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than it has been in the past, if I am elected. I understand the role of a Chairperson as a facilitator and intend to facilitate the work of your committee, because Rules is, more than anything, a committee of ours, to facilitate issues that you're interested in, to facilitate the structure of our body and to facilitate rule changes that you think are important, and I would appreciate your support.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Brown. Senator Hudkins.

SENATOR HUDKINS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the body. Everyone is probably surprised that I'm standing here right now, but I would like to place my name in nomination as Chair of the Rules Committee as well. I did not send a letter of intent to seek this position, but I have had several people approach me and ask that I would run. I am not necessarily running against Senator Brown. I'm giving the body a choice. And, as Senator Brown has said, she sees herself as a facilitator. I do the same. I have had some experience in this area. I have served on my local school board as Chairperson for several years. I have been an officer for our county extension board and I have served on the...as the Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee as well. In everything in life we have to have rules, whether that's traffic rules and how fast you may drive. In school, whether it's in the classroom or on the sports field or court, you have to have rules. You have to have rules in business and you have to have rules in life; so it is in the Legislature. To keep things running and to secure the best results possible you must have rules. Now, I don't pretend to have memorized the rule book, but you can be sure that I will start reading it much, much closer than I have been in the past, and I would appreciate your support and your vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Senator Hudkins. Further nominations for the Chair of the Rules Committee? Chair finds the nominations shall be closed. Senators, please vote your conscience for the Chair of the Rules Committee. Mr. Clerk, would you please collect the ballots. I appoint Senator Engel, Senator Jim Jones, Senator Quandahl, would you please serve as our Counting Committee. Please come forward after you've cast your ballot.