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refer to as jive turkeys, then full colonels, then generals. Although referred to as a colonel, the person who heads the State Patrol has a position analogous to that of a general. Never would the military take a sergeant and elevate him or her to the position of general, even by way of a battlefield commission. And, certainly, that person would not be given that elevated status with all of the attendant duties and powers which is to govern and control and order troops and everybody of a lower rank. I don't think it was a wise appointment to make from the standpoint of policy, from the standpoint of morale, but since Mr. Nesbitt did yeoman work for the Governor in his political campaign, this appointment demonstrates that patronage is alive and well at the state level. This is a reward to Officer Nesbitt for having worked so well with and for the Governor. So I would have a reason, other than my traditional reason, I say it's traditional in the context of this session, for voting no. I have nothing against Mr. Nesbitt as a person, against Sergeant Nesbitt as a state trooper, nor against Colonel Nesbitt, if you appoint him, as Superintendent of the State Patrol, but I just think it is an unwise decision that was taken. So my no, as far as the other two gentlemen, will have nothing to do with either one's qualification or fitness to receive the appointment. My no, the portion that goes against the appointment of Sergeant Nesbitt, will be for the reasons that I gave but will not repeat. And, Senator Schimek, I want to thank you for giving me the chance to complete what I had to say.

**PRESIDENT MAURSTAD:** Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek, on the Government Committee confirmation report.

**SENATOR SCHIMEK:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I don't intend to...to turn my light on again necessarily, but I did want to make several comments about each of these three people, who the Government Committee is recommending to you today. Allen Curtis, as Senator Chambers mentioned, is well qualified. He was a Lincoln police officer for twenty years, worked his way up through the ranks, and eventually became chief of police, and he served in that capacity from 1988 until 1994, at which time he then became the Executive Director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. So has been...he has worked at the ground level