

FIRST DAY - JANUARY 6, 2010**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 6, 2010

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Wightman.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska Army and Air National Guard.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of Nebraska, the One Hundred First Legislature, Second Session of the Legislature of Nebraska, assembled in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber of the State Capitol at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, and was called to order by President Sheehy.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Adams, Greg L.	Giese, Robert J.	Mello, Heath
Ashford, Brad	Gloor, Mike	Nelson, John E.
Avery, Bill	Haar, Ken	Nordquist, Jeremy
Campbell, Kathy	Hadley, Galen	Pahls, Rich
Carlson, Tom	Hansen, Thomas F.	Pankonin, Dave
Christensen, Mark	Harms, John N.	Pirsch, Pete
Coash, Colby	Heidemann, Lavon L.	Price, Scott
Conrad, Danielle	Howard, Gwen	Rogert, Kent
Cook, Tanya	Janssen, Charlie	Schilz, Ken
Cornett, Abbie	Karpisek, Russ	Stuthman, Arnie
Council, Brenda J.	Krist, Bob	Sullivan, Kate
Dierks, Cap	Langemeier, Chris	Utter, Dennis
Dubas, Annette M.	Lathrop, Steve	Wallman, Norman
Fischer, Deb	Lautenbaugh, Scott	White, Tom
Flood, Mike	Louden, LeRoy J.	Wightman, John
Fulton, Tony	McCoy, Beau	
Gay, Tim	McGill, Amanda M.	

MOTION - Adopt Temporary Rules

Senator Lautenbaugh moved that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted until such time as the permanent rules are adopted pursuant to Rule 2, Section 1; provided that the temporary rules shall not continue after the tenth legislative day.

The motion prevailed.

CERTIFICATE

State of Nebraska

United States of America,)	
State of Nebraska)	ss. Secretary of State

I, John A. Gale, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Official Roster of members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature elected or appointed to serve in the One Hundred First Legislature, Second Session, 2010.

Further, I hereby certify that the members so listed on the Official Roster attached hereto are the duly elected or appointed members of the Unicameral Legislature in the State of Nebraska for the One Hundred First Legislature, Second Session, 2010.

Finally, I hereby certify that all election returns, abstracts, canvass and appointment records with reference to said members are on file in the office of the Secretary of State and are a matter of public record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln this Fourth day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten.

(SEAL) John A. Gale, Secretary of State

DISTRICT/NAME	ELECTED
1 Lavon L. Heidemann	November 4, 2008
2 Dave Pankonin	November 7, 2006
3 Scott Price	November 4, 2008
4 Pete Pirsch	November 7, 2006
5 Heath Mello	November 4, 2008
6 John E. Nelson	November 7, 2006
7 Jeremiah Nordquist	November 4, 2008
8 Tom White	November 7, 2006
9 Gwen Howard	November 4, 2008

10	Bob Krist	Appointed September 11, 2009
11	Brenda J. Council	November 4, 2008
12	Steve Lathrop	November 7, 2006
13	Tanya Cook	November 4, 2008
14	Tim Gay	November 7, 2006
15	Charlie Janssen	November 4, 2008
16	Kent Rogert	November 7, 2006
17	Robert J. Giese	November 4, 2008
18	Scott Lautenbaugh	(2 year term) November 4, 2008
19	Mike Flood	November 4, 2008
20	Brad Ashford	November 7, 2006
21	Ken Haar	November 4, 2008
22	Arnie Stuthman	November 7, 2006
23	Chris Langemeier	November 4, 2008
24	Greg L. Adams	November 7, 2006
25	Kathy Campbell	November 4, 2008
26	Amanda M. McGill	November 7, 2006
27	Colby Coash	November 4, 2008
28	Bill Avery	November 7, 2006
29	Tony Fulton	November 4, 2008
30	Norman Wallman	November 7, 2006
31	Rich Pahls	November 4, 2008
32	Russ Karpisek	November 7, 2006
33	Dennis Utter	November 4, 2008
34	Annette M. Dubas	November 7, 2006
35	Mike Gloor	November 4, 2008
36	John Wightman	November 7, 2006
37	Galen Hadley	November 4, 2008
38	Tom Carlson	November 7, 2006
39	Beau McCoy	November 4, 2008
40	Cap Dierks	November 7, 2006
41	Kate Sullivan	November 4, 2008
42	Thomas F. Hansen	November 7, 2006
43	Deb Fischer	November 4, 2008
44	Mark Christensen	November 7, 2006
45	Abbie Cornett	November 4, 2008
46	Danielle Conrad (Nantkes)	November 7, 2006
47	Ken Schilz	November 4, 2008
48	John N. Harms	November 7, 2006
49	LeRoy J. Louden	November 4, 2008

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

November 23, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
 Members of the Legislature
 State Capitol
 Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

Perry Van Newkirk, 3716 Longhorn Road, Kimball, NE 69145

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

November 23, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol Building
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Game and Parks Commission:

Norris Marshall, 186 W Road, Kearney, NE 68845

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Game and Parks Commission:

Jerrold Burke, 220 Crook Avenue, Curtis, NE 69025

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 9, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
Members of the Legislature

State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the State Electrical Board:

Michael Hiatt, 1045 Main Street, Rising City, NE 68658

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 9, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Tax Equalization and Review Commission:

Robert W. Hotz, 8117 Imperial Circle, Lincoln, NE 68506

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 10, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds:

Martin Demuth, 1107 Lockview Dr., Hastings, NE 68901

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 11, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol Building
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired:

Nancy Oltman, 518 N. Bellevue, Hastings, NE 68901
Darrell Walla, 13322 Trendwood, Omaha, NE 68144

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 17, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the State Emergency Response Commission:

Reynold McMeen, 1924 Westridge, Broken Bow, NE 68822

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

December 22, 2009

Mr. President, Speaker Flood and
Members of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the Nebraska State Fair Board:

Sallie Atkins, 83975 Atkins Road, Halsey, NE 69142
Linda Lovgren, 809 N. 96th St., Omaha, NE 68114

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Dave Heineman
Governor

Enclosures

COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to 84-104.05 R.R.S. of Nebraska Governor Dave Heineman issued a proclamation declaring January 5, 2010, as George W. Norris Day.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Senator Krist asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB67. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Howard asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB25. No objections. So ordered.

REPORTS

The following reports were received by the Legislature:

Children's Behavioral Health Oversight Committee

2009 Report

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

LB340 Community College Study

LB340 Community College Study Executive Summary

Economic Development, Department of

Annual Job Training Cash Fund Report (Customized Job Training Program)

Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Financing Fund Annual Report

Environmental Quality, Department of

2009 Annual Report

Fiscal Office, Legislative

Monthly Consensus Estimate of General Fund Receipts

Health and Human Services, Department of

2009 Nebraska Health Care Funding Act Report

FY 2009 Disabled Persons and Family Support Program

Annual Report Pursuant to LB603 - Children's Behavioral Health Support Act

Medicaid Reform Annual Report

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Benefits (formerly Food Stamp Program)

Investment Council

Northern Ireland Reporting Requirements Report

Retirement Systems, Public Employees

Judges' Retirement Systems 2009 Forty-third Actuarial Report for State Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 and System Plan Year Beginning July 1, 2009

School Retirement System 2009 Fifty-sixth Actuarial Report for State Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 and System Plan Year Beginning July 1, 2009

State Patrol Retirement System 2009 Fifty-third Actuarial Report for State Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2011 and System Plan Year Beginning July 1, 2009

Revenue, Nebraska Department of

Monthly Consensus Estimate of General Fund Receipts

Rural Development Commission

Annual Report

Southeast Community College

Financial Condition of the Center, Funding Received from Nonstate Sources, Training Conducted, and Testing and Evaluation Services

Provided
University of Nebraska
Business Plan for the Innovation Campus
Master Plan for the Innovation Campus
Workers' Compensation Court
67th Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2009

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 682. Introduced by Executive Board: Wightman, 36, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to eliminate a terminated fund; and to outright repeal section 61-217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 683. Introduced by Executive Board: Wightman, 36, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to eliminate an obsolete intent provision; and to outright repeal section 61-219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 684. Introduced by Executive Board: Wightman, 36, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to social security; to amend sections 68-601, 68-602, 68-603, 68-604, 68-605, 68-608, 68-610, 68-620, 68-621, 68-622, and 68-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate two terminated funds; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 68-612 and 68-613, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 685. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 50-401.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change membership provisions relating to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 686. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to registers of deeds; to amend sections 25-529, 25-531, 25-2154, 33-109, 52-1004, and 77-3903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-169, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change and eliminate fees received by clerks and registers of deeds; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to

repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 33-112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 687. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend sections 30-2322, 30-2323, and 30-2325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the amount of the homestead allowance, exempt property, and family allowance; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 688. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-1903, 60-1903.01, 60-1904, 60-1905, 60-1906, 60-1907, 60-1908, 60-1909, 60-1910, and 60-1911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 60-1902, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, and sections 60-166 and 60-1901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change and provide provisions relating to abandoned vehicles and vessels; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 689. Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ethanol excise tax; to amend sections 66-1345, 66-1345.01, and 66-1345.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 61-218, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, as amended by section 39, Legislative Bill 3, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009; to change provisions relating to remittance of excise tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 690. Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to trade names; to amend sections 87-214 and 87-219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change deadline provisions relating to trade name publication filings; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 691. Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; to amend section 81-885.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 81-885.10, 81-885.25, and 81-885.29, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to provide for jurisdiction and the issuance of cease and desist orders as prescribed; to provide for fines; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 692. Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section

77-1311.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a duty of county assessors; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 693. Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-114, 44-134, 44-135, 44-152, 44-162, 44-304, 44-319.06, 44-710.08, 44-2710, 44-4850, and 44-6203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 44-2132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to provide for interstate agreements to authorize foreign insurers to offer sickness and accident insurance as prescribed; to state intent; to provide powers and duties for the Director of Insurance and the Attorney General; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 694. Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to provide restrictions for sexual predators; to define terms; to provide penalties; and harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 695. Introduced by Price, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to Small Claims Court; to amend section 25-2802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the jurisdictional amount; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; to amend section 13-2042, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-2042.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to disposal fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 697. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit use of interactive wireless communication devices by school bus drivers as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 698. Introduced by Loudon, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-908 and 77-912, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to eliminate certain insurance premium tax provisions; to harmonize

provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 699. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to arrests; to amend sections 28-1473 and 28-1474, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-1201 and 60-601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to require information obtained pursuant to arrest for any felony or for flying, boating, or driving under the influence be forwarded to federal immigration authorities as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 700. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public safety; to require residential construction or remodeling work to be supervised or performed by a person certified as prescribed in order to obtain a building permit; and to define a term.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 701. Introduced by Hadley, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Act; to amend section 68-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to allocation of a fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 702. Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical records; to amend section 71-8403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to requests for access to medical records; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 703. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to powers of attorney; to amend sections 30-2664 and 49-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Uniform Durable Power of Attorney Act, the Nebraska Short Form Act, and general powers of attorney; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Introduced by Haar, 21; Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a renewable energy tax credit; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 705. Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,124, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to provide for issuance of disabled veteran license plates as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 706. Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hearing interpreters; to amend section 20-156, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to fees; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Introduced by Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-311.08, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and penalties relating to unlawful intrusion; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 708. Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202.03 and 77-202.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change certain date provisions relating to property tax exemptions as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 709. Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to rules and regulations; to adopt the Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 710. Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Chiropractic Practice Act; to amend sections 38-801 and 38-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to prohibit certain activities as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 711. Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unified school systems; to amend section 79-4,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to interlocal agreements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 712. Introduced by Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Disposition of Personal Property Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend sections 69-2304 and 69-2308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the disposition of personal property; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 713. Introduced by Gloor, 35; Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-248, 79-249, and 79-250, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to health inspections; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 714. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for disclaimers on political material; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 715. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Capitol Environs District; to amend section 90-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize projects in a specified portion of the district by the State of Nebraska, the city of Lincoln, or the county of Lancaster as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 716. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend sections 32-603, 32-604, and 85-1512, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the community college boards of governors for community college areas; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 717. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 49-1499, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to require statements of potential conflicts of interest to be placed in the Legislative Journal; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 718. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to petitions; to amend sections 32-628, 32-630, 32-1303, and 32-1304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for petitions and petition circulators; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 719. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,232, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008; to change provisions relating to the use of a rotating or flashing amber light on

a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 720. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to provide requirements for and prohibit certain practices by customer loyalty or incentive programs.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 721. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Building Administrator; to amend section 81-1108.12, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change qualifications provisions as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 722. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend sections 11-201, 72-815, and 81-1017, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a bonding requirement; to change a provision relating to sale of state real property; to eliminate an exception relating to state-owned motor vehicles; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 723. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Telecommunications Relay System Act; to amend section 86-313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change surcharge remittance requirements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 724. Introduced by Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; to amend sections 81-1252 and 81-1261, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for use of tax proceeds for tourism promotion; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 725. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor carriers; to amend sections 75-362 and 75-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define fertilizer and agricultural chemical application and distribution equipment and to change the applicability of certain adopted federal rules; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 726. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act; to amend section 71-516.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for staff training as prescribed; and to repeal the

original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 727. Introduced by Coash, 27; Ashford, 20; Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend section 24-730, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compensation of retired judges for temporary duty; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 728. Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to offenses against children; to amend section 29-119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Exploited Children's Civil Remedy Act; to redefine a term with respect to plea agreements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 729. Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elevators; to amend section 81-405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to repeal the Conveyance Safety Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 48-2501, 48-2502, 48-2503, 48-2504, 48-2506, 48-2507, 48-2508, 48-2509, 48-2510, 48-2511, 48-2512, 48-2512.01, 48-2513, 48-2514, 48-2515, 48-2516, 48-2517, 48-2518, 48-2519, 48-2520, 48-2521, 48-2522, 48-2523, 48-2524, 48-2525, 48-2526, 48-2527, 48-2528, 48-2529, 48-2530, 48-2531, 48-2532, and 48-2533, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 730. Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to limited liability companies; to amend section 21-2654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to charging orders; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 731. Introduced by Utter, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Noxious Weed Control Act; to amend sections 2-954, 2-955, and 2-959, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to noxious weed control funds; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 732. Introduced by Utter, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 25-1326, 25-1327, 25-2144, and 77-1912, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain forced sales; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 733. Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local public health departments; to amend section 77-2704.15, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-903, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to include such departments under the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act and provide a sales tax exemption; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 734. Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to utility service; to amend sections 70-1603 and 70-1605, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to notice of discontinuation; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 735. Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to adopt the Kelsey Smith Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 736. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to provide for liens for assessments and fines by homeowners' associations as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 737. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state administrative departments; to amend section 81-1316, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an exemption from the State Personnel System for certain employees; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 738. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Trust Deeds Act; to amend section 76-1004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the substitution of trustee; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 739. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to eliminate provisions relating to driver training schools; and to outright repeal sections 60-4,176, 60-4,177, 60-4,178, and 60-4,179, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-4,173, 60-4,174, and 60-4,175, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 740. Introduced by Agriculture Committee: Carlson, 38, Chairperson; Council, 11; Dierks, 40; Karpisek, 32; Price, 3;

Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30; Louden, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 81-201.05, 81-2,147.11, 81-2,291, and 89-1,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by sections 62, 63, 64, and 101, respectively, Legislative Bill 3, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009, section 54-857, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, as amended by section 29, Legislative Bill 3, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009, and section 2-5106, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, as amended by section 6, Legislative Bill 3, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009; to eliminate transfer provisions from certain funds; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 741. Introduced by Avery, 28; Louden, 49; Pirsch, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1003, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, as amended by section 3, Legislative Bill 5, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009; to exclude lobbying expenses from the definition of general fund operating expenditures; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 742. Introduced by McCoy, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to provide requirements for settlement agreements; to provide that settlement agreements are public records; to prohibit confidentiality and nondisclosure clauses and provisions; and to define terms.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 743. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to authorize the commission to convey certain real estate for park purposes; to prescribe conditions; to outright repeal section 90-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 744. Introduced by Giese, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Electrical Board; to amend section 81-2104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide authority to adopt the National Electrical Code by rules and regulations instead of statute; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 745. Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Scholarship Act; to amend section 85-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 746. Introduced by Giese, 17; Council, 11; Mello, 5; Nordquist, 7; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil rights; to amend sections 20-504 and 20-506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to racial profiling; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 747. Introduced by Louden, 49; Carlson, 38; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34; Fischer, 43; Fulton, 29; Haar, 21; Harms, 48; Langemeier, 23; Mello, 5; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend sections 37-202 and 37-559, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to define predator; to provide for killing depredating or aggressive mountain lions; to provide for a permit; to provide powers and duties for the Game and Parks Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 748. Introduced by Louden, 49; Avery, 28; Carlson, 38; Dubas, 34; Haar, 21; Stuthman, 22; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to food establishments; to amend section 81-2,245.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to an exemption; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 749. Introduced by Louden, 49; Avery, 28; Carlson, 38; Haar, 21; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend section 39-1390, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by section 20, Legislative Bill 3, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009; to designate certain roads as state recreation roads; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 750. Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1018.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 79-1003, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009, as amended by section 3, Legislative Bill 5, One Hundred First Legislature, First Special Session, 2009; to provide for gifts of real property to the Board of Educational Lands and Funds; to redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 751. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to secured transactions; to amend section 9-506, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to the effects of errors and omissions in financing

statements; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 752. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to trust companies; to amend section 8-210, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to pledged securities; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 753. Introduced by Christensen, 44; Avery, 28; Hansen, 42; Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol; to amend section 81-2001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the qualifications of the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety; to define a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 754. Introduced by Giese, 17; Ashford, 20; Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to special education; to adopt the Blind Persons Literacy Rights and Education Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 755. Introduced by Dierks, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to require certain oil or natural gas pipeline companies to hold landowners harmless, meet certain requirements, and pay and distribute an annual pipeline fee as prescribed; to provide for severability; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 756. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend sections 30-2352, 30-2354, and 76-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 757. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to certificates of title; to amend section 30-2715, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the transfer of motor vehicles on the death of the owner by designation on a certificate of title; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 758. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend sections 30-2201, 30-2476, and 30-3839, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for and change provisions relating to the doctrines of cy pres and

deviation; to change provisions relating to the powers of personal representatives; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Professional Corporation Act; to amend section 21-2212, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the dissolution, winding up, and liquidation of certain professional corporations; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 760. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Principal and Income Act; to amend section 30-3119.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to total return trusts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 761. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-4,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to employment driving permits; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 762. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banks and banking; to amend section 8-113, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to the unauthorized use of the word bank; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 763. Introduced by Mello, 5; Coash, 27; Cornett, 45; Flood, 19; Lautenbaugh, 18; McGill, 26; Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to asbestos-related liabilities; to adopt the Successor Asbestos-Related Liability Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act; to amend section 46-717, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 46-715, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2009; to change provisions relating to integrated management plans; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 765. Introduced by Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-1101 and 28-1107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to gambling; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTIONS**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 270.** Introduced by Mello, 5.

WHEREAS, upon her death in 2003, Joan Kroc left \$1.5 billion to the Salvation Army to build state-of-the-art community centers across the United States to foster hope and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, part of these funds was utilized in conjunction with strong community support from Heritage Services to build the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, located at 2825 Y Street in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, when this center officially opens on January 8, 2010, it will be one of six Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers currently operating across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Centers have spent years building new community partnerships with neighborhoods, businesses, and community organizations to help strengthen families and individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in south Omaha will be a point of pride for the south Omaha community; and

WHEREAS, the Salvation Army has a long history of serving both the greater Omaha community and the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the important work of charitable organizations like the Salvation Army.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Salvation Army on the opening of the new Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center in Omaha and its administrators, Majors Herb and Yaneth Fuqua.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 271CA. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2010 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article VIII, section 2:

VIII-2 Notwithstanding Article I, section 16, Article III, section 18, or Article VIII, section 1 or 4, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary: (1) The property of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall constitute a separate class of property and shall be exempt from taxation to the extent such property is used by the state

or governmental subdivision for public purposes authorized to the state or governmental subdivision by this Constitution or the Legislature. To the extent such property is not used for the authorized public purposes, the Legislature may classify such property, exempt such classes, and impose or authorize some or all of such property to be subject to property taxes or payments in lieu of property taxes except as provided by law; (2) the Legislature by general law may classify and exempt from taxation property owned by and used exclusively for agricultural and horticultural societies and property owned and used exclusively for educational, religious, charitable, or cemetery purposes, when such property is not owned or used for financial gain or profit to either the owner or user; (3) household goods and personal effects, as defined by law, may be exempted from taxation in whole or in part, as may be provided by general law, and the Legislature may prescribe a formula for the determination of value of household goods and personal effects; (4) the Legislature by general law may provide that the increased value of land by reason of shade or ornamental trees planted along the highway shall not be taken into account in the assessment of such land; (5) the Legislature, by general law and upon any terms, conditions, and restrictions it prescribes, may provide that the increased value of real property resulting from improvements designed primarily for energy conservation may be exempt from taxation; (6) the value of a home substantially contributed by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs for a paraplegic veteran or multiple amputee shall be exempt from taxation during the life of such veteran or until the death or remarriage of his or her surviving spouse; (7) the Legislature may exempt from an intangible property tax life insurance and life insurance annuity contracts and any payment connected therewith and any right to pension or retirement payments; (8) the Legislature may exempt inventory from taxation; (9) the Legislature may define and classify personal property in such manner as it sees fit, whether by type, use, user, or owner, and may exempt any such class or classes of property from taxation if such exemption is reasonable or may exempt all personal property from taxation; (10) no property shall be exempt from taxation except as permitted by or as provided in this Constitution; (11) the Legislature may by general law provide that a portion of the value of any residence actually occupied as a homestead by any classification of owners as determined by the Legislature shall be exempt from taxation; ~~and~~ (12) the Legislature may by general law, and upon any terms, conditions, and restrictions it prescribes, provide that the increased value of real property resulting from improvements designed primarily for the purpose of renovating, rehabilitating, or preserving historically significant real property may be, in whole or in part, exempt from taxation; and (13) the Legislature may by general law, and upon any terms, conditions, and restrictions it prescribes, provide that the increased value of real property resulting from construction of improvements for the purpose of renovating, rehabilitating, remodeling, improving, or increasing the size of a homeowner's residence on such real property be, in whole or in part, exempt from taxation for a period of six years.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to permit the Legislature to exempt from taxation for a period of six years the increased value of real property resulting from construction of improvements to a homeowner's residence.

For

Against.

Referred to the Reference Committee.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 272. Introduced by Giese, 17.

WHEREAS, the Ponca Indians won the 2009 Class C-2 State Football Championship, the first state football title in school history; and

WHEREAS, coach Joe Kvidera led his team, the Ponca Indians, to a perfect undefeated season of 13-0, the school's first undefeated season since 1962; and

WHEREAS, the Ponca Indians beat Hartington Cedar Catholic 14-13 for a thrilling overtime victory in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Ponca Indians were led by running back Jared Curry, who ran for ninety yards and a touchdown during the championship game and finished the season with over two thousand three hundred rushing yards and thirty-eight rushing touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Ponca's defense was as impressive as its offense, forcing three turnovers during the championship game and stopping a two-point conversion attempt in overtime to seal the victory; and

WHEREAS, the Ponca Indians have exemplified teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline, and determination; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ponca Indians on winning the 2009 Class C-2 State Football Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ponca Indians and their head coach, Joe Kvidera.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 273. Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, the Ecumenical Patriarchate, located in Istanbul, Turkey, is the sacred see that presides in a spirit of brotherhood over a communion of self-governing churches in the Orthodox Christian world; and

WHEREAS, the see is led by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is the 270th in the line of direct succession going back to the Apostle Andrew

and holds titular primacy as *primus inter pares*, meaning "first among equals," in the community of Orthodox churches worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the Lausanne Treaty of 1923 defines the relationship of the Ecumenical Patriarchate to the Turkish state, which continues to systematically violate the provisions of the treaty; and

WHEREAS, in 1997 the Congress of the United States awarded Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew the Congressional Gold Medal; and

WHEREAS, the Orthodox Christian Church, in existence for nearly two thousand years, numbers approximately three hundred million members worldwide with more than two million members in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Orthodox Christian communities have existed in the State of Nebraska for over one hundred years, some of whom are part of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese, which maintains a direct ecclesiastical connection to the Ecumenical Patriarchate; and

WHEREAS, since 1453 the continuing presence of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Turkey has been a living testament to the religious coexistence of Christians and Muslims; and

WHEREAS, this religious coexistence is in jeopardy because the Turkish government refuses to recognize the rights and religious freedoms of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which is considered a minority religion by the Turkish government; and

WHEREAS, from the millions of Orthodox Christians living in Turkey at the turn of the twentieth century, and due to the continued policies of minority discrimination, a form of "ethnic cleansing," during this period by the Turkish government, there remain less than three thousand of the Ecumenical Patriarch's flock in Turkey today; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish government has failed to honor its agreement to reopen the Theological School on the island of Halki (Heybeliada), which the Turkish government closed in 1971, thus impeding the religious education of Orthodox Christian clergy; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish government has confiscated nearly ninety-four percent of the properties of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and has placed a forty-two percent tax retroactive to 1999 on the Baloukli Hospital and Home for the Aged, a charity hospital run by the Ecumenical Patriarchate; and

WHEREAS, the European Union, a group of nations with a common goal of promoting peace and the well-being of its peoples, which has defined membership criteria including stability of democratic institutions and adherence to the rule of law, began accession negotiations with Turkey on October 3, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Turkish government's current treatment of the Ecumenical Patriarchate is inconsistent with the membership conditions and goals of the European Union; and

WHEREAS, Orthodox Christians in the State of Nebraska and throughout the United States stand to lose their spiritual leader because of the continued actions of the Turkish government.

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

1. That the Legislature, in solidarity with other states that have adopted similar resolutions, urge the United States in its relations with the Turkish government to encourage the Turkish government to do the following:

- a. Uphold and safeguard religious and human rights without compromise;
- b. Cease its discrimination of the Ecumenical Patriarchate;
- c. Grant the Ecumenical Patriarch appropriate international recognition, ecclesiastical succession, and the right to train clergy of all nationalities; and
- d. Respect the property rights and human rights of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, and the Nebraska congressional delegation.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274. Introduced by Howard, 9.

WHEREAS, each year social workers across the country celebrate their profession during March; and

WHEREAS, National Professional Social Work Month is observed in the month of March and this year's theme, Social Workers Inspire Community Action, focuses on how the expertise and dedication of social workers influence communities and institutions; and

WHEREAS, part of the message of National Professional Social Work Month for 2010 is to recognize the individual and global impact that social workers have throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has set goals for National Professional Social Work Month, which are to recruit more social workers, expand the public perception of the breadth and depth of social work, reach out to national and local media to promote the importance of social work services and social work professionals to society, and promote a theme that builds pride among social workers; and

WHEREAS, in March, the NASW will team up with social work programs and schools in an effort to encourage more people to pursue social work degrees; and

WHEREAS, it is also the goal of the NASW to use National Professional Social Work Month to recognize social work professionals that have contributed to their communities by creating projects that improve the lives of their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, social work is relevant to the successful functioning of American society and necessary to the well-being of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2010 as Professional Social Work Month in Nebraska.

2. That during March 2010 communities are encouraged to participate in activities designed to increase public awareness about the contributions of professionals in the field of social work.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer

Senator Wallman asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB710. No objections. So ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator McGill announced the Urban Affairs Committee will meet immediately following adjournment under the north balcony.

VISITOR

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Ron Klutman from Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:11 a.m., on a motion by Senator Gloor, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 7, 2010.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

