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no vote has nothing to do with the qualifications or appropriateness of these two individuals to receive the appointment that has been tendered by the Governor. But the no vote is in keeping with my standard protest, and I wanted to make that disclaimer. Thank you.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Further debate on the report? Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close. He waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of this portion of the confirmation report. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

**CLERK:** (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 766-767.) 31 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** The report is adopted. We'll next move to 2000 senator priority bills, LB 994.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, LB 994, introduced by Senator Dwite Pedersen. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January of this year, referred to the Judiciary Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, opened on yesterday by Senator Pedersen. Senator Chambers had an amendment to the bill that was presented; Senator Brashear then moved to amend the Chambers' amendment. That amendment is currently pending, Mr. President. (FA298, Legislative Journal page 756.)

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** Prior to beginning the debate on the amendment to the amendment, Senator Pedersen, I would give you the opportunity, for just a moment or two, to give the body some review of the bill and where we're at.

**SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN:** Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the Legislature, LB 994 is a bill that would take the academic courses that are now offered at the police academy in Grand Island and move them to our community colleges and other colleges, opening up more positions in the academy to train more police officers. It would also leave it open so we would have more...we would have tuition fee-based people paying their own way for part of their education to become a police officer. This is a bill that I've worked on for the eight years now that