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of you, this will be my last term in office and it is something that I truly believe would be the height of my career if I can some day sit back in my old age, which I have right now, incidentally, to be the Speaker of this Legislature. But I would be faulty if I did not stand here and tell you that at no time did I decide to run for Speaker because I felt that Senator Nichol had not done a good job. He is absolutely correct in stating that he has done a good job. I absolutely have received no criticism or complaints from any of the senators that I spoke to and it is ridiculous for me to stand here and praise Senator Nichol, but he has done a good job and it has been a pleasure to work with him. But as he mentioned, I truly believe that every one of us sitting here some day would like to run for Speaker or a higher position, or chairmanship. And I think that because it is such a prestigious and honorable position that more of the senators in this body should be allowed to do so and, therefore, I thank Senator Nichol also for the campaign that he ran. I was not able to talk to many of you in the last week or ten days because my husband was in the hospital. He is home now and he is doing fine. I am sorry that I didn't get to contact you. I didn't want to bother you before the holidays, but I did talk to many of you and I did send out some correspondence. So I ask for your support and I promise honesty and integrity at all times if I am elected Speaker. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Are there other nominations for Speaker? Are there seconding nomination speeches for Speaker? If not, the Chair will assume that the nominations are all in and that nominations for Speaker will cease. The voting on this will proceed by secret written ballot and the Clerk will appoint...the ballots are on the desk, and the Chair will appoint this committee as a Teller Committee to collect the ballots and count the same. The Clerk and Assistant Clerk will collect the ballots and deliver them to this Teller Committee. Senator Beyer. Excuse me.

SENATOR BEYER: I see no ballots on this row here. Oh, here they are. Barrett is holding them up. We found them.

PRESIDENT: Have you made a full disclosure, Senator Barrett? The Chair would appoint this committee as a Teller Committee to collect and count ballots: Senator Barrett, Chairman, and the new Senators, Arlene Nelson and Senator Gerry Conway. After the members have voted and the staff of