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SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber. Our chaplain of the day is Pastor Bill Chase, Christian Church of Wakefield, Wakefield, Nebraska. That is Senator Engel's district. Pastor.

PASTOR CHASE: (Prayer offered.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: We thank you, Pastor Chase, for being with us. We appreciate you being here. Call the thirty-sixth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, Second Session, to order. Senators, please check in.

CLERK: (Recorder malfunction)...messages, reports, nor announcements at this time.

SENATOR CUDABACK: We next move on to the next agenda item, next motion. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock, as Chair of Natural Resources Committee, reports on the appointments of Thomas Miller and Donald Williams to the Environmental Quality Council. (Legislative Journal page 819.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee, Senator Schrock, you're recognized to open on the confirmation report offered by the Natural Resources Committee.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, on March 2, the Natural Resource Committee held a hearing for two individuals to be appointed to the Environmental Quality Council. The first one was Tom Miller from Norfolk. He's an environmental manager for Nucor Steel. He's a new appointment, representing heavy industry. Tom received a bachelor's degree in geography from State University of New York, and a master's degree from Arizona State University, also in geography. He has 19 years of experience in the environmental field. Tom is a member of the board of directors of Keep Nebraska Beautiful, and is secretary of the Nebraska Industrial Council on Environment. The second person was Don Williams, who is from Orchard. His