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faithfully and very capably fulfill the responsibility of the chairman of the Exec Board. I don't think there is any doubt about the fact that Senator Marsh would do the job very well, as would Senator Carsten, as would many other individuals in this body. I think that it is very appropriate that we consider the position of chairman of the Executive Board by a vote of the entire body. I recognize that it is natural for those of us who have the position, which Senator Marsh has at the present time, to assume that ascendancy is in order. But I think it is also true that this body does reflect and rescind from time to time. I can tell you chapter and verse, if you would like, of the times when this body has taken an action which I could have considered as a repudiation of my leadership, my effectiveness, and my long-serving devotion to service in this body. I did not take it as an affront. I can tell you, very frankly, there have been many times when I wondered why certain actions were taken. But we live with that realization on a day-by-day basis, and we recognize that each day brings a new position, a new point of view to this body. As Senator Chambers indicates, a vote for the resolution is a vote that can only be construed in the mind of the individual who votes for the suspension of the motion...of the rules. I would suggest at this time, and I know that Senator Carsten and I have served here a long while together, and I think, very frankly, that the election of Senator Carsten to this position is not to honor him as an outgoing legislator, but because we know that Senator Carsten, if he were elected to that position, would handle it well, adequately, forthrightly, and aggressively. I would just suggest at this point in time that I'm going to vote for the rule...to suspend the rules. And, you know, Senator Cal and Senator Shirley, I'm not going to say who I'm going to vote for for the chairmanship, maybe someone will nominate even myself, Senator Chambers, who knows. Then I'd have to be in the position that I'm voting against myself. So I wouldn't do that. But I'm going to vote for the suspension of the rules and let nature take its course. Thank you very much.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Higgins is next, but, Senator Higgins, may I please introduce some guests of Senator Rod Johnson. In the north balcony we have 14 seniors from Hampton High School, accompanied by their teacher. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for attending our session this morning. Senator Higgins,