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1 MS. VOUGHT: Good morning, everyone. I
2 hope everybody slept as well as I did. Are we good back
3 there with the AV? All right. Perfect. Thank you,
4 everybody. So I'm going to go ahead and call the order
5 the general assembly of 2023 Conference for Food
6 Protection Biennial Meeting. I will introduce those of
7 us on the stage. So, of course, you have Dr. McSwane,
8 who is our Executive Director of CFP. You have
9 Todd Rossow, who is our Conference Vice Chair and my
10 right-hand man. Belinda Clifton, who is our Lead
11 Parliamentarian. Courtney Halbbrook, who is our
12 Council II Chair. I have already introduced Todd. He
13 also was our proxy for Council I. Dr. Chip Manuel, who
14 is our Vice Chair for Council III, but is sitting in for
15 Dr. Shaffner today. Cliff Nutt, who is Executive
16 Treasurer. Chirag Bhatt, who is our Resolutions
17 Committee Chair. And then Michael Antee is up here to
18 Belinda with our count today.

19 Okay. So with those introductions, I
20 first want to say congrats. You guys did it. We
21 finished the week. Can you believe it? Yay. Yay. I
22 want to say how proud I am. The vibe of this year's
23 conference I would say is nothing like I've ever seen.
24 I think we were ready. We were ready to be here
25 together. It was collaborative. It was kind. It was

1 loving. We had a lot of grace and empathy. And I
2 appreciate that out of all of you, because it really did
3 take all of us working together to not just get things
4 done but to have a very positive, encouraging and
5 leadership role that we showed this week. So that's all
6 thanks to you.

7 I also want to thank all the volunteers
8 that put all of this together. We're going to be
9 thanking them throughout this whole assembly, but it
10 literally took thousands of man-hours to put this
11 together and like over 200 volunteers. So this was
12 truly a body of teamwork like no other because this
13 can't be done by one or two people. It takes a village.
14 So we're raising CFP.

15 I do want to say that active involvement
16 is increasingly important. Many of us have had a tough
17 three years, right, personally, professionally? We've
18 lost people, things. We've had a huge attrition rate in
19 our profession as a whole. It doesn't matter what side
20 of the aisle you're sitting on, we've all seen just kind
21 of that turnover rate and that high pressure on all of
22 us. And it takes coming together and encouraging one
23 another to keep engaged and to keep that spirit of food
24 safety alive. And I know we talk about food safety
25 culture a lot in an industry, but it really is our food

1 safety culture too. We have to remember that we're
2 involved in that. It's not just on others. It's on all
3 of us.

4 I was recently at a training and sitting
5 in a room of other health professionals who were in
6 leadership positions. And as you go around and talk
7 about what you do in your daily life, the physical
8 therapist and the occupational health people in the
9 room, there was that aha moment of wait, every single
10 one of us has to eat and drink every single day of our
11 lives. That means your job affects everybody every
12 single day. I want you to remember that, okay? We make
13 a huge impact in the world and we need to continue
14 making that impact. And what I've seen this week is we
15 can do it. We've got the spirit. We've got the
16 passion. We can continue to make change and encourage
17 new leaders to get involved, okay? So I want new
18 leaders in here in two years when we come to Denver.
19 So, as a reminder, we're at the -- and Dave wrote it
20 down for me because I don't have that good of a
21 memory -- we are at the Westin -- or, no, the Hyatt --

22 MR. MCSWANE: The Westin Galleria.

23 MS. VOUGHT: The Westin Galleria in Denver
24 in 2025.

25 MR. MCSWANE: No, Grand Hyatt. I'm sorry.

1 Grand Hyatt.

2 MS. VOUGHT: Yeah. Okay. Grand Hyatt.

3 MR. MCSWANE: Don't come back here in '25.
4 We won't be here.

5 MS. VOUGHT: We're all a little braindead,
6 right? Okay. So, you know, come back in 2025 and bring
7 a friend. And in the meantime, and I still have some
8 buttons, wear your buttons. And I actually want to make
9 a little game out of it. So if you know somebody who
10 has a button and you see them at another conference and
11 they're not wearing that button at the other conference
12 to kind of encourage CFP and people to talk about it,
13 maybe you should challenge them that they have to buy
14 you a drink because they're not wearing a button. Let's
15 make it fun, right?

16 So keep talking. Keep talking. Keep
17 engaged. Keep trying to get people involved. We're
18 going to have committee sign-ups coming up. New members
19 can pay for membership and be involved in committees.
20 Those that are live-streaming have registered biennial
21 meeting so you're automatically a member and can
22 participate in committees that are coming up as well as
23 all of you in the room. So get involved, keep engaged,
24 get involved, keep talking about CFP because I think
25 it's really, really important work.

1 I do want to thank, of course, our
2 executive staff. So Dr. McSwane is our Executive
3 Directive. None of this could happen without him in the
4 leadership role. He kind of kept all of the pieces
5 going in the background. And by his side the whole week
6 was Vicki Everly, who has done so much for this
7 organization for 30 years. And she stepped up to be our
8 Executive Assistant and she's doing the hard work trying
9 to keep Dr. McSwane and me in line and that's an easy
10 job.

11 And, of course, Cliff Nutt, our Executive
12 Treasurer. The financials, when you have someone like
13 me who is like let's just do this, so he keeps me in
14 check financially and goes, "No. No. No, Becky. Great
15 idea, but we need the money to do that." So thank you,
16 Cliff, for all that you've done.

17 And, of course, Todd. We'll talk more
18 about Todd later, but Todd is my -- Todd is my saving
19 grace, really. He's the one who sends me the wine emoji
20 when he knows I need it.

21 Okay. So when those opening statements, I
22 do want to now turn the podium over to our Executive
23 Director, Dr. McSwane, so he can do the role call for
24 the assembly.

25 MR. MCSWANE: Well, good morning,

1 everyone. This is obviously the last event on our
2 weeklong journey of the 2023 Biennial Meeting, but this
3 is probably one of the most if not the most important
4 session of all because this is where all of the issues
5 that have been vetted by council are now considered by
6 the assembly. And they're really the final gatekeepers
7 of what goes forward and what doesn't. So I appreciate
8 not only the participation of the assembly members
9 themselves. The delegates and the states are well
10 representing. But I appreciate the audience as well so
11 that you're sticking around to see that the culmination
12 of the end of the week and the CFP process as a whole.

13 So with that, as I read the name of your
14 state, I'd like for you to respond by indicating your
15 name, the name of the agency that you are representing,
16 as well as the share of the vote you have. So, in other
17 words, I would say, "I'm Dave McSwane. I represent the
18 Conference for Food Protection and I have one vote."
19 For those states that are represented by more than one
20 agency, you will have a half vote usually if there's
21 two. I don't think we have any situations this year
22 where we have three agencies within a single state. So
23 it should be either a one-half vote or one full vote as
24 the case might be.

25 So without further ado, Alabama.

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1 MS. FENN: Phyllis Fenn, Alabama
2 Department of Public Health, one vote.

3 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Alaska.

4 MS. STRYKER: Kimberly Stryker, Department
5 of Environmental Conservation, one full vote.

6 MR. MCSWANE: Arizona.

7 MS. HOFER: Vashanti Hofer, Arizona
8 (inaudible), one vote.

9 MR. MCSWANE: Arkansas.

10 MS. WOODUS: Sherri Woods, Arkansas
11 Department of Health, one vote.

12 MR. MCSWANE: Colorado.

13 MR. HUFFMAN: Troy Hoffman, Colorado
14 Department of Public Health and Environment, one vote.

15 MR. MCSWANE: Connecticut.

16 MS. DAVID: Amanda David, Connecticut
17 State Department of Consumer Protection, one vote.

18 MR. MCSWANE: Delaware.

19 MR. EOPPOLO: Marc Eoppolo, Delaware
20 Department of Health and Social Services, one vote.

21 MR. MCSWANE: The District of Columbia.

22 MR. COOPER: Ivory Gene Cooper, District
23 of Columbia Department of Health, one-half vote.

24 MR. MCSWANE: Florida.

25 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida

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1 Department of Agriculture and Consume Services, one-half
2 vote.

3 MR. MCSWANE: All right. And we also have
4 another agency represented by the state of Florida,
5 Michelle.

6 MS. HAYNES: Michelle Haynes, Department
7 of Business and Professional Regulation, two-third vote.

8 MR. MCSWANE: Okay. We're actually going
9 to do that as a half. She is representing both her
10 agency and the Florida Department of Agriculture and
11 Consumer Services, so there still will only be a half
12 vote because there's going to be two voting members from
13 the state even though she is by proxy representing the
14 third agency.

15 Georgia.

16 MR. PEASLEY: Chris Peasley, Department of
17 Agriculture, one-half vote.

18 MS. HUDSON: Sharia Hudson, Department of
19 Public Health, one-half vote.

20 MR. MCSWANE: Hawaii.

21 MR. OSHIRO: Peter Oshiro, Department of
22 Health, one vote.

23 MR. MCSWANE: Idaho.

24 MR. SAMPLES: Jarryd Samples, Department
25 of Health and Welfare, one full vote.

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MR. MCSWANE: Indiana.

MS. MCCURDY: Vivien McCurdy, Indiana
Department of Health, one full vote.

MR. MCSWANE: Iowa.

MR. SPELTZ: Mark Speltz, Iowa Department
of Inspections and Appeals, one full vote.

MR. MCSWANE: Kansas.

MS. GRISAMORE: Amber Grisamore, Kansas
Department of Agriculture, one vote.

MR. MCSWANE: Kentucky.

MS. HENDREN: Pamela Hendren, Kentucky
Department of Public Health, one full vote.

MR. MCSWANE: Louisiana.

MR. THIBODEAUX: Dane Thibodeaux,
Louisiana Department of Health, one vote.

MR. MCSWANE: Maine.

MR. METCALF: Ben Metcalf, Maine
Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry,
one-half vote.

MS. SILVA: Lisa Silva, Maine Department
of Health and Human Services, one-half vote.

MR. MCSWANE: All right. Maine had two
agencies.

Maryland.

MS. VAULS: Patricia Vauls, Maryland

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1 Department of Health, one vote.

2 MR. MCSWANE: Michigan.

3 MR. BLANCHARD: Rodney Blanchard, Michigan
4 Development of Agriculture and Rural Development, one
5 vote.

6 MR. MCSWANE: Minnesota.

7 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
8 Department of Agriculture, one-half vote.

9 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota

10 Department of Health, one-half vote.

11 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Missouri. Ma.

12 MS. ANDERSON: Paige Anderson, Missouri

13 Department of Health and Senior Services, one full vote.

14 MR. MCSWANE: Montana.

15 MS. EVANGELINE: Staci Evangeline, Montana

16 Department of Public Health and Human Services, one
17 vote.

18 MR. MCSWANE: Nebraska.

19 MS. ANDREWS: Caitlyn Andrews, Nebraska

20 Department of Agriculture, one vote.

21 MR. MCSWANE: All right.

22 MS. HAYES: Theresa Hayes, Nevada Division
23 of Health, one full vote.

24 MR. MCSWANE: New Hampshire.

25 MS. SMITH: Colleen Smith, New Hampshire

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1 Department of Health and Human Services, one full vote.

2 MR. MCSWANE: New Jersey.

3 MS. SWIFT: Jessica Swift, New Jersey

4 Department of Health, one full half vote.

5 MR. MCSWANE: New York.

6 MR. LEPKOFKER: David Lepkofker,

7 Department of Agriculture and Markets, one-half vote.

8 MS. EAGAN: Jessica Eagan, New York

9 Department of Health, one-half vote.

10 MR. MCSWANE: North Carolina.

11 MS. RITTER: Terri Ritter, Department of

12 Health and Human Services, one vote.

13 MR. MCSWANE: North Dakota.

14 MS. WAGENDORF: Julie Wagendorf,

15 Department of Health and Human Services, one vote.

16 MR. MCSWANE: Ohio.

17 MR. HIGLEY: Jamie Higley, Ohio Department

18 of Health, one-half vote.

19 MR. TEWKSBURY: Tim Tewksbury, Ohio

20 Department of Agriculture, one-half vote.

21 MR. MCSWANE: Oklahoma.

22 MS. DUVETT: Tori Duvett, Oklahoma State

23 Department of Health, one vote.

24 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Oregon.

25 MS. LOCKETT: Erin Lockett, Oregon

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1 Department of Agriculture, half a vote.

2 MR. GEDDES: Craig Geddes, Oregon Health
3 Authority, half a vote.

4 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Pennsylvania.

5 MS. SMITH: Stephanie Smith, Pennsylvania
6 Department of Agriculture, one full vote.

7 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Rhode Island.

8 MS. FEENEY: Catherine Feeney, Rhode
9 Island Department of Health, one full vote.

10 MR. MCSWANE: South Carolina.

11 MS. BEST: Susan Best, Department of
12 Health and Environment Control, one vote.

13 MR. MCSWANE: Tennessee.

14 MS. PICKLE: Debbie Pickle, Tennessee
15 department of Health, one full vote.

16 MR. MCSWANE: And Texas.

17 MR. GUZMAN: Jason Guzman, Texas
18 Department of State Health Services, one full vote.

19 MR. MCSWANE: Utah.

20 MR. WALLER: Travis Waller, Utah
21 Department of Agriculture and Food, one-half vote,
22 because we are also representing Utah Department of
23 Health and Human Services.

24 MR. MCSWANE: So Travis is going to
25 represent two agencies by proxy. He's also representing

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1 the Department of Agriculture and Food as well as his
2 agency.

3 Vermont. Do we have anyone here from
4 Vermont?

5 All right. Virginia.

6 MS. BLAND: Rashelly Bland for Virginia
7 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services,
8 one-half vote.

9 MS. DIERSEN: Nancy Diersen, Virginia
10 Department of health, one-half vote.

11 MR. MCSWANE: Washington.

12 MS. SHELTON: Susan Shelton, Washington
13 State Department of Health, one vote.

14 MR. MCSWANE: West Virginia.

15 MS. HUTSON: Jennifer Hudson, West
16 Virginia Department of Health and Human Services, one
17 vote.

18 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Wisconsin.

19 MR. KAPLANEK: James Kaplanek, Wisconsin
20 Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer
21 Protection, one full vote.

22 MR. MCSWANE: Wyoming.

23 MR. LATHAM: Justin Latham, Wyoming
24 Department of Agriculture, one vote.

25 MR. MCSWANE: And the Northern Mariana

1 Islands.

2 MR. TAGABUEL: John Tagabuel, Department
3 of Health Services, half a vote.

4 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Again, last call
5 for Vermont. Anyone here representing Vermont?

6 Okay. All right. Madam Parliamentarian,
7 it appears that we could now have 52 delegates
8 representing 43 states since Vermont is not part of our
9 group, as well as the District of Columbia and the
10 Northern Mariana Islands. And you will be in the
11 interim calculating what will constitute simple majority
12 and two-thirds majority based upon those numbers.

13 Caucus elections, as you know, were held
14 during the course of the meetings on Wednesday afternoon
15 for positions on the Executive Board for a six-year
16 term. The following individuals were elected. The
17 State Regulatory Representative from the Midwest Region
18 is Becky Vought and Ann Johnson with the Florida
19 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services will be
20 representing the Southeast Region. So, again,
21 congratulations to both of those individuals.

22 In the Local Regulatory Representative
23 category Sarah Jensen with the Franklin County Public
24 Health Department in Columbus, Ohio was re-elected to a
25 six-year term for the Mid-Atlantic Region and Mike

1 Pascucilla with the East Shore District Health
2 Department in Branford, Connecticut was re-elected to
3 serve a six-year term as the Northeast Region
4 representative for local agencies.

5 In the Industry at Large position,
6 Allison Jennings with Albertsons Companies was elected
7 as the At Large member by the industry caucus.

8 And Michelle Hill with Allergen Free
9 Cooking in Woodbury, Minnesota was elected as our
10 Consumer representative to the Board for a six-year
11 term.

12 In addition, your Executive Board has
13 affirmed the appointment of the following individuals
14 who will be serving as Council Vice-Chairs at the 2025
15 Biennial Meeting in Denver and obviously in the interim
16 as well. For Council I it will be Barry Parsons with
17 Cenza, Inc., Council II is Kenesha Williamson with
18 Publix and Council III is Amanda Garvin who is with the
19 Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural
20 Development.

21 I also want to advise you that the next
22 Biennial Meeting will, in fact, since I do know this, is
23 going to be in March 24th through the 28th, 2025 in
24 Denver, Colorado. We will be at the Grand Hyatt as
25 opposed to the Westin Galleria as I said earlier, so

1 please make sure you go to the right place. Put these
2 dates down now. Block out the week. Hopefully we'll
3 see all of you and bring a friend. We'd like to have --
4 I think this has been an exciting week and we all were
5 ready to get back to an in-person event. And I think
6 we've all enjoyed the opportunity to renew acquaintances
7 and hopefully meet new friends while you have been here
8 throughout the week.

9 And last but not least, I'm going to read
10 the following statement as required by our constitution
11 and bylaws. And as it says, and I quote, A quorum must
12 be present. A quorum is defined as the presence of
13 registered voting delegates from at least two-thirds of
14 the states with designated official delegates in
15 attendance at the conference meeting. Each territory
16 and the District of Columbia shall count as one-half
17 vote. States in the count in the quorum constitutes a
18 single vote. A two-thirds majority is required to
19 change a procedure adopted at a previous conference or
20 to make changes to our constitution and bylaws. Other
21 actions require a simple majority, unless covered
22 otherwise by Robert's Rules of Order. The voting
23 choices are as follows: Yes, no or abstain. A council
24 recommendation cannot be changed by the assembly of
25 delegates. Votes are cast by the delegates using a show

1 of hands. Roll call votes are taken only if requested
2 by a delegate.

3 Thank you, Madam Chairman.

4 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Dave, and thank
5 you to our assembly of delegates, all of our states,
6 territories and District of Columbia. So thank you for
7 joining us this morning.

8 Now I want to recognize Cliff Nutt. He's
9 going to give our Executive Treasurer's Report. Thank
10 you, Cliff.

11 MR. NUTT: Thank you, Becky. Hi, y'all.
12 How's everybody doing. You know, being from Oklahoma, I
13 do love coming to Texas, only because my wife is a fifth
14 generation Texan. But besides that, I hope everybody
15 had a great time here in Houston. The attendance of
16 this year's conference was 518. The attendance during
17 our April workshop which covered a variety of topics
18 related to the theme of "A Deep Dive into the Science
19 Behind the Issues" was 294.

20 I'd like to recognize a few entities and
21 organizations that are very instrumental in making this
22 event possible. Number one is the Food and Drug
23 Administration. You know, their sponsorship of CFP
24 through a \$50,000 small conference grant made it
25 possible to support 50 state and local regulatory

1 agencies or attendees to attend with the registration
2 subsidy and they also helped the cost of our livestream
3 platform to allow people to participate remotely.

4 Second, I'd like to call attention to the 41 national
5 and local Sustaining Sponsors, three Event/Service
6 donors and one Sustaining supporter who contributed over
7 \$132,000 to make this conference a success. And lastly,
8 I'd like to recognize the efforts of the Texas LAC local
9 sponsors who supported CFP.

10 Our overall financial picture is in very
11 good shape. The CFP '22 ending cash balance was
12 \$553,747. The 2023 projected ending balance is 496,000.
13 So we're in excellent shape financially going forward.
14 Our financial reports, past and present, and current
15 biennial budget and also -- well, they're all posted on
16 the CFP website. And you can find that at
17 foodprotect.org.

18 With that, I conclude my remarks and wish
19 y'all safe travels.

20 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Thank you, Cliff. As
21 I said, Cliff is the one who keeps us all fine
22 financially and he's done an excellent job.

23 All right. A few housekeeping items that
24 we have now before we begin the real business that we're
25 here this morning for, so hopefully we'll be able to

1 move through real quickly.

2 If a delegate wants to raise their hand
3 and be recognized by the Chair before speaking that
4 would be great. I would prefer that people use the
5 microphone so that we can hear your name, agency and
6 state. We're going to try and progress with that. It
7 might help if we know we're going to make motions and
8 seconds to start proceeding to the microphone and kind
9 of get in line or any discussion points, okay? If
10 someone wants to recognize a speaker from the audience,
11 you would then do the same, address me as the
12 Chairperson and then I will recognize that person that
13 you would like to recognize.

14 In tradition, to keep things moving along
15 in case we have extracted issues this morning, I'd like
16 to limit the debate on those extracted issues. So if I
17 can get a motion and a second from my assembly members
18 up here in the first four rows. A motion to limit
19 debate, I would say, ten minutes total with speaker
20 getting two minutes.

21 MS. WHEELER: Okay. I'd like -- I'm
22 Angie Wheeler with Minnesota Department of Health and
23 I'd like a motion to limit the debate to ten minutes
24 with two minutes per speaker.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Angie.

1 Do I have a second?

2 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida
3 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. I
4 second.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Steve.

6 Okay. Do we have any discussion on the
7 matter to limit debate?

8 Seeing none, all those in favor please say
9 yes.

10 (The representatives responded.)

11 MS. VOUGHT: All those opposed say no.

12 (No response from the representatives.)

13 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. So that motion moves
14 forward.

15 Okay. So we're going to be limiting
16 debate today on any extracted issues to ten minutes per
17 issue with two minutes per speaker.

18 Okay. Now, at this time I want to bring
19 up our lead parliamentarian, Belinda Clifton, who has
20 the fun job of keeping us all in line today.

21 MS. CLIFTON: We're definitely going to
22 try. Thank you, Madam Chair.

23 Good morning, everyone. My name is
24 Belinda Clifton, and I am the lead parliamentarian for
25 this year's CFP Biennial Meeting. I know that most of

1 you, if not all of you, have attended an orientation
2 session for the delegates that was held last night.
3 Many of you have been delegates at previous biennial
4 meetings, but some of you are new delegates this year so
5 we're going to go over a few things on how this is going
6 to proceed.

7 Madam Chair, we do have a quorum. There
8 are 43 states represented today, the District of
9 Columbia and one territory for a possible vote of 44.
10 If we take the 44, the full majority vote will be 23 and
11 our two-thirds vote will be 30, which would be required
12 for any bylaw changes. And my assistant over there,
13 Mr. Michael Antee, has made sure that those numbers are
14 correct.

15 So the way this will work is each Council
16 Chair will present their Council's recommendations one
17 by one. Each Council Chair's report will have two parts
18 except for Council II, which will have three parts. I
19 believe we discussed that last night. And I will go
20 over what each of these parts will mean now.

21 So Part I for Council's report will be the
22 affirmative recommendations that came for that council.
23 These would be the votes or the recommendations that the
24 outcome was accepted as submitted or accepted as
25 amended.

1 Part II of the report will be the negative
2 recommendations. These will be the outcomes of the
3 council's deliberations that ended in recommendations
4 for no action being taken on the issue with the comments
5 for no action.

6 In Council II there will be a third part
7 of the report. Part III of Council's II's report will
8 contain all of the recommendations, whether affirmative
9 or negative recommendations, for the changes to the CFP
10 Constitution and Bylaws. We have broken out these
11 changes into Part III of Council II's report because
12 they require a two-thirds vote. So at that point we
13 will be taking probably a hand count to make sure that
14 we meet the two-thirds requirement. Everything else
15 that you're going to vote on for this morning requires a
16 majority vote and those will more likely be done
17 vocally, okay? If Madam Chair does not sense a majority
18 vote, she'll ask for a hand count and we will take care
19 of that also, okay?

20 The Council Chairs will explain how many
21 issues that they've had that received an affirmative
22 vote, those issues accepted as submitted or amended.
23 After that the Council Chairs will begin the voting
24 process. The Chair will start by saying, "Are there any
25 issues that need to be extracted?" As we explained, to

1 extract an issue, you raise your hand and be recognized,
2 state your name and your affiliation, followed by
3 statements such as, Madam Chair, I would like to extract
4 issue number and state the number and Council that it
5 came from.

6 We will extract all of those issues and
7 those extracted issues will be deliberated one by one in
8 order that they appear in the order of the numbers
9 assigned to the council. For all other issues that are
10 not extracted, we will vote on them as a block.

11 The chair will ask for a motion and the
12 motion will be to accept the council's recommendations
13 for all of the issues that are not extracted. There
14 will be second and then you will vote on those issues.
15 **A vote of yes means that you agree with the council's**
16 **recommendations. A vote no means you do not agree with**
17 **the council's recommendations.**

18 Now, as we've said, I can't tell you how
19 to vote, but typically if you don't agree with the
20 council's recommendations for any particular issue, you
21 will have already decided that you are going to extract
22 that issue and take that action. Be mindful that you're
23 voting on all remaining issues as a block. So if you
24 vote no for the first vote that means that you don't
25 agree with any of the council's recommendations

1 whatsoever.

2 The councils and their committees have
3 done a lot of work for you guys. So then what we will
4 do is after you vote on those by the block, we will
5 consider the extracted issues one by one. The Chair
6 will call for a motion. The motion will have to be,
7 "Madam Chair, I move to accept the council's
8 recommendations on that particular issue that is being
9 extracted." So you need to name the number. That must
10 be seconded. And the reason we do that is because we
11 have to get to a discussion mode as in the parliamentary
12 procedures. At that point then you can discuss the
13 issue. After discussion you have the time limit to
14 discuss and then we can speak to the extracted issue.

15 And again, like I said, the information
16 that you speak to on the issue has to be pertinent to
17 not accepting or accepting the council's recommendation
18 on the issue. It will be out of order for you to speak
19 to the merits of the issue itself. We will make sure
20 that you stay in order in that regard.

21 You voted previously to limit discussion
22 to any particular issues to ten minutes total and two
23 minutes per speaker. I will be keeping track of time
24 and I assume Michael Antee will be doing that for us.

25 And you may also call on someone from the

1 audience to speak. You would need to ask the Chair to
2 recognize a particular person and their affiliation in
3 order to do that. That person needs to step up to the
4 microphone and state their name and affiliation and then
5 they can state their comments into the record.

6 Part II of the report, as I've said
7 before, will be the no actions. Those would be the
8 negative recommendations that came from the council.
9 The same thing goes there, you will have an opportunity
10 to extract those issues that you would like to discuss.
11 And as I've said, if you vote yes for an extracted issue
12 that you chose to extract and discuss, that means that
13 you agree with the council's recommendations. If you
14 vote no, that means that you did not agree with the
15 council's recommendations. Those issues that recommend
16 no action that are voted no by the Assembly will be sent
17 back to the Executive Board for further consideration.
18 If you vote no on the Part I issues, the affirmative
19 issues, that means that issue will receive no further
20 action at this time. Are there any questions? Thank
21 you.

22 Madam Chair.

23 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Belinda. And I
24 know many of you are new, so we'll get through this
25 together. It's okay if we don't get it right the first

1 time. We'll get it right the second time, and that's
2 all that matters.

3 And again, instead of raising hands,
4 because we have the livestream and transcription going,
5 it's best that when we make motions and seconds if we
6 line up at the microphone, as well as extractions and
7 the two-minute talks. So that's better not done there
8 because you guys don't have individual mics at your
9 seats, okay?

10 All right. So at this time we're going to
11 get started with the process of working through our
12 issues. We may not solve that today. So I am going to
13 bring to the mic now our Council I Proxy Chair,
14 Todd Rossow, who is as in Todd fashion willing to step
15 in at a moment's notice when his Madam Chair said,
16 "Tom McMann has to serve in another country for his
17 National Guard duties. Can you please help me out and
18 chair Council I?" So I appreciate that last minute
19 backup plan as we decided. So thank you and you can
20 proceed with your Part I report.

21 MR. ROSSOW: Thank you, Madam Chair. I do
22 want to extend a thank you for Tom McMann for his
23 service. I know he would really love to be here.

24 I'd like to start by saying it has been an
25 honor and a privilege to serve as Chair as Council I.

1 Any success or praise for the work of the council, I
2 share happily with my Vice Chair, Rodney Blanchard, the
3 council members and council alternates who have
4 diligently studied and deliberated all 32 issues
5 presented to the council. We would like to have -- we
6 would not have completed this work without the
7 dedication and commitment of our scribe, Felicia Irving;
8 parliamentarian, Travis Jensen; runner, Rafael Morales;
9 and our amazing council members.

10 Three of our issues were moved to Council
11 III, two of our Council II issues were transferred to
12 Council 1 and then one was transferred back to
13 Council II. This left Council I with 30 issues to
14 deliberate, resulting in recreating two committees, the
15 Allergen Committee and the Plan Review Committee, and
16 creating two new committees, the Complex Vending Units
17 Committee and the E-Commerce Committee.

18 The first part of my report is as follows.
19 In summary, there were three issues accepted as
20 submitted and ten issues accepted as amended for a total
21 of 13 affirmative issues that came out of Council I.
22 Those are listed in your Council I submissions.

23 Thank you for your attention.

24 MS. VOUGHT: I feel like I'm getting a
25 work out this morning.

1 Okay. Thank you, Todd.

2 At this time would anyone like to extract
3 any of the 13 affirmative issues that are in Part I of
4 Council I's report. If so, please proceed to the
5 microphone with that issue number.

6 Okay. Giving y'all time. No? Yay?

7 All right. Okay. There are no issues to
8 be extracted from Part I of Council I's report. So
9 seeing none of those, do I have a motion to accept
10 Council I's recommendations for Part I of their report?

11 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
12 Department of Agriculture.

13 MS. VOUGHT: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
14 Department of Agriculture, would you accept Council I as
15 the chair said?

16 MS. CARLTON: Yes.

17 MS. VOUGHT: Perfect.

18 Okay. Do I have a second?

19 MR. GEDDES: Craig Geddes, Oregon Health
20 Authority, second.

21 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you, both.

22 Any discussion on Part I issues. So,
23 again, we are voting in the affirmative. That's what
24 the motion on the floor is, the affirmative to accept
25 all of Part I's accepted as submitted and accepted as

1 amended issues. All those in favor say yes.

2 (The representatives responded.)

3 MS. VOUGHT: Any opposed say no.

4 (No response from the representatives.)

5 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing none, that motion
6 carries. Thank you very much. Now I'll have Todd come
7 up and do Part II.

8 MR. ROSSOW: I guess this is how you work
9 through your issues up here.

10 There were 17 issues that Council I
11 recommended no action. I would like to add that many of
12 these no action issues were incorporated into issues
13 that were accepted as amended.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. VOUGHT: So, once again, thank you,
16 Todd. So 17 issues that Council I recommended no
17 action. Are there any extractions for Part II of
18 Council I's report?

19 MR. HUFFMAN: Troy Huffman with the State
20 of Colorado Department of Health and Human Services. I
21 would like to extract Issue No. 1004.

22 MS. VOUGHT: All righty.

23 MS. STRYKER: Good morning. Kim Stryker,
24 State of Alaska Department of Environmental
25 Conservation, Issue 01024.

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1 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. So what I have, just
2 to make sure I'm correct, I have 004 and 024 from
3 Council I. Any other extractions at this time?

4 (No response from the representatives.)

5 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing none, can I get
6 a motion to accept Part II's council report minus issue
7 01004 and 01024?

8 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
9 Department of Health. I move to approve exactly as the
10 Chair just stated.

11 MS. VOUGHT: Can I get a second?

12 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida
13 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, second.

14 MS. VOUGHT: Perfect. Thanks. Any
15 discussion on Council I Part II's report minus issues
16 004 and 024? So we're not discussing those now. We're
17 just discussing the matter of the rest of the
18 (inaudible), just so we're clear. Any discussion on
19 that?

20 (No response from the representatives.)

21 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing none, all of
22 those in favor of accepting Part II of Council I's
23 report, please say yes.

24 (The representatives responded.)

25 MS. VOUGHT: All opposed?

1 (No response from the representatives.)

2 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Motion carries.

3 Now we're going to go ahead and start the
4 discussion on the extracted issues and we're going to
5 start in numerical order of those issues. So the first
6 one will be issue 1004. Two minutes per speaker. No
7 more than ten minutes. So do I have a first speaker?

8 Go ahead, Troy.

9 MR. HUFFMAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. We
10 would really like the opportunity for further discussion
11 on this issue and that's why I ask our delegates to go
12 ahead and vote no.

13 MS. VOUGHT: I'm sorry. I'm out of order.

14 MR. HUFFMAN: I would like to make a
15 motion to hear open discussion on the extracted issue
16 1004 in Council I.

17 MS. VOUGHT: Okay.

18 MR. HUFFMAN: That's redundant.

19 MS. VOUGHT: Yes. Thank you.

20 MR. HUFFMAN: Do we have a second?

21 MR. SPELTZ: Second. Mark Speltz, Iowa
22 Department of Inspections and Appeals.

23 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. All in favor of
24 accepting council's recommendation for issue 004 -- no.
25 Sorry. We opened discussion. Sorry. I'm tired. Okay.

1 Go ahead and begin your discussion.

2 Can we start the 10 minutes over and he
3 gets full two minutes? Thank you.

4 Go ahead. You get your full two minutes,
5 Troy.

6 MR. HUFFMAN: Thank you.

7 MS. VOUGHT: Yes.

8 MR. HUFFMAN: So once again, we wanted
9 to -- based off the discussion there was not consensus
10 by the Council. I was told that it was about a 12 to 8
11 vote to take no action on this. And in light of the
12 previous issue in the order of the discussion of -- we
13 were actually approached by the submitter of that issue,
14 The National Restaurant Association, for -- to consider
15 combining these two issues because both the State of
16 Colorado and the restaurant association looked at those
17 two issues as very, very closely aligned.

18 Issue 3 was passed unanimously as one of
19 the three accepted as submitted issues. So we looked at
20 those two very, very closely. There was extensive
21 debate on the issue. And I ask the delegates don't
22 really dive into the actual wording of that issue. We
23 had a council member in that discussion. We'd really
24 like the opportunity based off of that discussion and
25 how close that vote was for this issue to be moved to

1 the Executive Board so then the Executive Board can at
2 their will look into this further because there was so
3 much debate surrounding it. That's why I would
4 encourage you to vote no on this action. Thank you.

5 MR. SPELTZ: Mark Speltz, Iowa Department
6 of Inspections and Appeals. I just want to -- I would
7 support taking -- saying no to no action on this issue
8 specifically because hand washing and glove use are so
9 uniquely tied within the food code that I think there's
10 opportunity to adjust the code body language to provide
11 more clarity on the use of gloves as a utensil. With
12 Issue 003 moving forward, I think there's consent there.
13 I think the issue was voted no action because it's
14 already covered in the food code. But again, with those
15 two issues being so uniquely tied together, hand washing
16 and glove use, I think there's opportunity to clarify
17 the code body language to provide that guidance to our
18 industry as well as our regulators. Thanks.

19 MS. VOUGHT: Is there any further
20 discussion on the motion to accept council's
21 recommendation on Issue No. 1004?

22 (No response from the representatives.)

23 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. I am not seeing any
24 more discussion, but I do want to take a moment to just
25 explain what we're doing here so it's all clear to

1 everyone. And I do think we're going to ask for a hand
2 vote on this one just to start out since it's an
3 extracted issue. That's the way I would prefer to do
4 that. Is that acceptable to the parliamentarians?

5 Okay. So what happens with this vote, the
6 motion on the floor is to accept the council's
7 recommendation for Issue No. 1004. So if you vote yes,
8 you're agreeing to the no action. If you vote no, you
9 do not agree to the no action made by council. Does
10 that make sense? So it's kind of a double negative.

11 Just so everyone knows what happens with
12 no actions, those then go back to the Board, okay? So
13 that's voted down. If you do not agree -- if it's no
14 vote, that means you do not agree with council's
15 recommendation of no action and then that takes it back
16 to the Board. Is there any questions on that before I
17 proceed to the Board, because I want to make sure --
18 this is our first one. I want to make sure we have it
19 right. So yes means you agree that the action should be
20 no action. A no means that you do not agree with the no
21 action. Saying that, all those in support of council's
22 recommendation of Issue 1004, please raise your hand now
23 and keep them high so Belinda and Michael can count.

24 MS. CLIFTON: 26.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. So that motion passes,

1 meaning that Council I's Issue 1004 remains a no action,
2 okay?

3 All right. Now we will ask for a motion
4 and a second to discuss the recommendation to accept
5 Council's Issue 100 -- or 1024's recommendation.

6 If you want to make that motion, you can
7 make that motion and then I'll need a second.

8 MS. STRYKER: Kim Stryker, State of
9 Alaska, so moved.

10 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Do I have a second?

11 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota
12 Department of Health, second.

13 MS. VOUGHT: So now discussion is open to
14 discuss Council I Issue 1024. We have ten minutes and
15 two minutes per speaker. So go ahead.

16 MS. STRYKER: Thank you so much for the
17 opportunity to talk about this. The reason that I chose
18 to extract this issue is because it sort of struck me as
19 I was listening to the discussion, the introduction to
20 the issue. A fellow professional organization
21 introduced the issue of removing the references to fire
22 sprinklers in the code. If you recall during Council I
23 this was discussed if you were able to sit in on the
24 issues. So this is an expert in fire sprinklers,
25 similar to we are experts in the food code. If you can

1 imagine going and sitting in on their conference, you've
2 prepared a proposal to their model code and you're
3 recommending a change. And she explained some of the
4 history as to why this provision was included in the
5 first place and why it should be removed from our code.
6 And as much as I appreciate the efforts of the -- of our
7 colleagues on Council I and the work that they put into
8 it, I think unfortunately that they missed the mark a
9 little on this particular issue.

10 Immediately out of the gate this was moved
11 to no action. And there was discussion about the issue,
12 but, frankly, it's redundant. There's already a
13 provision that states that if there is some source of
14 contamination to food, food contact services, equipment,
15 packaging, that you can cite that. And, frankly, there
16 was good reason to go ahead and take that specific
17 language for leaking sprinklers out of the code. And I
18 felt like it was a disservice to our colleagues, our
19 professional colleagues, in a similar organization. And
20 I feel like it was sort of an easy win. And I feel like
21 we would be in a good position to send this to the Board
22 and ask them to consider it and potentially sort of put
23 out an olive branch to our colleagues for something
24 that's redundant in the code.

25 MS. CLIFTON: That's time.

1 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Two minutes.

2 MS. STRYKER: Okay. Thank you.

3 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Kim.

4 Anymore discussion on the matter?

5 (No response from the representatives.)

6 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing no more discussion,
7 I'm not going to go through the lengthy explanation
8 again, we're just going to do the vote. Okay. So the
9 motion on the floor is to accept council's
10 recommendation for Issue No. 1024. All those in favor
11 of that, please raise your hand now.

12 Okay. We're going to go ahead because
13 it's a really close vote and do all the nays so that we
14 can figure out the half votes because that might be our
15 tiebreaker. So all those not in favor of accepting
16 Council I's recommendation for Issue 1024, please raise
17 your hand now.

18 Okay. Who voted twice?

19 MS. CLIFTON: Let's do roll call.

20 MS. VOUGHT: Roll call again?

21 MS. CLIFTON: Roll call.

22 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. We need to do roll
23 call again because we did have a --

24 MS. CLIFTON: We didn't have a majority.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. So how would you like

1 me to do this roll call? Do you want me to have them
2 state their state and their -- how do you want me to do
3 it? I know I start with Alaska.

4 MS. CLIFTON: Call the state.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Yes.

6 MS. CLIFTON: And all we need to hear is a
7 yes or a no.

8 MS. VOUGHT: Okay.

9 MR. ANTEE: But each person in the state
10 has to respond.

11 MS. VOUGHT: Each person in the state has
12 to respond. And do you need their half vote --

13 MS. CLIFTON: Yes.

14 MS. VOUGHT: -- or not that.

15 MS. CLIFTON: Yes, go ahead and tell us
16 the half vote.

17 MS. VOUGHT: Sorry. My apologies. You
18 guys just like to make me work. I got it. So we're
19 going to -- I don't know if you heard what Belinda said.
20 So we're going to go in order. I'm going to call your
21 state. You're going to give a verbal yes or no on how
22 you vote on that action, okay? And with your state I'm
23 going to announce what your vote is, okay? If I get
24 that wrong, correct me because I may screw up. That's
25 very possible.

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1 Okay. So Alabama you have one note.
2 MS. FENN: No on no action.
3 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Thank you.
4 Alaska one note.
5 MS. STRYKER: No on no action.
6 MS. VOUGHT: Arizona one vote.
7 MS. HOFER: No on no action.
8 MS. VOUGHT: Arkansas one note.
9 MS. WOODUS: No on no action.
10 MS. VOUGHT: Colorado you have one vote.
11 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes.
12 MS. VOUGHT: Connecticut you have one
13 vote.
14 MS. DAVID: Yes.
15 MS. VOUGHT: Delaware you have one vote.
16 MR. EOPPOLO: No.
17 MS. VOUGHT: District of Columbia you have
18 a half vote.
19 MR. COOPER: No.
20 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Florida you have a
21 half vote.
22 MR. CARMODY: Yes.
23 MS. VOUGHT: Florida you have a half vote.
24 MS. HAYNES: Yes.
25 MS. VOUGHT: Georgia you have a half vote.

1 MR. PEASLEY: Yes.
2 MS. VOUGHT: Georgia you have a half vote.
3 MS. HUDSON: Yes.
4 MS. VOUGHT: Hawaii you have a full vote.
5 MR. OSHIRO: No.
6 MS. CLIFTON: Slower, Madam Chair.
7 MS. VOUGHT: Are you good?
8 MS. CLIFTON: Georgia?
9 MS. VOUGHT: Georgia first half vote?
10 MR. PEASLEY: Yes.
11 MS. VOUGHT: Second half vote?
12 MS. HUDSON: Yes.
13 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.
14 Hawaii one vote.
15 MR. OSHIRO: No.
16 MS. VOUGHT: Idaho one vote.
17 MR. SAMPLES: No.
18 MS. VOUGHT: Indiana one vote.
19 MS. MCCURDY: No.
20 MS. VOUGHT: Iowa one note.
21 MR. SPELTZ: No.
22 MS. VOUGHT: Kansas one vote.
23 MS. GRISAMORE: No.
24 MS. VOUGHT: Kentucky one vote.
25 MS. HENDREN: No.

1 MS. VOUGHT: Louisiana one vote.
2 MR. THIBODEAUX: Yes.
3 MS. VOUGHT: Maine a half vote.
4 MR. METCALF: Yes.
5 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Maine a half vote.
6 MS. SILVA: Yes.
7 MS. VOUGHT: Maryland one vote.
8 MS. VAULS: Yes.
9 MS. VOUGHT: Michigan one vote.
10 MR. BLANCHARD: Yes.
11 MS. VOUGHT: Minnesota a half vote.
12 MS. CARLTON: Yes.
13 MS. VOUGHT: Minnesota a half vote.
14 MS. WHEELER: Yes.
15 MS. VOUGHT: Missouri one vote.
16 MS. ANDERSON: Yes.
17 MS. VOUGHT: Montana one vote.
18 MS. EVANGELINE: No.
19 MS. VOUGHT: Nebraska one vote.
20 MS. ANDREWS: No.
21 MS. VOUGHT: Nevada one vote.
22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
23 MS. VOUGHT: New Hampshire one vote.
24 MS. SMITH: No.
25 MS. VOUGHT: New Jersey one vote.

1 MS. SWIFT: No.
2 MS. VOUGHT: New York a half vote.
3 MR. LEPKOFKER: No.
4 MS. VOUGHT: New York a half vote.
5 MS. EAGAN: No.
6 MS. VOUGHT: North Carolina one vote.
7 MS. RITTER: Yes.
8 MS. VOUGHT: North Dakota one vote.
9 MS. WAGENDORF: No.
10 MS. VOUGHT: Ohio a half vote.
11 MR. HIGLEY: No.
12 MS. VOUGHT: Ohio a half vote.
13 MR. TEWKSBURY: No.
14 MS. VOUGHT: Oklahoma one vote.
15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
16 MS. VOUGHT: Oregon a half vote.
17 MS. LOCKETT: No.
18 MS. VOUGHT: Oregon a half vote.
19 MR. GEDDES: No.
20 MS. VOUGHT: Pennsylvania one vote.
21 MS. SMITH: No.
22 MS. VOUGHT: Rhode Island one vote.
23 MS. FEENEY: No.
24 MS. VOUGHT: South Carolina one vote.
25 MS. BEST: Yes.

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1 MS. VOUGHT: Tennessee one vote.
2 MS. PICKLE: No.
3 MR. MCSWANE: Texas one vote.
4 MR. GUZMAN: No.
5 MS. VOUGHT: Utah one vote.
6 MR. WALLER: Yes.
7 MS. VOUGHT: Vermont one vote. Oh, I
8 forgot. I'm sorry.
9 Virginia a half vote.
10 MS. BLAND: Yes.
11 MS. VOUGHT: Virginia a half vote.
12 MS. DIERSEN: Yes.
13 MS. VOUGHT: Washington one vote?
14 MS. SHELTON: No.
15 MS. VOUGHT: West Virginia one vote.
16 MS. HUTSON: No.
17 MS. VOUGHT: Wisconsin one vote.
18 MR. KAPLANEK: No.
19 MS. VOUGHT: Wyoming one vote?
20 MR. LATHAM: Yes.
21 MS. VOUGHT: And North Mariana Islands a
22 half vote.
23 MR. TAGABUEL: No.
24 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you all for your
25 patience. We need Jeopardy. I feel like this is where

1 my comedy and DJ background should come in to play.
2 Unfortunately I didn't prepare any jokes. We do
3 appreciate the patience. I know we want to get the math
4 right. That's what this is all about.

5 Okay. So the nos have it. That means
6 that that issue is not accepted for the council's
7 recommendation. So, therefore, that no action is now
8 no, so it will go back to the Board and the Board will
9 be discussing that matter. Okay. So thank you.

10 Thank you, Todd, for a very exciting
11 Council I.

12 Okay. So how this works -- Dave just
13 reminded me to solicit volunteers again. So how this
14 works is when something goes to the Board like that
15 because it was a no action, we create a -- the Board
16 creates an ad hoc committee and we'll need one person
17 who voted yes and one person who voted no to serve on
18 that ad hoc committee. I'm assuming that's probably
19 going to be Kim as one of them. So let us know if you
20 have interest in serving on that committee. We keep it
21 small. Just a few. Not all of you. We love you all,
22 but we don't need you all.

23 Okay. So with that, we're now going to
24 move on to Ms. Courtney Halbrook, who is going to give
25 our Council II reports, which is done in three parts.

1 MS. HALBROOK: Thank you, Madam Chair.
2 Good morning, everybody. It has been a real honor and a
3 privilege to serve as your council to Chair. And I
4 definitely want to extend my gratitude and thanks to
5 our Vice Chair, Wendy Bell; our parliamentarian,
6 Michael Antee; our scribe, Katita Grice; and our runner,
7 Ginger Points. They all did a fantastic job.

8 Without a doubt Council II maintained the
9 spirit of the conference in considering and respecting
10 the opinions of all of the food safety stakeholders and
11 the constituencies that were represented. We worked
12 hard to put our first-time issue submitter's and
13 presenters at ease with the deliberation process and to
14 prioritize education on each issue with a goal of
15 obtaining consensus. We received a total of 53 issues.
16 I think as you heard we had transferred two to Council I
17 and one of those came back to us. So we deliberated a
18 total of 52 issues and we created three committees in
19 Council II. One of those is a council committee on Food
20 Safety Culture. And then there were two standing
21 committees created. One on Food Safety Management
22 Systems and the second one was the CFP Technology
23 Solutions standing committee. And out of our
24 affirmative issues, there were a total of 43 issues
25 accepted as submitted or accepted as amended.

1 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you,
2 Courtney, for your Part 1 of Council II's report.

3 Okay. So with that, do we have any
4 extracted issues from Part 1 of Council II's report? So
5 that would be the issues that are all accepted as
6 submitted or accepted as amended?

7 (No response from the representatives.)

8 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing no extractions,
9 do I have a motion and a second to accept Part 1 of
10 Council II's report?

11 MS. LOCKETT: Hi. Good morning.
12 Erin Lockett, Department of Agriculture in the state of
13 Oregon. May I please make a motion to accept Council II
14 as you just stated?

15 MS. VOUGHT: Yes.

16 MS. LOCKETT: Thank you.

17 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

18 And a second?

19 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody for the
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. I
21 second the motion.

22 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you.

23 All right. So we have a motion and a
24 second to accept Part 1 of Council II's report as
25 submitted. Any discussion?

1 (No response from the representatives.)

2 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing no discussion, all who
3 accept Council II's Part 1 report, please say yes.

4 (The representatives responded.)

5 MS. VOUGHT: Any nos?

6 (No response from the representatives.)

7 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing none, that motion
8 passes. And, Courtney, you can come up to give Part 2.

9 MS. HALBROOK: Thank you, Madam Chair.
10 For Part 2 of Council II's report we had five issues
11 that were deliberated by council with no action.

12 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you again.

13 All right. So do we have any extractions
14 from Part 2 of Council II's report, the five no actions?

15 (No response from the representatives.)

16 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing no extractions,
17 do we have a motion and a second to accept Part 2 of
18 Council II's report?

19 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota
20 Department of Health. I make a motion to accept Part 2
21 of Council II's report.

22 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

23 Do I have a second?

24 MR. GEDDES: Craig Geddes, Oregon Health
25 Authority, second.

1 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you.

2 So we have a motion and a second to accept
3 Council II's Part 2 report. I'll get these numbers
4 right one of these days. Any discussion?

5 (No response from the representatives.)

6 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing no discussion, all
7 those in favor of accepting Council II's Part 2 report,
8 please say yes.

9 (The representatives responded.)

10 MS. VOUGHT: All those not in favor say
11 no.

12 (No response from the representatives.)

13 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Motion carries. Thank
14 you very much.

15 Courtney, you get to come up and do Part 3
16 now.

17 MS. HALBROOK: Thank you, Madam Chair.

18 Part 3 of the Council II report is for
19 issues dealing with the constitution and bylaws. There
20 were a total of four issues that were accepted.

21 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Do I have any
22 extractions for Part 3 of Council II's report?

23 (No response from the representatives.)

24 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing no extractions,
25 do I have a motion and a second to accept Council's

1 recommendations of Part 3 of Council II's report?

2 MS. SMITH: Stephanie Smith, Department of
3 Agriculture. I make a motion to accept Part 3 of
4 Council II's report.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

6 MR. BLANCHARD: Rodney Blanchard, Michigan
7 Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. I
8 second.

9 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Again, this is one
10 that requires two-thirds vote because it's constitution
11 and bylaws. Can we start with voice, Belinda? Can we
12 start with voice or do you want hand?

13 MS. CLIFTON: Hand.

14 MS. VOUGHT: Hand?

15 MS. CLIFTON: Well, voice. Voice is fine.

16 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

17 All right. Any discussion on Council II's
18 Part 3 report?

19 (No response from the representatives.)

20 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing none.

21 All those in favor of accepting Council
22 II's Part 3 report, please say yes.

23 (The representatives responded.)

24 MS. VOUGHT: All those opposed?

25 (No response from the representatives.)

1 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Great. Motion
2 carries. Thank you, Courtney, for that wonderful
3 report.

4 Okay. With that, we move on to
5 Council III. Standing in for Dr. Schaffner is
6 Chip Manuel, which means he gets to do this twice.

7 MR. MANUEL: All right. Thank you. Good
8 morning, everyone. I'm Dr. Chip Manuel from (inaudible)
9 Industries. I'm Vice Chair of Council III serving --
10 reporting on behalf of Don Schaffner who could not be
11 here. I want to thank CFP for the opportunity to serve
12 as Vice Chair here at this biennium. I really won't
13 ever forget this experience. We went down to the wire
14 if you were in Council III as per usual.

15 To my council members and alternates, you
16 came prepared and had passionate consensus building
17 deliberations over the last three days. I appreciate
18 all your hard work and dedication to food safety. By
19 the way, if you did not get a certificate from
20 Council III I still have them, so please see me at some
21 point today and I'll be sure to give that to you.

22 I'd also like to thank our
23 parliamentarian, Angela Kohls, who was really wonderful
24 to work with; Nataly Flygare, our scribe, who kept up
25 with all the friendly amendments and unfriendly

1 amendments; and to Joshua Cardenas, our runner.
2 Jean Edsall, Debbie Pickle and Eric Moore, our
3 reporters, we really could not have done it without you.

4 All right. So after the initial issue
5 submission period, Council III had 32 issues and three
6 issues came over from our friends from Council I,
7 leading to 35 total issues submitted.

8 For the first part of my Assembly report,
9 Council III has recommended the acceptance of 31 issues,
10 18 as submitted and 13 as amended in their packet.
11 Within these accepted issues, our council has
12 recommended the creation of four new committees, the
13 Defined Heat Treatment Committee, Cold Brew Coffee
14 Committee, Rehydrated Foods Committee and TCS Plant
15 Foods Committee. I want to make mention in from of you
16 there was an erratum. Just an honest mistake during
17 transcription on one of the issues that we moved from --
18 received from Council I. So that as been corrected and
19 handed out in front of you. And I'll pass it back to
20 Becky.

21 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you, Chip.
22 So we're on Part I of Council III's report. Do I see
23 any extractions for Part 1 of Council III?

24 (No response from the representatives.)

25 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing no

1 extractions -- oh, sorry. I'll give you more time.

2 MS. HUTSON: Jennifer Hutson, West
3 Virginia, DHHR. I move to extract Issue 1002 -- 1022.
4 Sorry.

5 MS. VOUGHT: 1022. So this was the one
6 that was removed from Council I to Council III and it is
7 Issue 1022. Just so we're all --

8 MS. HUTSON: Thank you.

9 MS. VOUGHT: Any other extractions from
10 Council III's Part 1 report?

11 (No response from the representatives.)

12 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing none, I will
13 entertain a motion to accept Part 1 of Council III's
14 report minus Issue 1-022.

15 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
16 Department of Agriculture. I move to accept as the
17 Chair stated.

18 MS. VOUGHT: Do I have a second?

19 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, second.

21 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

22 All right. So we have a motion and a
23 second to accept Part 1 of Council III's report minus
24 issue 1-022. Any discussion on that?

25 (No response from the representatives.)

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1 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing none, all of
2 those in favor of accepting Council III's Part 1 report
3 minus issue 1-022, please say yes.

4 (The representatives responded.)

5 MS. VOUGHT: All those opposed, please say
6 no.

7 (No response from the representatives.)

8 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Motion carries.

9 So now we're going to go ahead and I need
10 a motion and a second to accept Council's recommendation
11 on issue 1-022 so we can start discussion.

12 MS. HUTSON: Jennifer Hutson, West
13 Virginia DHHR, so moved.

14 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Thank you.

15 Do I have a second?

16 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
17 Department of Health, second.

18 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Kim.

19 Okay. So we're going to have ten minutes,
20 two minutes per second. Go ahead.

21 MS. HUTSON: So I move to extract this
22 issue just due to a lack of consensus around the issue
23 itself. I think we need to discuss it here and just
24 make sure that FDA is aware of concerns before they
25 write it and rule.

1 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Thank you. Kim.

2 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
3 Department of Agriculture. I would encourage my fellow
4 delegates to keep this issue as it was amended and
5 passed by Council III. To add a specific and measurable
6 parameters to one of the several methods offered to when
7 the foods in 3-50115 takes nothing away from the other
8 methods that remain in code and the provisions in
9 3-50114 for cooling time and temperature requirements
10 remain intact and enforceable if proper cooling is not
11 being met.

12 Over the past several days we have been
13 presented with several research studies by CDC, academia
14 and others who know what we all know to be true, which
15 is that improper cooling practices are significant cause
16 of food born illness and that proper cooling of foods is
17 difficult to achieve in a food service setting.

18 We've also heard testimony from industry
19 partners who have used this method and have found it to
20 be overwhelmingly affective as well as Washington State
21 who coded this decades ago. They have not had a single
22 outbreak related to this method. I encourage us to
23 trust the methods and vote to keep this issue. Thank
24 you.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

1 Angie.

2 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota
3 Department of Health. I'd like Madam Chair to recognize
4 Nicole Hudine (sic) to speak on this issue.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Thank you. Nicole.

6 MS. HUDINE: Thank you, Madam Chair. We
7 know cooling is difficult. Cooling is the third most
8 out-of-compliance risk factor according to FDA. We need
9 to do something to address this. We heard testimony
10 from industry in Washington State that focusing on
11 cooling methods and specifically cooling foods at a
12 depth of 2 inches or less uncovered in a refrigerator
13 has been a safe and easy method to teach as it helps
14 workers shift focus on visual parameters. Council III
15 met with multiple numbers of Council III supported the
16 science we provided in our issue. We also heard from
17 Washington State who has had (inaudible) for over 30
18 years and the number of (inaudible) outbreaks in their
19 state had dramatically decreased due to this method.
20 This language is a step in the right direction. Thank
21 you.

22 MS. VOUGHT: Nancy.

23 MS. DIERSEN: I'd like to take one more
24 opportunity to reach out to all the smarter people in
25 the room during this new era of smarter food safety

1 because the fact is people you can do this thing already
2 under the current structure of the food code and without
3 continuous monitoring because the food code only speaks
4 to routine monitoring of food stirring the cooling
5 process. So let's not muddy the cooling methods section
6 of the food code as this current recommended language
7 would do and it does with this new Section C and its
8 must language that currently contradicts all the seven
9 methods allowed in Section A. And it adds this new
10 term, after additional validation, that's just going to
11 cause us to come back in two years and ask FDA for a
12 definition of what that means. So let's build a strong
13 food safety culture and promote active managerial
14 control instead of turning our inspection staff into the
15 2-inch food police who now have to carry a food grade
16 multiuse ruler. Let's act smarter. Let's go home and
17 do our job and educate facilities. You can do this if
18 you want to and FDA said so at CFP. We do not need this
19 amended language. It's just going to lead to perhaps
20 unanticipated consequences when FDA perhaps says that
21 now we need written procedures for this validation,
22 which is going to lead to one more requirement on the
23 PIP to maintain documentation for written procedures
24 after they conduct their initial validation.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Okay, Nancy. Thank you.

1 Tim.

2 MR. TEWKSBURY: Hi. Tim Tewksbury, Ohio
3 Department of Agriculture. To kind of piggyback off of
4 some of the stuff that Nancy was saying, based on some
5 of the studies that were provided, it's not an
6 all-inconclusive type of study. That's why USDA had
7 major issues with -- because most of the food products
8 that were part of the studies were soups. They were
9 potatoes, noodles and things like that. They were not
10 being majorly protein based.

11 Secondly, when it comes to this study as
12 well and our also proposes language is that 2-inch
13 measurable depth for their -- right now I have
14 facilities that can't even find a thermometer when
15 you're asking them to and now you're asking them to have
16 a ruler or a way to measure the depth of food. And the
17 reason why the depth of food is important is the studies
18 actually say that even an inch of -- just 1 inch more,
19 3 inches, proves that in that study that cooling was not
20 able to be met. So we're only looking at a 1-inch
21 variable here. So a 1-inch variable is not enough in my
22 opinion based on all the other things that are going on
23 when we're trying to go get smarter when it comes to it.

24 And this is my last comment. I've heard
25 it three times yet today. I have a really bad taste in

1 my mouth when I hear people say cooling is hard and
2 that's why we want to change the rule. Because it's
3 already allowed. Cooling is hard. Yes, it is. But
4 let's not change the rule because it's hard. If they
5 don't want to cool, they don't have to cool. Thank you.

6 MS. SHELTON: Good morning. Susan Shelton
7 with Washington State Department of Health. I wanted to
8 thank the Minnesota Department of Health for bringing
9 this issue forward. I also wanted to thank all of the
10 input that we received and discussions on both councils,
11 Council I and II.

12 In coming here I had no idea this was
13 going to be such an issue. We have seen such success
14 with this provision in Washington State as we mentioned.
15 In 30 years of having this, we have reduced our
16 incidents of (inaudible). It is very easy for us to
17 educate. It is very easy for us to evaluate. We are
18 able to evaluate cooling on every single inspection
19 because we are able to look at the equipment that they
20 have, the space that they have, the refrigeration. We
21 have very few NOs on our inspection report concerning
22 cooling. We have shown that it has been something that
23 we can educate on, industry can following and
24 administration usually accepts and also appreciates.

25 I want to thank everyone that's been in

1 the audience. We've had a lot of people come and talk
2 to us from other states and administrators supporting
3 this measure. So, again, thank you very much for
4 everybody's effort and I do hope it gets promoted
5 forward. Thank you.

6 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

7 Any further discussion? We're probably
8 getting close to time.

9 MS. CLIFTON: You're at seven minutes.

10 MS. VOUGHT: Oh, okay. So we have three
11 minutes. Any other passionate speakers one way or the
12 other?

13 (No response from the representatives.)

14 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Seeing no other
15 discussion -- so just to remember, this is opposite of
16 what we did earlier. This is an accept as amended issue
17 in Part 1. So Part 1, Council III's report, the
18 extracted Issue 1022 is what we're voting on as accept
19 the council's recommendation. If you vote yes that
20 means you're agreeing that the accept as amended stands.
21 If you vote no that means you do not agree with the
22 accept as amended action of the council so that would
23 then kill it. It kills that issue. So keep that in
24 mind when you vote. We're going to do a hand vote,
25 okay, again, just because I think we're going to not

1 have full consensus here.

2 Okay. So saying that, all those in favor
3 to accept council's recommendation on issue -- Council
4 III's recommendation on Issue 1022, please raise your
5 hand now. Keep them high and keep them up.

6 Are we going to do roll call again? Okay.
7 Yeah, we're going to do roll call again. I love you
8 all. Okay. So we're going to do the same thing, I'm
9 going to call your state, your vote, you'll say either
10 yes or no. Speak loudly so the parliamentarians can
11 hear you and I'm going to try to move slowly through the
12 process.

13 Okay. So Alabama one vote.

14 MS. FENN: Yes.

15 MS. VOUGHT: Alaska one vote.

16 MS. STRYKER: Yes.

17 MS. VOUGHT: Arizona one vote.

18 MS. HOFER: No.

19 MS. VOUGHT: Arkansas one vote.

20 MS. WOODUS: No.

21 MS. VOUGHT: Colorado one vote.

22 MR. HUFFMAN: Yes.

23 MS. VOUGHT: Connecticut one vote.

24 MS. DAVID: No.

25 MS. VOUGHT: Delaware one vote.

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1 MR. EOPPOLO: No.
2 MS. VOUGHT: District of Columbia a half
3 vote.
4 MR. COOPER: No.
5 MS. VOUGHT: Florida a half vote.
6 MR. CARMODY: No.
7 MS. VOUGHT: Florida a half vote.
8 MS. HAYNES: No.
9 MS. VOUGHT: Georgia a half vote.
10 MR. PEASLEY: No.
11 MS. VOUGHT: Georgia a half vote.
12 MS. HUDSON: No.
13 MS. VOUGHT: Hawaii one vote.
14 MR. OSHIRO: Yes.
15 MS. VOUGHT: Idaho one vote.
16 MR. SAMPLES: No.
17 MS. VOUGHT: Indiana one vote.
18 MS. MCCURDY: No.
19 MS. VOUGHT: Iowa one vote.
20 MR. SPELTZ: Yes.
21 MS. VOUGHT: Kansas one vote.
22 MS. GRISAMORE: No.
23 MS. VOUGHT: Kentucky one vote.
24 MS. HENDREN: No.
25 MS. VOUGHT: Louisiana one vote.

1 MR. THIBODEAUX: No.
2 MS. VOUGHT: Maine a half vote.
3 MR. METCALF: Yes.
4 MS. VOUGHT: Maine a half vote.
5 MS. SILVA: Yes.
6 MS. VOUGHT: Maryland one vote.
7 MS. VAULS: No.
8 MS. VOUGHT: Michigan one vote.
9 MR. BLANCHARD: Yes.
10 MS. VOUGHT: Minnesota a half vote.
11 MS. CARLTON: Yes.
12 MS. VOUGHT: Minnesota a half vote.
13 MS. WHEELER: Yes.
14 MS. VOUGHT: Missouri one vote.
15 MS. ANDERSON: Yes.
16 MS. VOUGHT: Montana one vote.
17 MS. EVANGELINE: No.
18 MS. VOUGHT: Nebraska one vote.
19 MS. ANDREWS: No.
20 MS. VOUGHT: Nevada one vote.
21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.
22 MS. VOUGHT: New Hampshire one vote.
23 MS. SMITH: Yes.
24 MS. VOUGHT: New Jersey one vote.
25 MS. SWIFT: Yes.

1 MS. VOUGHT: New York a half vote.
2 MR. LEPKOFKER: No.
3 MS. VOUGHT: New York a half vote.
4 MS. EAGAN: No.
5 MS. VOUGHT: North Carolina one vote.
6 MS. RITTER: No.
7 MS. VOUGHT: North Dakota one vote.
8 MS. WAGENDORF: Yes.
9 MS. VOUGHT: Ohio a half vote.
10 MR. HIGLEY: No.
11 MS. VOUGHT: Ohio a half vote.
12 MR. TEWKSBURY: No.
13 MS. VOUGHT: Oklahoma one vote.
14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.
15 MS. VOUGHT: Oregon a half vote.
16 MS. LOCKETT: Yes.
17 MS. VOUGHT: Oregon a half vote.
18 MR. GEDDES: Yes.
19 MS. VOUGHT: Pennsylvania one vote.
20 MS. SMITH: No.
21 MS. VOUGHT: Rhode Island one vote.
22 MS. FEENEY: Yes.
23 MS. VOUGHT: South Carolina one vote.
24 MS. BEST: No.
25 MS. VOUGHT: Tennessee one vote.

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1 MS. PICKLE: Yes.
2 MS. VOUGHT: Texas one vote.
3 MR. GUZMAN: Yes.
4 MS. VOUGHT: Utah one vote.
5 MR. WALLER: No.
6 MS. VOUGHT: Virginia a half vote.
7 MS. BLAND: No.
8 MS. VOUGHT: Virginia a half vote.
9 MS. DIERSEN: No.
10 MS. VOUGHT: Washington one vote.
11 MS. SHELTON: Yes.
12 MS. VOUGHT: West Virginia one vote.
13 MS. HUTSON: No.
14 MS. VOUGHT: Wisconsin one vote.
15 MR. KAPLANEK: Yes.
16 MS. VOUGHT: Wyoming one vote.
17 MR. LATHAM: Yes.
18 MS. VOUGHT: Northern Mariana Islands a
19 half vote.
20 MR. TAGABUEL: Yes.
21 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Well, I'm going to
22 know all my states, territories and districts at the end
23 of this.
24 Okay. So it appears that our nos have it.
25 The vote was 20.5 to 23.5. So the council's

1 recommendation to accept as amended dies and that
2 becomes a no action.

3 So thank you for the discussion on that
4 one and we're now going to move on and let Chip finish
5 Part 2 so that hopefully he can catch a flight, right?

6 MR. MANUEL: No, I'm good.

7 MS. VOUGHT: Okay.

8 MR. MANUEL: We will all get delayed by
9 this Texas hailstorm anyway.

10 MS. VOUGHT: Yes.

11 MR. MANUEL: Now, Part 2 of Council III's
12 report. This will be quick for the second part of the
13 report. Council III recommends taking no action on four
14 issues represented in your packet. Thank you. I'll
15 turn it over to Becky.

16 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

17 Okay. So we're onto our last part of
18 council reports. So just keep that in mind. We're on
19 the last one. All right. So on Part 2 of Council III's
20 report, do I see any issues that the assembly would like
21 to extract? And I'll give you more time this time in
22 case you're in the back.

23 (No response from the representatives.)

24 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Seeing no extractions,
25 do I have a motion to accept Council III's Part 2

1 report?

2 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida
3 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, motion
4 to accept.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

6 Do I have a second?

7 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota
8 Department of Health, second.

9 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

10 Okay. Any discussion on the
11 recommendation to accept Council III's Part 2 report?

12 (No response from the representatives.)

13 MS. VOUGHT: Seeing none.

14 All those in favor of accepting Council
15 III's Part 2 report, please say yes.

16 (The representatives responded.)

17 MS. VOUGHT: All those opposed say no.

18 (No response from the representatives.)

19 MS. VOUGHT: Motion carries. And we are
20 now successfully done with all of our issues. Thank
21 you.

22 Okay. So we're not done yet so you can't
23 leave, okay? I actually have to talk a little bit more
24 and we're going to have our Resolutions Chair come up
25 after I do some special -- is it all right Chirag if I

1 go first?

2 Okay. I had asked Chirag, our Resolutions
3 Chair, if I could go first so I could recognize some of
4 the resolutions that were given to people here and not
5 here. I am a very emotional person so if I don't make
6 it through this, then just cry with me, please.

7 First off, I want to recognize the
8 parliamentarians. As you can see, they have hard work
9 to do. I did not really know Belinda and Angie and
10 Travis very well. I kind of knew Mike. I mean, who
11 doesn't know Mike, right? And, of course, the newest
12 parliamentarian, Connie.

13 So thank you for all your hard work this
14 week. We had two new parliamentarians that had not done
15 this ever before, Travis and Angela. I think they did a
16 wonderful job, as you all do. And it was such a
17 pleasure to get to know you all and spend some time with
18 you all. So thank you for your service to CFP. They do
19 this as volunteers and they don't get to have nearly the
20 fun that we have. They have to be the hard line. So we
21 appreciate that work. So thank you.

22 So, second, I want to recognize and give a
23 resolution to our Issues Chairs. It's a unique position
24 that's behind the scenes. This year we did do something
25 unique and we have an Issues Chair, Patrick Guzzle, and

1 two Co-Vice Chairs, Ann Johnson and Linda Zaziski. And
2 if you guys are in the audience, feel free to stand up
3 so everybody knows who you are.

4 I also want to say Davine (inaudible)
5 stepped in at the last minute because Ann was busy on
6 Council doing very important work there and helped out
7 and was a great asset to Linda and Patrick up in the
8 office. So Davine.

9 Taking over as a new Issues Chair with
10 Patrick last year I know just how much work that was
11 virtually. In person, I have to say it's got to be a
12 lot harder. I just -- I don't know. I wasn't there. I
13 was down here running around, but you get -- you miss
14 out on all of this. And it's hard for people who have
15 been actively involved for years to sit up in the office
16 and do all of that hard work and have that last minute
17 push to get things out timely and accurate and they do a
18 great job. There was 117 issues and there was a lot of
19 things that were moved around and all of that kind of
20 stuff. So I really appreciate all the hard work that
21 you do that often goes unrecognized with all of these
22 issues to get us ready. So thank you.

23 Okay. So one more kind of appreciation
24 for all the stuff that was done here. The next one is
25 going to be the Local Arrangements Committee. This is a

1 lot of work and they pulled in a lot of local volunteers
2 who did not know what CFP was. So they dedicated
3 themselves to coming in and being of service for us not
4 knowing what this was about and I hope that we've
5 inspired some of them to stay involved. They seemed to
6 be really excited. While they were out there so many of
7 you stopped by and said thank you and talked to them
8 throughout the whole week and I hope we can keep them
9 involved. But none of this would have happened, this
10 wouldn't have been as amazing as it was, if it wasn't
11 for our Local Arrangements Committee. And especially
12 the St. Arnold Brewery. Come on. Woo Woo. Good job,
13 you guys. Thank you.

14 And then the Digital Ad Hoc Committee. So
15 they really did a lot of work this year and that
16 includes Chirag and Vanessa Boussier (sic) who is not
17 with us this week. Plus, of course, some others like
18 Jamie Higley and Lillie Ying that were sitting in the
19 council rooms updating the app. So it wasn't just the
20 app, but it was, I mean, the whole visible livestream.
21 So without their help of making the livestream happen
22 for the people that are home, plus the app while we're
23 here, which if any of you know if you were in the
24 audience and it was nice, right, to be able to take a
25 break and still kind of listen in but then come back,

1 plus have that app service too. So I really, really
2 appreciate all the work that the Digital Ad Hoc
3 Committee did to get us all set up for that. So thank
4 you, Chirag and the rest of you and Jamie and Lillie.
5 Resolution for them.

6 Okay. Now the hard part. Many of you
7 know we lost Dr. Nummer this year. He was someone we
8 all held in quite esteem. For those of you who don't
9 know him, a lot of the specialized processing in the
10 food code was really done through his work, his
11 committee work. I had the honor to not just know him
12 through CFP but personally. There were a few of us that
13 became the Council III girls and we have pictures to
14 prove it. So he's missed. But I will tell you knowing
15 him like I did and seeing him after last year and
16 knowing how excited he was to get back in person and all
17 the plans that we sat there and made in the hallway of
18 AFDO and then not having him here left a hole, but he
19 would be proud. The vibe fell into what Dr. Nummer was
20 all about. He was so positive and the loved the
21 collaboration and he had the spirit of CFP like no
22 other. He's why many of us stayed on and worked with
23 him on committees and chaired committees. That includes
24 me. So he would be proud of how we did this week. He
25 really would. So I just want to recognize him and, you

1 know, thank him wherever he is.

2 And with that, we also have another person
3 that we really, really miss this week. That is
4 Janet Williams. She was our lead parliamentarian for so
5 many years and nobody can do her blue card example any
6 justice. But I will say our parliamentarians did a
7 great job filling in for us, but not having Janet's
8 spirit and liveliness for the parliamentarian process
9 here was different, wasn't it? It was just -- she was
10 just a spitfire and we sure missed her this week too.
11 So thank you, Janet. I know she would also be proud of
12 all the work and the work that you guys did.

13 Okay. I'm going to turn it over to
14 Chirag Bhatt so he can do the rest of the resolutions
15 and I can maybe not smear my makeup.

16 MR. BHATT: Good morning. Thank you,
17 Madam Chair Becky. And I promise I will not be getting
18 a little dusty here because she did the hardest part of
19 recognizing people that we lost this year.

20 Thanking the members of the Resolution
21 Committee, Michael Roberson, Adam Inman, Brenda Harris
22 and Steve Morris.

23 We'd like to recognize Karen Pena and
24 Lesley Ross at the ConferenceDirect who provided
25 exceptional service in planning and managing our meeting

1 here in Houston, my home town.

2 We'd like to recognize the staff here at
3 Westin Galleria for providing outstanding facilities,
4 food and support throughout the meeting. Anyone here
5 from the Westin Galleria?

6 We also want to recognize Dr. Ben Chapman
7 and Veronica Bryant who assembled a great group of
8 people and speaker for our workshop that was conducted
9 virtually.

10 We had 41 sponsors, I think Cliff
11 mentioned something, three Event/Service Donors and one
12 Sustaining Support for this week. We had four sponsor
13 levels. And I'm going to read all of these names very
14 quickly. Hold your applause until the end when I give
15 you a cue that now you can clap. Until then, hold it
16 because there's a lot of names.

17 There were 16 companies and organizations
18 that supported at the Titanium level. Amazon, where you
19 can buy everything including husbands and wives and
20 children nowadays. The only thing you can't buy is
21 money. Compass Group, Diversey, Ecolab, FMI - The Food
22 Industry Association, HEB Grocery Company. They're
23 based here in Texas. And those of you that appreciated
24 your goody bag, you can thank HEB and Albertsons and
25 Whole Food Market. There is still some cookies left on

1 the front desk. Those of you that are watching sugar
2 stay away from them. McDonald's Corporation, National
3 Environmental Health Association, National Registry of
4 Food Safety Professionals, National Restaurant
5 Association, NSF International, Performance Food Group,
6 Publix Super Markets. And I'll be missed by not saying
7 this. Michael would always say this. Where shopping is
8 a pleasure. Shar-ify. Angela was here and she was very
9 instrumental in getting all the testimonial done.
10 Wegman's Food Markets, Yum! Brands.

11 The following are the Gold level sponsors.
12 We had 13 sponsors in this category. Albertsons
13 Companies; AFDO of the Southern States; Domino's Pizza;
14 Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association; GOJO
15 Industries represented by Chip; HS GovTech, the company
16 where I work for where we go beyond data management;
17 International Association for Food Protection; Meijer
18 Corporation; Responsible Training or Safeway
19 Certifications; Retail Business Services; Tokyo Gardens
20 Catering/Sushi, where they do wonderful sushi and they
21 brought some for the volunteers yesterday; Waffle House;
22 Wakefern Food Corporation.

23 The next level is Silver level sponsors.
24 We had seven sponsors. Association of Food and Drug
25 Officials or AFDO; Darden Restaurants; Steritech; Testo

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1 Solutions, who also sponsored our mobile app; Top Golf.
2 You all got like some coupons thanks to Courtney so you
3 can go play some golf at Top Golf. UL Solutions and
4 Wawa Corporation.

5 We had five Bronze level sponsors. Bagel
6 Mania Too Corporation from Wendy's local franchise here,
7 Cheesecake Factory, Mid-Continental Association of Food
8 and Drug Officials, Pappa's Restaurants and Texas
9 Environmental Health Association.

10 The service donors for this year's
11 conference, the National Restaurant Association, they
12 donated to help cover a portion of the cost of the
13 Welcome Reception. The National Registry of Food Safety
14 Professionals, they donated to help cover a portion of
15 the cost for the Council Appreciation Luncheon. And as
16 I told you before, Testo North America supported by
17 donating for the mobile app solution.

18 Last but by no means least, we would like
19 to recognize Rentokil North America for their four-year
20 commitment to CFP as the sustaining supporter. CFP will
21 be mailing the resolutions to these companies and the
22 organizations following our meeting.

23 Now you can clap.

24 We lost some other public health
25 professionals, so we're going to be dedicating in

1 memorializing these individuals. They have devoted
2 their professional career to enhance food safety and
3 protecting public health. These individuals passed away
4 last year. And since we didn't have a meeting, it's
5 only fair for us to recognize these great professionals.
6 Manda Clevenger. Manda was an employee of the Indiana
7 State Department of Health. She was a consummate
8 professional who embraced the spirit of CFP's mission.
9 Also, Jim Dingman. Many of you know him from previous
10 employers. His passion for and career in environmental
11 health spanned more than four decades. Jim was a
12 respected and recognized leader in the profession of
13 food safety. Last, when he passed, he was with the
14 Plano City Department of Health.

15 Madam Chair.

16 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

17 I would like to say can we just have a
18 moment of silence for the four people that we lost.

19 Thank you.

20 Okay. Almost done. Almost there.

21 Probably one more chance for me to tear up a little.

22 Okay. So the next one is for my Conference Vice Chair.

23 Mr. Todd Rossow, who kept me calm, whose voice keeps us

24 all calm. So when an entire computer crashes in the

25 middle of a livestream that I'm in the middle of a

1 speech for, coming back on and seeing his face and his
2 voice immediately calmed me and got me right into it.
3 And that really was a culmination of the entire biennial
4 because you did that so many times for me. So I
5 appreciate all that you have given to me and to all of
6 us. He does an outstanding job and he stepped up
7 whenever I needed him, so I couldn't have asked for a
8 better right-hand man. And I made another gift. You
9 know I'm into making gifts and personalizing. I made a
10 special personal gift for Todd, Dave, Cliff and Vicki
11 because you guys really did -- you're the support of
12 this whole thing. So we have cups that have the logo
13 and the year, so August 2021 to 2023, because we only
14 had 18 months. We didn't have two years like most
15 people get and we had the most committees ever. So we
16 did a lot as a team. And it wasn't just a team, so what
17 the back says is "CFP made us friends. Surviving the
18 2023 Biennium made us family. With gratitude and love,
19 Becky V."

20 So with that, I thank you, Todd. Your
21 leadership and your support of the conference over and
22 over and over again. We couldn't make it through a year
23 without Todd's voice.

24 All right. I'm going to turn it over to
25 you, Todd.

1 MR. ROSSOW: Thank you.

2 MS. VOUGHT: You're welcome.

3 MR. ROSSOW: So for those of you that
4 know, if I go off script it's going to be bad. And I
5 know I have some co-workers in the audience that are
6 probably going, "Oh, no, don't do that."

7 I did think of one thing about
8 Brian Nummer. And I won't make you cry. I promise,
9 Becky. But I do remember, I don't know, maybe it was in
10 Utah that he and his wife were there and he had his red
11 Porsche, I believe. So in my mind I'm thinking I get to
12 ride in the back of it. I think his wife was in the
13 front. Those are very small cars. I think I got folded
14 up in the back. I have in my mind that I see he and
15 Janet tooling around somewhere in a red Porsche.

16 But anyway I do want to recognize somebody
17 that has provided an enormous amount of help for me
18 personally and I've looked at maybe as a mentor, as a
19 voice of reason, somebody that I can go to to check to
20 make sure that I'm accurate on some things. And I do
21 look at this young lady -- well, this lady as a
22 historian of CFP processes, procedures, legacy. It's
23 Vicki Everly. Vicki Everly has done a phenomenal job
24 over the last 30-plus years of service to us, to me, to
25 all of us in the -- in what she's done for CFP. And

1 whenever I think of CFP, I think of Vicki. And, Vicki,
2 I do thank you for all you've done. See, you're going
3 to make me cry. Don't do that.

4 For those of you that know Vicki, she
5 never says no. She is -- I think of her as the Ever
6 Ready Bunny. She just keeps going and going and going.
7 I'm on east coast time. She's on west coast time.
8 She's sending e-mails and answering them. I get them
9 before I wake up and then when I'm going to bed I'm
10 getting them. So Vicki is tireless. And I think of a
11 strong work ethic when I think of you, Vicki. Detail
12 oriented. I've got a lot of attributes in my head about
13 you, so thank you. You're a rock star.

14 To Becky, yeah, you're awesome. No, I
15 think of several things. I've had the opportunity to
16 work with Becky over the past couple of years and
17 sitting on Council III as we deliberated issues and kind
18 of chewing on her ear and talking to her about a couple
19 of things and her way of collaborating with other
20 individuals. I got a chance to engage with her team out
21 of the great state of Michigan, Rodney and several
22 others. And the way that you and your team collaborate
23 well together as well as you reach out to others,
24 whether it's in vicary or in the regulatory of academia,
25 it's a testament of your integrity, of your ability to

1 collaborate. And I just have this image in my head as
2 well. She, in her hotel room, opens the door. Anybody
3 can come on in there. She would give them some food,
4 some drink, some drink, some drink. And I think it was
5 one of her skill sets that she has of being able to
6 bring people in to have conversation and make them feel
7 welcome and I think that's awesome. She's got a couple
8 of extra names in my head. I think of Backup Plan
9 Becky. I think of Button Becky. She was referring
10 earlier to her buttons. So I think of her as a marketer
11 extraordinaire as well. So she's got a lot of
12 creativity. I think the great state of Michigan has a
13 wonderful asset in Becky as well as what her
14 contributions to the conference were. So I've got
15 leader, problem server, encourager, all of the above.
16 So, again, thank you so much for what you've done. I
17 appreciate you so much.

18 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Todd.

19 I have to finish you guys. All right.
20 Thank you. Thank you all. I do it for you and I do it
21 for the next generation of you. That's really why we're
22 here.

23 So, Chirag, I'm going to call you back up
24 so you can, I guess, ask me on behalf of the Chair. I
25 could have just asked for the motion, but I'll give you

1 the honor.

2 MR. BHATT: Madam Chair, on behalf of the
3 CFP Resolution Committee, I offer this resolution for
4 the assembly's consideration. Thank you.

5 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you, Chirag, and thank
6 you for putting together all the resolutions. That was
7 actually a lot of work. I think I had to sign like 120
8 pages. You did a lot of work on that.

9 Okay. So at this time I'd like to
10 entertain a motion to accept the resolutions that
11 Chirag Bhatt has presented. Do I have a motion and a
12 second from the floor of the assembly here? Thank you.

13 MS. CARLTON: Move to accept as presented.

14 MS. VOUGHT: Can you --

15 MS. CARLTON: Kim Carlton, Minnesota
16 Department of Agriculture.

17 MS. LOCKETT: Erin Lockett, Oregon
18 Department of Agriculture. I second it.

19 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you. I
20 know these guys want to get out of here. Okay. We have
21 a motion and a second to accept the Resolution Chair's,
22 Mr. Bhatt, report as presented. All of those in favor,
23 please say yes.

24 (The representatives responded.)

25 MS. VOUGHT: All of those opposed?

1 (No response from the representatives.)

2 MS. VOUGHT: And motion passes. Thank
3 you.

4 It is customary for the assembly to offer
5 motions that allow the Executive Board to make editorial
6 changes to issues that were submitted or to the
7 transcript or any other issues that might need to be
8 changed editorially but not substantively. At this time
9 I would entertain a motion to that effect.

10 MR. GEDDES: Craig Geddes, Oregon Health
11 Authority. I will make a motion to approve what you
12 just said.

13 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. That works.

14 MS. LOCKETT: Erin Lockett, ODA. I second
15 that.

16 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Thank you.
17 Okay. All those in favor, please say yes.
18 (The representatives responded.)

19 MS. VOUGHT: Opposed say no.

20 (No response from the representatives.)

21 MS. VOUGHT: Okay. Motion passes.

22 So at this time it is my pleasure to be
23 ending my biannual service and I get to introduce our
24 new Conference Chair and Conference Vice Chair,
25 Christine Sylvis and Keith Jackson. I have to say you

1 are in wonderful hands. I have known both of these fine
2 individuals for a number of years working with them on
3 the Board. I know Christine and I got to really become
4 friends this week because she said I'm going to be your
5 shadow and she was and that was great because I loved
6 every minute of it. And Keith, you, my man, is my
7 sanity. He has been a friend for many years and the one
8 that I can text any time I just need talked off the
9 ledge. So I know that Christine is going to have the
10 absolute ability to get talked off the ledge every time
11 you need to by Mr. Jackson. So with that, I will turn
12 it over to them if they have anything to say themselves.

13 MS. SYLVIS: We won't keep you. I know
14 that you guys were getting ready to go. I just want to
15 thank Becky for all of her support. I'll try to make
16 her cry one more time. And for the Board for their
17 belief in our abilities for the next two years. And to
18 all of you, I hope to see you in Denver in two years and
19 remember to bring a friend.

20 MR. JACKSON: So I just want to say thanks
21 for this honor to be the next Vice Chair. I'm excited
22 about it. We will have fun. I'm really hard to get to
23 know. So if you need help getting to know me, you can
24 reach out to Becky and Christine. And I look forward to
25 Denver. And in case you didn't notice on the marquee

1 signs, in this room tonight there is a high school prom
2 scheduled. So you have two choices. You can either be
3 weird and stick around and recruit these youngsters to
4 join CFP or you cannot be weird and go home. And we
5 will see you in Denver.

6 MS. VOUGHT: You're welcome to sit down
7 because we're just about done.

8 So, again, I thank you for the honor and
9 privilege to serve you. For the last 18 months I
10 couldn't have asked for a better pinnacle of my career.
11 And maybe I'll get another one, but who knows. I'm
12 happy just because I had this opportunity. So thank
13 you.

14 I'll remind everybody that there's going
15 to be an e-mail message that's going out in early May
16 and it will be the committee application sign up. Those
17 of you on livestream, you'll be getting that too. You
18 can sign up for committee work. If you're interested in
19 chairing, there will be a -- chairing a committee, there
20 will be a spot to mark that off on that.

21 And so at this point, unless anybody wants
22 to delay any further, Adam -- oh, Dave wants to say
23 something. That's right. Dave McSwane wants to say
24 something real quick and then I will entertain a motion.

25 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Here we go.

1 Well, obviously I have had the great pleasure of working
2 with both Becky and Todd in the last 18 months.

3 MS. VOUGHT: I know. It seems like a lot
4 longer.

5 MR. MCSWANE: Anyway, Becky is wonderful.
6 She has probably done things that previous Council
7 Chairs haven't, including she helped me set up the menus
8 for this meeting and things. And I really appreciate
9 all of the input that she had. And I think we made some
10 good choices based upon the comments I've heard from the
11 attendees this time around.

12 Yeah, Becky is always there. I think the
13 Backup Becky or Plan B Becky is truly a legitimate
14 identifier. I did, on behalf of the conference, want to
15 present Becky with a token of our appreciation for her
16 months of service here. And so, Becky, thank you very
17 much. We hope that you'll display this in your office
18 or home.

19 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

20 Do you want a picture, Chirag?

21 MR. MCSWANE: All right. Well, and
22 certainly you have to have -- if you've got an
23 outstanding left hand, you've got to have a great right
24 hand and Todd was certainly that. He has always been
25 there. He's done a great job. The primary role as a

1 Conference Vice Chair is to ride herd on the council and
2 standing committees. And as you heard, we had more
3 council committees in this 18-month period than we've
4 ever had before. Plus we have 11 standing committees.
5 So he did a yeoman's job in making sure that everything
6 was on schedule and all of the deliverables that each of
7 those committees was responsible for were submitted on
8 time. So with that, Todd, as a token of our
9 appreciation for the work that you've done, we'd like to
10 present you with this award as well.

11 MS. VOUGHT: All right. Are we ready?
12 Are you ready to go home? Yes, everybody is ready. I
13 still have a little bit of alcohol in my room.

14 Okay. Do I have a motion to adjourn and a
15 second.

16 MS. WHEELER: Angie Wheeler, Minnesota
17 Department of Health, make a motion to adjourn.

18 MS. VOUGHT: Okay.

19 MR. CARMODY: Steve Carmody, Florida
20 Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. I
21 second that motion.

22 MS. VOUGHT: Thank you.

23 With a motion to adjourn, all those in
24 favor say yes.

25 (The representatives responded.)

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MS. VOUGHT: All opposed?

(No response from the representatives.)

MS. VOUGHT: All right. That concludes
the 2023 biennium. Thank you. Good job.

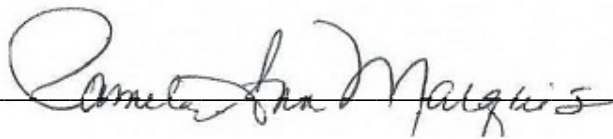
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