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century, Exxon and Mobil are merging to form one company. At the end of the nineteenth century, the Lincoln paper was reporting record cold in the Midwest. In 1899, Nebraska's Governor Holcomb addressed the Legislature concerning taxation. A revision of the revenue laws of the state is required, said the Governor, in order that the inequities now existing may be abolished, and all shall be required to contribute their suitable and just share to the public revenue. Today, we continue to talk about taxes and I'm sure members of the Legislature, in 1899, talked about the effect of taxes on schools. Regarding property taxes, the Governor, in 1899, talked about the inequities between counties and the lack of power to the State Board of Equalization to remedy them, together with the fact that the total valuation is so much below the true value as to render it difficult to get enough to run the state. Beyond taxation, the Governor talked about the great advantages resulting from the development of irrigation and recommended amendments that are proposed for limiting the amount of water so that it may be more equitably distributed over the lands of those using it. At the same time, farmers were blaming their problems on railroads, banks and certain businesses. Governor Holcomb concluded by saying, "Permit me, gentlemen, to express the hope that you will find pleasure in the performance of your duties while you remain at the Capitol, and that the result of your combined efforts will be of enduring benefit to the state and reflect credit upon your body. I trust that when the session is over you will return to your homes with the consciousness of having faithfully served your constituencies, thereby meriting their full approbation and approval." When this session is over may we attain such a lofty goal. I look forward to working with each of you over the next 90 days, and when it is over may we return home knowing that we have based our decisions on our future, what is best for our children. I would ask for your vote. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair recognizes Senator Coordsen.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I move that nominations cease and that Senator Ardyce Bohlke, by acclamation, be declared Chair of Education