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The committee is at this point in time holding one member of the Rural Health Manpower Commission for further study to see that that particular appointment complies with the statutory requirements of the membership of the Board of the Rural Health Manpower Commission, and so we will withhold action on that particular individual, but all of the individuals currently before you did receive support and approval of the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Thank you.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the report as explained by Senator Cullan. All those in favor of that report vote aye, opposed vote no. We are voting on the report of the Public Health and Welfare Committee. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of the gubernatorial appointment report, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The committee report is adopted. The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland on item #5.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Hoagland moves to reconsider the body's action in the indefinite postponement of LB 111.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. Speaker and colleagues, on Monday of last week I was absent in the morning, up in Omaha attending to some matters in my practice, and I returned to find much to my consternation that we had killed LB 111, Senator Chronister's bill which is designed to bring some sense and some rationality into the way we set judicial salaries. Now the reason I was concerned about that is because I can recall so vividly the way we set judicial salaries the last go-round, the way we did it last year and the year before. And I thought that system was irrational and it was arbitrary and it made very little sense. And I have been thinking of ways myself over the last two years as to how we could make that process work better, including turning it over to the Appropriations Committee so that judicial salaries are set the way all other salaries are set, including the salaries for state employees. And I was glad Senator Chronister came in with this bill because it seems to me that this method is going to make the process work better and it is going to make our job a lot easier in dealing with this very difficult political question of setting judicial salaries. Now, I think that there are some reasons why we killed the bill, why this body killed the bill a week ago and I would like to address those. And I think a lot of them have to do with