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I invite your ideas and proposals on education issues. I have greatly appreciated your support, and ask for the opportunity to continue to serve you as Chair of the Education Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Further nominations? Hearing none, Senator Cudaback, you're recognized for a motion.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, I move that the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote, by acclamation, be cast for Senator Raikes.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion is to declare Senator Raikes Chair of the Education Committee by acclamation. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay. The motion carries. Congratulations, Senator Raikes. We will next proceed to the election of the Chair of the General Affairs Committee. Nominations. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. And congratulations, Mr. Speaker. I would like to place my name in nomination for the Chair of the General Affairs Committee. I feel my experience chairing the committee for the last six years now makes me, I feel, very much qualified to continue leading the General Affairs Committee. We have been through some significant policy discussions over the years involving our issues, which are gaming, liquor, cemeteries, libraries, Nebraska Arts Council, and the State Electrical Board. The past few years have been very busy for the General Affairs Committee. I am proud of the diligence of the committee and the body to get the work done that we needed to do. We have some significant issues to take care of this year also. We have several issues to cover for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. Some of them are from allowing more discretion when deciding who should get the liquor license, to make sure the statutes correctly classify certain alcoholic beverages according to recent federal regulations. The committee will also be looking at creating better information on cemeteries throughout the state, and towards making our state cemetery statutes more clear and functional. And of course, there are