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Agriculture Committee, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The Agriculture Committee wishes to report favorably upon the appointment of Dr. Darrell Mark, the Beginning Farmer Board. The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was enacted in 1999, and it provides tax incentive credits for those who want to lease and rent land to beginning farmers. The board directs programs and approves and certifies the participants, and advocates policies to assist beginning farmers. Dr. Mark is a professor in agricultural economics. He is appointed to a first-year term to represent agriculture...the academic community, with extensive knowledge and insight in analysis of agricultural economics issues. He would resume...he would assume the position formerly served by Dr. Roy Frederick. He holds both a master's degree and a Ph Degreee in agricultural economics at Kansas State University. He's been a professor of ag economics at UNL since January of 2002. He also participates in a family farm operation near Irene, South Dakota. Mr. Mark is 28 years old, but he provides a resume with an impressive list of academic journals and extensive articles that he's authored and coauthored on a variety of economic topics, including several articles pertaining to recruiting and encouraging young people to obtain agriculture, agronomy degrees. And he has written several articles per extension. The public hearing for Dr. Mark was...his appointment, was held February 24. Mr. Mark appeared in person. And the committee voted 7-0 to recommend his confirmation of his appointment. I move that the Ag Committee's confirmation report be accepted.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. You've heard the opening on the confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. Open for discussion on that motion. Anybody wishing to speak? I do not see any lights on. Senator Kremer. He waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. The question before the body is adoption of confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. Have you all voted on the confirmation report who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.