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vote aye; opposed, nay. The question before the body is the confirmation report offered by the Education Committee. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 489.) 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Confirmation report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, second report by the Education Committee.

CLERK: Mr. President, second report from Education involving the appointments of Stephen Lewis and Carter Peterson to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System. (Legislative Journal page 460.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Raikes, Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open on that report.

SENATOR RAIKES: Again, thank you, Mr. President, members. To remind you, the State College Board of Trustees is composed of seven members. Six of these are appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Legislature. They serve six-year terms, and the Commissioner of Education is the seventh ex-officio member. The two appointees that I bring for your consideration today are Stephen Lewis and Carter Peterson. Mr. Lewis was not able to appear before the committee for the hearing, it was a bad weather day, but he did communicate with us over the phone. He earned a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Nebraska at Kearney. He currently works as Director of Administrative Services for the Tri-County area hospital district in Lexington. He's a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, has a number of other community and statewide service activities. Carter Peterson did appear before the committee. He earned a bachelor's degree from Wayne State College, currently works as the owner of Northeast Nebraska Insurance Agency in Wayne. He's a trustee and member of the executive board of the Wayne College Foundation. And likewise, both of these appear to be very