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ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Education Committee would report favorably on Steven E. Titus to the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission. (Legislative Journal page 1553.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Raikes, to open on report number three.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Dr. Steven Titus is also an appointee for your consideration to the NETV Commission. Dr. Titus is a new appointment to the commission. If confirmed, he would serve on the commission through January 9, 2010. Dr. Titus is a resident of Fremont, Nebraska, where he's served as president of Midland Lutheran College since 2002. Dr. Titus has earned a doctorate degree from the University of Virginia in higher education administration, and a law degree from Marquette University Law School. He also earned a diploma from the United States Army judge advocate general school in Charlottesville, Virginia, as well as a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the Southwest Minnesota State University. Dr. Titus brings an extensive resume of experience in the fields of both education and law. He's also involved in a number of community activities, which include membership on the board of trustees of Augsburg Fortress, the board of directors of Lutheran Planned Giving Services, and the board of directors of the Independent Association of Colleges and Universities of Nebraska. While Dr. Titus' resume is without a doubt very impressive, there were concerns about whether he would have time to serve on the commission. Those concerns were perhaps reflected in the difficulty we had in getting paperwork from Dr. Titus, as well as scheduling the confirmation hearing. Despite those concerns, the committee voted to advance this appointment to the floor for consideration by the full Legislature. The vote was 5 to 1. I will tell you that it is our committee's policy that the appointee must appear before the committee, or at least be willing to communicate over the phone, and be...subject themselves to cross-examination, and Dr. Titus did that. But I will just point out to you that we sort of had to insist on that. But having said that, I will tell you the committee did