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represents municipalities, one of them represents ground water irrigators, and one of them represents surface water irrigators. The appointee for the municipalities is former Mayor of Holdrege, two-term mayor who did not run this past time, Jim VanMarter. He was also my high school teacher, and I can tell you that Senator DiAnna Schimek student taught under Jim VanMarter at Holdrege Public Schools. He is also recently past president of the League of Municipalities. So he has been chosen, or selected, to serve the municipalities, to represent them on the Natural Resources Commission. Wayne Madsen, from Trenton, Nebraska, has been selected to represent the ground water irrigators on the Natural Resources Commission. He has recently sold his business, but for 40 years was involved in the drilling of irrigation wells and domestic wells in the southwestern portion of the state of Nebraska. Very well known in that area of the state, served on the Republican River Advisory Council, and is now a consultant on water issues in that region of the state. Wayne is a very qualified individual. The third person is Roger Korell, from Bayard, Nebraska. He has served on the Pathfinder Irrigation District board since 1986. They have their headquarters at Mitchell, Nebraska. And he has been selected to represent the surface water irrigators. We found that he was very knowledgeable about irrigation issues as it concerns Nebraska and Wyoming, and so he's very involved in the panhandle area of the state when it comes to irrigation issues. I think we have three very qualified candidates. And with that, that would conclude my report on the three members that the Governor has appointed to the Natural Resources Commission.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For discussion, Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I rise to support these nominations also. I sat in on the confirmation hearing, and the one I do know so well is my neighbor, Mr. Madsen. He brings many, many years of practical experience to the commission, and...as a pump installer, and as Senator Schrock mentioned, he's had a long, long record of dedicated public service. And you have to realize, when somebody agrees to serve on these boards, it is 260 miles one way to come down to the meetings. So he's willing to make the