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with those emergencies. Clarence (sic--Harlan) Schafer has done an exceptional job in leading the SERC and in working with the members of the SERC. I appreciate him especially, but certainly recommend all of these appointments. They are people working as volunteers from across the state, from industry, the media, from consumer and environmental groups, that want to come together for the best interest of the state as volunteers. My high regards to them, and I recommend them without reservation. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Further debate? Seeing none, Senator Smith, you're recognized to close. He waives that opportunity. The question is the adoption of the confirmation report by the Government Committee. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 1264-1265.) 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The report is adopted. (Visitors introduced.) Members, as you look at your agenda today, we moved a couple of bills late yesterday afternoon that still appear on your agenda. So if you want to make some corrections, the first bill, LB 808, and LB 772, which is the third bill down, have already been moved off of General File. So we'll start this morning with LB 664, and then move to LB 678, and proceed through the agenda in that fashion. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 664, introduced by Senator Bromm. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 16, referred to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. The bill was advanced to General File, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Bromm, you're recognized to open on the bill.

SENATOR BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and good morning. I would like to give a little background and brief introduction of the history of LB 664 and then get into a little bit of the specifics of the bill. Over the last several years, while I've