

February 2, 1996

Record.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the Education Committee confirmation report.

SPEAKER WITHEM: It is adopted. Mr. Clerk, I believe the next one is Transportation Committee.

CLERK: Transportation Committee's report, Chaired by Senator Kristensen, found on page 649.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. We had two conferees coming before the committee for the State Highway Commission. They were scheduled for hearing. The first was Ronald W. Books from North Platte, Nebraska. Despite his representation in the Legislature, we saw fit to confirm him and recommend his confirmation. He is a new appointment to the State Highway Commission. We felt that he answered our questions appropriately, he seemed generally interested, and the committee did have a good discussion about the State Highway Commission with him. And we would wholeheartedly ask that he be confirmed. George "Shorty" Miles, who is a reappointment, was unable to attend because of medical reasons and the committee did vote to excuse his presence. However, after a discussion and review of his credentials we, again, wholeheartedly ask that he be confirmed. Thus, we would move both confirmations at this point in time. Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Bernard-Stevens, to discuss the confirmation report.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Books, who is from North Platte, is so enthusiastic and wants to be a part of the process so much that he talked with me about his confirmation and asked if I would oppose him so that he could be sure and be nominated. So I assured him that I'll do everything I can to make sure that he gets the nomination.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I just wanted to assure Senator Kristensen that had I known that Shorty Miles needed someone to be there before