retirement system for Nebraska's public employees. And I believe that efficiency and fairness are vital to the effectiveness of our committee system and also to the Legislature. I pledge to you to be fair, to listen not only to committee members but also to the public, and to conduct hearings in a fair and impartial manner. If elected, I would be very honored to serve as your Chair, and work very hard to carry out the responsibilities of this committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. 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 Stuhr.

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

SENATOR REDFIELD: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the body. It was just a blink or two ago that I remember standing there and holding a newborn in my arms and feeling that I was probably too young and certainly too inexperienced in motherhood to face the task that was before me, because the task was large, the task was overwhelming, the task was life changing. But it must be done. And I knew I had to get it right. Well, I'm not quite as young. I'm not quite as inexperienced. But I tell you that I stand here today with a sense of the same trepidation in my soul, knowing that we face a task in the Legislature to come up with a budget and a tax system that is fair and equitable for all the citizens of our state. I want you to know that I bear that mantle of responsibility with heaviness. But at the same time, I know that it's easy to sit on the sidelines and to take potshots or to criticize. But that's not fair, because we have come here and we have willingly taken upon ourselves the responsibility of