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SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. This morning I would like to report favorably upon the appointment of Dale Pohlmann to the Beginning Farmer Board. The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was enacted in 1999, and it provides tax incentive credits for rent or lease land to beginning farmers. And I think in the past I've mentioned all those that are on the board. And one member of the board has to be from the...individual representing ag credit lenders, and Dale represents that person. He is in Senator Cudaback's district. He's reappointed to a second term representing the ag credit lenders, like I said. He's president of the Ravenna Bank since 1979. He held various bank executive positions since 1967. He's president of the Ravenna Economic Development Corporation. He's the former president of the Ravenna Chamber of Commerce and the Ravenna Housing Authority, and former board member of the Central Community College. We had the public hearing for the confirmation of Mr. Pohlmann on February 10. He did appear in person. We questioned him about his support for the board, and he was very supportive, very concerned about the deterioration in the number of young farmers that we have, and thought that the board and the act, that it was a good way to give incentives to try to encourage young farmers to farm...to get back on the farm. There was no dissenting votes, and we do recommend his appointment. I move the adoption of the Ag Committee's confirmation report. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on the confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. Senator Kremer, any...open for discussion. Senator Kremer, there are no senators wishing to speak. He waives the opportunity to close. The question before the body is adoption of the confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of the confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 635.) 33 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. It has been