Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission and, if you recall, we had a number of these appointments last week. This particular hearing had to be held separately because Rick Kuckkahn is from Scottsbluff and he could not make it the day we scheduled the original hearing. So we did have an over-the-lunch-hour hearing and the committee members voted it out unanimously. We had one person absent. But Rick Kuckkahn is the city manager in Scottsbluff and he has actually been city manager in Rockville, Maryland; New Berlin, Wisconsin; and another city in Wisconsin as well. He has had lots of community involvement and is well qualified, I believe, to be a city representative on the Nebraska State Emergency Response Commission. The committee suggests the appointment be confirmed by the Legislature and we suggest a record vote. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just rise in favor of this nomination and appointment. The leadership and management style of Mr. Kuckkahn I think is very positive. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Schimek, you're recognized to close. She waives closing. The question before the body is the adoption of the Government Committee 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 pages 847-848.) 35 ayes, 1 nay, Mr. President, on the adoption of the report.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: The report is adopted. We next move to General File, 2000 senator priority bills. LB 1107. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 1107, introduced by Senator Wickersham and others. (Read title.) Bill was introduced on January 10 of this year, referred to the Education Committee. Bill was advanced to General File. Senator Wickersham offered his bill yesterday to the body, Mr. President. He also offered an amendment at that time to the bill. The amendment pending,

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