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Legislature. I've been to the heights with the Judiciary Committee. I've been to the depths with the Judiciary Committee. But through it all I have stayed there, labored long and hard, even with those persons elected chairman over myself, although at the time the position was opened I felt that I was more suitable for the position. I'm not seeking the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee as a feather in the cap type of affair. We all try to leave our stamp on whatever aspects of life we come in contact with. There are things which I believe need to be done by this Legislature, and many of those issues related to those things will come through the Judiciary Committee. There is no question that I would exert a strong influence and place a very definite stamp on what passes through that committee. Never have I tried to cajole or beguile anybody into going for a position, or me, on an issue, through flattery or misstatements of my position. When you run in this fashion you have to sell yourself to people. To be frank it is an embarrassing thing for me to do, and I mean that. The people who have been down here with me have not seen me coming begging, very seldom even requesting anything. I believe that my serving as chairman would be a benefit to that committee, a benefit to the Legislature, and a benefit to the people of the state. Did I not believe that I would not seek the position. I did not ask anybody to nominate me because I am realistic enough to understand that I do occupy a somewhat controversial position. For anybody to speak openly in my behalf could damage their relationship with their colleagues in the Legislature. But when time comes to mark a ballot which nobody will see being marked, I hope you will write my name and you will never rue the day if you want to see a very good and competent job done by the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

PRESIDENT: The name of Senator Ernest Chambers is placed in nomination. Are there other nominations for chairmanship? Are there other nominations? Hearing none, the Chair declares that nominations have ceased and we will proceed to ballot for the chairmanship of the Judiciary Committee. You will vote either for Senator Hoagland or for Senator Chambers. Clerks will deliver the ballots to the Teller Committee consisting of Senator Eret as Chairman, Senator Harris and Senator Hartnett. The Teller Committee will please come forward to assist in the tabulation of this ballot. Senators Eret, Hartnett and Harris. Clerk will announce the result.