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CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 390.) 34 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful. The report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, the next report, offered by the General Affairs Committee, involves a series of appointments to the Nebraska Arts Council.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Janssen, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report offered by the General Affairs Committee.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. On January 24, the General Affairs Committee held hearings for the confirmation and appointment to the Nebraska Arts Council. We had five new appointments, and one reappointment. The first appointment is a new appointment, Vicki Bromm. Her son, Jaron, testified on her behalf, and has a deep appreciation and understanding of the arts. The next new appointment was Mr. David Catalan. He is from Omaha, has extensive involvement in the community and civic activities in his area. The third new appointment was Mr. Murray H. Newman. He is from Omaha. He's retired. He's a member of the board of trustees of many local organizations. The next new appointment was Germelina Salumbides, and is a new appointment. She is a neighbor, I believe, of Senator Joel Johnson's, and he was there to testify on her behalf. She is from the Philippines, and is very...has a very extensive background in a variety of cultural activities. The next new appointment was Mr. Richard J. Vierk. He has extensive community involvement in many areas. He is from Lincoln. He is a past member of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra. The last appointment is a reappointment. And that is Mrs. Donna Woods. And she was unable to be there. But Senator Schimek gave a very good testimony on her behalf. And she is from Lincoln, and is involved in the Lincoln Arts Council, and many other community activities. The committee voted unanimously to advance all of these appointments. With that, I ask you for a favorable consideration of the