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candidates for Chairman, and I am proud of the work that they do. I pledge three things to you: one, that I will continue to work hard; two, that I will be fair in my dealings with the committee, the public, and you; and three, that I will always be mindful of the institution and the people whom we serve. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Schimek. 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're voting for. The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk will collect the ballots. I will announce that it is the practice, custom, and tradition of this body in a three-way race, if one Senator does not receive 25 votes, there will be a second ballot, with the person receiving the fewest number of votes being dropped off. At this time, I select a committee of three to come forward to tabulate the votes. The senators are Senator Cudaback, Senator Redfield, and Senator Tyson. When the three of you have finished voting, will you please come forward. (Visitors introduced.) The results of the balloting are as follows: Senator Schimek, 22 votes; Senator Smith, 21 votes; Senator Aguilar, 6 votes. We will now proceed to a second ballot between Senator Schimek and Senator Smith. I would again announce that after you've voted, Senator Cudaback, Senator Redfield, and Senator Tyson, please come forward to count the ballots. The balloting is complete. Senator Schimek has received 26 votes and has been elected Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Congratulations, Senator Schimek. We will now proceed to the election of the Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. The Chair would recognize Senator Jim Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. I humbly place my name in nomination for Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee. I have been on the committee for eight years, Chairman the last four. And it has been a very unique and gratifying experience, as well as many times very stressful and testing. We have...while I've been on the committee, we have toured Nebraska from Scottsbluff to the Santee Reservation, from McCook to Norfolk, and many other places in between. We have looked at facilities. We have talked to providers and to