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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, point of order. Is there anything in the rules which would prohibit the posing of a question to a nominee?

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: As far as we know, there's no rule that suggests you can't pose a question, so proceed, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I have no question at this time. Thank you.
(Laughter)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Senator Chambers, thank you very much. Are there any 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 Raikes.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion before you is to cease nominations and declare Senator Raikes Chair of the Education Committee by acclamation. All those in favor please say aye. All those opposed say nay. Congratulations, Senator Raikes. We will now proceed to the election of the Chair of the General Affairs Committee. The Chair recognizes Senator Ray Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members. I rise to submit my name for the position of Chair of the General Affairs Committee. It's been my pleasure to serve in that capacity for the last few years. And in the last few years, we have had innumerable controversial bills that have come before the committee, and in my opinion, dealt with them in a fair and an efficient manner. While most of the bills that do come through this committee are quite controversial, when you look at gaming, alcohol, and yes, even cemeteries on some occasions can be quite controversial. If you see fit to elect me to this position again, I will try to do my best to support...with the support of the committee to look at each bill and each idea that is presented to us in an efficient manner, the same way we have in the past. The committee members that I have served with over