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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Crosby would like to recognize Dr. Tim Dalton of Lincoln, who is serving as the family doctor of the day today, on behalf of the Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians, seated under the north balcony. If you're listening, you can recognize Dr. Dalton along with me. Thank you, Dr. Dalton. The muffins being passed out today are from Senator Raikes, in honor of his birthday. According to the note, he's 29. Members, we're about to begin Final Reading. Excuse me. First, we'll take up the confirmation report from the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Members of the Legislature, the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably on the appointment of General Stanley Heng. The committee suggests the appointment be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote. I might add that the appointment came out of the committee with an eight...eight/zip vote. Would hope you act favorably upon the appointment of General Heng.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. For discussion on the confirmation report, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, and, Senator Janssen, I come not to hang Heng. I come to make my traditional negative vote against these masculine appointments. The General may be the most qualified person in the world, I will concede that, so what I'm saying is not addressed to him based on his qualification. But my view might change a little bit relative to what this Governor is doing if he carries through on what I've been reading about him in the paper. I had written a rhyme about him having a weak chin and suggested he might be Jack Sprat, but I mean he flexed his muscles from what I saw in the paper and that testosterone is roaring. He is going to veto that bill that you all voted, 46 to 3, to move yesterday. I happen to be one of the three who voted against it, so I'm really in a quandary with Senator Quandahl, whom I might start referring to as "Senator Quandary." And, by the way, while I'm just kind of rambling, I want to tell