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SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Fischer. Senator Mines, for rebuttal. You're recognized.

SENATOR MINES: Question! (Laughter)

SENATOR CUDABACK: I'm sorry, but I have to rule that out of order because there are no other lights on. (Laughter) We had discussion on LR 237, LR 238, LR 239, LB 243. The question before the body is, shall those all be adopted? All in favor vote aye; opposed, nay. We're voting on the adoption of all four resolutions, as I mentioned. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of LR 237, LR 238, LR 239, and LR 243.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The resolutions have been adopted. We now go to the next agenda item, legislative confirmation reports. Mr. Clerk, first report, Agriculture Committee.

CLERK: Mr. President, the first report, excuse me, offered by the Agriculture Committee, found on page 1753, involves an appointment as director of the Department of Agriculture.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kremer, to open on your report.

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. We're drawing down to the close and this is one of the most significant confirmations that we've had. On May 25 we held the hearing to confirm the appointment of Greg Ibach to the director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, as he was appointed to fill the shoes of Merlyn Carlson, who served so well in the last, I think, what, five years or six years, as he has gone to Washington to fill a post there to...part of the...of the supporters of Mike Johanns in the Department of Agriculture there. Greg Ibach, since 1999, has served as assistant director of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. In that role he's worked to promote Nebraska agriculture products, both domestic and in foreign markets. On a state