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would pledge to follow in that tradition. And thank you for your support.

**PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:** Thank you, Senator Quandahl. 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...Senator Quandahl. Excuse me. (Laughter) I'm all shook up here. Senator Quandahl.

**PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:** Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion before you is to cease nominations and declare Senator Quandahl Chair by acclamation. All those in favor please say aye. All those opposed say nay. Congratulations, Senator Quandahl. We will now proceed to the election of the Chair of the Business and Labor Committee. The Chair would recognize Senator Connealy.

**SENATOR CONNEALY:** Thank you, Mr. President, members. I stand today to place my name in nomination, once again, for the Chair of Business and Labor. Over the past two years, we've done some important work in Business and Labor Committee. Two years ago, the committee immediately was charged with getting the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act passed. We were already past the federal deadline for putting that act on the books. It was important to provide legislative guidance so that we had legislative intent and consensus when that was passed. We got it done. In just two short years, we've improved the state's child labor laws. We have, through our investigations, facilitated improvements of the workforce safety consultation program and the self-insured employer approval system. We've addressed genetic testing. We created a task force that comprised labor and management of the railroad industry along with health officials to come together and look at worker safety, worker fatigue, and how we can all address that together. We've really moved from a committee that tended to focus on winners and losers to what I believe is a committee that now focuses on consensus and cooperation, and I'm proud of that. I'm glad that I've had the opportunity to clean up the