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seeks a reappointment indicates that there are people in Nebraska who don't want this state to be a cultural wasteland, despite the fact that that's what it is. There are people in this state who want people to be able to see something that reflects the creative spirit in Nebraska more than a big, old iron man standing on top of the dome, scattering the largess of lobbyists to the senators and other politicians who reside in the building beneath his feet. And that's where most politicians reside when it comes to lobbyists, beneath their feet. There are people who know that art consists in more than a large, rusty overpass out by Kearney. So it pains me, that's an overstatement. I'm uncomfortable voting against the confirmation of this gentleman, but because the protest that I am making is across the board, with some notable exceptions, I'm going to vote no. I've said what I did so that none of the people who are working with the Nebraska Arts Council will think that I have turned on them, or think any less of their work. And that is all I'll have to say this morning. My red vote has nothing to do as far as a comment on the suitability of these people for these appointments.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JANSSEN: I'll waive closing.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Closing is waived. The question is the adoption of the confirmation report of the General Affairs Committee. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 33 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The report is adopted. Mr. Clerk, General File.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 175, a bill originally introduced by Senator Hilgert. (Read title.) Bill has been discussed on the floor on two separate occasions, I believe. Committee amendments have been offered. There was a division requested by Senator Chambers. The first component and an amendment thereto