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SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Yes, Mr. President, members of the body, I'd also like to rise in support of Mr. Stine. I've known him for a couple years and can attest to his qualifications as when as his community involvement in the city of Grand Island. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to close on this portion of the confirmation report. She waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of this portion of the confirmation report. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have you all voted who care to? Please record.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 846.) 37 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the first confirmation report as offered by Retirement Systems.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The report is adopted. Senator Stuhr, you're recognized to open on the remaining portion.

SENATOR STUHR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature. There are two appointments to the Public Employees Retirement Board. The first is Dr. Rick Black. Dr. Black's appointment on the board will be until January 1, 2005. Dr. Black is from Murray, Nebraska, in Cass County. He received a doctorate in school administration from the University of Nebraska in 1988, and is presently employed as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources in Papillion. Dr. Black has an impressive resume of professional and community involvement. A few highlights include membership in the Horseman League of American, appointed to the Excellence in Education Council, and among others is a member of the Nebraska Association for School Administrators and the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association. The second appointment to the Public Employees Retirement Board is Mr. Daniel Contonis. Mr. Contonis' appointment will also expire on January 1, 2005. Mr. Contonis is from Alliance, Nebraska. He received his bachelor's from Chadron State College in 1963, and has been employed by Gregory's, Incorporated, since 1966 as an insurance representative. Mr. Contonis is a board member and President of School District 6, board member of the Professional Insurance