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Jeffrey Akerson. Dr. Akerson is a family physician from Sidney, originally from Holdrege, Nebraska, and has been in Sidney for a number of years. He's a family physician. Senator Matzke appeared in behalf of Dr. Akerson and reported his approval of this individual and also told us of his qualifications. The committee unanimously recommended advancement of Dr. Jeffrey Akerson. The next is Dr. James Schiefen to the Board of Health. It's a reappointment. Dr. Schiefen is an osteopathic surgeon in Imperial. Senator Baker appeared in support of Dr. Schiefen and recommended him and the...and a...was unanimously recommended by the committee. The next is a dentist in Omaha, Dr. David Hoover. He was unanimously recommended by the committee. He appeared before the committee; had been a dentist in Omaha for a number of years and is highly recommended. The last individual is Samuel Augustine. He's a pharmacist at UNMC in Omaha and also was unanimously recommended by the committee. I would ask the approval of the Legislature on these four appointments by the Governor, all to the Board of Health, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Jensen. For discussion on the confirmation report, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, in keeping with my protest relative to the way that the Governor makes these appointments, I'm going to vote no on these appointments and I'll make my standard disclaimer that my no vote has nothing to do with the qualifications of these individuals to be confirmed by the Legislature. I notice, Senator Jensen, that the last person on the list has the name that is the same as that of a dam, a d-a-m, that is, a vacuum cleaner and also the parted, bless his soul, may it rest in peace wherever it is and I've got my idea of where it is, former head of the FBI. But, despite those glowing credentials I can't vote yes. The first individual has the last name similar to that of a saint who had told God make me chaste but not yet. Despite that, I cannot vote yes, so I will have to vote no on these and I will ask you a question while I have you standing at this time.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: On the next two, is the first individual a