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am going to place my name in nomination for the Appropriations Chair. I'll ask for your support in that endeavor. Hopefully, we can work through this together and build a consensus of the things that we're going to have to do over the next few months. There's really no easy answers left, as all of you know. Actually, I think most Nebraskans recognize the situation that we're in. And I would really submit that with their help as well as yours, and hopefully I can offer the leadership in my...in this committee, the Appropriations Committee, to lead us forward in that. So with that, I simply offer my name for the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee, and pledge to do the best I can. And hopefully, that will be good enough. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Are there further nominations? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Cudaback for a motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: I move the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote, by acclamation, be cast for Senator Wehrbein.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The motion before you is the motion to cease nominations and declare Senator Wehrbein Chair of the Appropriations Committee by acclamation. All those in favor vote aye. All those opposed say nay. Congratulations, Senator Wehrbein. We will now proceed to the election of the Chair of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee. The Chair recognizes Senator Quandahl.

SENATOR QUANDAHL: Lieutenant Governor Heineman, members of the body, I rise to submit my name for consideration as Chair of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee. The reason why I stand here today is, a number of months ago, Senator Landis indicated that he was not going to run for Chair of Banking, Commerce, and Insurance. Now, previous to this, my four years in the Legislature, Senator Landis was the Chair of Banking, Commerce, and Insurance. He ran that committee in a very efficient, very effective manner, gaining the consensus of not only the committee members, but also of the entire body of 49, to come up with good legislation that's good for the state of Nebraska. If I'm so fortunate to be chosen as your Chair, I