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various committees, I think looking at the types of questions that perhaps we do, I think, a little longer time frame so that these nominees are not just given to the committees and in a couple of days they appear before us in a hearing where we really don't have time to look into the background, where the public really doesn't have a lot of time to offer comments. I think we, over the interim, should look at the process. And this is in addition to the issues that Senator Chambers has, I think, legitimately raised in terms of having all white males appointed to all of these boards. I think that whole process, through our Exec Board and through our Rules Committee, needs to be looked at, needs to be assessed better than what we have been doing in the past. I rise to offer that suggestion.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Time.

SENATOR PREISTER: And I thank you for listening to it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Preister. Senator Stuhr would like to announce the following guest is visiting the Legislature: Dr. Jay Matzke, from Seward, is our doctor of the day. He's seated under the north balcony. Dr. Matzke, thank you for joining us again this morning. For further discussion, Senator Jones.

SENATOR JONES: Lieutenant Governor, members of the body, I'd just like to stand in support of Connie Lapaseotes, because I was at the hearing and he's a rancher out there, and I asked the question if he could get away to do it. And he has two sons that's in the operation, and he said it was kind of unique, because one son took over all the farming, and the other son took over all the livestock and the feeding and he was really surprised that it worked out that way, but he said it did, so that give him some time to get away. And, I guess, Senator Preister said something about he thought he was too busy. But in my area, if you want something done, you go find the busiest person around and you're more apt to get it done. So I think that he'll be a good person on there. And I hope that we can support him as a body. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jones. Senator Smith, for discussion on the confirmation report.