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I was impressed at the hearing we had on these gentlemen. One...one individual in particular stood out on how he was helping beginning farmers in his area. This person had been quite successful in agriculture and was passing on his expertise on farming to these young, beginning farmers, and also in financial...in a financial means, too. He was helping with equipment, helping them purchase cattle and giving them advice as he went along. This is the type of individual we need on a board like this. I hope we would have more people of this person's stature that would help in the endeavor to bring young people back to the land and get them involved in agriculture and not have them experience the hardships that he probably did when he got started. These are the kind of people that I take my hat off to in this state, who are willing, after they have made their life, made their way in agriculture and would like to see it continue in the manner that we're accustomed to in this state. And I'm particularly happy to have a person like that on this very important board that we are setting up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Janssen. Further discussion on the confirmation report? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Lieutenant Governor, members of the Legislature, I would certainly concur in recommending these individuals, a couple of whom I know, to this particular board. And I would hope, in the process of learning their duties on the board, that they would also take the time to learn about the state budget and how the state budget works and, in particular, how the state budget works during the years when there is a deficit and we're going through the process of deficit appropriations. And this is not information that not only they should know, but I think it would be of interest to the Legislature, generally. But one of the experiences I tried to relate was the fact that a deficit is not a term of art, but a deficit can mean one of several things. And I think knowing what those differences are is very important to each and every one of you because there is going to be a fierce competition for money this year, notwithstanding the significant revenues that we have. And so a deficit can mean an expenditure that has come up that was unanticipated a year ago. And those, I think, we all give first priority to in terms of at least considering the funding of those expenditures, especially if they are of course