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years, I was Chair of the committee. I am familiar with and have taken a leadership role in many of the issues that come before the committee, whether it be recodification of the election law or petition process, or issues affecting government agencies and government entities. I have gone the extra mile on many occasions, whether it has been spending a weekend at Camp Carson on K rations to see our National Guard operate, or sitting through court proceedings when our petition process was in question. To me, it is a labor of love and the issues are important and challenging. I would consider it an honor and a privilege to once again serve you in this capacity. For the past four years, I have listened, I have worked, and I have learned. I should say, I actually...those kinds of things, before the last four years too, but I...I've tried particularly hard in the last four years. You can rest assured that I will work very hard as Chairman to see that the committee is well-run, that it establishes a process that is fair both to the public and to the committee members, and that it sends bills to the floor that are well-crafted and thoroughly discussed before advancement to the floor. This will take work, but I am committed and I am willing to spend the time necessary to deliver on these goals. I thank you for your consideration and for all your good will and courtesies. I look forward to working with you in the Ninety-Sixth Legislative Session and I thank you, Ray, for being a splendid opponent. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares that nominations are closed. Will you please vote for the individual that you would like to elect as Chairperson of Government, Military and Veterans Affairs. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will come around and pick up the ballots. I appoint the following three individuals as tellers to tally the ballots: Senator Suttle, Senator Hudkins, and Senator Wickersham.

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PRESIDENT ROBAK: The results of the balloting are as follows: Senator Schimek, 25 votes; Senator Janssen, 24 votes. Congratulations, Senator Schimek. We move to Health and Human Services Committee. Senator Jensen.