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PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Chair would recognize Senator Baker.

SENATOR BAKER: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members. This is the Nebraska Railway Council reappointments. Both of these people currently serve on the council. Their duty is to administer programs for the light rail system. That's, of course, would be the branch rail lines and so on, the light rail, not Class 1 railroads. These are both reappointments. It's director of the Ag Department, Merlyn Carlson, and Dave Gilfillan, who works for the Department of Economic Development. They both appeared before the committee, realize the importance of their job and are very dedicated. I would urge the adoption of their confirmation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Baker. Further discussion on this confirmation report? Seeing none, the Chair recognizes Senator Baker to close. He waives closing. The question is on the adoption of the confirmation report regarding the Nebraska Railway Council. All those in favor please vote aye; those opposed vote nay. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 785-786.) 30 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of that report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: The report is adopted. Before proceeding to recognize the Speaker, the Chair would like to make two announcements. (Doctor of the day and visitors introduced.) The Chair would now recognize Speaker Bromm.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor. Just a couple of brief announcements for the body. There are two bills on consent calendar for which objections have been filed in writing by three members, and they will be removed from the consent calendar: the first bill, LB 539, and then LB 593. And at the conclusion of consent calendar, we'll add to the agenda a motion to reconsider the confirmation which occurred yesterday of Debra McDowell to the Environmental Quality Council. That would be added after LB 1179. Thank you, Mr. Lieutenant Governor.