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the issue that Preister brought out is really important, but that's not the reason I rose here to speak, because I'm supportive of these two. I've known them for a long time. And Ravenscroft moved from his ranch just a few years ago to Lincoln, from south of Valentine, so I know the whole family up there, so I'm supportive of it. And of course Barb Batie just lives south of me, within about 30 miles of my house, so I've known her for a long time too. So I'm standing in support of both of these. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jones. Any further discussion on the report offered by the Natural Resources Committee? Seeing none, Senator Schrock, you may close on your report if you care to.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Preister has raised an issue. It's very important that we get these appointments in a timely fashion and that we can act upon them, or they really aren't properly serving. And I would like to see the process sped up a little bit. I don't know who's at fault, but the Governor needs to get a...needs to have this process faster, needs to get the appointments to the committees quicker, because we don't want a lot of people serving on boards who haven't been confirmed by the Legislature. Something is amiss. It needs to be corrected. Senator Preister, you are absolutely correct. Good candidates, but this is not the way they should be processed. It should be done in a much timelier fashion. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. You've heard the closing on report number two offered by the Natural Resources Committee. The question before the body is, shall that report be adopted? All in favor of the motion vote aye, those opposed nay. Voting on adoption of report number two offered by the Natural Resources Committee. Have you all voted who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 2133.) 37 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report as offered by the Natural Resources Committee.