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version of his own. They may very well be one and the same. I don't know. That's as much as I do know.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Hall. We will now proceed to Item 5 on the agenda and the election of the Standing Committee Chairperson for the General Affairs Committee. The floor is open for nominations. Senator Robak.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Madam...Madam (laughter)...

SPEAKER BAACK: It's a good thing you don't need a vote today.

SENATOR ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body, for those of you who I have not had time to reach personally, I did telephone everybody, I wrote everybody two letters and I tried to reach them personally on the floor and I wanted to thank everybody that did say that they would support me, that did say they would support me, those that were honest enough to say that they would not support me and those that took the time to listen to my agenda. I want to thank each and every one of the body for that. I really did sincerely want to be Chairman of the General Affairs Committee, I really did, but that was not to be. So I must live with that. The reason...I have been hearing a lot about experience and seniority and all that sort of thing here and I don't know if the two go hand in hand but I have never labored under the belief that experience is ever a substitute for honesty. And my most asset...greatest asset that I could offer as chairman of any committee would be my honesty and I think that that should be the most valued asset of any chairman of any committee. And I would have pledged my honesty. And I would just like to say that the decision to run was my own decision. I was not prompted by any lobby and I was not anointed by any coalition and the decision to withdraw was simply my own too. So I would like to thank everybody again for listening. And I would also like to once more put an end to this what, as a chairman, what I would like to have done, what I would like to see all chairmen do, I would like to see an end to the rural-urban thing that seems to be before our body today. We need to have a united Nebraska. We don't need a divided one. And I would like to see an end to that and I think that we should all get behind each other, as one of the colleagues said, just exactly one month or one week ago, when one of us hurts, we help each other out, we help each other out, and when one district is in pain, we all suffer. So I think we need to get behind each other, we need to get behind Nebraska and be a