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coming off the agenda and going back onto the agenda. Let me give you an example. If we do not begin debate on LB 150, the Agriculture's first priority bill, today, Wednesday's agenda will list LB 499 after LB 533 and before LB 150. Why? Because the Revenue Committee has designated LB 150, but Senator Landis is absent today. What I'm trying to avoid by...and I promise you I'll try to make this the last time I talk about it. I'm trying to avoid somebody saying, on Wednesday, well, why did he stick that in there? It already had that order. I'm only accommodating day...what I call day absences. And I hope that's helpful to you, so that when you come up here, you know what we're not...what we're going to be passing over, because it isn't going to be listed. Thank you for your patience. On with the day.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Speaker Brashear. The body appreciates your review. Next agenda item, legislative confirmation reports. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Government Committee, chaired by Senator Schimek, reports on the appointment of Stuart MacTaggart to the Department of Aeronautics.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, you're recognized to open on your first report.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President and members. The Government Committee did have a hearing last week, and had a chance to get acquainted with Mr. MacTaggart, and really found him to be extremely well qualified for the position of director of aeronautics. I'd like to give you just a little bit about his background. He has in the past had the management and direct operational control of 48 heavy jets, an airfield, and 500 flight officers. He's been a quality control person for 2,000 flight officers annually. He's managed the training of 8,000 professional crew members. He has a master's degree in aeronautical science, a bachelor's degree in political science, an airline transport pilot's rating with 9,000 hours flying time. His experience includes airline industry, military, and government. And he left the airlines to return to Nebraska and