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Directors, and the Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations. At one time, Mr. Peetz did have a business in Sidney, Nebraska. He also has a famous wife, which we all know is Natalya, that we see quite often in the lobby. The second one is Jo Kinsey. She was not able to appear in person, but Senator Hudkins did represent her. She's vice president of retail sales at the Wells Fargo Bank. Mrs. Kinsey is one of two appointees representing the business community of Lincoln. Her appointment is for a term of two years. She has extensive background in bank management, and brings an extensive background of educational training in business marketing. She serves or has served in a number of civic capacities, including the board of directors of Teammates of Nebraska, Nebraska Public Schools Foundation, the Downtown Lincoln Association, United Way of Lancaster County, board of directors of the Nebraska Public Television. She was born in Sidney, Nebraska, and went to school in Potter, Nebraska. Frank Partsch, which I know many of you know, is a retired editorial page editor of the World-Herald. Mr. Partsch represents the business community of Omaha. He's appointed. His appointment is for a one-year term. Mr. Partsch is a graduate of Saint Paul High School, earned his BA in journalism from UNL, and master's of journalism at Ohio State. He is a board member of the National Conference of Editorial Writers, and All Our Kids, Incorporated. He also worked at one time and had a paper in Sidney, Nebraska, and you'll probably notice that Sidney, Nebraska, is pretty... is their claim to fame on three of these, and Senator Erdman thought that was pretty special. That's his district. The fourth candidate was Sallie Atkins. She's the executive director of the Nebraska Beef Council, and rancher. Mrs. Atkins represents the business community of state at large. Her appointment is for one year. In addition to serving as the executive director of the Beef Council, she has served on the Upper Loup NRD, on the board of directors of the Purdum State Bank. She and her family operate a ranch near Halsey, Nebraska. She graduated from Mullen High School and has had extensive involvement in many different organizations. What I thought was kind of interesting is that each one of the candidates talked about, when they were growing up, of how important the State Fair was to them, and I think each one of them had been involved in 4-H and most of them came from an agriculture background but