

**TENTH DAY - JANUARY 21, 2009****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****TENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 21, 2009

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Pirsch.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator Langemeier presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Cook and Council who were excused.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the ninth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB356	Judiciary
LB357	Revenue
LB358	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB359	Appropriations
LB360	Urban Affairs
LB361	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB362	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB363	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB364	Education
LB365	Nebraska Retirement Systems
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LB397	Education
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LB400	Education
LB401	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB402	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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LB412	Urban Affairs
LB413	Education
LB414	Judiciary
LB415	General Affairs
LB416	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR7	Health and Human Services

(Signed) John Wightman, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

Revenue

Room 1524

Thursday, January 29, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB94  
LB239  
LB302

(Signed) Abbie Cornett, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB116  
LB167  
LB168  
LB207

Thursday, January 29, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB66  
LB126  
LB322

(Signed) Bill Avery, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 11.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 29.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 30.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rich Pahls, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 49.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 50.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Deb Fischer, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-960, 77-27,142.01, 77-27,142.02, and 77-27,142.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to the submission of certain questions at an election; to change population requirements for elections conducted by mail; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 502.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Act; to amend sections 66-1532, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to authorize a credit for owners of new tanks required to have private insurance; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 503.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to recreational activities; to amend sections 13-910, 15-258, and 16-226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act; to change provisions relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to environmental protection; to amend sections 81-1505 and 81-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for permits for discharge of dredged or fill material; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 505.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to create the Economic Development Committee.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 506.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-697, 60-698, and 60-6,198, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to the duty to stop in the event of an accident and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 507.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-323, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and penalties regarding domestic assault in the third degree; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 508.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit certain gang-related initiations; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 509.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to campaign finance; to amend section 32-1603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1455, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to redefine election period; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 510.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crime victims; to amend sections 81-1835, 81-1845, and 83-183, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prescribe a defendant surcharge for funding; to provide for certain wages earned by inmates in a work release program and defendant surcharges to be deposited in the Victim's Compensation Fund as prescribed; to create and provide for defendant surcharges to be deposited in the Nebraska Crime Victim Fund and distributed as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 511.** Introduced by Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care facilities; to amend section 71-5803.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term for purposes of certificate of need; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 512.** Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to airport zoning; to amend sections 3-303 and 3-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the regulation of airport hazards; to prescribe duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 513.** Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to vehicular pursuit; to amend sections 13-911 and 81-8,215.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate

subrogation and contribution rights for property damages; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 514.** Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to workers' compensation; to amend section 48-128, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change disability compensation provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 515.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1215, 38-1217, 38-1218, and 38-1224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change titles of classifications for providers; to provide for skills competency tests and curricula; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 516.** Introduced by Hansen, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Fairgrounds; to amend section 2-112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to require compensation to certain structures located on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds in Lancaster County; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 517.** Introduced by Hansen, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to amend sections 43-283.01 and 43-292, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an additional basis for not reunifying the family and for termination of parental rights; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 518.** Introduced by McGill, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-101, 28-105, 28-111, 28-201, 28-302, 28-303, 28-304, 28-305, 28-306, 28-915, 28-915.01, 28-916.01, 28-1213, 28-1214, 28-1219, 28-1223, 28-1224, 28-1227, 28-1229, 28-1231, 28-1233, 28-1234, 28-1235, 28-1236, 28-1237, 28-1238, 28-1239, 28-1239.01, 28-1241, 29-119, 29-1306, 29-1603, 29-2004, 29-2027, 29-2221, 29-2261, 29-2519, 29-2520, 29-2521, 29-2524, 29-4103, 43-283.01, 43-286, 81-1850, 83-961, and 84-205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions and procedures relating to homicide; to change provisions relating to life imprisonment, use of explosives, sentence enhancement, criminal attempt, perjury and false statements; to provide for applicability; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 29-1512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 519.** Introduced by McGill, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to behavioral health care services; to define terms; to provide for rate increases for payments to behavioral health providers; to create and provide duties for the Provider Reimbursement Rate Commission; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 520.** Introduced by Hadley, 37; Giese, 17; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701 and 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to allow an income tax credit for perpetual conservation easement donations as prescribed; to provide an operative date; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 521.** Introduced by Pankonin, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to learning communities; to amend sections 79-1241.03 and 79-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide for additional tax levy authority; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 522.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Friend, 10, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to volunteer fire and rescue departments; to amend section 35-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the use of funds, fees, and charges; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 523.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Friend, 10, Chairperson; Coash, 27; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to volunteer fire and rescue departments; to amend section 35-901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions regarding the volunteer department trust fund; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS**

Judiciary

Room 1113

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:30 p.m.

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LB277  
LB244

Thursday, January 29, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB36  
LB306

(Signed) Brad Ashford, Chairperson

Natural Resources

Room 1525

Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB184  
LB300  
LB54  
LB56

(Signed) Chris Langemeier, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 61.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 62.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
AM15

- 1 1. On page 3, lines 19 and 20, strike "to begin
- 2 attendance during school year 2009-10" and insert "for any learning
- 3 community established prior to the effective date of this act"; and
- 4 in lines 21 and 22, strike "to begin attendance during any school
- 5 year" and insert "for any learning community established".

(Signed) Greg Adams, Chairperson

### MOTION - Adopt Permanent Rules

Senator Lautenbaugh renewed his motion, found on page 202, to adopt the permanent rules for the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, and any special sessions held during the 2009 calendar year.

The Rules Committee withdrew the proposed rules changes, Proposed Rules Change 9, found on page 191 and considered on page 203, to Rule 3, Sec. 4 and new Sec. 6.

The Rules Committee withdrew the proposed rules change, Proposed Rules Change 10, found on page 194, to Rule 3, Sec. 18.

The Rules Committee renewed the proposed rules change, Proposed Rules Change 11, found on page 195, to Rule 3, Sec. 7.

The Rules Committee's proposed rules change, Proposed Rules Change 11, was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Rules Committee offered the following proposed rules change:

**Rule 3, Sec. 4. Select Committees.** (a) The select committees of the Legislature shall be as follows:

Committee on Committees	13 members
Enrollment and Review	1 member
Reference	9 members
Rules	6 members

(b) The Speaker of the Legislature shall serve as one of the six members and shall be an ex officio member of the Rules Committee. Select committees shall be subject to the same procedural rules as standing committees insofar as they are applicable. In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

(c) Committee on Committees.

(i) The Committee on Committees shall have authority to call before it a committee chairperson and discuss the workload of said committee. It shall hear and dispose of all written complaints filed with said committee by a senator against any committee chairperson. The Committee on Committees shall conduct said hearing in accordance with its own rules.

(d) Enrollment and Review.

(i) The Chairperson of Enrollment and Review shall report bills which have been engrossed for Final Reading and passage. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee shall assume the duties of the Chairperson of the Enrollment and Review Committee.

(ii) The bill drafting service shall have supervision of and provide legal services for the Enrollment and Review Committee.

(iii) The Chairperson of Enrollment and Review shall have authority, without being required to include the same specifically in his or her reports and recommendations to the Legislature, in accord with accepted usage:

- (A) To correct the spelling of words, to correct erroneous division and hyphenation of words, to capitalize or decapitalize words, to convert masculine or feminine referents to neutral gender when appropriate, and to change numbers from words to figures or from figures to words, in new and independent acts, in the new matter of amendatory acts, in standing committee reports, and in General File, Select File, and specific amendments.
- (B) To underscore or remove underscoring, as the case requires, in standing committee reports and in General File, Select File, and specific amendments.
- (C) When an amendment to add the emergency clause, the severability clause, or provide an operative date is adopted on Select File which does not spell out the standard clause or section and make the necessary change in the title, the Chairperson of Enrollment and Review shall also have the authority to add to the engrossed bill the standard clause or section, assigning to it the appropriate section number, and make the necessary change in the title as a matter of course without including such action in his or her reports and recommendations to the Legislature or making any special record thereof.
- (D) To add and/or delete names of introducers to reflect action on the bill while the bill remains in the possession of the Legislature at any stage of consideration.
- (E) To reflect votes on Final Reading as they may occur pursuant to Rule 6, Section 10 and Rule 6, Section 15.

(e) Reference Committee.

(i) The Executive Board shall constitute the Reference Committee. The Reference Committee shall review each bill and resolution and either refer the matter to the appropriate committee or to General File. The appropriate committee is that committee which has subject-matter jurisdiction over the issue or which has traditionally handled the issue.

(ii) All nominations made to the Legislature by the Governor, requiring confirmation by the Legislature shall be referred to the appropriate standing committee and the same procedure shall be followed as governs the handling of other matters before standing committees, unless the Legislature shall otherwise direct by unanimous vote.

(iii) The Clerk of the Legislature's office shall be responsible for the collection of pertinent information on gubernatorial appointments. That information will be distributed to the appropriate standing committee prior to the time of the confirmation hearing. The Clerk's office shall be the "depository" for background information on the individual, a statement of financial interests if applicable, and other biographical information that the

committee chair feels is appropriate for the committee to have before it during the confirmation process.

(iv) The committees to which a gubernatorial appointee has been referred for confirmation shall conduct a confirmation hearing. Each appointee shall be required to appear in person before the committee conducting the confirmation hearing. The appearance of the appointee may be waived for good cause as determined by the chair of the committee.

The committee shall prepare a report ~~either approving or rejecting~~ which approves, rejects, or makes no recommendation on the appointment. Said report shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. The Legislature shall then have the opportunity to accept or reject the report of the committee.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a report to approve an appointment by a majority vote of the elected members, the appointment is thereby rejected.

If the report coming from the committee is to reject the appointment, and the Legislature fails to adopt the report by a majority vote of the elected members, then the appointment is thereby approved provided the report receives a majority vote in the negative.

In the event that the committee files a report making no recommendation on the appointment, the report shall be considered by the Legislature within five legislative days, and no later than the scheduled adjournment sine die of the current legislative session. The Legislature shall consider a motion to approve the appointment, which shall require a majority of the elected members for approval. If the Legislature fails to approve the motion, the appointment is thereby rejected.

In the event a motion on a report fails to receive either in the affirmative or negative a majority vote of the elected members, then such appointment shall be deemed rejected.

(v) Any appointment letter received by the Clerk of the Legislature during the last ~~eight~~ ten calendar days of any regular legislative session shall not be acted upon. Acknowledgment of receipt of the appointment shall be deferred until the next regular or special session of the Legislature.

(f) Rules Committee.

All proposed rules changes shall be set for public hearing within five legislative days after their referral to the committee. The hearing shall take place within fifteen legislative days after the referral, and the committee shall take final action on the proposal within ten legislative days after the hearing.

(g) Investigating Committees.

The Committee on Committees may appoint other select committees when authorized by the Legislature. No investigating committee of the Legislature shall be created except by resolution which shall set forth, with supporting statements, the reasons for and the purposes of the investigation, and no committee thus established shall function except during the interim between legislative sessions.

**Add a new sub-section and renumber the remaining sections.**

~~(h)~~ Sec. 6. Redistricting Committee.

~~(i)~~ (a) The Redistricting Committee of the Legislature shall be established as a special committee of the Legislature in January of each year ending in one. The committee is authorized to introduce and exercise jurisdiction over legislative bills and resolutions relating to redistricting and hold hearings regarding such legislation.

~~(ii)~~ (b) The committee shall be comprised of nine members of the Legislature, three from each congressional district existing on January 1 of each year ending in zero. The Executive Board shall appoint the members of the committee in January of each year ending in one. No more than five members appointed to the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party. A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the Executive Board as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.

~~(iii)~~ (c) At the first meeting of the committee, the members shall select from among themselves by majority vote one member to serve as chairperson of the committee and one member to serve as vice-chairperson of the committee. The chair and vice chair shall not be a member of the same political party.

~~(iv)~~ (d) The committee shall continue in existence until all bills containing redistricting plans for which the Legislature has responsibility are passed and signed by the Governor. In the event of a successful legal challenge to any part of a redistricting plan, the committee shall be reconstituted for purposes of reformulating the challenged redistricting plan.

~~(v)~~ (e) The committee shall receive staff support from the office of the director of Legislative Research.

~~(vi)~~ (f) The committee shall, after reviewing previous redistricting guidelines used by the Legislature, adopt substantive and procedural guidelines that will guide the Legislature's redistricting process. During the legislative session of each year ending in one, the substantive guidelines adopted by the committee shall be presented to the Legislature for approval.

~~(vii)~~ (g) The committee shall at the earliest feasible time make available to the public the substantive guidelines prepared by the committee.

~~(viii)~~ (h) The committee shall introduce legislative bills pertaining to redistricting congressional districts and other districts during the legislative session of each year ending in one.

~~(ix)~~ (i) Based upon the information received from the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, the committee shall formulate redistricting plans for congressional districts and other districts. The statistics and redistricting plans shall be made available to the Legislature and the public.

~~(x)~~ (j) After the statistics and redistricting plans are made available to the Legislature and the public, the committee shall schedule and conduct, as expeditiously as reasonably possible, at least one public hearing in each congressional district for the purposes of soliciting input on the proposed redistricting plans. Video and other methods may be used in addition to the procedures outlined for public hearings but not in substitution for such procedures.

(~~xi~~) (k) In addition to the above procedures, legislation introduced for the purpose of complying with the decennial redistricting process in years ending in one, shall follow the normal procedures for any legislation introduced in the Nebraska Legislature.

The Rules Committee's proposed rules change was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Lautenbaugh renewed his motion, found on page 202 and considered in this day's Journal, to adopt the permanent rules, as amended, for the One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, and any special sessions held during the 2009 calendar year.

The Lautenbaugh motion to adopt permanent rules, as amended, prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 524.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to handicapped parking; to amend section 18-1741.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to increase fines for handicapped parking infractions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 525.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 13-315, 18-2705, 18-2709, and 18-2717, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to tax levies and economic development programs; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 13-1111, 13-1115, 13-1116, 13-1117, 13-1118, 13-1120, 16-117, and 17-405.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for land annexation by cities of the first and second class and villages; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state-owned motor vehicles; to amend section 81-1025, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the installation and use of automatic vehicle location system devices in such vehicles; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 528.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Business Corporation Act; to amend sections 21-2014, 21-2015, and 21-2060, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to authorize electronic transmissions as a means of notice, delivery, and appointment; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Commercial Code; to amend section 9-531, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to transfer ownership of certain computer equipment from the Secretary of State to the county clerks as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 530.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to early childhood education; to amend section 79-1102.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to enrollment age; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 531.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act; to amend section 77-5903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 532.** Introduced by Price, 3; McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to provide for the adoption of ordinances as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 533.** Introduced by Price, 3; McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Administrative Services; to amend section 81-1174, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to expense reimbursement; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 534.** Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to learning communities; to amend section 79-2110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to diversity plans; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 535.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to amend sections

2-1504, 2-3229, 2-3234, and 2-3254.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change membership of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; to change provisions relating to natural resources districts' programs, projects, powers, and duties; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 536.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2704.31 and 77-4106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2703.01, 77-2703.04, 77-2711, 77-2712.05, 77-4105, 77-5725, and 77-5726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to authorize creation of transportation development districts; to authorize a local sales tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 537.** Introduced by Giese, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fire departments; to amend section 35-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to hours of duty of firefighters; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538.** Introduced by Giese, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to exempt government employee retirement benefits from state income taxation; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 539.** Introduced by Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701 and 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to authorize a refund of sales and use tax paid on residential building products as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 540.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to infants; to amend section 43-4001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership on the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 541.** Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to exempt certain adult dental services from limitations as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 542.** Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to dental assistants; to amend sections 38-1135 and 38-1136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for rules and regulations regarding education, preparation, and training; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 543.** Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicle industry licensing; to amend section 60-1403.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-1401.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide an exemption from licensing requirements; to define a term; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 544.** Introduced by Giese, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the Secretary of State to publish guidelines for election workers; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 545.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 77-3446, 79-1005.01, 79-1007.18, and 79-1007.19, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to allocated income tax receipts, the averaging adjustment, and the teacher education adjustment; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 546.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school funding; to amend sections 9-812, 9-836.01, 79-1011, and 79-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reorganization incentives; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 547.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to amend sections 79-808, 79-8,133, 79-8,134, 79-8,135, 79-8,136, 79-8,137, 79-8,139, and 79-8,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for rules and regulations relating to specialization; to change provisions relating to loans, loan repayments, and a report under the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2,105 and 79-318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to student files and duties of the State Board of Education; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 549.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 13-518, 43-2007, 60-658, 79-233, 79-234, 79-237, 79-238, 79-239, 79-240, 79-2,104, 79-319, 79-528, 79-569, 79-598, 79-606, 79-608, 79-611, 79-1003, 79-1007.06, 79-1007.08, 79-1007.16, 79-1007.20, 79-1007.21, 79-1007.22, 79-1014, 79-1065.01, 79-1084, 79-1086, 79-10,110, 79-1110, 79-1127, 79-1148, 79-1149, 79-1150, 79-1161, 79-1204, 79-1212, 79-1241.01, 79-1241.03, 79-1601, 79-1606, and 85-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to exempt schools and students, residency, the enrollment option program, student files, qualifications of members of the State Board of Education, transportation, reports, contracts for instruction, certificate fees, the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, school tax levies, modifications, the Special Education Act, educational service units, and certain college admissions as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate the Nebraska Equal Opportunity for Displaced Homemakers Act and provisions relating to the Diagnostic Resources Center at Cozad; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-1301, 48-1302, 48-1303, 48-1304, 48-1305, 48-1306, 48-1309, 79-1168, 79-1169, 79-1170, 79-1171, 79-1172, 79-1173, 79-1174, 79-1175, 79-1176, 79-1177, 79-1178, and 79-1241, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 550.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Military Code; to amend sections 55-101, 55-120, 55-125, 55-126, and 55-135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to Military Department personnel; to provide peace officer powers and duties to National Guard members; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 551.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-710.01 and 44-761, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to extend the limiting age on sickness and accident policies; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 552.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to construction; to amend section 81-2407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Nebraska Construction

Prompt Pay Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 553.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-1502, 77-1507, 77-1507.01, 77-1510, 77-3506.02, 77-5007, 77-5013, and 77-5015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change real property valuation protest procedures in counties with more than one hundred thousand inhabitants; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 554.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor and employment; to prohibit certain employers from requiring use of paid leave under certain circumstances; and to provide a penalty.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 555.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act; to amend section 77-5803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change the research tax credit; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 556.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-118.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to third-party claims; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 557.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 48-219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a fair share representation contribution by employees who are not members of certain labor organizations for representation provided by the labor organization; to eliminate provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 48-217 and 48-218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 558.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to amend section 79-1035.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for use of funds distributed from the temporary school fund; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to amend sections 13-2601, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2603 and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide and change provisions relating to terms, state assistance, financing, and grant applications; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-2401, 60-2401.01, 60-2402, 60-2403, 60-2405, 60-2406, 60-2407, 60-2408, 60-2409, and 60-2411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-166, 60-2404, and 60-2410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to towing vehicles; to name an act; to provide for maximum fees; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 561.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power districts; to amend section 70-670, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to restrict the power of eminent domain as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 562.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to metropolitan utilities districts; to amend section 14-2102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the continuance of service of the board of directors in the event of annexation; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 563.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to adopt the Contractor Employee Classification Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 564.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Contractor Registration Act; to amend sections 48-2101 and 48-2105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-2104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to require licensure as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 565.** Introduced by Loudon, 49; Haar, 21; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to adopt the Woody Biomass Energy Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 566.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-5708, 77-5714, 77-5715, 77-5723, 77-5725, 77-5726, and 77-5727, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions of the Nebraska Advantage Act to provide incentives for windmill manufacturers; to change provisions relating to use of the Job Training Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 567.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Mello, 5; Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Energy Office; to amend sections 81-1602, 81-1603, and 81-1607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the State Energy Office and the Director of the State Energy Office; to provide powers and duties for the State Energy Office; to define a term; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 568.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real estate; to amend sections 66-911.01 and 76-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements and conditions for wind leases and easements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 569.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the State Energy Office for a grant program for school wind projects.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 570.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Nelson, 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701, 77-2701.04, and 77-2704.56, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to exempt museum memberships from sales and use taxes; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 571.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to adopt the Guaranteed Asset Protection Waiver Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 572.** Introduced by Heidemann, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund; to amend section 71-7608, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

2008; to change provisions governing use of certain revenue; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

### **SENATOR STUTHMAN PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 573.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Conveyance Safety Act; to amend sections 48-2503, 48-2507, 48-2508, and 48-2512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change Conveyance Advisory Committee membership provisions; to change applicability of the act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 574.** Introduced by Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend sections 49-1469, 49-1469.05, 49-1469.08, and 49-1479.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to eliminate a reporting requirement; to provide for a report of expenditures as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 575.** Introduced by Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to initiative and referendum petitions; to amend sections 32-1404, 32-1412, and 84-205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to investigation and prosecution of violations relating to signers and circulators of petitions and to placing measures on the ballot; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 576.** Introduced by Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-186, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for consumption and sale of liquor on real property in the state park system; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 577.** Introduced by Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to amend sections 2-3211.01, 2-3226.03, 2-3235, 2-3252, 2-3253, 2-3254, 2-3254.02, 2-3254.03, 2-3254.07, and 2-3255, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and rearrange provisions relating to improvement project areas; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-3254.01, 2-3254.04, 2-3254.05, and 2-3254.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 578.** Introduced by Fulton, 29; Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state intent relating to state aid distributions; and to require certain expenditures as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 579.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-602 and 48-648, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act; to harmonize unemployment benefit provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 580.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-5016, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change a standard of review by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 581.** Introduced by Carlson, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-958, 2-10,117, 2-2634, 2-5106, and 81-201.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 2-958.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change disposition of Pesticide Act registration fees and disposition of funds collected from sales of the Weeds of the Great Plains book; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 582.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to create the Nebraska Invasive Species Council; to state intent, define terms, and provide powers and duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 583.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-2704.24, 79-1001, and 85-1517, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2701, 77-2701.16, 77-2703.01, 77-2715.07, and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change the sales tax rate; to impose sales tax on services except medical; to impose sales tax on food and provide an income tax credit; to eliminate local option sales taxes; to eliminate property tax authority of community college areas; to provide state funding for school employees, school transportation, and community colleges; to create a fund for property tax relief; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 13-319, 13-322, 13-323, 13-324, 13-325, 13-326, 13-2813, 13-2814, 13-2815, 13-2816, 77-27,142, 77-27,142.01, 77-27,142.02, 77-27,142.03, 77-27,142.04, 77-27,142.05, 77-27,145, 77-27,146, 77-27,147, and 77-27,148, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 77-27,143 and 77-27,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 584.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to ethanol; to adopt the Agricultural Commodities Protection Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 585.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to adopt the Bovine Trichomoniasis Control Act; and to provide a penalty.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 586.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Veterinary Drug Distribution Licensing Act; to amend sections 71-8902, 71-8909, 71-8910, and 71-8922, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to exempt veterinarians; to redefine terms; to limit the validity of veterinary drug orders for certain purposes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 587.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to exempt animal grooming by veterinarians and veterinary technicians from sales tax; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 588.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to animals; to adopt the Dog and Cat Purchase Protection Act; and to provide an operative date.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 589.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child custody; to amend sections 42-364 and 43-2929, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to designate both parents as joint custodians unless there is proof otherwise; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 590.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Disabled Persons and Family Support Act; to amend sections 68-1502, 68-1504, 68-1505, 68-1506, 68-1508, 68-1510, 68-1511, 68-1512, 68-1513, 68-1515, 68-1516, 68-1518, and 68-1519, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-1503 and 68-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide financial compensation for care given by families at home and special food and medical needs as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the

original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 591.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-1014, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to approval of applications for electric generation facilities; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend section 71-5653, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 21-2602, 67-409, 76-1520, 76-1521, 76-1523, and 76-1524, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-5203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to state intent; to define terms; to restrict entity ownership of agricultural land and farm or ranch operations; to harmonize provisions; to provide for severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 594.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to abortion; to adopt the Women's Health Protection Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 595.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicle accidents; to amend section 60-6,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change coroner's examination provisions; to define drugs; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 596.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fees; to amend section 33-107.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a legal services fee; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 597.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to learning communities; to amend section 79-769, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to collaborative focus programs, focus schools, or magnet schools; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 598.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crime victims; to amend sections 81-1801, 81-1802, 81-1803, 81-1805, 81-1813, 81-1818, 81-1820, 81-1822, 81-1823, 81-1825, 81-1833, 81-1834, 81-1835, 81-1840, and 81-1841, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize a Community Trust; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 599.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to amend section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to require health care facilities and health care practitioner facilities to provide itemized billing statements as prescribed; to eliminate other itemized listing requirements; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 71-2049, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 600.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pool halls; to amend section 28-1422, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101 and 53-103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide for an exemption for pool halls as prescribed; to define a term; to provide duties for pool hall owners; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 601.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Program; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide a duty for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to a waiver for certain community-based mental health services; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 602.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 2-2315, 2-3631, and 2-4016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for expense reimbursement for first purchasers of certain commodities; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 603.** Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Gay, 14, Chairperson; Campbell, 25; Gloor, 35; Howard, 9; Pankonin, 2; Stuthman, 22; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health; to amend section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Behavioral

Health Workforce Act; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 604.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend sections 38-2801, 38-2802, 38-2826, 38-2850, 38-2867, 38-2869, and 38-2873, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms and eliminate a term; to change and eliminate provisions relating to medical gas distribution; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 38-2827, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 605.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-131.01, 53-135, and 53-149, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101 and 53-132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to license application and renewal requirements, denial of license applications, transfer of licenses, and storage of alcoholic liquor; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 606.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Microenterprise Development Act; to amend sections 81-1298 and 81-12,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change a provision relating to grant qualifications; to state intent; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 607.** Introduced by Gay, 14; Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Higher Education Academic Scholarship Program Act; to provide for appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Supreme Court for salary increases for county court employees; and to declare an emergency.

#### **SENATOR FRIEND PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Avery, 28; Campbell, 25; McGill, 26; Nordquist, 7; Sullivan, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to state intent; to define a term; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to contracts with providers; to change eligibility for a subsidy as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 610.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to limitations on services for persons with disabilities; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 611.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Clean Indoor Act; to amend section 71-5716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide cities, villages, and counties with the authority to adopt ordinances or resolutions regarding smoking regulation; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 612.** Introduced by Avery, 28; McGill, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school retirement; to amend sections 79-958 and 79-9,113, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit school districts from reimbursing or paying employer retirement contributions as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-4931, 77-5406, and 77-5540, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-4104.01 and 77-5724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to eliminate a restriction on base-year employees in certain tax incentive programs; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 614.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mental Health Practice Act; to amend sections 38-121, 38-2101, 38-2102, 38-2103, 38-2121, 38-2125, 38-2127, 38-2138, and 38-2139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for licensure of macro social workers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 615.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and counties; to amend sections

18-2601, 18-2602, 18-2603, 18-2604, 18-2605, 18-2606, 18-2607, 18-2608, 18-2609, 23-2901, 23-2902, 23-2903, 23-2904, 23-2905, 23-2906, 23-2907, 23-2908, 23-2909, 23-2911, 31-763, 31-764, 31-765, and 31-766, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2602 and 77-27,137.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Family Entertainment and Sports Attraction Act; to rename the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Act; to expand the act to include counties; to rename a fund; to change and eliminate provisions relating to cigarette tax distributions for purposes of county and municipal infrastructure funding; to provide and change provisions relating to purpose, building uses, districts, petitions, hearings, notice, boundaries, boards of trustees, taxes, warrants, and annexation regarding county community buildings; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 77-2602.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 616.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Municipal Infrastructure Redevelopment Fund Act; to amend sections 18-2601, 18-2602, 18-2603, 18-2604, 18-2605, 18-2606, 18-2607, 18-2608, and 18-2609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2602 and 77-27,137.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to rename the act; to expand the act to include counties; to rename a fund; to change provisions relating to cigarette tax distributions for purposes of county and municipal infrastructure funding; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 77-2602.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 617.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county community buildings; to amend sections 23-2901, 23-2902, 23-2903, 23-2904, 23-2905, 23-2906, 23-2907, 23-2908, 23-2909, 23-2911, 31-763, 31-764, 31-765, and 31-766, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide and change provisions relating to purpose, building uses, districts, petitions, hearings, notice, boundaries, boards of trustees, taxes, warrants, and annexation; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 618.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Family Entertainment and Sports Attraction Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 619.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act; to amend sections 71-906 and 71-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to

membership on mental health boards; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 620.** Introduced by Wightman, 36; Nantkes, 46; Nelson, 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 50-421, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to the office of Legislative Audit and Research; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 621.** Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to massage therapy; to amend section 38-1708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an exemption from licensure; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 622.** Introduced by Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide time limits and penalties for late payment of medical payments; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 623.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential elections; to adopt the Interstate Compact on the Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 624.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to energy; to provide for energy efficiency loans for public buildings; to create a fund; to define terms; and to provide duties for the State Energy Office.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 625.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the intentional exposure to another of a life-threatening communicable disease; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 626.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend sections 49-1401, 49-14,101.01, and 49-14,101.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide exemptions; to change prohibited activities for public officials and public employees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 627.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Lathrop, 12, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Boiler Inspection Act; to amend section 48-722, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to authorize inspections of domestic potable hot water heaters; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 628.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Lathrop, 12, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 629.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Lathrop, 12, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to disapprove certain claims.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 630.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Lathrop, 12, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend sections 48-139 and 48-167, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-120.04, 48-125, 48-144.03, and 48-168, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change applicability of the medical fee schedule as prescribed; to change provisions relating to method of payment, applications, notices, court records, and informal dispute resolution; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 631.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Lathrop, 12, Chairperson; McGill, 26; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-622.02, 48-622.03, 48-655, 48-665, 48-668, and 48-668.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-612.01, 48-648, 48-648.01, 48-649, 48-652, and 48-654, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to information disclosure, electronic payment, employer accounts, unemployment compensation, and worker training programs; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate an advisory council and a board; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 48-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Giese, 17; Haar, 21; McGill, 26; Nordquist, 7; Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Nebraska Green Building Advantage Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 633.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Howard, 9; Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community development; to create the Neighborhood Development Act; to create a fund; and to provide powers and duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 634.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to redefine household income for homestead exemption purposes; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 635.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1472, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-1446, 49-1446.01, 49-1455, and 49-1478.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to reports to be filed by political party committees; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 636.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Lathrop, 12; Lautenbaugh, 18; McCoy, 39; Nordquist, 7; Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 637.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require disclosure of information by health carriers providing group health benefit plan coverages as prescribed; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 638.** Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend sections 28-915.01, 49-1415, 49-1456, 49-1457, 49-1459, 49-1461, 49-1465, 49-1470, 49-14,122, 49-14,129, and 49-14,141, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-1401, 49-1446, 49-1446.04, 49-1447, 49-1455, 49-1458, 49-1463, 49-1463.01, 49-1467, 49-1469, 49-1478, 49-1478.01, 49-1479.01, 49-1479.02, 49-14,123, 49-14,124, 49-14,124.01, 49-14,124.02, 49-14,125, 49-14,126, 49-14,133, and 49-14,140, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to

filing campaign statements and reports; to repeal the Campaign Finance Limitation Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 32-1601, 32-1602, 32-1603, 32-1604, 32-1604.01, 32-1605, 32-1606, 32-1606.01, 32-1607, 32-1608, 32-1608.01, 32-1608.02, 32-1608.03, 32-1609, 32-1610, 32-1611, 32-1612, 32-1613, and 77-27,119.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 639.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public meetings; to amend section 84-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to telephone conferencing; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 640.** Introduced by Schilz, 47; Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Advantage Act; to amend sections 77-5725 and 77-5726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide for a local option on whether local option sales and use taxes are refundable; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 641.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to create a production incentive for renewable diesel; and to create a fund.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 642.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-301, 60-3,104, and 60-3,130.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide for Nebraska agriculture license plates; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 643.** Introduced by Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electric lines; to amend section 70-311, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to extend the distance and time requirements relating to notice of certain road construction; to provide notice requirements for natural resource districts for certain road construction; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 644.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to recycling; to amend sections 81-1504.01 and 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Electronics Recycling Act; to provide fees; to provide for a report regarding and grants from the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund; to delete obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Introduced by Mello, 5; Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public contracts for services; to amend sections 73-501, 73-502, 73-504, 73-506, 73-507, and 81-154.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to certain contracts for services; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 73-301, 73-302, 73-303, 73-304, 73-305, 73-306, 73-307, and 73-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Introduced by Christensen, 44; Carlson, 38; Hansen, 42; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 81-12,128, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 54-2426, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Livestock Growth Act; to provide for funding and funding intent; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 647.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to provide requirements for notice to property owners of annexation proceedings.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 648.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highway planning; to state intent relating to funding for a study.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-6,294 and 60-6,298, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to special permits for overweight vehicles; to harmonize professions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-471, 60-501, 60-520, 60-547, and 60-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-101, 60-102, 60-136, 60-301, 60-339, 60-4,126, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to authorize the operation of minitrucks on public highways as prescribed; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 651.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water resources; to amend section 2-3226.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-3225,

2-3226.05, 2-3226.08, and 2-3226.09, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to adopt the Water Resources Revolving Loan Fund Act; to change provisions relating to use of property tax and occupation tax proceeds and river-flow enhancement bond proceeds as prescribed; to provide duties for natural resources districts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 652.** Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act; to amend sections 86-442, 86-443, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, and 86-466, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the membership and duties of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to change provisions relating to service agreements and compensation of costs; to change duties of the Public Service Commission; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 653.** Introduced by Harms, 48; Mello, 5; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to create the Legislature's Planning Committee.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 654.** Introduced by Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for borrowing for special building fund projects; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 655.** Introduced by Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend sections 85-1502 and 85-2229, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require compliance with association requirements for payment of state aid as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 656.** Introduced by Harms, 48; Avery, 28; Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the Health Care Accessibility and Affordability Act; and to provide a termination date.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 657.** Introduced by Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Microenterprise Development Act; to amend sections 81-1276, 81-1295, 81-1296, 81-1297, 81-1298, 81-1299, 81-12,102, 81-12,104, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to surety bond support, purposes, the Microenterprise Partnership Program, grants, and the annual report under the act; to eliminate provisions relating to findings, purposes, terms, grants,

contracts, and rules and regulations under the act; to eliminate the Microenterprise Development Cash Fund; to eliminate provisions relating to Cash Reserve transfers; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-12,100, 81-12,101, 81-12,103, 81-12,105, and 81-12,105.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act; to amend section 66-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 66-1801 and 66-1838, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to define terms; to provide requirements for infrastructure system replacement mechanisms as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 659.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community corrections; to state intent; to provide for data collection on individuals released from incarceration as prescribed; to provide for funding; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Introduced by Fulton, 29; Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government auditing; to amend sections 84-305 and 84-311, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 50-1213, 50-1214, 50-1215, and 77-2711, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to access to information by the Legislative Performance Audit Section and Auditor of Public Accounts; to change and provide penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 661.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medicaid Prescription Drug Act; to amend section 68-954, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to a preferred drug list; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 662.** Introduced by Janssen, 15; Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-616, 32-617, 32-623, 32-627, and 32-710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to nomination for office; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 663.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1012 and 70-1012.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Net

Metering Act; to exempt certain utilities from a requirement for approval by the Nebraska Power Review Board; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 664.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-186, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to licenses to sell alcoholic liquor on public property; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 665.** Introduced by Janssen, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-1412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Teacher Shortage Loan Repayment Act; to provide for appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 666.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23; Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Niobrara Council; to amend sections 19-902, 23-114, 23-373, 72-2004.01, 72-2007, 72-2008, and 76-2,112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate intent and powers and duties of the council; to change membership; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 72-2005, 72-2010, 72-2011, and 72-2012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41; Carlson, 38; Dubas, 34; Loudon, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fences; to amend section 34-102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state intent; to change provisions relating to division fences; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 668.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the offenses of assault on an emergency services provider or a health care provider in the first, second, and third degrees; to define terms; to provide penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 669.** Introduced by Coash, 27; Campbell, 25; Pankonin, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 24-301.02, 24-503, and 43-2,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the number of district court, county court, and separate juvenile court judges; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an

emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 670.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2715.02 and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change income tax calculations; to change funding for the Property Tax Credit Act; to transfer money from the Cash Reserve Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 671.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to death investigations; to amend sections 23-1212, 23-1213, and 23-1218, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the membership of the Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council; to provide powers and duties for the council regarding establishment of a region-based state medical examiner system; to create a fund; to authorize a court fee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 672.** Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-101, 28-1201, 28-1202, 28-1204, 28-1204.01, 28-1204.04, 28-1205, 28-1206, 28-1207, 28-1208, 28-1212.02, and 28-1212.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and penalties for certain firearms crimes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 673.** Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to community colleges; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 674.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the University of Nebraska; to provide powers and duties for the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska; to provide confidentiality for certain audit reports, files, and working papers; to define terms; and to provide a penalty.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 675.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to abortion; to amend sections 28-326, 28-327, 28-327.01, 28-327.03, and 28-327.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for additional voluntary and informed consents from the pregnant woman; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to abortion; to amend sections 28-326, 28-327, 28-327.01, 28-327.03, and 28-327.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for additional voluntary and informed consents from the pregnant woman; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 677.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to animals; to amend sections 54-640 and 54-641, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 54-627, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions of the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 678.** Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Open Meetings Act; to amend section 84-1413, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change provisions relating to minutes of meetings; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 679.** Introduced by Legislative Performance Audit Committee: Harms, 48, Chairperson; Flood, 19; Friend, 10; Heidemann, 1; Nantkes, 46; Stuthman, 22; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Foster Care Review Board; to amend section 43-1302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require certain disclosure from potential board members as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**RESOLUTION****LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10.** Introduced by Price, 3.

WHEREAS, the right to a private, secret ballot when voting on external representation is fundamentally inherent in our representative republic and shall not be infringed upon; and

WHEREAS, passing the Employee Free Choice Act, EFCA, H.R. 800, S. 1041, will replace a federally supervised private ballot election with a system known as "card check" which requires employees to publicly sign cards to vote for unionization; and

WHEREAS, seventy-nine percent of Americans support a worker's right to a federally supervised secret ballot election when deciding whether or not to join a union; and

WHEREAS, the tri-partisan agreement to oppose the EFCA has overwhelming support with 77 percent of Republicans, 82 percent of Democrats, and 79 percent of independents believing in protecting private ballots; and

WHEREAS, even the Chairperson of the United States House of Representatives Education and Labor Committee, Representative Miller, (D-CA), who is a staunch supporter of EFCA, sent a letter to Mexican government officials which stated, " ... we feel that the private ballot is absolutely necessary in order to ensure workers are not intimidated into voting for a union they may otherwise not choose."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature finds that so-called "card check" legislation such as the Employee Free Choice Act is detrimental to the rights of workers and an offense against democratic principles.

2. That the Legislature urges the members of the Nebraska Congressional delegation to support worker freedom by opposing the EFCA and any of its components.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, the President of the United States Senate, and the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.

Laid over.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS**  
Health and Human Services

Room 1510

Friday, January 30, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB220  
LB301  
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Thursday, January 29, 2009 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, January 28, 2009 1:30 p.m.

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(Signed) Tim Gay, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
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- 1 1. On page 28, line 5, strike "No", show as stricken,
- 2 and insert "Except as otherwise provided in this section, no"; and
- 3 in line 12 after "C.P.A." insert "No person shall assume or use
- 4 the title or designation enrolled agent or E.A. except a person so
- 5 designated by the Internal Revenue Service.".

(Signed) Rich Pahls, Chairperson

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers**

Senator Giese asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB53 and LB300. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Harms and Pirsch asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LB92. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Schilz asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB153. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Dubas asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB286, LB287, and LB300. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Flood asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB334. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Wallman asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB410. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Cornett asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB418. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Nantkes asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB503. No objections. So ordered.

**VISITORS**

Visitors to the Chamber were 50 twelfth-grade students and teachers from Syracuse; Senator Utter's wife, Kathy, and Jan O'Keefe, Margaret Schlachter, and Janet Hunter from Hastings; and Senator Carlson's wife, Margo, and Janet Bailey and Judy Butler from Holdrege, Sharon Anderson from Elm Creek, and Ann Gasal from Sutton.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Paul Wolfe from Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:11 p.m., on a motion by Senator Wallman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:45 a.m., Thursday, January 22, 2009.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature

