

I have received a series of audit reports from the State Auditor; audit reports on Landscape Architects, Board of Examiners, Administrative Services, Agriculture, Aging, Games and Parks Commission, Health, Environmental Control, Insurance, Education, Telecommunications Commission, the Liquor Control Commission, and the Military Department. All of those audit reports will be on file in my office for your review, Mr. President.

Finally, Mr. President, I have two appointment letters...three appointment letters from the Governor. Those will be referred to the Reference Committee for purposes of assignment to appropriate Standing Committee for a reference hearing. (See pages 191-93 of the Legislative Journal.)

Mr. President, I have a request from Senator Nelson to add her name to 217, 199 and 200 as co-introducer.

PRESIDENT: No objection, so ordered. We will be at ease for just a moment while the Clerk catches up on the numbering of the bills, and so forth.

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PRESIDENT: All right, while the Clerk is doing that, perhaps we can go on to the number 6 item, the motion. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, on Journal page 165 there is a report from the Executive Board regarding the designation of Mr. Marshall Lux as Public Counsel. That report is filed pursuant to statute.

PRESIDENT: Senator Labeledz, would you like to speak to this?

SENATOR LABEDZ: Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Just a moment, Senator Labeledz. (Gavel.) Could we have your attention, please. Senator Labeledz has a report to you and I am sure you might be interested, so if we could hold it down a little bit so that we can hear it. Senator Labeledz. Thank you.

SENATOR LABEDZ: The Exec Board had the opportunity to discuss the Ombudsman's renewal of his six-year term. It has been six years since he was appointed by the Legislature to serve as Nebraska's Ombudsman. His predecessor, Mr. McNeil, served for