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PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Horgan. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Madam Chairman, could I have a gavel, please.

PRESIDENT MOUL: (Gavel.)

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you. Madam Chairman, members of the body, I wish to place my name in nomination for Chairman of the Retirement Systems Committee also. I believe that retirement is one of the most important issues that we will be facing in the next decade. We have five public retirement systems that the Legislature has direct authority, statutory authority over and they are the state employees, the county employees, our judges, the state patrol office and our school employees. That means that we have 600,000 public employees whose retirement is in our hands. We did have an interim study that is still an ongoing study, LR 328 and that study proves which most of us have already known. We cannot continue to deal with the retirement issues in legislation in a piecemeal fashion. We need coherent, responsible planning and legislation and that's the reason I'm seeking the chairmanship of this committee. I will work to create a long-range plan to meet the double challenge that we face and that double challenge is providing necessary benefits to the retirees and at the same time keep the cost to the taxpayers at a reasonable rate. And as chairperson I will listen and work with the people with an open mind and in an honest way. We have much to accomplish and in the next few years I look forward to that challenge. I ask for your consideration and for your vote. Thank you.

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

SENATOR MOORE: Madam President, I move the nominations cease.

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. Would the following senators please come forward to serve as members of the Teller Committee--Senator Rasmussen, Senator Byars and Senator Robinson. Thank you. May I have the senators' attention, please. The results of the balloting are Senator Horgan 34 votes, Senator Robak 15 votes. Congratulations to Senator Horgan as Chair of the Nebraska Retirement Systems