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past committee members. I've had a good committee to work with. I appreciate the support of my staff. We have some interesting, if not controversial, issues ahead of us, not the least to mention would be water, one of our state's most precious natural resources, and the environmental issues in front of us, whether it be animal waste or air pollution. As Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, and as members of the Natural Resources Committee, we get to work with some interesting state agencies: the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Environmental Quality, and Game and Parks Commission. We also work with the public power industry of the state of Nebraska. I've tried to have a fair and open process. And if elected to this position again, I will have an open-door process. I will be concerned about the things you're concerned about. And we will try to deal with things in a fair manner. With that, I would appreciate your support at this time.

**PRESIDENT HEINEMAN:** Thank you, Senator Schrock. 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 Schrock.

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

**SENATOR STUHR:** I wish to place my name in nomination for Chair of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. I have served on the committee for the last six years. And during recent sessions, I have had the opportunity to serve as Vice Chair and also Chair. Serving in these capacities and on the committee has given me some insight and some experiences to the many complex issues and subject matter that this committee deals with. The primary responsibility of the Retirement Committee and the Legislature is to ensure an adequate and sound