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liability insurance for "agritourism" businesses. This was the first hearing by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee ever held in western Nebraska, and it was very well received. Working with diverse interests is essential to effective leadership. My record demonstrates my ability to listen to every viewpoint and to reach agreement among all interested parties. As Chair, I would seek to achieve consensus before advancing legislation to the floor so that the committee's work is done in committee, rather than during floor debate. Senators Landis and Quandahl did this effectively. As Chair, I would work to continue that legacy. Competent committee staff are of vital importance. I would ask the current legal counsel and clerk to continue their excellent service. I ask for your vote for Chair of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Loudon. The Chair recognizes Senator Mines.

SENATOR MINES: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My congratulations on your election. I look forward to serving with you. Distinguished members, let me just be brief. It's an extreme honor for me to submit my name as...in nomination of Chair of Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee, and to be considered by you, my colleagues, for the position. I have a very sincere desire to serve you and to serve the committee in this leadership role. As Chair of the committee, I promise to uphold the tradition of conciliator, and to facilitate full and fair debate within the committee and as well as on this floor. The banking and insurance industries are dynamic industries that are certainly changing. And with your support and the assistance of our outstanding committee counsel and committee clerk, I hope to represent you as Chair of this committee. Thank you for your consideration, and I would sincerely appreciate your vote.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Mines. Are there further nominations? Seeing none, nominations will cease. We will proceed to cast a written ballot for Chair of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. We will use the ballot forms made available at your place, and the Clerk and Assistant Clerk will pass among you to gather them. The Chair would ask