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CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Raikes, as Chair of Education, offers a confirmation report, found on page 398 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on the committee...or the confirmation report of the Education Committee.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor, and members. The Education Committee brings to you Mr. Charles Ward who is a candidate, nominee for appointment and confirmation, should you so decide, to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. A little information which I'm sure you'll find interesting, the board has five members, four from Nebraska's congressional districts as they existed on January 1, 1961, and one at-large member. Members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature to rotating five-year terms. Once appointed to the board, members are independent trustees who manage the board's activities and conduct its business operations in a nonpartisan, nonpolitical manner. Mr. Ward would be a new member to the board and he would be serving in the at-large position. He is from Valentine, Nebraska; he is a landowner, a person who's been in that area for a number of years and also is in the business of raising exotic animals, as I understand it. The committee found him qualified, as evidenced by a 7-0-1 vote. So, with that, I...I suggest to you that we should confirm Mr. Charles Ward.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Raikes. Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Mr. President, members of the body, I want to stand in strong support of Charles Ward. I've known Charles Ward going on nine years now and so he's been really helpful every time I've been to Valentine, and I think he'd be a good person on that. We needed somebody out that far west because of all the land, there is over 200,000 acres in Cherry County alone, and that's where he's at. So I strongly support Charles Ward, I think he'd be a good addition to the board. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close. Senator Raikes waives closing. The question is the adoption of the confirmation report of the