

**FIRST DAY - JANUARY 7, 2015****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 7, 2015

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Davis.

**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 Fourth Legislature, First 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 7, 2015, and was called to order by President Nelson.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Baker, Roy E.	Hadley, Galen	Morfeld, Adam
Bloomfield, Dave	Hansen, Matt	Murante, John
Bolz, Kate	Harr, Burke J.	Nordquist, Jeremy
Brasch, Lydia	Hilkemann, Robert	Pansing Brooks, Patty
Campbell, Kathy	Howard, Sara	Riepe, Merv
Chambers, Ernie	Hughes, Dan	Scheer, Jim
Coash, Colby	Johnson, Jerry	Schilz, Ken
Cook, Tanya	Kintner, Bill	Schnoor, David A.
Craighead, Joni	Kolowski, Rick	Schumacher, Paul
Crawford, Sue	Kolterman, Mark A.	Seiler, Les
Davis, Al	Krist, Bob	Smith, Jim
Ebke, Laura	Kuehn, John L.	Stinner, John P.
Friesen, Curt	Larson, Tyson	Sullivan, Kate
Garrett, Tommy L.	Lindstrom, Brett	Watermeier, Dan
Gloor, Mike	McCollister, John S.	Williams, Matt
Groene, Mike	McCoy, Beau	
Haar, Ken	Mello, Heath	

**MOTION - Temporary Clerk and Sergeant at Arms**

Senator Krist moved to appoint Mr. Patrick J. O'Donnell as temporary Clerk of the Legislature and Mr. Ron Witkowski as temporary Sergeant at Arms.

The motion prevailed.

**RESIGNATION**

September 9, 2014

Governor Dave Heineman  
Office of the Governor  
State Capitol, Room 2316  
P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Heineman:

I hereby resign my position as Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska, effective immediately.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Lavon Heidemann  
Lieutenant Governor

cc: Greg Adams  
Speaker, Nebraska Legislature

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

September 9, 2014

Lavon Heidemann  
Lieutenant Governor  
State Capitol, Room 2311  
P.O. Box 94863  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4863

Dear Lieutenant Governor Heidemann:

I hereby accept your resignation as Lieutenant Governor of Nebraska, effective immediately.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

cc: Greg Adams

Speaker, Nebraska Legislature

**RESIGNATION**

September 29, 2014

The Honorable Dave Heineman  
Governor, State of Nebraska  
State Capitol -- P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Re: Resignation from Nebraska State Legislature

Dear Governor Heineman:

It has been my great privilege and blessing to serve nearly two terms in the Nebraska Unicameral, representing constituents in my legislative district and citizens throughout the great state of Nebraska to the best of my ability.

In order to accept appointment to the office of Lieutenant Governor, I hereby resign from the office of Senator for the Sixth Legislative District, State of Nebraska, said resignation to become effective at twelve o'clock noon this date, September 29, 2014.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) John E. Nelson

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

September 29, 2014

Senator John E. Nelson  
6289 Glenwood Road  
Omaha, NE 68132

Dear Senator Nelson:

Your resignation as a member of the Nebraska Legislature effective September 29, 2014, at 12:00 PM has been received and is accepted. Your service as a member of the Nebraska Legislature is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

cc: Speaker Adams  
Clerk of the Legislature

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

September 29, 2014

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

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

I appointed John E. Nelson as Lieutenant Governor effective Monday, September 29, 2014, at 1:30 PM. Attached is a copy of his oath of office.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

Enclosure

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

September 29, 2014

John E. Nelson  
6289 Glenwood Road  
Omaha, NE 68132

Dear John:

Enclosed is your certificate for appointment as the Lieutenant Governor effective at 1:30 PM on September 29, 2014. Please know that your willingness to serve in this capacity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

Enclosure

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT**

Greetings To All Who Shall See These Presents Know Ye, that I Dave Heineman, on behalf of the State of Nebraska and as Governor, do hereby appoint John E. Nelson as the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Nebraska.

Reposing special trust in your ability, integrity and patriotism, I do authorize and empower you to discharge the duties of said appointment, according to law:

This appointment shall take effect on September 29, 2014, and continue until January 7, 2015, provided you shall satisfactorily perform all the duties imposed by law.

(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

(Signed) John. A Gale  
Secretary of State

**OFFICIAL OATH**

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Lancaster )

"I, John E. Nelson, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of Lieutenant Governor according to the best of my ability, and that at the election at which I was chosen to fill said office, I have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will I accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, or any promise of office, for any official act or influence (for any vote may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation)."\*

(Signed) John E. Nelson

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 29th day of September 2014.

(SEAL) (Signed) John A. Gale  
Secretary of State

\*Constitution of the State of Nebraska, Article XV, Section One.  
For Executive, Judicial Officers and Members of the Legislature.

**RESIGNATION**

November 6, 2014

Governor Dave Heineman  
Nebraska State Capitol  
1445 K St, Lincoln, NE 68508

Dear Governor Heineman:

I have decided to resign from my position as state senator for legislative district 18 effective at 5:00 PM on November 6, 2014. It has been an honor to serve the state of Nebraska these last 7 years.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Scott Lautenbaugh

**RESIGNATION**

December 11, 2014

The Honorable Dave Heineman  
Governor of Nebraska  
P.O. Box 94848  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

Dear Governor Heineman,

With my election to the office of Auditor of Public Accounts this past November, and the ongoing transition to that office, I am submitting my resignation as the member of the Legislature from the fifteenth legislative district effective December 11, 2014.

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve my state and community in this capacity for the past six years with you as our Governor.

I look forward to continuing my service to our state in the role of Auditor of Public Accounts and working with Governor-elect Pete Ricketts.

I wish you all the best in the future and ask that you accept my resignation.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Charlie Janssen

cc: Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature  
Senator Greg Adams, Speaker of the Legislature

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

December 11, 2014

Senator Charlie Janssen  
1234 Bristolwood Drive  
Fremont, NE 68025

Dear Senator Janssen:

Your resignation as a member of the Nebraska Legislature has been received and is accepted effective December 11, 2014. The time and effort you shared during your term in the Legislature is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

cc: Patrick O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature

**MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR**

December 12, 2014

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

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

I hereby appoint David A. Schnoor to fill the vacancy in the 15th Legislative District created by the resignation of Senator Charlie Janssen. This appointment takes effect on December 12, 2014.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT**

Greetings To All Who Shall See These Presents Know Ye, that I Dave Heineman, on behalf of the State of Nebraska and as Governor, do hereby appoint David A. Schnoor as a member of the Nebraska Legislature representing District 15.

Reposing special trust in your ability, integrity and patriotism, I do authorize and empower you to discharge the duties of said appointment, according to law:

This appointment shall take effect on December 12, 2014, and continue until January 3, 2017, provided you shall satisfactorily perform all the duties imposed by law.

(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

(Signed) John. A Gale  
Secretary of State

**OFFICIAL OATH**

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss.  
 County of Lancaster )

"I, David A. Schnoor, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of Member of the Legislature, District 15 according to the best of my ability, and that at the election at which I was chosen to fill said office, I have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will I accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, or any promise of office, for any official act or influence (for any vote may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation)."\*

(Signed) David A. Schnoor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 12th day of December 2014.

(SEAL) (Signed) John A. Gale  
 Secretary of State

\*Constitution of the State of Nebraska, Article XV, Section One.  
 For Executive, Judicial Officers and Members of the Legislature.

**MOTION - Committee on Credentials**

Senator Seiler moved that we proceed to the election of five persons to serve as the Committee on Credentials, who will forthwith report to the Legislature on the credentials of those claiming to be elected to the Legislature in the General Election in November 2014.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith moved to elect the following five members of the Legislature to serve on the Committee on Credentials: Senators Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Schilz, and Nordquist.

The motion prevailed.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

State of Nebraska

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



State of Nebraska )

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 Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2015.

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 Fourth Legislature, First Session, 2015.

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 Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord, two thousand and Fifteen.

(SEAL)

(Signed) John A. Gale  
Secretary of State

DISTRICT/NAME	ELECTED
1 Dan Watermeier	November 6, 2012
2 Bill Kintner	November 4, 2014
3 Tommy Garrett	November 4, 2014
4 Robert Bob Hilkemann	November 4, 2014
5 Heath Mello	November 6, 2012
6 Joni Craighead	November 4, 2014
7 Jeremiah Nordquist	November 6, 2012
8 Burke J. Harr	November 4, 2014
9 Sara Howard	November 6, 2012
10 Bob Krist	November 4, 2014
11 Ernie Chambers	November 6, 2012
12 Merv Riepe	November 4, 2014
13 Tanya Cook	November 6, 2012
14 Jim Smith	November 4, 2014
15 David A. Schnoor - Appointed	December 12, 2014
16 Lydia Brasch	November 4, 2014
17 Dave Bloomfield	November 6, 2012
18 Brett Lindstrom	November 4, 2014
19 Jim Scheer	November 6, 2012
20 John S. McCollister	November 4, 2014
21 Ken Haar	November 6, 2012
22 Paul Schumacher	November 4, 2014
23 Jerry Johnson	November 6, 2012

24	Mark A. Kolterman	November 4, 2014
25	Kathy Campbell	November 6, 2012
26	Matt Hansen	November 4, 2014
27	Colby Coash	November 6, 2012
28	Patty Pansing Brooks	November 4, 2014
29	Kate Bolz	November 6, 2012
30	Roy Baker	November 4, 2014
31	Rick Kolowski	November 6, 2012
32	Laura Ebke	November 4, 2014
33	Les Seiler	November 6, 2012
34	Curt Friesen	November 4, 2014
35	Mike Gloor	November 6, 2012
36	Matt Williams	November 4, 2014
37	Galen Hadley	November 6, 2012
38	John L. Kuehn	November 4, 2014
39	Beau McCoy	November 6, 2012
40	Tyson Larson	November 4, 2014
41	Kate Sullivan	November 6, 2012
42	Michael Groene	November 4, 2014
43	Al Davis	November 6, 2012
44	Dan Hughes	November 4, 2014
45	Sue Crawford	November 6, 2012
46	Adam Morfeld	November 4, 2014
47	Ken Schilz	November 6, 2012
48	John P. Stinner Sr.	November 4, 2014
49	John Murante	November 6, 2012

#### **MOTION - Credentials Committee Report**

Senator Coash moved to approve the Committee on Credentials Report as certified and presented by the Secretary of State.

The motion prevailed.

#### **MOTION - Escort Chief Justice**

Senator Scheer moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the members of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Seiler, Davis, Johnson, Crawford, and Schumacher to serve on said committee.

#### **MEMBERS' OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

) ss.  
LANCASTER COUNTY )

Do you and each of you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of members of the Legislature according to the best of your ability, and that at the election at which you were chosen to fill said office, you have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will you accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, or any promise of office, for any official act or influence (for any vote you may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation).

Baker, Roy	Hilkemann, Robert	Morfeld, Adam
Brasch, Lydia	Hughes, Dan	Pansing Brooks, Patty
Craighead, Joni	Kintner, Bill	Riepe, Merv
Ebke, Laura	Kolterman, Mark A.	Schumacher, Paul
Friesen, Curt	Krist, Bob	Smith, Jim
Garrett, Tommy	Kuehn, John L.	Stinner, John P.
Groene, Michael	Larson, Tyson	Williams, Matt
Hansen, Matt	Lindstrom, Brett	
Harr, Burke J.	McCollister, John S.	

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

#### **MOTION - Adopt Temporary Rules**

Senator Garrett moved that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted for today only, Wednesday, January 7, 2015.

The motion prevailed.

#### **MOTION - Election of Officers**

Senator Krist moved that the following officers, recommended by the Executive Board, be elected to serve for the One Hundred Fourth Legislature:

Clerk of the Legislature	Patrick J. O'Donnell
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Richard K. Brown
Sergeant at Arms	Ron Witkowski

The motion prevailed.

#### **MOTION - Election of Speaker**

Senator Mello moved to proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Coash placed his name in nomination.

Senator Hadley placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators McCoy, Sullivan, and Schumacher as tellers.

Senator Coash	19
Senator Hadley	<u>30</u>
	49

Senator Hadley was duly elected Speaker of the Legislature.

**MOTION - Escort Chief Justice**

Senator Bloomfield moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Seiler, Davis, Schumacher, Johnson, and Crawford to serve on said committee.

**OFFICERS' OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
) ss.  
LANCASTER COUNTY )

We, and each of us, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of our respective offices to the best of our ability.

Speaker	Galen Hadley
Clerk of the Legislature	Patrick J. O'Donnell
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Richard K. Brown
Sergeant at Arms	Ron Witkowski

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

**MOTION - Chairperson of Committee on Committees**

Senator Hadley moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the

Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McCoy placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator McCoy.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McCoy was duly elected Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

#### **MOTION - Committee on Committees Members**

Senator Sullivan moved to proceed to the election of the remaining twelve members of the Committee on Committees, and that we authorize the members residing within each of the three districts, as enumerated in Rule 3, Sec. 2, to nominate four members to be elected by the legislative body to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Campbell, Coash, Garrett, and Schumacher were nominated from District 1.

Senators Krist, Mello, Smith, and B. Harr were nominated from District 2.

Senators Bloomfield, Schilz, Hadley, and Watermeier were nominated from District 3.

Senator Campbell moved the approval of the nominees to the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

#### **MOTION - Chairperson of Executive Board**

Senator K. Haar moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Krist placed his name in nomination.

Senator Bloomfield placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Schilz, Seiler, and Crawford as tellers.

Senator Krist	32
Senator Bloomfield	<u>17</u>
	49

Senator Krist was duly elected Chairperson of the Executive Board.

**MOTION - Vice Chairperson of Executive Board**

Senator Schumacher moved to proceed to the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Kolowski placed his name in nomination.

Senator Watermeier placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Gloor, Murante, and Cook as tellers.

Senator Kolowski	16
Senator Watermeier	<u>33</u>
	49

Senator Watermeier was duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board.

**MOTION - Executive Board Members**

Senator Larson moved to proceed to the election of the other six members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council as outlined in 50-401.01.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Campbell and Coash were nominated from District 1.

Senators Chambers and Murante were nominated from District 2.

Senators Larson and Hughes were nominated from District 3.

Senator Bolz moved the approval of the nominees to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

**MOTION - Standing Committee Chairpersons**

Senator Watermeier moved to proceed to the election of the standing committee chairpersons, by secret ballot, in accordance with Rule 3, Sec. 8(a).

The motion prevailed.

CHAIRPERSON - Agriculture

Senator Brasch placed her name in nomination.

Senator Johnson placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Bolz, Smith, and K. Haar as tellers.

Senator Brasch	24
Senator Johnson	<u>25</u>
	49

Senator Johnson was duly elected Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Appropriations

Senator Mello placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Mello.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Mello was duly elected Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Senator Scheer placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Scheer.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Scheer was duly elected Chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Business and Labor

Senator B. Harr placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator B. Harr.

The motion prevailed.

Senator B. Harr was duly elected Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Education

Senator Sullivan placed her name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Sullivan.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sullivan was duly elected Chairperson of the Education Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - General Affairs

Senator Larson placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Larson.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Larson was duly elected Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Senator Murante placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Murante.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Murante was duly elected Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.



CHAIRPERSON - Health and Human Services

Senator Campbell placed her name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Campbell.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Campbell was duly elected Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Judiciary

Senator Seiler placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Seiler.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Seiler was duly elected Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Natural Resources

Senator Schilz placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Schilz.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Schilz was duly elected Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Senator Lindstrom placed his name in nomination.

Senator Nordquist placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Bloomfield, Garrett, and Mello as tellers.

Senator Lindstrom 24  
Senator Nordquist 25  
49

Senator Nordquist was duly elected Chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Revenue

Senator Gloor placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Gloor.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Gloor was duly elected Chairperson of the Revenue Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Transportation and Telecommunications

Senator Smith placed his name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Smith.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Smith was duly elected Chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Urban Affairs

Senator Crawford placed her name in nomination.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Crawford.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Crawford was duly elected Chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee.

**MOTION - Special and Select Committee Chairpersons**

Senator Howard moved to proceed to the election of the special and select committee chairpersons, by secret ballot.

The motion prevailed.

CHAIRPERSON - Rules

Senator Garrett placed his name in nomination.

Senator Howard moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Garrett.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Garrett was duly elected Chairperson of the Rules Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Enrollment and Review

Senator Murante nominated Senator Hansen.

Senator Garrett moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Hansen.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen was duly elected Chairperson of the Enrollment and Review Committee.

**MOTION - Election Returns**

Senator Nordquist moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the Secretary of State to the Chamber to deliver the election returns of the General Election of November 2014.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Murante, Watermeier, and Bloomfield to serve on said committee.

The committee escorted Secretary of State, John A. Gale, to the rostrum where he delivered the following report.

**REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 7, 2015

Speaker of the Legislature  
One Hundred Fourth Legislature, First Session 2014  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Honorable Speaker:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of the constitution of the State of

Nebraska, I have the honor of herewith delivering to you, under Seal, the abstract of votes cast in the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska at the General Election held on November 4, 2014, for the offices of Members of the Public Service Commission, Regents of the University of Nebraska, Members of the State Board of Education, Supreme Court Judges, Court of Appeals Judges and Nebraska Workers Compensation Judges which votes are required by law to be canvassed by the Nebraska State Legislature, pursuant to Section 32-1039 R.S. Nebraska 1943, Reissue of 2008 as submitted to me for delivery to the Honorable Speaker of the Legislature.

I also deliver to you, under Seal, the list of candidates receiving the highest vote for each particular office enumerated. The certificate of the Secretary of State accompanies this list.

The original abstract sheets containing the tabulation of votes from the ninety-three counties with reference to an Initiative Measure that is on file in this office. A certification of these returns is also attached.

Inasmuch as these canvass sheets are part of the records of the Office of Secretary of State, we respectfully request that they be returned to our office files immediately upon the completion of your official canvass.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) John A. Gale  
Secretary of State

**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 list of the candidates for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, Treasurer, Attorney General, Members of the Public Service Commission, Regents of the University of Nebraska, Members of the State Board of Education, Supreme Court Judge, Court of Appeals Judges and Nebraska Workers Compensation Judges receiving the highest number of votes cast at the General Election in the State of Nebraska held on November 4, 2014.

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

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

(SEAL) (Signed) John A. Gale  
Secretary of State

- Governor - Pete Ricketts
- Lieutenant Governor - Mike Foley
- Secretary of State - John A. Gale
- Auditor of Public Accounts - Charlie Janssen
- State Treasurer - Don Stenberg
- Attorney General - Doug Peterson
- Public Service Commission, District 2 - Crystal Rhoades
- Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Dist 1 - Tim Clare
- Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Dist 2 - Howard Hawks
- Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, Dist 5 - Rob Schafer
- State Board of Education - Dist 5 - Patricia H. Timm
- State Board of Education - Dist 6 - Maureen Nickels
- State Board of Education - Dist 7 - Molly O'Holleran
- State Board of Education - Dist 8 - Patrick J. McPherson
- Supreme Court Judge, District 2 - Lindsey Miller-Lerman
- Court of Appeals Judge, District 2 - Michael W. Pirtle
- Court of Appeals Judge, District 4 - John F. Irwin
- Nebraska Workers Compensation Judge - Thomas E. Stine
- Nebraska Workers Compensation Judge - Laureen Van Normant
- Nebraska Workers Compensation Judge - Michael K. High

**CERTIFICATE**

State of Nebraska

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

I, John A. Gale, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct listing of the Statutory Measure proposed by the Initiative Process showing the number of votes cast for and against at the General Election held on November 4, 2014.

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

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

(SEAL) (Signed) John A. Gale  
Secretary of State

2014 General Election  
Initiative Measures

## Initiative Measure 425

An initiative measure to amend Nebraska statute to increase the minimum wage.

For	311,401
Against	212,215

Senator Kolowski moved pursuant to Article IV, Section 4, to approve the report of the Secretary of State and the candidates stated therein be declared duly elected.

The motion prevailed.

The Secretary of State was escorted from the Chamber.

**MOTION - Inaugural Ceremonies**

Senator Gloor moved to arrange to hold the inaugural ceremonies for the newly elected state officials on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

The motion prevailed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:59 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sullivan, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature