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vote to support the confirmation, and so I would recommend it to you. Again, Dr. Steven Titus, the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Raikes. You've heard the opening on the third report by the Education Committee. Open for discussion. Senator Bourne.

SENATOR BOURNE: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'll be very brief. I did vote against this confirmation coming out of committee, and I know that's fairly unusual. But as I understand it, it was basically like pulling teeth to get this gentleman to present himself and get his information. I'd asked the committee clerk to put together a little sheet kind of indicating how much work he had to do in prodding this gentleman along, and for over a month we had countless cancellations of the confirmation hearing, paperwork wasn't submitted on time, there would be a commitment, I'll get that Accountability and Disclosure paperwork sent in, and then the clerk would have to follow up a couple weeks later to, you know, encourage them to get that information in. And I know these things are largely perfunctory, but this one was so blatantly...I don't even know, uncooperative, that I just felt that...I voted no. And I'm going to continue to vote no. I'm not going to hold up the confirmation, but I just think that, you know, it should be a privilege to serve. And to have to practically beg this individual to submit his paperwork, come to the committee and present himself, it just...it was a...one of the worst confirmation hearing processes that I've been a part of, and I just...sometimes I think you just have to say, look, you know, if you want to serve, serve; if not, maybe you should think about doing something else. So anyway, that was my no vote coming out of committee. I'm going to vote no on his confirmation this morning.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Further discussion? There are no lights on. Senator Raikes, you're recognized to close.

SENATOR RAIKES: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I'm going to support the confirmation, but I absolutely and continually