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year, with some of the rancorous debates put behind us in some of the areas of school district reorganization and the Class I problem and other matters such as that, that we'll have an opportunity to really grab ahold of the issues that deal with quality education and education of our young people. And in the area of higher education I hope we can continue to move forward, to help those that are governing our university system and our state college system set priorities and provide a strong system of higher education. So, with your help, I hope we can have another successful two years in the area of education policy. And I would ask for your endorsement once again as the Chair of that committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Are there any further nominations? Any further nominations? Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I'd move that nominations cease, and I'd further move that Senator Withem be named Chairman of the Education Committee by acclamation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. You've heard the motion. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. Motion is carried. Congratulations to Senator Withem. Thank you. We'll now proceed with nominations for the General Affairs Committee. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam President and members. I would like to place my name as Chairman of the General Affairs. I served the last year and a half as Chairman of this committee. We have several issues this year that are going to be facing the committee which are horse racing and the lotto and everything else relates to gambling. But there are going to be some very tough issues and I look forward to your support. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I'd move that nominations cease, and I'd also move that Senator Schellpeper be named Chairman of the General Affairs Committee by acclamation.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Moore. You've all heard the motion. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. The motion is carried. Congratulations to Senator Schellpeper.