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The second reason is that Ann Spence is in a group of women who have been in the vanguard of business, women in business in the State of Nebraska. She has run or operated or managed her own very successful business for a long period of time, and she is of an age that that was not particularly something that women were doing when she started her business. And now as more and more women get into the work force and are running their own business, businesses, rightly so, I think that it is important that we look to people like Ann Spence, who was sort of in the vanguard in the State of Nebraska in the area of women in business, and not only in business, and not only in businesses working for somebody else, but operating extremely successfully her own business. I really can't think of a better qualification for the Investment Council than someone who has had that kind of responsibility and decision-making experience on the Investment Council. I think in Nebraska, as we develop economically, we have enhanced the opportunities for women to achieve in the business world and in areas that they in the past had not done or had not had the opportunity to succeed in, and it is to a great extent because of people like Ann Spence who 20 or 25 years ago decided that they would get involved in business, take the risks, get involved, quite frankly, in a man's business, the title insurance business, and operate that business extremely successfully. Those are the kinds of people, not only do we want to approve because they have been nominated, but those are the kinds of people that we want to go out and find and bring into state government, and in all due respect to Senator Wesely, those are the kinds of people that make state government successful. It is that partnership between private business and government that makes business, that makes government successful. Ann Spence is a prime example of that. So even though there might be other qualified individuals, women or men, to hold that position, other bankers, I, for one, will put my trust in a business owner who has taken the risks that it takes to operate a small business or medium-size business and make it successful. I think it is an awfully good risk to take in this case. Thank you.

PR IDENT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please, followed by Senator Nelson and Senator Lynch.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Well, Mr. President, and members, I was one of those who, at first, did not vote to send the appointment of Ms. Spence to the floor. Later on, I did agree to vote to send the appointment to the floor because I believe it is important that