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confirmation report by Judiciary Committee. Senator Brashear has a report involving the appointment of Mike Gomez to the Board of Parole.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Brashear, you're recognized to open on confirmation report.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. President, thank you. Members of the body, Mike Gomez was appointed by the Governor to be a member of the Board of Parole. Mr. Gomez has considerable experience as a public servant in Nebraska. Presently, he is employed with the Nebraska Department of Revenue and has worked for the Department of Revenue for over 30 years. From 1983 to 1986, Mr. Gomez served as an appointee of Governor Thone as a member of the Federal Education Grants Commission. From 1986 to 1989, Mr. Gomez served as the Public Employees Retirement Board as an appointee of Governor Orr. Mr. Gomez also has experience in public service at the federal level. In 1977, Mr. Gomez was invited by then President Jimmy Carter to attend a SALT II briefing at the White House. In 1982, Mr. Gomez was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to the...to be special ambassador to the inaugural ceremonies of the elected president of Honduras on behalf of the United States. Finally, Mr. Gomez is bilingual, capable of speaking Spanish and English fluently, something your Judiciary Committee feels is needed on the Board of Parole. Your Judiciary Committee considered Mr. Gomez's executive applications...appointment application and his statement of financial interests. The committee voted to approve Mr. Gomez's appointment and I ask the body to do the same. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Brashear. For discussion on the confirmation report of Mr. Gomez, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, for all of the reasons Senator Brashear gave plus one of my own which I don't necessarily have to mention but if I were going to mention it I would say that this is one of those appointments which brings some diversity among the appointments in addition to all of the very valid reasons the "Silver Fox" gave for our approving this appointment. So I'm able this morning to depart from the ranks of the negative nabobs or the nattering nabobs of