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confirmation report offered by the Ag Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 696.) 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The confirmation report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, next agenda item. As the agenda states, Final Reading. All senators take their seats, please. We are on Final Reading. All senators please take their seats.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Our first bill is LB 93. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion with respect to LB 93. Senator Jensen would move to return the bill for specific amendment AM2705. (Legislative Journal page 686.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Jensen, you're recognized to open on the motion to return.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, I really appreciate Senator Schimek's zeal to eliminate any boards or commissions that are unnecessary and I certainly do support that, that initiative. However, this specific one would...I'm asking that you would return from Final Reading to Select File to bring back the need for the...and to retain the Nurse Anesthetists Advisory Committee, and that is 71-1736. And I'll just read briefly the reason why. As we have discussed by amending the entirety of LB 930, it was advanced to General File by Government, Military Affairs Committee into LB 93. The Legislature is poised to eliminate a small, but important, advisory body within the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. This is an advisory committee that was established in 1981 that the state of Nebraska initiated licensure of certified registered nurse anesthetists, CRNAs. CRNAs are unique among licensed healthcare professionals in that they are jointly credentialed by the Board of Nursing and the Board of Medicine, both. Because there is