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You know that I'm fair, impartial, and try to be a consensus builder. I have served on the Appropriations Committee all that time, and I served on the Executive Board for the last five years, so I have an idea of what...the workings of it. I also...the reason I've never ran, I also serve now as Chairman of the Program Evaluation Committee. The reason I've never ran for a major committee in the past is because of time constraints. When I had my insurance agency, every free moment that I didn't have to be down here I was home taking care of my agency. Well, I retired from that now, so now I feel that I have the time and I can take the necessary time to devote to this particular position. So, with that, I'll keep it short and sweet, and I would appreciate your support and I'll promise to serve you well. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Engel. The Chair now recognizes Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and colleagues. I also rise to place my name in nomination for the Chairmanship of your Exec Board. I think you're faced with a decision which is between two fine legislators. When friends such as Senator Engel and I choose to run in opposition to one another, I'm sure it places all of you in difficult situations, but rest assured that I am the best candidate for this position. (Laughter) I think that basically both of us have the integrity, the interest of the institution, and the interest of staff and the people who help us run this Capitol in mind. But I ask you, as you make your decision, that comes down to one thing--hair. (Laughter) I've been known to have orange hair, gray hair. Senator Engel I don't think can make that claim. I think it's extremely important that you keep that in mind. In all seriousness, I will serve you well as your Exec Board Chair, and I ask for your support.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Byars. Are there further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares that nominations are closed. You have the ballots before you. Please write the name of the individual you are voting for. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will collect the ballots. At this time, I select a committee of three to come forward to tabulate