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discussion on the confirmation report, Retirement Systems. Senator Stuhr, there aren't any lights on. Did you wish to close? The question before the body is adoption of the Retirement Committee confirmation report. All in favor of the motion vote aye; opposed nay. We're voting on the confirmation report offered by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee. Have you all voted on the report who care to? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: (Record vote, Legislative Journal pages 1611-1612.) 36 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption of the report, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The confirmation report has been adopted. Mr. Clerk, next report.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee would report favorably on the appointment of Charles Ward to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. (Legislative Journal page 1393.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, Chairman of the committee, you're recognized to open on the first report.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The Education Committee brings for your consideration the confirmation of Mr. Charles Ward to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Mr. Ward is a reappointment to the board. If confirmed, he would continue his service on the board until October 1 of 2010. Charles Ward is from Valentine. He's been in business as a locksmith since 1972. He's also worked as a plumber, and operated a small cattle operation in Cherry County. He is a graduate of Chadron State College, having earned a bachelor's of science degree in education in 1966. He also holds a degree in refrigeration from the Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis. If you recall, the Board of Educational Lands and Funds is constitutionally vested with the authority of managing the state's educational trust lands. Those duties include issuing both surface and subsurface leases on educational lands, in addition to collecting the revenue generated by those leases. The board is