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SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would just ask the body confirm the appointment of Linda Heiden to a five-year term on the...as a public member of the State Board of Health.

SENATOR CUDABACK: You've heard the closing. The question before the body is, shall Linda Heiden be appointed to State Board of Health? All in favor of appointment vote aye; opposed, nay. Have you all voted on the appointment who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal page 788.) 31 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the appointment, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion was successful; appointment has been made. Senator Jensen, to open, as Chairman of committee, on next appointment, Russell Hopp. Mr. Clerk, do you have anything to add, Mr. Clerk? You have...Senator Jensen, to open. (Third division, Legislative Journal page 756.)

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. The next appointment is a new appointment to a four-year term. This is Dr. Russell Hopp to the State Board of Health. He was unable to appear in person and Senator Brown's office offered testimony in support of his confirmation. He lives in Omaha, birthplace Indiana. He also is on a couple other boards: MOTAC, I do know what that one is; ALA, I do not know what that is. His education: Creighton Prep in Omaha, 1966; Creighton University, '66 to '70, with a B.S.; and he is employed by Creighton University in Omaha from 1982 until present. With that, I'd be glad to answer questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Heard the opening. Senator Chambers, you're recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Jensen a question or two.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Jensen.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Jensen, when you mentioned where Mister...where Dr. Hopp was born, you just said Indiana. Is