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report, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The report has been adopted. We go to the last report. Mr. Clerk, Health and Human Services.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, the Health and Human Services Committee would report on Patricia Madsen to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Chairman Jensen, to open.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment of Patricia Madsen to the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board. The committee suggests the appointment be confirmed by the Legislature. This is a new appointment for a one-year term to fill a vacancy on the board. She is a teacher from Stuart, Nebraska. Appeared before the committee on Tuesday, April 11, and the committee voted unanimously, with two members absent, to recommend confirmation of the appointment. Ms. Madsen appeared in person, with her husband. She is, I think, the ideal person to serve on a board like this. She is a teacher who is a lifelong Nebraskan, taught in Rock County High School, Stuart Public Schools, West Holt High School, where she is presently employed. She was a Teacher of the Year, received the Teacher of the Year award in 2000; has been very active in her community. She has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree; a delightful person. This was the 51st confirmation that the Health and Human Services had this year. And I would certainly endorse Senator Schimek's interim hearing, or interim study to look at how we do these confirmations. This was an individual who initially sought to be on the Nebraska Commission on the Status of Women. She told us that. There wasn't a vacancy there, but they thought enough about her that she should serve on a board, and asked her if she would serve on this Child Abuse Prevention Board...Fund Board. And certainly, with her experience in working with kids, she is ideal. So with that, Mr. President, I would certainly recommend the name of Patricia Madsen for approval. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you. You've heard the opening on the