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SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. The Education Committee recommends you...to you the...or recommends that you, I should say, confirm the appointment of four members to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. That commission consists of 11 members and it is generally responsible for coordinating of...among the various education...higher educational institutions we have in this state. I'll quickly go through the four people involved. One is Eric Seacrest. This would be a reappointment to the commission. Eric is from North Platte. He is a current member of the Midwestern Higher Education Commission, cochair of the North Platte Area Development Task Force, and has served as a member of the Nebraska P-16 Education Council, in addition to a host of other things. Eric's appointment is effective...would be effective January 1, 2004, through January 1, 2010. Colleen Adam would be appointed to the Coordinating Commission. Colleen is from Hastings. She has a master of arts degree in audiology from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, as well as a bachelor of science degree in speech pathology also from UNL. She is presently a member of the Nebraska Foundation for Humanities, and is Chair of the Hastings Museum Foundation. Her term would be effective from December 23, 2003, through January 1, 2010. James O'Rourke, Dr. James O'Rourke, is from Chadron. He has earned both a Ph.D. and a master of science degree in range management from the University of Arizona, as well as a bachelor's degree in forest and range management from Colorado State. His teaching experiences are well-documented. He's spent 22 years teaching undergraduate courses in his field of expertise. His term would be from January 1, 2004, through January 1, 2010. Finally, Louis Pofahl is from Norfolk. He's earned his bachelor of science degree in finance at the University of Texas at San Antonio; currently works for the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District; is actively involved in a diversion program for at-risk youth. His term would run from December 23, 2003, through January 1, 2008. So again, the committee recommends your confirmation of these appointees to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Raikes. You've heard the opening on the confirmation report offered by the Education