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Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Kremer. Any discussion on the confirmation report from Ag Committee? Seeing no lights on, Senator Kremer, did you wish...Senator Kremer waives closing. The question before the body is adoption of the confirmation report offered by the Agriculture Committee. All in favor vote aye; opposed vote nay. Have you all voted on the report who care to? Record please, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 1914.) 39 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the Agriculture Committee confirmation report.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next report, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, Government Committee, chaired by Senator Schimek, reports on the appointment of Mike Behm as the Nebraska Commission...as director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice. (Legislative Journal page 1759.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Chairman Schimek, to open on the first report.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you. Mr. President and members, I know that people are engaged in a lot of side conversations here, but I want to explain about this appointment because it's a little bit unusual. The Government Committee has traditionally heard the appointments to the Crime Commission and we have traditionally forwarded them to the Legislature, and this year it was discovered that it's not necessary because it isn't in statute. After discussions with several people, the Government Committee went ahead and had the hearing on Mike Behm and we made the decision to forward his appointment to you, even though it's not totally necessary, and we did that because I think there is some concern that we need to continue hearing this particular appointment and forwarding it to the Legislature because this commission has taken on a lot of new projects and is receiving a lot of funding through grants and federal funding