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CLERK: Mr. President, subsequent to that, I have a hearing notice from the Business and Labor Committee; hearing notices from the Appropriations Committee, and from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee; all signed by their respective Chairs. Reports received from Health and Human Services, and the Property Assessment, Taxation Department. And finally, the report of registered lobbyists for this week, Mr. President. And that's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 613-614.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. We'll now move to legislative confirmation report.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report this morning is by Education Committee, involving the appointment of Mary Harbaugh to the Educational Telecommunications Commission. (Legislative Journal page 586.)

PRESIDENT SHEEHY: Senator Raikes, you're recognized to open on the Education Committee report.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Mr. Clerk, I'm going to call that Mary Harbaugh, but you may be right. I didn't check on the pronunciation. The Education Committee recommends the confirmation of Mary Harbaugh to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission. Ms. Harbaugh is a reappointment to the commission. Her term of service would be four years, extending from January of 2005 through January of 2009. She is one of...she would be one of six members of the general public that are on the commission. If you recall, the commission has a total of 11 members, and is formed to fulfill three primary purposes, which are: number one, promoting and establishing noncommercial educational telecommunications facilities within the state of Nebraska; two, providing noncommercial educational telecommunications programs throughout the state of Nebraska by standard broadcast, by closed circuit transmission, or by other telecommunications technology distribution systems; and three, operating statewide educational and public radio/television networks and services.