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today of Senator Coordsen are former Senator Richard Maresh, and friends, Charles Mueller and Kenneth Hofferber of Geneva. Would you please rise and be recognized. Welcome to the Chamber. Thank you. We will now proceed with confirmation report.

CLERK: Madam President, Senator Withem reports on the appointments of Gerald Conway and Rick Kolkman to the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Withem.

SENATOR WITHEM: Madam President, members of the body, occasionally the Governor is called upon to make appointments to important state boards, in this case the Nebraska State College Board of Trustees. The Governor needs to find people with exemplary understanding of higher education and the ability to make tough decisions, and people who are real leaders. I think the Governor has carried out that responsibility quite well in this case. Unfortunately, he also nominated Jerry Conway to serve on the State College Board of Trustees. Two individuals have been appointed by the Governor to serve on the State College Board of Trustees; one is Gerald A. Conway from Wayne, Nebraska, and some members of this body may have had the opportunity to meet sometime in the past, and also Rick Kolkman. Rick is a citizen of North Platte, a business leader in that community. The committee felt that both names should be sent to the floor for your consideration with a positive endorsement. We'd understand if you had some concerns with one of these appointments, but would urge you to support both of them. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Does anyone wish to speak to the confirmation report? Senator Bernard-Stevens.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I, too, want to urge the body to support the recommendations at this particular point. Rick Kolkman is going to be a tremendous asset to the State College Board, and the only other thing I wanted to mention is that the Governor put such a strong person as Rick Kolkman on the board in order to try to check former Senator Conway, who is going to be on the board, and we think with Rick there that Jerry will be able to be controlled and it should be a good working board at that point. So I would urge at the proper time that the body support both nominations.