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CLERK: Madam President, the Judiciary Committee chaired by Senator Chizek would report on the appointment of Mr. Steven Renteria to the Nebraska Parole Board. The report is found on page 128 of the Legislative Journal.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President and colleagues, last Wednesday the Judiciary Committee met to have a confirmation hearing for Mr. Steve Renteria. We distributed, earlier, copies of the hearing transcript along with his resume and his accountability and disclosure form and his letter that he addressed to the committee. In addition, we've attached the Governor's certificate of appointment and letter. The committee voted six to one to send Mr. Renteria's nomination to the body with a recommendation that his appointment be approved. A little background, Mr. Renteria is married, has two children. He has received an honorable discharge from the United States Army in '66; bachelor of arts, University of Nebraska at Omaha in '67; law degree from Creighton in 1970; was a graduate student at UNO majoring in public administration from '77-78. He was admitted to practice law before the Nebraska Supreme Court, the United States District Court, District of Nebraska, the United States Eighth Circuit and the United States Supreme Court. His work experience includes a wide range of employment. He was an in-residence counselor at Father Flanagan's Boys' Home '69-70; a field representative for the City of Omaha human relations department from '70-71. He began his private practice of law as a practitioner in '71 but then took a job with the Omaha City Attorney's office later that year when he handled jury and nonjury traffic cases. In September of '72 he became a deputy Douglas County Attorney where he was in charge of the juvenile division from '71 until he left that office in '87. He was also cocounsel on several felony jury trials, appeals to the Nebraska Supreme Court, some regarding child abuse cases. Additionally, part of his responsibilities as a deputy county attorney included being a training instructor for child abuse and juvenile justice for child protective workers, visiting nurses, Omaha public schools, community counselors and Omaha police recruits. He also was required to speak at Omaha area schools, seminars and panel discussions about juvenile justice matters. When he served in the county attorney's office and the city prosecutor's office, Mr. Renteria's job responsibilities