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always a number of issues to address regarding all of the aforementioned entities that we handle. I worked hard for the committee and for the body, in a fair manner, I believe, and a straightforward and honest, open-minded and respectful when dealing with those who come before the committee and my fellow senators. I enjoyed working with the committee, and will continue to work hard towards finding the best answers to hard questions that come before us. And I ask for your vote for the Chair of the committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further nominations? Hearing none, Senator Cudaback, you're recognized.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Speaker, I move that nominations be closed and a unanimous vote, by acclamation, be cast for Senator...for Senator Janssen, excuse me. (Laughter)

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: You've heard the motion. The motion is to elect Senator Janssen as Chair of the General Affairs Committee by acclamation. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay. It is so ordered. Senator Janssen, congratulations. Next, we will proceed to the election of the Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Nominations. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations to you. I rise for the purpose of placing my name in nomination for Chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. And I have to tell you, for those of you who have not been here before, that I've been on this committee all but about, oh, four or five years, I think, since I've been in the Legislature, and have served as committee Chair for eight years, although those were nonconsecutive years, I might add, and Vice Chair for two years. I have a good working knowledge of the issues of the committee. Some of the issues that we worked on over the last several years--and I mention this because again, if you're unfamiliar with the committee workings, you wouldn't know that we have a rather broad range of issues--but one of the things that we've tried to do over the past couple of years is to strengthen the relationship between the committee and the National Guard. And in fact, many of the committee