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on the Government Committee confirmation report, the Chair recognizes Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'm...I'm going to divide this question so that Mr. Clarke is voted on separately from the other three.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is divisible. Senator Schimek, which section would you like to take up first?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Let's just go ahead and take them in the order. Let's take Harold Clarke first.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator. For discussion on the confirmation of Mr. Clarke, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, let me doom Director Clar...Clarke this morning. In all seriousness, this man has survived several administrations serving as the Director of Correctional Services. He is a man of impeccable taste in attire, very courtly in demeanor and presentation, when dealing with other people, and he is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the Director of the Department of Correctional Services. He is a nationally known and recognized expert on corrections. He not only has attended numerous national conferences, he has spoken to them, before them. He has prepared papers on the subject, and I don't believe there's a person more qualified to hold this person...this position anywhere in the country than Mr. Harold Clarke. I am going to vote in favor of his nomination this morning.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, on the confirmation of Mr. Clarke.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. I, too, wish to add some very positive notes to this appointment. Senator Chambers is correct. Harold Clarke has held leadership positions. In fact, either is or just has been President of the National Association of Corrections, and that is quite a high honor I think. In addition to all of his accomplishments in terms of service organizations, affiliations, education,