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something that I don't get to do often enough. Having been reliably informed that all other members of the body have...are of sound mind and aren't seeking this position, I want to acknowledge something. Have you ever tried to lead people who didn't want to follow? Can't be done. And notwithstanding huge policy differences among members of the Judiciary Committee over the years, I have always been blessed, for six years, with a committee that respected organization and sequence and prioritization and strategy and work product. And I'd like to acknowledge them. We have three former members not with us: Senators Robak, Abboud, and Hilgert. But...and I always, it's my posture to always acknowledge that Senator Chambers is the senior member of the committee. And I would hope you would think that's appropriate. He's served on this committee for 33 years. I think that always ought to be acknowledged. But I also want to thank Senator Dwite Pedersen, Senator Carol Hudkins, Senator Matt Connealy, Senator Tom Baker, Senator Pat Bourne, Senator Gene Tyson, Senator Jim Jones, Senator Mark Quandahl, and Senator Joel Johnson for the support that they've given my leadership in the past. I'd ask for your consideration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Brashear. 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 Brashear.

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

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, it is with some humility that I place my name in front of you again for Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. I would like to acknowledge that I appreciate the support of the