January 5, 2023

Senator Steve Erdman
Rules Committee Chairman
State Capitol, Room 1124
1445 K Street
Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Senator Erdman,

I wish to propose the following amendment to our Permanent Rules.

Rule 1. Section 1. Officers to be Elected. (a) At the commencement of each regular session in odd-numbered years the Legislature shall nominate from the floor and elect by unanimous acclamation or a recorded secret ballot the following officers:

Speaker
Chairperson of Committee on Committees
Chairperson of Executive Board
Vice Chairperson of Executive Board
6 Members of Executive Board
Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and Select Committees as referenced in Rule 3.

For contested elections for the above positions, each Senator present may submit a written ballot to the Clerk which shall contain the signature and district number of the voting Senator. When all ballots have been submitted by those Senators choosing to vote, the balloting shall be declared closed for that round of voting and the Clerk shall then announce each vote as reviewed by three Senators appointed by the President to serve as election tellers. Ballots submitted in each round of voting for the above positions may not be modified and the results of each round shall be recorded in the Journal. A winning election requires a majority of the elected members.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Senator Steve Halloran
District 33