

district. He is Monty Sellon from Fremont. Would you please rise, Dr. Sellon and be recognized. Thank you very much. Thank you. We will proceed with confirmation reports.

CLERK: Madam President, the Education Committee chaired by Senator Withem would report on the appointment of Ms. Kathi Jordan Swanson to the Board of Trustees, State College System.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Yes, Madam Chair, members of the body, we held a confirmation hearing yesterday. Kathi Jordan Swanson is a woman from Alliance, Nebraska. She has been appointed by the Governor to serve as a trustee for the Nebraska State Colleges. We had an interesting confirmation hearing, found Ms. Swanson to be...Dr. Swanson, I would say, well qualified to serve in this position. There was one dissenting opinion on that. Senator Lamb thought she was overqualified, but he did vote for her anyway. The committee felt very comfortable with her ability to serve on this Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and would urge your confirmation of her.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Hillman.

SENATOR HILLMAN: I would just like to support the nomination of Kathi Swanson. I have worked with Kathi on many projects in western Nebraska that involved education, both postsecondary education and K through 12, but she has, I think, a good, strong background and knowledge. She has her own consulting firm and knows how to dig out the facts, and I think you would find her an asset on this board, and I would strongly urge the body to nominate Kathi.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Hillman. Does anyone else wish to speak to this confirmation report? Seeing none. we will vote on the adoption of the confirmation report. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Education Committee.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Proceed now with item number six on the agenda, Final Reading. Would the senators please return to their seats so that we can proceed. We will proceed with LB 255E.