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(Start of Belt #12)

CLERK: Reading vote. 17 ayes, 15 nays, 17 not voting.

PRESIDENT: The motion is lost. Are there other motions on the desk?

CLERK: Yes. Mr. President, we have a request to consider the appoint of Mr. George Egermayer which I understand you wanted to take up now. Mr. President, we have a motion to..concerning the appointment of George Egermayer to the Board of Trustees. The report of the Committee on Committees is found on Page 1631. The motion is to confirm the appointment of George Egermayer to the Board of Trustees, Nebraska State Colleges. Signed, Glenn Goodrich.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Goodrich.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Just a second, you will find out. Mr. President and members of the Legislature, this particular motion comes as a surprise to some of you, to say the least, and I had better explain why I am making this particular motion. First of all, if Mr. Egermayer..no cation is taken by the Legislature, one way or the other on the Egermayer appointment, then he automatically takes and retains his seat on the State College Board. The motion that I would theoretically make would be to reject the appointment. However, if I failed to get 25 votes on that motion, I would be..it would be lost and, consequently, he would take his seat anyhow. So, if you make a motion to approve Egermayer, the appointment, and it fails, then he is rejected. Now this is the result of the discussions with the Attorney General's office and that came as a result of the Attorney General's opinion that was obtained the other day by Senator Whitney and it is for that reason that I am making the motion to approve George Egermayer for confirmation. However, I am strongly urging the members of this body to reject this motion. That's the only way we can get him..decided as to whether or not we want to confirm the appointment. Now why, for example, do I want him literally rejected or not confirmed. The reason being that this man is the first man that comes from Omaha to be appointed to the State College Board in a good long while and theoretically coming from Omaha, I should be supporting him. However, I have become acquainted with this man and I have found him not to be of the temperament, of the type of man that we want on the State College Board or any other Board dealing with Higher education. In the transcript before the Committee on Committees, he adequately demonstrated that he had no knowledge of higher education at all. He also started out in his transcript saying that he was for Super-Board, for example. By the time he got done with the interview by the Committee on Committees, he was saying just the opposite, that he was against Super-Board. He spent a page and a half of testimony, for example, not answering a question that was put to him. There are several of the questions that were put to him that he did not answer. He just talked. The confirmation of George Egermayer to the State College Board or any other higher education Board, in my opinion, would be a tragic mistake and I feel that these appointments that are made that we just ordinarily routinely approve are a tragic mistake on our part. We've got to start looking at these people and saying, did they get appointed for a legitimate bonafide reason or are they just being appointed for some other convenience reason. There is no justification, in my book, for the appointment of George Egermayer to the State College Board or any other Board of higher education so, consequently, I would urge your rejection of this motion. That would automatically reject him as far as the appointment is concerned. We would have taken our