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collect those ballots. I don't see any violations of this rule but the Chair would request that members of the press remain off the floor during the ballot, during this balloting. The Teller Committee will please come forward for tabulation of the votes. The Teller Committee is in the process of tabulating the eighth ballot. The Clerk will announce the result of the tabulation.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator William Nichol has received 25 votes, Senator Bernice Labedz has received 23 votes. There was one abstention.

PRESIDENT: By that, Senator Nichol is elected for Speaker. The Chair recognizes Senator Nichol.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I think I having a heart attack or maybe it is just high blood pressure, but I do thank Senator Labedz again and I pledge to work you hard again in the next couple of years. I would like to know one thing, members of the Legislature, I would like to know which one of you gave me that 25th vote. Now don't all rush up at once. But I do appreciate your confidence and it is not unlike us to have close races. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator. I recognize Senator Lowell Johnson for a motion.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I move that a committee of five members be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the Oath of Office to the officers of the Legislature.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion of Senator Johnson to appoint an Escort Committee. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. The Chair appoints Speaker Nichol, Senator Labedz, Senator Scofield, Senator Vickers and Senator Chambers to escort the Chief Justice to the Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath to the officers of the Legislature. Would that committee please go to the Supreme Court area and escort the Chief Justice? The Legislature will be at ease until they arrive.

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