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business and he's fair and consistent, and I think he's doing a wonderful job, and I recommend his confirmation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Pedersen. Further discussion on the Health Committee confirmation report. Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close. Senator Jensen waives closing. The motion before us is the adoption of the Health Committee confirmation report found on page, Journal page 794. Those in favor say aye, those opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Health Committee confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The report is adopted. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, second confirmation report, this time from Natural Resources signed by Senator Schrock as Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee held a hearing on the confirmation of Roger K. Patterson to be Director of the Department of Water Resources. Roger Patterson grew up in the McCook area of Nebraska, and for the past 25 years has worked for the Department of Recl...for the Bureau of Reclamation in the California area, has been very successful in his career. Prior to that he worked for the Bureau of Reclamation in Montana and has worked for the Bureau of Reclamation in Nebraska. He knows Nebraska well. He comes back from a position that was where he was highly successful, and he's been on a...a key member of CALFED, which is a consortium of 16 states and federal agencies, and they are developing a long-term solution to the problems facing the bay delta area. The region has 800 employees and an annual budget of \$300 million. I suspect our Department of Water Resources won't have that many employees or that kind of a budget. He's a graduate of the University of Nebraska and has his Master's Degree of Science in Engineering from the University of Nebraska. He did take a considerable less amount of compensation to come back to Nebraska, but this is where he