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This morning we have a confirmation report on Mr. Ed Wootton. He is a resident of Papillion...I'm sorry, Bellevue. His senator is Senator Paul Hartnett. He has been appointed to the Public Roads Classification and Standards Board. A little brief background on Mr. Wootton. He's served as a volunteer fireman at Bellevue for 53 years, on his report here. He has done a lot of work in equipment management, roads departments, and so on, for the city of Bellevue over the years. A little bit about the Board of Public Roads Classifications. It oversees annual construction planning and fiscal reporting for state and local highways, roads, and streets. There are nine citizens on the board, and there are some very specific requirements to serve on the board. They...a number of them have to be public works directors, city street superintendents, and so on, county commissioners, very specific requirements. Mr. Wootton meets these requirements and more. He did appear in person in front of the committee this week. His track record seems to be excellent. He's willing and ready to serve. In fact, he's been attending meetings since November of 2002. Shows a lot of interest in the board. And I would highly recommend we approve his appointment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further discussion? The Chair recognizes Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Mr. Chair and members of the body, I also would like to endorse the recommendation of this individual. He impressed me very much with the background that he had working with the county highway department, with roads, the six-year road and bridge plan. And he seemed that he was a very interested person. So I think with his background and knowledge, he would be very...it would be very fitting that he be on this board. So I strongly endorse and support this nomination. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you. Further discussion on the confirmation report? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Baker to close. He waives closing. The question is on the adoption of the confirmation report of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee regarding the Public Roads Classification Board. All those in favor please vote aye; those