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of us also are great, in as we look at our demographics of this great state and we see that we have baby boomers who in a few years start to achieve the retirement age and the time when they will go into nursing homes, and we look at the Medicaid expenses, which are double-digit each year, one of the large elephants that we have before us, and how we address that issue. And we're going to have to look at that very carefully; carefully, because it will one of the largest expenditures that we as a state, with our revenues, will fund. So with those issues before us, and with a great committee that I've experienced in the past, and a great staff, I believe that we are up to that challenge, and looking forward to it. With that, I would just ask that I again would be allowed to chair this great committee for the next two years. Thank you.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Jensen. Further nominations? Hearing none, Senator Cudaback, for a motion.

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

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. You've heard the motion to cast a unanimous ballot to elect Senator Jensen Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee by acclamation. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay. It is done. Congratulations, Senator Jensen. We will next proceed to the election of the Chair of the Judiciary Committee. Nominations are now open. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members. I respectfully submit my name for your consideration to be Chair of your Judiciary Committee. As many of you may know, I served for three years on the committee, so I have a very strong working knowledge of the issues before the committee. The one thing I will promise you is continuity. I will do everything I can to bring the same efficiency, fairness, meticulous level of drafting and attention to detail that the previous Chair did. That's my commitment to you. I would very much appreciate your support. Thank you.