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(sic--Commission) of Industrial Relations.

SENATOR CROSBY: Discussion on the committee report? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Madam President and members of the Legislature, I've watched Brenda Council grow from babyhood to adulthood. She has always been an outstanding person, never discouraged by the various obstacles put into her path for two reasons--she is black and she is a woman. I was able to get the Legislature to enact a bill that would require district elections for school board members in Omaha and Brenda, assuming her civic duty and responsibility, obtained a position on the school board and became its president at one point. The Legislature worked with me subsequent to that to pass a bill that required district elections for city council. Brenda again rose to the task and obtained a seat on the city council. She served there with honor and distinction. Not too long ago she ran for the mayorship of Omaha. To my great chagrin and disappointment, she lost the final election by fewer than 1,000 votes. She is a very capable individual. As far as technical, educational, and experiential qualifications, as Senator Vrtiska said or indicated, and I'm going to add to it, I don't believe there is a person more qualified than she is to receive this appointment. The only thing I regret, and it is not based on a disparagement of this group that she is going to be working with or the work that they do, I would much rather have seen her appointed to a district judgeship, but that is not necessarily out of the picture. Since we can only take a bite from the apple which is presented to us, I will take this opportunity to cast a vote which will advance the career of a young woman who I think is very worthy and, by so doing, assist in the administration of the laws that it will be her duty, along with others, to see are properly administered and enforced. And perhaps at a future time, although I will not be in a position to have cast a vote, because it's not done in that manner, I will be proud to say that she is receiving an appointment to a district court judgeship. So I am very much in favor of her appointment and if you-all were willing this morning, as a special boon to me, I would like to vote five or six times for her.