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CLERK: Mr. President, a confirmation report by the Agriculture Committee found on page 828 of the Journal.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Chairman of the Agriculture Committee, Chairman Kremer, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. The Agriculture Committee wishes to report favorably upon the Governor's appointment of the Nebraska State Fair Board. Just a little bit of history of why we are confirming appointments to the Fair Board, for those that you are new and also maybe a refresher to the rest of us, that last year we passed LB 1236 and that was really in response to a State Fair Board evaluation program. And we found it was...the deteriorating financial condition of the State Fair and restructured the whole board and actually renamed it from the State Fair...State Board of Agriculture to the Nebraska State Fair Board. The new board consists of 13 members. Seven members are appointed from the local agricultural societies, and at one time before this they were all appointed from the state agriculture societies. So now the board would consist of seven members from the ag societies. Four members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature, two which represent the business community of Lincoln, one represents the business community of Omaha, and one the business community of the state at large. The Governor appointments will fill this, this requirement in the change of law in LB 1236. It was partly because of the financial condition and also the...just the makeup of the Fair Board and being almost all agriculture. They're bringing in some business people to try to have a little different emphasis and try to kind of rejuvenate the State Fair Board. So we had four members that we had the hearing on, on March the 11th, and we voted them out as a group, so I will present them as a group. The first one was John Peetz. He is vice president and CEO of Crete Carrier Corporation. Mr. Peetz is one of the two appointees representing business community of Lincoln. He's appointed for a three-year term. Mr. Peetz is a graduate of Saint Patrick's High School and a graduate of the University of Nebraska, and earned a law degree at Creighton University. He has served in the United Way of Lincoln Board of