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while at the same time avoiding unnecessary duplication of programs and facilities. The commission is composed of 11 members, each of whom is appointed by the Governor for a term of six years. Six members are chosen from the districts...from districts of equal population, while the remaining five members are appointed on a statewide basis. With that, I'll close, and on behalf of the Education Committee, encourage your support for the confirmation of Dr. Davis to the Coordinating Commission. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Chairman Raikes. You've heard the opening on the Education Committee confirmation report. Open for discussion. Senator Pederson...Don, that is. I'm sorry.

SENATOR D. PEDERSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I would encourage us to continue Dr. Davis in the position on the Coordinating Commission. I've had a lot of opportunity to work with Dr. Davis in connection with higher education, and he has been very, very dedicated. I think one example of his personal dedication is his personal involvement in the Davis-Chambers Scholarship program, which has been very effective in giving some students the opportunity for higher education that I don't think they would have had otherwise, and gives us an opportunity to take part of our citizenry and help make them very productive citizens in our state. So I would say that I've had an awful lot of opportunity to talk with Dr. Davis. He was not only a very good football player, but he's a very intelligent man, and I think we need this type person on our Coordinating Commission for Higher Education. I worked with him a lot on LR 174 in the coordination of our various higher education facilities, and I don't think we dare lose the talent that we have in Dr. Davis. So I would encourage us to continue him in office. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Pederson. Further discussion? Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I also would endorse Dick Davis to the Secondary (sic) Coordinating Commission. He's an individual who's been a great ambassador for the state of Nebraska. He's committed to education. He's committed to his community. And