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Department of Health and Human Services. The committee suggests the appointment be confirmed by the Legislature. Nancy was appointed as director of Health and Human Services following the resignation of Ronald Ross and his appointment as State Treasurer. She is a graduate from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, with a B.S. in social work. From there, she went to Region III and worked as a professional partner, doing a wraparound program; also as a program manager, again in Region III and Kearney. In 1999 through 2001, she was a service area administrator at the Health and Human Services office in Gering, Nebraska. And then from 2001 until her appointment to this position, she was chief executive officer of the Health and Human Services System in Gering, Nebraska. I would ask for the adoption. She did appear before the committee, and the committee unanimously submitted her name to this body for approval. With that, I would ask for the approval of this appointment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. You've heard the opening on the Health and Human Services confirmation report. Open for discussion on that report. Senator Stuthman.

SENATOR STUTHMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I would also like to echo those comments of Senator Jensen. I was there yesterday, I think it was yesterday or the day before, on the interview, on the hearing. I was very impressed with her, mainly because of the background that she brings to this job. Because she has been in that type of work, you know, for years and years already, and she knows, you know, the trials and tribulations that do go along with that type of a job. So I was very impressed. I think she's going to do a wonderful job in her capacity there. So I would also ask that we approve of this. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Stuthman. Senator Aguilar, on the confirmation report.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'd also like to stand in support of Nancy Montanez. I had the opportunity to meet Nancy on a recent trip to Scottsbluff, and was extremely impressed with her credentials and her