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a group that was opposing some uranium mining in western Nebraska. There was concern about the objectivity that he would show on the board. After, I think, having further information provided to us and having...in my case, I had a chance to talk to DEC Director Randy Wood about Mr. Sommer, the committee later decided to reconsider this confirmation and recommend that he be confirmed to the Environmental Control Council. So, unless there are questions, I would simply move for his confirmation.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Rod Johnson. Anyone else wishing to speak to the confirmation report? Seeing no one, Senator Rod Johnson, do you wish to close? Waives closing. We will now vote on the confirmation report as reported by the Natural Resources Committee. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. We're voting on the confirmation report from Natural Resources Committee. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on adoption of the confirmation report.

SPEAKER BAACK: The confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee is adopted. We will now go to the next confirmation report from the Retirement Committee.

CLERK: Retirement Committee, chaired by Senator Nelson, reports on the appointments of Alcurtis Robinson and William Lindsay. The report is on page 598 of the Journal, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Mr. Speaker, Alcurtis Robinson has served on the PERB board, that's the Public Employees Retirement Board, since 1983. He was recently reappointed by Governor Nelson to serve until January of '97. Mr. Robinson, during that period of time, I'm sure it's an educational experience, and has served the board very well. He is an employee of Mutual of Omaha. One of my questions was, does this, because you are an employee of insurance companies and insurance companies do have GICs and so on with the retirement funds, would this be an obstacle? He serves more or less in a public relations capacity. He is Vice President...Vice President of the Minority Community Affairs and has been an employee...am I on...an employee since 1967 of Mutual of Omaha. He has a long, long list of community activity, community awards, and both on the state and national