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approach to the chairmanship, treating everyone alike, letting understanding rule the day of each other's issues. I would simply ask for your consideration in this ballot and pledge to you that the understanding that our committee would have would also be your understanding as it came to the body. In other words, I would pledge hard that you would have a firm grasp of the issues. Many of them that we are going to be facing are of concern statewide, as you well know. And I would pledge that you would have as good an understanding as we will in the committee after we have faced the issues. So I would ask for your consideration.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, I would like to place my name in nomination also. And the first thing that I would like to say is that whatever the feelings of this day are, I will leave them behind this day. If it's the satisfaction of affirmation on your part tomorrow, that will turn into resolve on my part to affirm your affirmation, not to disappoint you. If, on the other hand, it's disappointment, I promise you that that will dissolve in my dreams tonight and by tomorrow morning I will be working in good faith and enthusiastically on the great work that we do here. It's easy to feel good about this election, even though one feels a lot of emotion and tension, simply because my opponents have run good and very clean and positive campaigns. And I congratulate them both. And there will be no hard feelings of any sort coming out of this election, and I think that's a nice thing to be able to say. Beyond that I don't think I'm surprising anybody to say to you that the central difficulty of my candidacy has been the apprehension, the fear perhaps, the question of whether an urban senator can represent and be fair to and sensitive to rural needs. I can, I have and I will. It's a problem that's difficult to address because how do you prove such a thing. For those of you who have served with me for the long years in the past, I ask you to remember the record. That there have been many occasions when I have cast votes that might have been interpreted as against the immediate interests of the 28th District if that interest is defined narrowly, parochially, with no long-term view. To those of you who are new I can simply repeat my strongly held belief, which is that the destiny of Lincoln is inextricably woven into the destiny of rural Nebraska. If the warp rots, so does the woof. To harm rural Nebraska is to harm Lincoln itself. William Jennings Bryan, many years ago, as Senator Haberman once