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appointment of Mr. Thomas Sonntag to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission be confirmed by the Legislature. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Beutler. For discussion, Senator Matzke.

SENATOR MATZKE: Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission has its office in Sidney, Nebraska. It's responsible primarily for the conservation of resources, the protection of correlative rights of landowners and the supervision of environmental concerns in connection with the oil and gas industry in western Nebraska. Tom Sonntag is a lawyer in Sidney, Nebraska. He has the experience, integrity and personal concern to serve well on this commission. He has an outstanding record of public service and I would recommend his confirmation. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Further discussion? Senator Beutler, closing? Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee confirmation report. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Natural Resources confirmation report.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The Natural Resources Committee report is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee offers a report regarding the appointment of Gretchen Hirschbach. It's found on page 627 of the Journal.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bohlke.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, the Education Committee does recommend the adoption of the report and the recommendation for Gretchen Hirschbach for the Commission for the Postsecondary Education. She did appear before the committee. She has background on a Board of Education and also lists as one of her people, for a reference, Pat Engel from South Sioux City. So, with that, the committee was unanimous in their approval of Gretchen Hirschbach and we ask for your approval.