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appointments to the Board of Emergency Medical Services.  
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SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Committee, you're recognized to open on the first report.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback, members of the Legislature. And if you'll bear with me, last Thursday we did set aside an afternoon to go through gubernatorial appointments and so there are five of these boards that the confirmation report came to us and we acted on and I'm presenting to you this morning. The first one that I'll present to you is the Board of Emergency Medical Services, and we have six names, three new appointments, three reappointments. The first is Shawn Baumgartner, who is a reappointment for a three-year term from Scottsbluff. He is employed by the Valley Ambulance Service in Scottsbluff as an operations assistant and senior paramedic. He's been serving as an EMT since 1984. He was unable to appear in person, but Senator Smith appeared in support of his confirmation. The next is Robert Dunn, a reappointment for a three-year term. He's a retired photographer here from Lincoln. I think many of you probably know him; actually born in Falls City; a graduate of Falls City High School and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln with a master's degree in special education; also a veteran of the Marine Corps. Number three is Rommie Hughes, who's an M.D., a new appointment for a two-year term; a physician and surgeon from Scottsbluff. Unable to appear in person, Senator Erdman appeared in support of his confirmation. He's a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Number four is Benjamin Lans, who is a new appointment for a three-year term; will be a senior at Chadron State College, majoring in business administration, marketing economics; serves with the Chadron Volunteer Fire Department; has a history of family involvement in emergency medical services; received his EMT-B license; and also was unable to appear in person, but Senator Loudon appeared in support for his confirmation. Fifth was Clinton Rasmussen, a new appointment for a three-year term from Dakota City, employed as a fuel-handling technician with MidAmerican Energy in Sioux City; joined the Dakota City Fire Department in 1999, where he