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This includes not only the state employees but also judges, school employees, county employees, and members of the State Patrol. I pledge to be fair and impartial in addressing the competing interests of these groups and, in the process, also consider the state's budget and keep that in mind. If elected Chairperson of the Retirement Committee, I will work hard to carry out the responsibilities of this committee and I would appreciate your vote and support. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Further nominations? The Chair declares the nominations are closed. Senators, please vote your conscience for the Chair of the Retirement Systems. Mr. Clerk, would you pick up the ballots. At this point in time we have a Teller Committee that we'd like to appoint: Senator Wehrbein, Senator Janssen, and Senator Matzke, please. Would you please come forward.

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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Results are Senator Stuhr has received 28 votes, Senator Tyson has received 15. Senator Stuhr, congratulations, you've been elected as Chair of the Nebraska Retirement Systems. We next move to the election of the Chair of the Revenue Committee. Nominations are open. Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: The Revenue Committee is sometimes referred to as the "taxing" committee and I will admit that serving on the committee for the last few years has been difficult, but I don't expect it to become any less difficult in the future. But I expect that the decisions that you will ask the Revenue Committee to make and that we will recommend to you will be made after full consideration and disclosure of the options that are available to the committee and the options that are available to you, and that will be the most important thing for us in terms of our process of what we will intend to do for the state of Nebraska. Because the responsibility of the Revenue Committee is to recommend to you, and then you, as a body, are responsible for maintaining the resources that are necessary for all of the local governments and the state government to maintain the level of services that are necessary to meet the needs of the people of the state of Nebraska and to do that in an equitable and