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This appointment is to the Motor Vehicle Advisory Board, and it is a representative of the Motor Cycle Industry and I wish that I had the copy, I don't have it here in front of me, but I wish I had it here. The individual as I recall had 43 points against his drivers license, he is either the same age as I am or a little bit younger and as I said at the time, he has got more points on his drivers license than most highschool basketball teams make in a game. Now you say so what? Well the point of it is that we sit here today and for about the upteenth time debated a campaign contribution and expenditures bill in order to look good to the public. I am not going to endorse just because the name is presented for the appointment to a board. The name of anyone I don't feel represents what I think elected appointed people should represent to the public as a whole. 43 points against a drivers license. Most of them for speeding and improper turns and some other offenses of which I can't recollect. It was three weeks ago that we hared this particular appointment. I would only say to the body, that that is only one of eight or nine members of the committee, but I say there is more than just a mere appointment at stake. I think that you should consider, at least I have, what it means to the public as a whole. If you are talking about integrity in the Government don't talk about just political contributions and/or expenditures, talk about the whole of the government. I don't care if the person has not had a moving violation for a couple of years. The point of it is that there are thousands of voters out there who look at this legislature and

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they wonder issue by issue whether we are doing right or wrong. I will not question your vote, on a bill that has been heard before your committee or before this legislature as a whole. But I will question the legislature just merely rubber stamping appointments as they come across. Last year we were successful on the committee in getting a person denied, or withdrawn because he was also an appointee to the Motor Vehicle Advisory Board, and what did he tell us? He had a couple of trucks on the farm a few miles out of town. He didn't believe in the motor vehicle testing station. He said "Hell no, I don't have my vehicles tested, I just jump in the blankety-blank truck and I head into town". Well if that is the type of person or persons serving us in state government those are the people who are appointed. The people seem to have some reservations as to those of us that are elected, but we certainly have an additional responsibility of assuring that people of that character and who are of that nature of mind not to confirm them as appointees. They don't stand even the test of ballot, they only stand the test as to whether or not we take time out once in a while, to take a look at the type of personnel that are being appointed to these boards. This person as I repeat had something like 43 points against his driving record and he is either of the age I am or a year or two younger. I'm not saying that that should condemn him for life. But I saying that certainly in a state of a million and a half persons when you have a board of only eight or nine members