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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Next item on the agenda.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee reports on certain gubernatorial appointments. That report is found on page 735 of the Journal.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Chair would recognize Senator Baker on the confirmation report, first one.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. The first group of confirmations we have here is the Public Roads Classifications and Standards, and their duty, of course, is to develop specific criteria for each classification, and so on, for road standards. We have a group of eight. I'll just go down through them: Jim Bauer from Beatrice is currently serving as a director of public works for the city of Beatrice; Rich Ruby from Lincoln is an employee of Nebraska Department of Roads; Tim Schram from Gretna is a Sarpy County employee; Ed Wootton from Bellevue is a retired equipment operator; Darold Tagge from Holdrege has a consulting engineering firm in Holdrege; Henry Thieman has county road commissioner and insurance...he is a county commissioner now in, I believe it's, Boone County, from Petersburg, also has an insurance business; and Henry Vieregger from Omaha is a consulting engineer. Those are the appointees that we heard from on Public Roads Classifications and Standards. I'll be glad to answer any questions. As I said, their job is to confirm and amend standards for roads and the classification of them. And I would ask for your approval of these appointments. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Baker. 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 from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 784.)
28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of that report, Mr. President.