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say aye. Opposed no. The motion carried. We will proceed then to election of Standing Committee Chairpersons. We will proceed now to election of Administrative Rules and Regulations Chairperson. Senator Barrett.

SENATOR BARRETT: Mr. President and members of the body, it is my distinct pleasure to nominate a native Omahan, Senator Gary Hannibal, to serve as Chairman of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Review Committee for this the Eighty-ninth Legislative Session. Senator Hannibal first came to the Legislature in 1982 and has since proven his worth to all of us. In working with Gary the last two years, it became apparent to me and I know to all of you who became well acquainted with Gary that he is interested in making state government responsive to the people that it serves and I think Administrative Rules is an excellent forum for him to accomplish just that. He is a man who can get the job done. You may or may not know that Gary is a sports enthusiast and I was not surprised when Senator Hannibal this past summer and his lovely wife, Mary Lou, and their four children joined a group of us on a canoe trip down the beautiful Niobrara River. During that trip the group survived torrential rains, a miniature tornado, a mini flood and some other things, and after surviving something like that it became very apparent to me that Gary Hannibal can not only paddle his own canoe but he can also handle any committee that we might want to give to him. I would ask then that you join me in supporting Senator Gary Hannibal as Chairman of the Administrative Rules Committee. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The name of Senator Hannibal has been placed in nomination. Are there other nominations? Are there other nominations for this position? Senator Higgins.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. President, I am sorry, my light here doesn't work. I would like to offer myself to this body as Chairman of the Administrative Rules and Regulations Committee. I had so many senators, at least 48, that wanted to nominate me that I didn't want to lose any votes, so I decided to do it myself. Actually, this committee has been not very active and that is why I chose to do the nominating myself because I wanted to hear...I wanted you to hear from me, personally, what my hopes would be to do as leader of this committee. I am sure those of you who have been here at least two or three years will remember my nursing home