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a lawyer, not representing him but in a couple of dealings in Omaha. I know that he is a, a tough and hard and very successful businessman and in the, in terms of his reputation as I know it, I know him to be an honorable man and a very capable man. I can see no reason from the history and reputation of the man as I know it in Omaha within the business community, that he shouldn't be appointed. I think he probably would have a slightly different point of view than some of the professional educators but I think that might be healthy for an educational board. It would seem to me that unless something specific and concrete is presented, that we have no reason to refuse and every reason to accept and ratify this appointment. Nobody has approached me. I haven't seen George other than bumping into him briefly a few months ago, haven't visited with him for a couple of years. I have talked to nobody from anybody, from any office supporting or opposing this but I sort of--I feel bad that his name is being kicked around, it seems to me, without good cause. I would encourage the passage of the, of the motion that Senator Goodrich made to have defeated. I think, I think he made a good motion which, contrary to his own wishes, should be passed.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion here? Senator Stromer, then Senator Chambers.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President and fellow Members. I will vote to reject this particular nomination and I am not quite clear as to why Senator Goodrich, who would oppose this particular motion, would make the motion that he did but I am making my particular decision and my decision to reject because of an attitude that I felt that was portrayed in the hearing before the Committee on Committees. I, and it had nothing to do with the position that he may have taken on any issue or any position that he may have had concerning higher education in the State of Nebraska. I did feel that he definitely portrayed an attitude feeling that State colleges, their staff and the people involved with them were second rate in the State of Nebraska. I feel that a man who's going to be on a board, who is going to be in charge and who is going to be charged with the responsibility of governing these State colleges, should probably have a better attitude concerning those state colleges than the one that he had and that's the reason I will vote opposed to the Goodrich motion.

PRESIDENT: Well, the Chair is in a tough position because we have a motion to recess and now what do we do. Now Senator Proud, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: I have no personal desire to cut off--to cut off the discussion but I want to press my motion to recess till 2:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT: Alright, question is, shall we recess until 2:00 P.M.? All those in favor of the motion say aye. Those opposed say no. So ordered, we're recessed until 2:00 P.M.

(End of Belt #13)