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SENATOR DIERKS: I see.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: All right. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've got to get better glasses. But when I consider the origin of these, I'm not surprised that sometimes they lead me astray. I'm going to vote against these appointments for the same reasons that I have in the past. And again, they have...these...the vote has nothing to do with the suitability of these gentlemen for the appointments to which they are being assigned.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question before us is the adoption of the Agriculture Committee's confirmation report to the Dry Bean Commission. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Have you voted? Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 39 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on adoption of the report as offered by Agriculture Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The report is agreed to.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next report, by the Natural Resources Committee, involves the appointment of three individuals to the Natural Resources Commission.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock on the confirmation report of the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the Legislature, the Natural Resources Committee recently held a public hearing on the confirmation of three people to the Natural Resources Commission. Senator Chambers, you don't have to explain why you vote no on these, but I will tell you that they are all three men. But they are good candidates. The Natural Resources Commission is made up of 16 individuals, 3 of them appointed by the Governor, 13 of them elected by their respective natural resource districts, to serve the 13 different watersheds in the state of Nebraska. The Governor appoints three people, and I know a little bit about this, because I did serve four years on the Natural Resources Commission as a representative of the surface water irrigators. One of them