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the votes. Those senators are Senator Kremer, Senator Quandahl, and Senator Smith. When the three of you have finished voting, please come forward. (Visitors introduced.) The balloting is concluded and the Chair would announce that Senator Engel has been elected the Chair of the Exec Board. Congratulations. The Chair recognizes Senator Bourne for a motion.

SENATOR BOURNE: Mr. President and members, I move to proceed to the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Bourne. The question is the motion to proceed to the election of the Vice Chair of the Executive Board. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. We'll now proceed to the election of the Vice Chair of the Executive Board.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Governor, members, I rise in...

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The Chair recognizes Senator Cudaback.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry. I jumped the gun. I rise to nominate myself for the Vice Chair of Exec Board. I have served in this capacity for the last several years and I enjoy this capacity, whatever the capacity is. I serve under the direction of and take charge whenever the person that's elected cannot fulfill his duties, and we all know what that means. Senator...the past, Senator Coordsen, says, Cudaback, I've heard of bending over backwards for a position but never heard of bending over frontwards. So whatever that means, we got a little chuckle out of that. That didn't go over too well here, but anyway...(laughter)...anyway, I just want to be fair and I guess I better sit down while I'm ahead. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The Chair recognizes Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Colleagues, we had two special sessions and then we had a regular budget-cutting session, and I got so in the cutting mood that I even went home and cut off my beard, and it was partly