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SENATOR BEUTLER: You have two, Mr. Clerk, or three?

CLERK: I have three, Senator. I've got one on page 1264, then I have two on page 2639, Environmental Control Council. Actually the two on 2639 are all to the same....

SENATOR BEUTLER: Let's just take them all together, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Very good, yes, sir.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably on the following appointments--the appointment of Jo Beth Gutgsell to the Nebraska Power Review Board, of Lynn A. Roper to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board, of the following individuals to the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council--Galen Frezen, Bill Podraza, Kathleen Wittler, Spencer Morrissey, Ken Gnadt, Richard Galyen, and David Sands, and finally, to that same Environmental Quality Council, Darlene Keifer. In conjunction with this recommendation, I just wanted to mention to the Legislature that I'm filing one interim study resolution related to these matters that I hope the various committee chairmen will take an interest in. My idea is to try to get committee counsel together to perhaps do some sort of little, joint communication and discussion on the whole confirmation process. Our committee's gone through several of these cycles now, and we're unhappy with the confirmation process, in part, probably because we ourselves make so little of it, it sometimes becomes very perfunctory, and we ask people to come in from great distances to go through a perfunctory kind of review. What we would like to do is sit down and talk about what this process is all about, and if we're going to do it, first of all, whether or not we want to do it. And if we are going to do it then, how do we make it meaningful? How do we develop sets of questions that are pertinent and appropriate and meaningful for the various, different types of boards that come before us? And as we started thinking about it in committee, we decided it could be a very meaningful process, and we started experimenting a little bit with it. We experimented a little bit with it in this last