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PRESIDENT MOUL: You've heard the motion to cease nominations. All those in favor please say aye. Opposed nay. Nominations ceased, and we will proceed with the balloting. I will remind the senators that if no nominee receives 25 votes in the first ballot, we will proceed with a second ballot. And the second ballot will be among the two top vote getters. Would the following senators please come forward to serve on the Teller Committee--Senators Fisher, Schmitt and Avery. May I have the senators' attention, please. The results of the balloting are Senator Wehrbein 10 votes, Senator Beutler 17 votes and Senator Bernard-Stevens 22 votes, so we will proceed with balloting again with Senator Beutler and Senator Bernard-Stevens being the nominees. Would the following senators please come forward as members of the Teller Committee--Senator Pedersen, Senator Hohenstein and Senator Bohlke. May I have the senators' attention, please. The result of the balloting are Senator Beutler 25 votes and Senator Bernard-Stevens 24 votes. Congratulations to Senator Beutler as the new Chair of the Natural Resources Committee. If you will now proceed with nominations for the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the body. I would rise to place my name in nomination for Chairman of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. As many of the other members of the body have done this morning, I pledge to be fair and equitable in my approach to the committee and the bills before it. As many of you are aware, the committee is in the midst of an important retirement systems study, a study which will chart the course of retirement policy for the State of Nebraska into the twenty-first century. This will be landmark legislation. In turn I pledge to do my utmost to be a hands-on chairman of this committee and plan to be an active participant in the formation and guidance necessary for such important legislative measures. The Retirement Committee is not a committee that oftentimes receives a lot of attention or a great deal of note among the members, but it's an extremely important committee and it is a committee that is about to deal with issues of great importance to not only the employees of the state, but participants in a number of retirement systems. Finally, I pledge to be responsible for an open and informative committee, ready to assist you and to work with you at all times. I thank you for your consideration and hope I can count on your support.