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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Okay. Senator Jensen, would you care to open on that group?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, thank you. Mary (sic) Raupin (sic)...or Ragan, Health and Human Services System Partnership Council, Maria is a native of Mexico. She was appointed by Governor Nelson and reappointed by Governor Johanns to the Nebraska Affirmative Action Committee. She earned a bachelor's degree in languages in 1991 and a master's degree of education in 1996 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She currently serves as ESU...in...as US...ESU 10 in Kearney and in that position as a parent specialist. She is on a board member of the Hispanic Center, a Red Cross volunteer, and named as one of Kearney's most influential women. The next individual is Lend Frison. He's also on the Health and Human Services System Partnership. Lend lives in Omaha. He has a bachelor's degree from Southern University, a master's degree in education from University of Wisconsin, and has completed coursework for his doctorate degree at UNL. He is a licensed mental health practitioner and a certified professional counselor. He is a senior staff member for social work and aftercare at the Douglas County Hospital. Number three in this grouping is Alice Maupin, Health and Human Services System Partnership Council. Alice was reappointed by Governor Johanns to the Partnership Council. She has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in health services administration from St. Joseph College in Windham, Maine. She is a senior vice president of the Community Health Development and president of the Panhandle Partnership in Scottsbluff. She is an active community volunteer in the Scottsbluff area. Brent Welsh is receiving an appointment for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Brent is deaf and lives in Omaha. He was born in Seward, graduated from Centennial High School in Utica. He has a bachelor's degree in social services from Doane College in Crete and also has attended University of Nebraska at Kearney. He is currently serving as a residential counselor at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs. He is a member of the Nebraska Association of Deaf, and many other organizations that serve the needs of those who are deaf and hard of hearing. He is also in Senator Preister's district and a letter of recommendation from Senator Price (sic) accompanied his appointment. I would present those four for your confirmation,