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SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further nominations? Seeing no further nominations, Senator Cudaback, for a motion.

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

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. The motion is to declare Senator Bourne the Chair of the Judiciary Committee by acclamation. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, nay. Congratulations, Senator Bourne. We will next proceed to the election of the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. Nominations are open. Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker, and to my colleagues who have been elected to leadership positions, and congratulations to the new senators on your elections. It's been my observation in this body that there's 49 of us here, and our agenda is to do what's best for the state of Nebraska. And I will tell you, I can't think of anyplace else I'd rather be this morning than right I have been on the Natural Resources Committee eight years. I have been Chair of that committee for six. like to do that for two more years. We deal with issues such as water, such as the environment, such as public power, and such as Game and Parks. And these decisions we make will have long-lasting ramifications. So, I take my job seriously. I'll try to be fair. With your help, I think we've passed some excellent legislation in the past. With that, I ask for your consideration.

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Further nominations for Chair of the Natural Resources Committee? Hearing none, Senator Cudaback, for a motion.

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

SPEAKER BRASHEAR: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. You've heard