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your confirmation.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, on January 20th the Natural Resources Committee held a confirmation hearing on Robert Bettger from Fairmont, Nebraska, who has been appointed to the Environmental Quality Council, and to Dave Hilferty from Grant, Nebraska, who's been appointed to the Nebraska Ethanol Board. Just a brief comment, they both appeared. Robert Bettger is a friend of mine. We've served many years together on the Nebraska Corn Growers Association Board; highly recommend him. Dave Hilferty is from Grant, Nebraska. The qualifications he has is he's filling the wheat farmer's slot on that board and we liked his qualifications. The vote on these two individuals was 6 affirmative votes and 2 people absent, so that would be the recommendation of the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Those wishing to speak on the recommendation? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, continuing my protest against the dearth of female and minority appointees by the Governor, I am voting no on these two recommendations. My no vote has nothing to do with the capability or qualification of the individuals and, in fact, Senator Schrock declaring friendship with one of them almost, but not quite, almost overcame my protest. But I want it clear on the record again, as I try to do when I vote no and have no objection to the individuals, that the no vote has nothing to do with the capability or suitability of the individuals.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We are now voting on the confirmation report by the Chairman of Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock. All those in favor vote...Senator Schrock, did you wish to...

SENATOR SCHROCK: I'll waive closing.

SENATOR CUDABACK: ...close? Senator Schrock, you do waive closing? All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 437.) 29 ayes,