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politics are. So now this morning the rules have been suspended, and, by acclamation, Senator Carsten, a man that I've gotten along with very well and for whom I have great respect, by acclamation is to be made chairman of the Executive Board. I don't think it ought to be done in that fashion. No matter what we say on the floor this morning, the public has the perception, because of the way it has been presented, that Senator Carsten is a compromised candidate to make the Legislature in a position to avoid dealing or grappling with a serious problem, one that could be very contentious because there are different points of view as to who should hold that very important position. Senator Carsten said he had some misgivings about the procedure of suspending the rules to make his elevation to that position possible. The rules have been suspended, and that is allowable under the procedures by which this body operates. I just hate that Senator Carsten was put in this position. He was selected because it was felt that nobody would dare speak against the procedure that is being utilized. But some of us, not...don't let me speak for anybody else, I believe in maintaining my integrity and my independence as a legislator. Even at the risk of breaking this delicately forged, fragile agreement to honor Senator Carsten because he has served a long time and now he is retiring, I have to oppose it. The only way that can be done is to place in nomination another name. So, in order to give my foes that opportunity to get even with me while they might feel some anger and peak, Mr. Chairman, I am rising to place in nomination the name of Senator Ernie Chambers to be Chairman of the Executive Board.

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, I've given you reasons why I am qualified to hold that position. When it comes to matters of office space, travel, equipment, and supplies I believe the Legislature has been cheap and stingy and has caused itself to be degraded in the eyes of this state and other agencies of government. And what is needed is for this body is somebody who will turn that whole thing around and not be afraid, not worry about what the public has to say about it in order to put this Legislature on the footing it should enjoy. My chances of being elected, I know, range from slim to none, but there is a point here which I think is more important at this moment than the person ultimately selected.