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Agents of Nebraska, President of the Box Butte Development Corporation, and Vice President of the Alliance Development Corporation, and received a certificate of honor from the American Red Cross. We are very pleased to have these two fine individuals on the Public Employees Retirement Board and look forward to working with them, and I ask your support in confirming Dr. Rick Black and Mr. Daniel Contonis to the Public Employees Retirement Board and request a record vote. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the confirmation report? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, as with the other nominee, I'm going to vote no on these two based on my ongoing protest, but to show that I'm not just concerned about what the Governor fails to do, I have on my desk a resolution on gender and minority faculty status at the University of Nebraska. The Faculty Women's Caucus at the university put this resolution out and it shows the dismissive attitude toward females, so I'm going to read it and make use of this protest time: WHEREAS, the Regents have clearly identified gender equity as a priority of the University of Nebraska in passing the "Gender Equity Goals and Strategy" statements of 1991; and WHEREAS, the Board of Regents have specifically stated that the University of Nebraska "achieved gender representation through the University of Nebraska, including faculty, staff, students and administrators, which reflects a position of leadership among similarly situated institutions"; and WHEREAS, the Legislature, in LB 389, specifically directed the University of Nebraska to be among the top 50 percent of the Board of Regents' peer institutions in the percentage of women and minority faculty by August 2002; and WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska has failed to demonstrate a good faith effort to meet the Regents' goals and has failed to make satisfactory progress toward the Regents' goals. THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Faculty Women's Caucus urges the Board of Regents not to extend President Smith's contract without requiring a thorough, inclusive and open discussion with input from women and minority faculty of the efforts by the administration to achieve gender and minority representation, and to make clear to the Nebraska Legislature, the university community, and the citizens of