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PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Schmit...Senator Whitney, excuse me.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I would like for you to refer to Page 1001 of your Journal. The Committee on Committees desires to report favorably on the appointment of Dr. Jack Anderson, Director of Public Institutions, submitted by Governor J. James Exon. The Committee suggests that the appointment be confirmed by the Legislative body and suggests a record vote. If you turn to the next page, the Committee vote is there, eight persons in favor and four against, one not voting. Those in favor of Dr. Anderson, you can see a large list there of persons who were in favor of him. The first man was there as a representative of the Policy Committee of the Nebraska Medical Association which is made up of the current President and the three past-Presidents. The next person is a Counselor with the Alcoholic Treatment of the Emanuel Medical Center in Omaha. The next person was Mel Mains, private citizen and Past President of the Lincoln Council on Alcoholism and Drugs. The next person was John Feichtmayer, Administrator of the Island of Hope; Dr. Bean, Medical Director of the Douglas County Hospital; and then Senator Thomas Kennedy of the 21st Legislative District and Dick Parker, of the Nebraska Federation of the Blind of Nebraska. Now those that submitted letter of written testimony in favor; were Gene Mitchell, a private citizen who has a blind boy who was favored by the appointee; Clayton Pettipiece, M.D. in Omaha; Patrick Krell, Chief Adult Probation Officer, State of Nebraska, 4th Judicial District; George H. Young, III, M.S., Psychologist, Omaha; Allan Lovrien, private citizen, Omaha; Rev. John Paolini, Chaplain, Supervisor ACPE; J. Waldo Gree, Chaplain, Beatrice State Home--incidentally, he is a state employee; Allen Roehl, PHD, Panhandle Mental Health Clinic, Administrative Director. Those signing the roster in favor of Dr. Anderson were James Dunlap, M.D. Psychiatrist, Omaha; Merwin Riepe, Administrator of the Mental Health Division, Lutheran Medical Center; Harold Snow, Psychiatric social worker, North Platte Psychiatric Clinic, a state employee; William R. Marsh, M.D., psychiatrist, Omaha, a state employee under this Department; Myra Johnson, Caseworker, Douglas County Hospital, state employee; Mrs. Joyce Sutton, private citizen. Those appearing in opposition to Dr. Anderson were: Albert Schrekinger, private citizen of Lincoln; Sandra Petrick, private citizen of Lincoln; LeRoy Hass, private citizen, now a student at the University; Anne Barton, private citizen, caseworker; Hulda Roper, policewoman, Lincoln Police Department; Charlie Taylor, private citizen, youth worker in Omaha; Aileen Kaye, former guard at the Lincoln Regional Center; L. C. Wilson, private citizen, Lincoln; Mrs. Hazel Barton, private citizen, Lincoln; John Foley, Executive Director of the Nebraska Association for Retarded Children, and those submitting letters of written testimony in opposition were: Mahlon Howard; Charles Haywood, and those signing the register in opposition were Richard Lituman and Douglas Higgins. Now, I am going to be very brief. I have spent a great deal of time checking into this man for this appointment. I have spend 8 full time days besides being with him for a period of about two weeks during last summer and fall as studying the mental hospitals and the mental retarded institutions in Nebraska. I have checked him to every criticism and I cannot find a single criticism that is valid. I could go into detail on those but I feel that I should not do so. The Committee had an appointment with the Governor, the Committee on Committees had an appointment with the Governor and we explained to him some of the problems that appeared to exist, and the Governor listened to those problems. He talked over those problems with us and after