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involving three appointments to the Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. May I ask the Chair, there is another similar kind of appointment immediately following this, is it proper to take all four of them together? They're all to the same commission.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Schimek, since they were submitted as two separate reports...

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: ...believe we'll take them up separately.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That's fine. Thank you very much. The first appointment involves three people, and the Government Committee had a good hearing with these three people and reported them favorably to the body, I believe on an 8 to 0 vote. The first of these appointees is Christine Bleich and she is an employee of the Nebraska Citizen...I'm sorry, the American Cancer Society and she has been on the SERC Board for a number of years now. She's been a very good board member. She's been regularly attending the meetings, participating in subcommittee meetings and providing information beneficial to the SERC and to those local emergency planning committees. She's also attended training sessions put on by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and Region VII EPA. Has been active in a number of community affairs. The second appointee to the Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission is Kim Herald and he works for Brown Transfer Company in Kearney and has memberships in the American Trucking Association, the Nebraska Trucking Association, Nebraska Safety Council, and is a board member of the Buffalo County Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Fort Kearny American Red Cross and the National Safety Management Council. He comes very highly recommended. And the third person is Steve Wood and Steve Wood works for Burlington Northern and he has been a disaster action team member here in Lancaster County with the Red Cross, has been Chairman of their board. Is a CPR instructor; first aid and HIV-AIDS fundamentals