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where there was a falling out last summer, after the \$450,000 fund-raiser that she had. And in my estimation, perhaps one of the reasons Ann Spence was moved into this much more important position on the Investment Council was to provide for a political appeasement on this very touchy situation between the Governor and Gene Spence. I don't think that that is the reason that you want to make an appointment. I think you want to make appointments because they're the best people that can do the best job possible, especially in a position as important as this one. So for any number of reasons, I suggest that the record would indicate that you ought to vote against this appointment. I don't anticipate that many of you will because it is a difficult thing to do, but I, for one, in good conscience, must arise and raise these issues and suggest that you consider more carefully this very important appointment.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Goodrich, please, followed by Senator Ashford.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Mr. President, and members of the body, I know Gene Spence and I know Ann Spence. I have had numerous contactual reasons for contact with those people and not one of them have been any kind of a fund-raiser for me or anything like that. I stand here to tell you that Ann Spence will do a darn good job of anything she takes on, and I can assure you, you have nothing to fear about her "lack of knowledge about the Investment Council or the investment field." She will do an excellent job. She is one of the most honest, honorable ladies you would ever want to know, and I can wholeheartedly recommend that you vote to affirm Ann Spence. She will do a terrific job, regardless of what job you give her, whether it is the Investment Council or anything else. I wholeheartedly recommend you vote to confirm Ann Spence. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Ashford, please.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just wanted to make one other quick point. Senator Wesely mentioned that there were those of us who had good feelings about Ann Spence, and that those good feelings were translating into votes for her. I think, though, when he mentioned that, I wanted to make a point that I didn't make when I initially spoke, and that is my reason for supporting Ann Spence reasons are, as I mentioned before, the fact that I have worked with her for probably 15 years on various projects, that is the first reason.