

Military Affairs Committee met and reviewed thoroughly, as all committees do on appointments, and we felt after a bitter and intense discussion, unanimously, we felt that this appointment would be a very good one for the essence of the State of Nebraska. In case people were wondering what the Hall of Fame Commission does, I went to the Blue Book and copied it off so I could read it very briefly. The Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission is created to bring public attention to and recognition, officially, of people who have achieved prominence and who were outstanding Nebraskans. The Commission was empowered to name two persons to the Nebraska Hall of Fame during the two years of its existence and one person each two years afterwards and no person can be considered for recognition until at least 10 years after his or her death. And we have 16 prominent persons who have been named to the Nebraska Hall of Fame and I could go on and name them, but they are on page 599 of the Blue Book, for those that are interested in who those 16 are. The Commission then continues to move onward. We have a vacancy and the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee would be honored if the Legislature would approve the nomination and appointment of Ruth Ann Connell as the newest member of the Hall of Fame Commission. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Any further discussion? If not, the question is the acceptance of the committee report. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. We are voting on the adoption of the committee report. Thank you. Record, Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the Government confirmation report.

PRESIDENT: The report is adopted. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 55, LR 61, and LR 62. Move on to the Select Committee Report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, there was a proposed rules change offered by Senator Wesely to the body on February 23. Pursuant to our rules, that was referred to the Rules Committee for their consideration. The Rules Committee has reported back, Mr. President. That report is found on page 1145 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lynch, please.