are forced, right now, into uncertainty because of their budgeting challenges and some of the lids. And I think that there's common ground that could be met. There's a lot of difficult issues out there, but only few need to be divisive. And I would do my best, as Chairman of the