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confirmation reports. Mr. Clerk, please.

CLERK: Mr. President, the Agriculture Committee, chaired by Senator Kremer, reports on the appointment of Linda Lovgren to the State Fair Board. (Legislative Journal page 582.)

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

SENATOR KREMER: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the body. The Agriculture Committee wishes to report favorably upon the appointment of Linda Lovgren to the Nebraska State Fair Board, and recommends that the body approve this appointment. Linda Lovgren is a new appointment. It's a new appointment. She fills the remainder of the term vacated by Jack (sic--Frank) Partsch. She is appointed to represent the business community of Omaha. As you know, the restructuring of the State Fair Board, one of the members of the board needs to be as in business community from Omaha, so that's what she represents. She's a native of Iowa. She was the daughter of a farm family near Lakota, Iowa, and she was very involved in livestock showing and 4-H and something that would be very helpful is...in her membership on the board of the State Fair. She graduated from Indiana University in telecommunications. Linda is the founder of her own marketing business, and her career has invested heavily in the media and advertising public relations. She's provided a very extensive list of professional activities, of community and voluntary activities. Those include the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, Peter Kiewit Institute, the Nebraska 4-H Development Foundation, the Advertising Federation, and several other voluntary positions. There was about four pages of activities that she's been involved in, so there were many of them and we were very impressed. The confirmation hearing was held on February 7. Linda appeared in person, answering the questions to the committee. And the committee was quite impressed with her competence and enthusiasm. We appreciated her farm upbringing and the breadth of experience that she brings, and adequately meets the ability to build connections between the State Fair Board and the Omaha business community. Her marketing/public relations expertise was a great asset to the board. She mentions her business has been utilized to promote the Douglas County Fair. The committee would vote...the