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Department of Roads, regarding the statement of deposits from the Highway Cash Fund; and a report from the Nebraska Energy Office. Both will be on file in my office. That is all that I have, Madam President.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We will pass over Item 5 on the agenda until Senator Schmit arrives. We will then proceed with Item 6, confirmation reports. Senator Kristensen.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Kristensen, as Chair of Transportation, would offer a report found on page 800 regarding Mr. Larry Sitzman and Frank E. Landis.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Madam President and members of the Legislature. This morning we have three individuals but we are going to take them in two votes for no other reason than there just were different votes coming out of the committee because we had an additional member come, but I really can talk about all three at the same time. The first two that you will vote on is Larry Sitzman and the second individual is Frank Landis. As you know, Mr. Sitzman is our Director of Agriculture for the state, also Mr. Landis sits on the Public Service Commission. Their nominations are to the Nebraska Railway Council, which has been established. These are four-year terms and by statute required to be...there needs to be some representatives from those departments and positions onto the Railway Council. Mr. Sitzman appeared before our committee, answered our questions, and appears to be well qualified for the position and showed interest in that. Mr. Landis was waiting outside our hearing room and became very ill before the hearing, and was unable to testify because of an illness. The committee, upon looking at his qualifications, and having seen him before before the committee, and looking at his credentials, and his interest in this area, did vote to excuse his presence because of the illness, and both of these individuals were passed out of the committee without any dissenting votes, and I would urge their confirmation at this time, Madam President. Thank you.

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