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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Peterson. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares that nominations are closed. Will you please write the name of the senator that you wish to elect as Chair of the Business and Labor Committee. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will come around and collect the ballots.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: I would ask that Senators Brown, Schimek, and Raikes serve as tellers for this election. And as soon as they have placed their ballots in the box, they should come forward, please.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The results of the balloting are as follows: Senator Vrtiska, 19 votes; Senator Hilgert, 17 votes; Senator Peterson, 13 votes. We will proceed to a runoff election between Senator Vrtiska and Senator Hilgert. Will you please mark your ballots for the individual you wish to elect as the Chair of Business and Labor.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Will the same tellers please come forward to count the ballots. The results of the final balloting are as follows: Senator Vrtiska, 29; Senator Hilgert, 20. Congratulations, Senator Vrtiska, the new Chair of Business and Labor. We proceed to the chairmanship of the Education Committee. Chair recognizes Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, I would like to place my name in nomination as Chairwoman of the Education Committee. I would like to take just a brief moment to reflect on the fact that over the years, as we approach this session, some things really do not change. In looking back, I found out at the end of the nineteenth century there was unrest in the Balkans. Near the end of this twentieth century, they have yet to find peace. At the end of the nineteenth century, Standard Oil Company formed a trust. Then the government passed antitrust legislation and, near the close of the twentieth