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on the Board of Health. Dr. Lazure personally appeared before the committee on February 16th, and the committee unanimously recommends her confirmation. Next is Ella Ochoa. Ella is a reappointment to the Health and Human Services Partnership Council. She is an executive director of the NAF Multicultural Human Development Corporation in North Platte. As you know, the Partnership Council was established with the passage of LB 1044 in 1996, when the new Health and Human Services System was created. The purpose of the Partnership Council is to advise and assist the Policy Cabinet in the development of policy objectives and desired outcomes for the system. Ella's confirmation hearing was held on February 16th, but she was unable to personally appear. The committee did hear testimony in support of Ella's appointment from Cecilia Huerta with the Mexican-American Commission, along with a letter of support from Senator Don Pederson. There was no testimony in opposition. The committee unanimously recommends her confirmation. The last confirmation I bring to you this morning is of Kathy Moore, who I'm sure all of you know, to the Health and Human Services Partnership Council. Kathy Moore is executive director of Voices for Children and is a long-time community activist and volunteer on behalf of children. Kathy is a reappointment to the Partnership Council, lives in Omaha. She personally appeared before the committee and the committee unanimously recommends her confirmation. Mr. Speaker, I would wholeheartedly endorse these four individuals. We do need maybe a little gender equity in here, but for right now we do have four wonderful people to represent the state in these various positions. Mr. Chairman, I would move their confirmation.

**SPEAKER KRISTENSEN:** You've heard the opening. Debate on the confirmation report? Senator Chambers, followed by Senator Dwite Pedersen, Don Pederson, Landis, Kremer, Baker, and Crosby. Senator Chambers.

**SENATOR CHAMBERS:** Mr. President, I probably will be the briefest speaker on this group, but I am pleased to be able to vote aye on every recommendation brought before us this morning. But, being the person that I am, being sensitive to some issues as I am, I must ask Senator Jensen a question before I take my seat.