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PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to cease nominations. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. Nominations have ceased and we will proceed with the balloting for the position of Chair of the Agriculture Committee. Would the following senators please come forward to serve on the Teller Committee--Senator Janssen, Senator Day and Senator Hillman. May I have the senators' attention. I now declare Senator Dierks the new Chair of the Agriculture Committee having received the majority of the votes. Congratulations to Senator Dierks. We'll now proceed with nominations for the Appropriations Committee. Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, members, in what is always somewhat of an awkward speech, at least for myself, I'd like to put my name in nomination to continue as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. While the financial situation of the state, I think, has been well documented in recent months, the problem is certainly not unsurmountable, but at the same time I think it would be fair to say we have a difficult job in front of us. If you look out the west window, as I speak, you will see some concerned Nebraskans voicing their concerns about the budget. I would predict that that will be the first of many such gatherings in the months to come. The only thing I can say is that I would ask for your vote and will continue to do what I can in my abilities to lead our body as we balance the budget, and fair, as always, matter of opinion. But I will continue to try and operate as fairly as I can and would simply ask for your vote to continue as Chairman of the Appropriations Committee for two more years.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. Are there any further nominations? Senator Hall. Are there any further nominations? Senator Rasmussen.

SENATOR RASMUSSEN: Madam President, I would move to cease nominations.

PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to cease nominations. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed. The motion is carried and I congratulate Senator Moore as the new Chair of the Appropriations Committee. We'll now proceed with nominations for the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee. Senator Landis.