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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL
ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Coash.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Adams presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ashford, Campbell, Conrad, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, and Sullivan who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fourth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING
Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1113

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB757
LB758
LB776
LB777

(Signed) Annette Dubas, Chairperson

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR394.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 174. Considered.

SENATOR COASH PRESIDING

SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

SENATOR COASH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 4 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB668
LB687
LB712
LB714
LB788

(Signed) Mike Gloor, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

Room 1510

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LB679
LB791
LB801
LB802
LB803

(Signed) Amanda McGill, Chairperson

Education

Room 1525

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB781
LB740
LB725

(Signed) Kate Sullivan, Chairperson

Judiciary

Room 1113

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB769
LB748
LB730
LB672

(Signed) Brad Ashford, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 871. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to require creation of fiscal notes for bill request drafts.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 872. Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to create the position of state school security director within the State Department of Education; and to provide duties for the director and the State Board of Education.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 873. Introduced by Larson, 40; Avery, 28; Hadley, 37; Kintner, 2; Lathrop, 12; Schilz, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, and section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to appropriate and transfer funds; to create a fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 874. Introduced by Larson, 40; Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Game and Parks Commission.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 875. Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Long-Term Care Insurance Act; to amend section 44-4517.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision relating to nonforfeiture benefits; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 876. Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to prohibit exclusions of coverage for injury or damage resulting from carbon monoxide or other gas exposure.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 877. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change provisions relating to use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony; to define a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 878. Introduced by Seiler, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to wrongful death actions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 879. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; to amend sections 69-2428, 69-2429, 69-2430, 69-2432, 69-2434, 69-2437, 69-2438, 69-2440, 69-2441, 69-2447, and 69-2448, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1204.04, 69-2431, 69-2433, 69-2435, 69-2436, 69-2439, and 69-2449, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change permit provisions; to provide for a permit to carry a concealed handgun in a school as prescribed; to define and redefine terms; to provide fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 880. Introduced by Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to require notice of debit card preauthorization hold amounts as prescribed; and to provide duties for the Department of Banking and Finance and the Attorney General.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 881. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

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 change provisions relating to innocent third parties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399. Introduced by Wightman, 36; Ashford, 20; Campbell, 25; Chambers, 11; Conrad, 46; Davis, 43; Gloor, 35; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Karpisek, 32; McGill, 26; Nordquist, 7; Schumacher, 22.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that our federal immigration laws are long outdated, causing harm to families, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, common-sense reforms that modernize our outdated immigration laws and that are sensible, fair, and practical are necessary to protect our borders and create a strong foundation for our economy and society; and

WHEREAS, immigration has always been an important part of the social and economic fabric of the United States, and it is in the best interest of all that our nation's immigration laws be kept up-to-date; and

WHEREAS, although comprehensive immigration reform is a federal and not a state matter, the State of Nebraska has legitimate interests in the passage of effective immigration laws at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's towns and cities have experienced significant growth in immigrant population in the last two decades which has helped the state maintain its population; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska community leaders, educators, business owners, cattlemen, farmers, and the immigrant community have recognized that while some challenges are created by integrating new immigrant Nebraskans, the positive impacts of immigration, including economic development, tax collections, and cultural diversity, exceed the costs of resolving these challenges, demonstrated by the fact that many communities with significant immigrant populations are thriving unlike many of those communities which have not attracted immigrants; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska population trends indicate a future shortage of needed and qualified labor in agriculture and the skilled trades and a shortage of professionally-trained workers in our rural communities; and

WHEREAS, pending legislation is before the United States Congress which would accomplish comprehensive immigration reform.

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

1. That the Legislature recommends that the Nebraska congressional delegation take affirmative action to enact comprehensive immigration reform to update our immigration system.

2. That such reform enacted by Congress should recognize the need to protect the borders of the United States, maintain respect for the law, embody fairness, and protect families.

3. That such reform should recognize the important role that immigrant Americans play as entrepreneurs, workers, taxpayers, and family members.

4. That such reform should protect agriculture, small businesses, and working Nebraskans and facilitate increases in the labor market and the professions necessary to protect rural communities from further economic decline.

5. That the Legislature recommends that in order to ensure adequate labor resources to support economic growth and stability, the House of Representatives should pass H.R. 15, the "Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act," as approved by the United States Senate, or alternatively should enact similar legislation in 2014 which embodies the principles and needs outlined in this resolution.

6. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, to the President of the United States Senate, and to each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 8, LR399 was referred to the Reference Committee.

SENATOR HOWARD PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 446. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM196, found on page 451, First Session, 2013, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29CA. Read. Considered.

Committee AM273, found on page 462, First Session, 2013, was offered.

Pending.

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Dubas, 34; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Crawford, 45; Gloor, 35; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Krist, 10; McGill, 26; Mello, 5; Watermeier, 1.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) began to develop the ACCESSNebraska system. ACCESSNebraska is a system that is intended to efficiently determine public assistance eligibility and provide service delivery. Since the implementation of this system, the Legislature has conducted several hearings on bills and resolutions related to ACCESSNebraska. In these hearings, the realities and problems faced by clients navigating the ACCESSNebraska system were revealed including long call wait times, lost documentation, erroneous public assistance decisions, and a general difficulty for clients to get the assistance they needed in a timely manner.

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2013, the Legislative Performance Audit Committee issued a report and recommendations related to the ACCESSNebraska system. The report contained findings including, but not limited to, lack of implementation of the provisions of LB 825 (Laws 2012), lack of standards relating to internal processes and performance, and failure to meet internal goals related to call wait times and call abandonment rates. The report also made certain recommendations including evaluation of key program aspects, such as the adequacy of existing staffing, call center software, and call center staff training.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to have a system of public assistance service delivery that is modern and streamlined and that is also effective and efficient for clients. In recognition of the continued problems with the ACCESSNebraska system as described in the report of the Legislative Performance Audit Committee, a point has been reached where additional legislative oversight and monitoring is necessary to ensure accountability and system effectiveness.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the membership of the committee. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff. The Executive Board is also authorized to hire outside legal counsel, consultants, and investigators as required by the committee. The committee shall be an investigative committee and is hereby authorized to hold hearings and issue subpoenas as is deemed necessary by the committee.

2. The ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature is hereby authorized to study the adequacy of staffing and training of DHHS employees working within the ACCESSNebraska system, including the number of employees for local offices, the number of employees for call centers and document imaging centers, the type and amount of training received, the education levels and years of experience of employees, client access to employees, and the need for and availability of dedicated caseworkers for clients. The scope of the committee's investigation shall include, but not be limited to, the adequacy of technology used within the ACCESSNebraska system, including telephone systems, computer software, case management, information technology, and use of and access to databases to allow for data matching. The committee shall also investigate the effectiveness of processes and structures used by the ACCESSNebraska system, including system design, management structure, and system goals. The committee shall also investigate the need for new or additional data collection to determine system effectiveness. The committee shall analyze the experiences of clients and their family members and examine customer service experience, access to benefits, and responses to changing family needs. The committee shall utilize existing studies and reports and legislation developed to address the current conditions. The committee shall not be limited to such studies, reports, or legislation. The committee shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than December 15, 2014. The report to the Legislature shall be submitted electronically.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Section 8, LR400 was referred to the Reference Committee.

MOTION - Print in Journal

Senator Christensen filed the following motion to LB830:
MO105
Withdraw bill.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 882. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to climate assessment; to amend section 2-4902, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to change duties of the Climate Assessment Response Committee; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 883. Introduced by Nordquist, 7; Campbell, 25; Conrad, 46; Cook, 13; Howard, 9; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Mello, 5; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-7,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to eliminate a termination date relating to coverage requirements for certain anticancer medications; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 884. Introduced by Hansen, 42; Johnson, 23; Lathrop, 12; Schilz, 47; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 54-701.03, 54-703, 54-704, 54-705, 54-750, 54-751, 54-752, 54-753, 54-753.06, 54-7,105, 54-7,106, 54-7,107, 54-7,108, 54-1156, 54-1159, 54-1173, 54-1180, 54-1181, 54-1182, 54-1183, 54-1184, and 54-1185, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 54-170, 54-1158, 54-1161, 54-1163, 54-1169, and 54-1170, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to name and change the Exotic Animal Auctions and Swap Meets Act; to change, transfer, and eliminate provisions of the Livestock Auction Market Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 54-1174 and 54-1177, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 885. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-132, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to require the use of the income approach to value certain real property for taxation purposes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 886. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-854, 76-855, 76-870, and 76-871, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 887. Introduced by Campbell, 25; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9; Nordquist, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical assistance; to adopt the Wellness in Nebraska Act; and to declare an emergency.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Senator McCoy asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB857 and LB832. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Nordquist asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB359. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Pirsch asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB96. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Bloomfield, Dubas, Lautenbaugh, Scheer, Schumacher, and Garrett asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LR393CA. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Mello asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LR399. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Mello and Smith asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LB811. No objections. So ordered.

RECESS

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator Mello, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Senator Coash presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ashford, Johnson, and McCoy who were excused until they arrive.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB821	Judiciary
LB822	Judiciary
LB823	Urban Affairs
LB824	Business and Labor
LB825	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB826	Education
LB827	Appropriations
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LB829	Revenue
LB830	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB831	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB832	Judiciary
LB833	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB834	Education

LB835 Education
 LB836 Revenue
 LB837 Appropriations
 LB838 Education
 LB839 Judiciary
 LB840 Natural Resources
 LB841 Revenue
 LB842 Education
 LB843 Health and Human Services
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 LB863 General Affairs
 LB864 Education
 LB865 Education
 LB866 General Affairs
 LB867 Revenue
 LB868 Judiciary
 LB869 Health and Human Services
 LB870 Judiciary
 LR395 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
 LR397CA Executive Board

(Signed) John Wightman, Chairperson
 Executive Board

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29CA. Committee AM273, found on page 462, First Session, 2013, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present

and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Schumacher offered the following amendment:

FA160

Strike from after the word "property" on page 1, line 9 through the word "a" in line 10 and insert after the word "project" in line 10 the words "or economic development project".

Senator Schumacher withdrew his amendment.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO107

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator Chambers withdrew his motion to indefinitely postpone.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 888. Introduced by Murante, 49; Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-179, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to provide authority to change the hours for sales of alcoholic liquor; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for emergency medical services training and licensure.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 890. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property; to amend sections 25-2501, 25-2502, 25-2503, and 25-2504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to procedures for acquiring private property for public use; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 891. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Legislative Council to pay dues under the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 892. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the One-Call Notification System Act; to amend section 76-2325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-2301, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to change penalties; to authorize injunctions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 893. Introduced by Seiler, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act; to amend section 44-2825, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to increase the dollar amount recoverable under the act; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 894. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202.03 and 77-202.09, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change provisions relating to applying for property tax exemptions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 895. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-126.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change compensation rate for certain volunteers; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 896. Introduced by Carlson, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Erosion and Sediment Control Act; to amend sections 2-4603, 2-4604, 2-4605, 2-4608, 2-4610, 2-4612, and 2-4613, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to provide for an order to cease and desist as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 897. Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701, 77-2715.07, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012, and section 77-2717, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2013; to provide an income tax credit to employers of public assistance recipients as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

Health and Human Services

Room 1510

Wednesday, January 22, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB660

LB790

LB853

(Signed) Kathy Campbell, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE**LEGISLATIVE BILL 33.** Title read. Considered.

Committee AM271, found on page 462, First Session, 2013, was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 56. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM226, found on page 472, First Session, 2013, was offered.

SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 4 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Bloomfield offered the following motion:

MO108

Indefinitely postpone.

The Bloomfield motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 3 ayes, 24 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 5 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 898. Introduced by Legislative Performance Audit Committee: Harms, 48, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Dubas, 34; Krist, 10; Mello, 5; Watermeier, 1; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to require reports regarding the delivery system for public benefit programs as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 899. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-101, 53-103, and 53-103.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to redefine beer; to define hard cider; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 900. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code; to amend section 30-3810, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a right of the Attorney General to be a qualified beneficiary to a charitable trust; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 901. Introduced by McGill, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Behavioral Health Education Center; to amend section 71-830, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to provide for psychology internships as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 401. Introduced by McGill, 26.

WHEREAS, Scott Michael Wenzl of Lincoln, Nebraska, has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Although many options are available to demonstrate proficiency in these areas, a number of specific skills are required to advance through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and finally Eagle Scout. Throughout his scouting experience, Scott has learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, Scott has also served as an assistant patrol leader, a senior patrol leader, a troop guide, a troop instructor, and a quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn 21 merit badges, 12 of which are in required areas, and complete a community service project approved by the troop and the scout council; and

WHEREAS, only a small percentage of the boys who join the Boy Scouts of America achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, Scott, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, such as astronauts, political and industry leaders, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Scott Michael Wenzl on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Scott Michael Wenzl.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402. Introduced by Larson, 40.

WHEREAS, the Mean Green girls' softball team of O'Neill won the 2013 Nebraska Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch 16-Under Class C State Championship by defeating Auburn by a score of 6-4; and

WHEREAS, the Mean Green girls' softball team won their second state championship in a row; 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 THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the O'Neill Mean Green girls' softball team on winning the 2013 Nebraska Amateur Softball Association Fast Pitch 16-Under Class C State Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the O'Neill Mean Green girls' softball team and their coaches, Bob Pinkerman and Chuck Price.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 403. Introduced by Larson, 40.

WHEREAS, the Crofton High School Warriors boys and girls cross country teams won the 2013 Class D Boys State and Girls State Cross Country Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Crofton Warriors boys team has now won eight cross country state titles; and

WHEREAS, the Crofton Lady Warriors have now won eight consecutive cross country state titles and seventeen championships overall; 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 THIRD LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Crofton High School Warriors boys and girls cross country teams on their 2013 Class D Boys State and Girls State Cross Country Championships.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Crofton Warriors boys and girls cross country teams and their coaches.

Laid over.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

Education

Room 1525

Tuesday, January 21, 2014 1:30 p.m.

LB838

(Signed) Kate Sullivan, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Senators Cook, Howard, and Lathrop asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LB807. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Harms asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB689 and LB690. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Conrad, Cook, K. Haar, McGill, and Wallman asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LB887. No objections. So ordered.

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

VISITOR

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. David Hoelting from Pender.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:50 p.m., on a motion by Speaker Adams, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

