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which division first. Senator Jensen, I've ruled that it is divisible. Which division would you care to take up first?

SENATOR JENSEN: The first division would be fine, Chris Peterson first, and then the other three.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Mr. Speaker, I will speak affirmatively to the confirmation of Chris Peterson as the Policy Secretary for Health and Human Services. I have asked that that nomination be divided out because of the significance of the post and that I believe that it is appropriate for this Legislature to be able to express its views concerning the nomination of Chris Peterson separate from the other individuals, both due to the importance of the position to which she is being nominated, and I think as an act of respect from this body, should we choose not to confirm her or to confirm her, whichever we may do. She was an able and vital member of this body. We understand when people move on to do other things, and I'm very happy that she has chosen to consider continued service to the state of Nebraska in the post of Policy Secretary, but again I think, due to the importance of the post and her past affiliation with many members of this body, that I consider it to be appropriate to have her nomination separated from the others.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Seeing no further lights, Senator Jensen, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR JENSEN: I'll waive closing.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: He waives closing. This is the vote on the confirmation report with the division with only Chris Peterson. All those in favor of adopting the confirmation report vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted? Please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 806.)  
36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of that portion of the confirmation report, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: That division is adopted and the report is accepted. We next move to the second division, the remaining