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SENATOR SUTTLE: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Both of these people are very capable and willing to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Nebraska State Colleges. I have divided the two nominees, and I will take Steve Lewis first. He had a very good recommendation and presented some very good ideas to us, and was approved unanimously by the committee. And I urge your support of Steve Lewis.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The motion is divisible. We will take up the confirmation report of Mr. Steve Lewis first. Any discussion? Senator Suttle. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm sorry, I was otherwise occupied. Did Senator Suttle separate the two? So which person is before us at this point?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Mr. Lewis is before us right now.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. I want to give my standard disclaimer that for reasons that I have stated in the past...and maybe I need to help us recollect what those are, but to say it for the record. I have no opposition to the individual against whose nomination I will vote. My negative vote has nothing to do with doubting his suitability for this position. But from the first day of this legislative session, I noticed what I deemed to be an inappropriate treatment or mistreatment accorded to females; not only among my colleagues in the Legislature, but when I review appointments made by the Governor. I look at certain activities at the University, and practically whatever direction I turn my eyes, I find these problems. So these negative votes that I've been casting all session are to express my displeasure with the way this turn of events has been going, and I'll continue to do it for the remainder of the session. So I will vote no on this nomination, though it has nothing to do with the specific individual.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Suttle, you're recognized to close on this part of the divided question. Senator Suttle waives closing. Members, before you is the adoption of the confirmation of Mr. Lewis by the