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Legislative Journal.) 32 ayes, 10 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to suspend the rules.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The rules are suspended. Senator Marsh, please.

SENATOR MARSH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move that Senator Cal Carsten be elected unanimously.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Are there other nominations? Senator Higgins, please.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Mr. Speaker, I would second that motion, and if the body does elect Senator Cal Carsten unanimously, then I would have a second motion that the body unanimously applaud Senator Marsh for her generosity. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: The floor is still open for nominations. Senator Labedz, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR LABEDZ: Let Senator Chambers go.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman, this Legislature sometimes I think abdicates its responsibility. A person, first of all, cannot be unanimously elected if he has not even been nominated and made a candidate, so that would be the first step to be taken. Then a motion would have to be made to close the nominations. I, for one, have never gotten so caught up in what the Legislature has done, either on the day we adjourn or the day we first come here, that I forget what my responsibilities are as an elected official. The U.S. Congress, and especially the Senate, is called the oldest club in America, the most influential club in America. Sometimes the Legislature tries to function in that fashion. But, as I said the first time I spoke, that aura of good feeling and unanimity does not carry through on everything and every issue that comes before us. There is back-biting, there is treachery, there are broken promises, there are deceptive comments made, there are organized groups whose aim is to undercut and subvert various individual members, and all of these things are known. Terry Carpenter said politics is a dirty, double-crossing business, and that is why he loved it. That is what he said. And that, indeed, is what politics is. That is what