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there's Don Davis, you know he's from Broken Bow, and he was supporting my opponent in the last election. I would have had some great questions for Don Davis. However, I was...I had another bill here that I was interested in, I had to work on. I'm sorry I missed that. So I guess I'd...I am not going to be able to vigorously oppose the confirmation, because I was unable to be there.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Lamb. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Madam Speaker, I feel so sorry for Senator Lamb that he could not attend the confirmation hearing yesterday. Frankly, first off I will say that I had some questions for Herb Schimek, too. I knew that he would take care of Lincoln very well. But my question to him is, what would you do for we folks out in God's country? And LaRue, I had a hard time thinking of something to try to ask her, but she survived it. I want to say the list of candidates yesterday, and if I recall a few years ago when the Education Committee held the same confirmation, there were many candidates there that we simply didn't know the background, may have been excellent, or may not have been excellent. And it put us into a rather embarrassing position. And I want to commend the Governor for picking the list of candidates that he did this year. I can see where Senator Lamb is concerned. We may need a little more programs geared to the western section, or the cattle industry, or whatever it may be. But in general, I thought they were a very, very good list of candidates. I would be more than happy to recommend all of them to the body. And they have had experience in the board. I don't think you need to spend a year or two training them, and I think that they'll do a very, very fine position. And, as I say again, I tried to find something that Herb and LaRue just wouldn't stand up, but I couldn't find it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Nelson. Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Madam President, members of the body, you know I looked that group over and I really have problems with Schimek because he, you know, all I hear him talking about are the city people, you know. And he's always razzing me about being from rural Nebraska. And I'm proud that I'm from rural Nebraska. He told me he was going to give me a Future Farmer's jacket, and then he was going to go down to the seed corn company and get me a hat. Now he's been blowing that...blowing that wind for a long time now, and I hope I get paid off on this