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accomplishments that's well-known in that part of the state. And I think the state of Nebraska has a great opportunity to take advantage of what she's capable of, and I look forward to a great successful program with Health and Human Services. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Aguilar. Senator Erdman, followed by Senator Smith.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I also rise in support of the appointment of Ms. Montanez. As a senator from western Nebraska, and as, currently, Ms. Montanez's state senator, I believe that this is a good move for the state, not for those reasons, but because we also had the opportunity on Tuesday afternoon to talk to her about some of the issues before the state of Nebraska regards to Health and Human Services, and her vision for correcting some of these issues. She's very aware of some of those concerns, and she is very willing to look at them and to not only talk about them, but to begin to implement some action. And so I think that was one of the things that the committee was impressed with, was recognizing the bureaucracy of HHS, but also recognizing someone has come from the inside, knows some of the problems, is going to be willing to work with this Legislature and this Health Committee to resolve some of those. And so I rise in support of this confirmation. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Erdman. Senator Smith, confirmation report.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I just want to add my favorable recommendation to the appointment. I believe that Nancy is highly qualified, and comes to the table with a broad experience within HHS, and I think can represent diverse views along the whole spectrum of starting out as an employee in healthcare in general, and working up to the executive capacity within HHS. And I appreciate her willingness to do this as well. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Smith. Further discussion? Senator Maxwell, on the report.