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CLERK: 39 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of that report of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The question is agreed to. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would offer a confirmation report by the Natural Resources Committee.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schrock, to open on the Natural Resources Committee confirmation report.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, on May 25th, the Natural Resources Committee held a public hearing to confirm eight people to the Environmental Quality Council. The Council is composed of 16 people. Every two years 8 of those terms are up for reappointment. This time around, 4 people are reappointed and 4 people are new appointments. I will run through them as quick as possible to try and save some time. John Baker, from Scottsbluff, is a new appointment. He represents professional engineers. And Janet Bernard is from North Platte, that is a reappointment. Dr. Bernard represents the medical interests. I think that name should be familiar to some of you. Robert Blobaum, from Blair, is a new appointment. He attended the hearing. He represents the chemical industry. Fred Hlava, of Gordon, is a reappointment. He represents municipalities. Norm Nelson, from Fremont, is a new appointment. He attended the hearing. He represents heavy industry. Steve Oltmans, from Omaha, is a reappointment. He represents the conservation interests, and he was at the hearing. Richard Sommer is from Chadron. This is a reappointment. He represents ag processing interests. And Jodi Thompson, from Imperial, is a new appointment. She represents county governments. If you have any questions, I'd be glad to answer. There were 7 members of the committee present, and the vote to advance this confirmation was 7 to zero and they were taken as a group.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the