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committee my experience with these organizations over the years should prove beneficial in working with all farm groups and, Senators, for our common goal. Now I have been asked why is it that the Agriculture and Environment Committee Chairman is the one post I covet the most. This should be obvious as I am directly involved in agriculture each morning when I do my chores before coming to vote as a member of this body. But one must not forget that the title of the committee includes "and Environment", and in this area because of my involvement in soil and water conservation movement on the local, state and national level, that I hope I can say I have made my mark and want to continue in a leadership role as chairman of this committee. Those of you who have worked with and observed me during my years with the body can make your own judgment on my ability to be fair, honest, dedicated and reasonable. I feel these qualities are all necessary to successfully run my committee, any committee, of this Legislature as all 49 of us are ultimately responsible for what happens here and all 49 should have the opportunity to be heard regardless of the issue. Only you can make the decision whether or not I personally possess the forfeitures that I feel are important to being a committee chairmanship. I can only pledge to continue being as fair, honest, dedicated and reasonable as I have been in the past. I stand here today nominating myself because I feel I am the man for the job. I have felt this way over four months ago when I announced my candidacy for this position. My six years experience in this body and my lifelong involvement in the agriculture and environment of this state leads me to place my name on the ballot for this committee chairmanship. I ask that you be the judge as to who is the best of all the well qualified candidates and with this I am asking for your vote for chairmanship of the Agriculture and Environment Committee. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: The name of Senator Harold Sieck is placed in nomination. Senator Rogers.

SENATOR ROGERS: Mr. President and board members, I would like to nominate Senator Jim Pappas for chairmanship of the Agriculture and Environment Committee. I have known Senator Pappas for several years, maybe too long, but I have a lot of respect for Jim's decisions. We used to be involved in the same business. Jim was smart and decided to quit. I appreciate his knowledge to be able to get in and out of things like he should. I have served on several boards with