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SENATOR DIERKS: I just wanted to inform the Legislature of a hearing this afternoon in Ag Committee, and the first hour, from 1:30 to 2:30, is going to be a presentation by NCSL concerning agricultural issues, most notably, NAFTA, Free Trade, and the GATT talks, beginning of the first round of GATT talks which is going to take place in Seattle, I believe, this fall. And I want to invite any of you there who have an interest in this. It goes from 1:30 till 2:30, and you're welcome to come and sit in and hear what the presentation is from NCSL. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first item of business this morning, confirmation report from Senator Schimek, as Chair of the Government Committee. Senator, I have the report for Mr. Harold Clarke, Allen Curtis, found on page 960 of the Legislative Journal, four names.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Actually, there are four names, yes.

CLERK: Right.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Um-hmm.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Members, if we can have your attention, Senator Schimek, you're recognized on the confirmation report.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you. Mr. President, members of the body, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment of Harold Clarke, as the Director of the Department of Correctional Services; Allen Curtis, for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; Tom Nesbitt, as Superintendent of the State Patrol; and Kenneth Penny as the Director of the Department of Aeronautics, and we would ask for your confirmation, and would suggest a record vote. I would...I would mention that...that we had a good hearing on these four gentlemen, and the committee had some questions, and they do all have very impressive credentials, and I would be happy to try to answer any questions that you might have.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schimek. For discussion