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bills that generally are considered are modifications, modernizations of the systems that are in place, and the efforts have to be made to keep them current, to keep them modern, to reflect the situation of the times but, here again, we're talking about a long term solution to everything. One of the things that people sometimes don't think about in Retirement Systems is that a retirement system is part of the decision that a person makes to come or not to come to a job and, in this respect, the state of Nebraska, the State Patrol, the judges, the teachers all have to be in competition with other sources of employment. I believe that I can serve in this capacity and I ask you for the opportunity to serve. I have a good number of years in business. Among other things that I did was I handled employee benefits. Retirement is an employee benefit. I have some experience in analyzing problems. I have some number skills. I have the ability to work on a problem, to slog away at it until solutions are found, until problems are solved and are ready to be brought to this body for the approval that is required. There are others, well-qualified, who are also going to be running for this position. I ask for your consideration and I ask that you give me the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you. Senator Stuhr.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. I, too, want to thank all of the family and friends that are here today and particularly thank our families for all of the support that they give us that enables us to do a better job as legislators. I stand to place my name in nomination for Chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. Let me begin by saying that I am not running against anyone, but I am running for the position of Chair of this committee. I have served as Vice Chair for the past two years, and serving on the committee has provided me with an insight into the many complex issues that are addressed by this committee, and I have enjoyed serving on the committee. I believe that these experiences, as well as other professional experiences, will be valuable in carrying out the duties of this chair of this committee. The primary responsibility of the Retirement Committee and the Legislature is to ensure adequate and sound retirement systems for Nebraska public employees.