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SENATOR PAPPAS: Mr. President, I move to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees. All those in favor say aye. Opposed no. Motion carried. We will now proceed to the nominations for persons for the Chairperson. The Chair recognizes Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body, it is a distinct honor, I think, to place in nomination for the office of Chairman of the Committee on Committees the name of Harry B. Chronister, the Gray Fox of Schuyler, Nebraska. Senator Chronister was appointed to this body in June, as a matter of fact, June 22nd of 1979, just one week after my appointment. Senator Chronister and I have been roommates, I believe, ever since but I have never let him forget the fact that he is the junior member of the firm. Senator Chronister has not always taken too kindly. On the other hand, I know him and I know him well. I know him to be honest and I know him to be trustworthy, to be loyal, and most flexible. As a matter of fact, I have never known a more flexible politician. He can put either foot in his mouth, as a matter of fact, sometimes at the same time. Those of you who know him know him to be a friend, a good friend, a counselor, a counselor to all. As a matter of fact when Senator Chronister tells you that he has the answer to your problem, you know immediately you have got two problems. The Committee on Committees is a most important committee. We all realize that. The decisions that they make, although they don't meet too often but the decisions that they make in selecting the Chair people on Standing Committees and Select Committees and, of course, filling vacancies as they may arrive, it takes careful, precise judgments and evaluations. Whatever their decisions, they are always wrong. Those of you that are veterans here know what I am talking about and those of you who are newcomers will come to know what I am talking about. I suppose in conclusion, ladies and gentlemen, I must heartily recommend my former good friend, Senator Harry B. Chronister, as Chairman of the Committee on Committees. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, I would like to further move that Senator Chronister be reelected by acclamation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to verify this question,