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you are familiar with Mr. Acklie and his background and his work with the Highway Commission and that subject area. Mr. Kingsbury has been on the commission. Certainly, to the best of our knowledge and through the...the committee does have considerable contact with the Highway Commission, we have no reason to question whether or not he should be appointed or reappointed. With respect to the other two individuals, I'll go into just a little bit more detail. Mr. Fagerland from Atkinson has been extremely active in his community. His profession, employment, has been in the banking industry primarily, but he's also had agricultural interests, as I understand it. He did appear for the hearing and was subject to inquiry by the committee, and the committee recommended that he be appointed. Greg Wolford from...from out west is an engineer. He is president of W Design Associates. He does have background and experience in engineering, architecture, and has a firm that does that sort of thing. The committee did inquire of Mr. Wolford as to whether or not this appointment could or would represent any conflict of interest. We were told by him that in the past several years he'd only had a couple of projects involving the Department of Roads, that he did not feel it would be a conflict. He would recuse himself if a conflict did...did appear. He does seem to have considerable expertise in the area of the Department of Roads subject matter. The way the commission is organized, they do not make decisions on individual bids or get involved in the bid letting and that sort of thing and, if they did I think we would...we would probably have some...some further concerns about Mr. Wolford. But, based on the role of the commission and the inquiries of the committee, we felt that these gentlemen were qualified and the committee did vote, without any dissenting votes, to recommend the appointments of all four of these individuals. If there are questions, I'll try to respond. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. For discussion on the Transportation Committee confirmation report, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I was going to initially just let this one go by and say that, as I've done in the past, I oppose these nominations as a protest to the way the Governor is making appointments of an