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SENATOR CUDABACK: Chairperson Schimek, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Major Tuma appeared before the committee this past week. He is a new appointment, of course, to this, as the superintendent of the State Patrol. He actually will take office tomorrow on June 4 and serves, of course, at the pleasure of the Governor. The committee did ask a lot of questions of Mr. Tuma and we were extremely impressed with his resume, and I don't know how much of it to go through, but he's not only been with law enforcement for 25 years, but he's served on groups like the Governor's leadership group on terrorism; the Governor's committee on domestic preparedness; Police Standards Advisory Council; Nebraska Crime Commission; Governor's council on year 2000...remember that, (laugh) Y2K; State Emergency Response Commission; Governor's nuclear transportation working group; the Governor's designee for transportation and security, which involved nuclear shipping; and a lot of other related committees: the state wireless communications project; Nebraska 511 deployment project; the joint operations center project; collocation of the Nebraska State Patrol Training Academy and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center. He has a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, attended and graduated from the FBI National Academy, went to a law enforcement executive development seminar, and has postgraduate hours at the University of Virginia in Arlington. With that, Mr. President, the committee confirmed this on a 6-2 vote. Two people were absent that day, but we felt that he was highly qualified and recommend him to you for confirmation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schimek. Open for discussion on the second report, Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Seeing none, Senator Schimek. Senator Schimek waives closing. Before the body is adoption of the second report by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. All in favor of the motion vote aye; those opposed, nay. Voting on adoption of the second report by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. Have you all voted on the question who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.