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committee and of all who have served on it. I ask for your continued support. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Bruning.

SENATOR BRUNING: Madam President, members, I rise to place my name in nomination for the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee and I would have preferred to allow my mother to make this speech, but I know that would have been an unfair advantage for me over my friends, Senator Schrock and Senator Beutler. If in this body's judgment you'd choose me as the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, I commit to you that I will be fair and that I will work extremely hard, and I think when you look at this race, hi, Lauren, you see me as perhaps the middle of the road candidate. Senator Beutler represents a wholly urban district. Senator Schrock represents a wholly rural district. The district I represent, Sarpy County district, has suburbanites in Millard who don't see themselves as rural at all, it has farmers who don't see themselves as urban at all. It's a middle-of-the-road district and, in fact, if you look at my life, kind of a middle-of-the-road guy. I grew up, I went to Lincoln Southeast High School and then I was lucky enough to marry a farm girl. And my folks, my dad grew up on a farm, my mother grew up in Geneva. I've spent a lot of time in the rural parts of the state and I care a lot about the rural parts of the state. But I grew up in Lincoln and so I understand and I represent, you know, a part of the world that has some Omaha to it, so I understand the urban side of things as well. And I hope, if you choose me as your Chair, that I can be a middle-of-the-road Chairman--somebody who looks at both sides of an issue or all sides of an issue if there's more than one. So I would appreciate your support today and I thank you for the opportunity to run against such esteemed people as Senator Beutler and Senator Schrock. Thank you.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares that nominations are closed. Will you please write down the name of the individual you would like to elect as Chairperson of Natural Resources Committee. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will come to pick up your ballot. I would ask that the following three individuals serve as tellers for the tallying of the