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and Mr. Ron Witkowski as temporary Sergeant at Arms.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion before you is the appointment of temporary officers. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair recognizes (microphone malfunction) Senator Mines. Chair recognizes Senator Mines for a motion regarding Committee on Credentials.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that we proceed to the election of five persons to serve as the Committee on Credentials, who will forthwith report to the Legislature on the credentials of those claiming to be elected to the Legislature in the general election of November 2004.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Mines. The question is the adoption of the motion to elect the Committee on Credentials. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Byars for a motion.

SENATOR BYARS: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to elect the following five members of the Legislature to serve on the Committee on Credentials, those being Senators Landis, Beutler, Wehrbein, Schimek, and Cudaback. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Byars. The motion before you is to elect the five named members. Are there any further nominations? All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. The motion is adopted. The five senior members shall retire to the rear of the Chamber, to join with the Clerk and the Secretary of State, straightway and forthwith. (Laughter) Members, the Chair recognizes Senator Schimek for a motion.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. President, and if I might, I would like to say how nice it is to see you presiding this morning. I move to approve the Committee on Credentials' report, as certified and presented by the Secretary of State. (Legislative Journal pages 3-5.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Schimek. The motion