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the members of the Game and Parks Commission be involved in production agriculture or ranching. And, with that, we advanced him forward. I can tell you that Senator Matzke is not present today. Had he been present, he would have talked on the floor and given a high recommendation to Connie Lapaseotes.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For discussion on the Natural Resources Committee confirmation report. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I want to thank Senator Schrock for using the word "gentleman" in his presentation, because I had just read the name and knew nothing about the individual. The first name being Connie, I made the presumption that it was a person of the female persuasion, and I was going to just sit back and make no comment and vote aye. So, I do want to thank Senator Schrock for total disclosure. I have pointed out already, and it ought to be completely obvious that I know absolutely nothing about this particular appointee. So again, this negative vote is not a disparagement of the qualification or suitability of this person for the position to which he is being appointed.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Further discussion, Senator Preister.

SENATOR PREISTER: Thank you, Honorable President, friends all. I sat in the hearing of the confirmation hearing for Mr. Lapaseotes, asked some questions which were brought to my attention by some folks who felt that Mr. Lapaseotes, although is a very good person and is someone who is certainly reliable and responsible, from all indications, perhaps has a...what they would label as a conflict of interest. Serving on the Game and Parks Commission he would certainly be in a position to support some of the tenants of the Game and Parks, including some of the in-stream flow appropriations for Game and Parks for wildlife. As an irrigator, as someone who perhaps has a different perspective, they believe that perhaps he would to be able to be as objective or fair as one should be in that position. I felt a little uncomfortable at the committee hearing because we were kind of crunched in time, and some of those folks were not able to express their concern or their opposition. Through no real