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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, March 8, 2018

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Williams.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Foley presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Kuehn and Vargas who were excused; and Senators Larson, Linehan, McCollister, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, and Watermeier who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-eighth day was approved.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1965, found on page 700, was offered.

Senator Hilkemann moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 2 nays, and 23 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Hilkemann requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Baker Crawford Howard Morfeld Walz Ebke Kolowski Pansing Brooks Wayne Blood Bolz Friesen Kolterman Williams Quick Bostelman Riepe Groene Krist Wishart Halloran Lindstrom Schumacher Brasch Brewer Hansen Linehan Smith Briese McCollister Stinner Harr Chambers Hilkemann McDonnell Thibodeau

Voting in the negative, 3:

Erdman Murante Lowe

Present and not voting, 5:

Albrecht Clements Scheer Geist Hughes

Excused and not voting, 5:

Hilgers Kuehn Larson Vargas Watermeier

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1090. Title read. Considered.

Senator Smith withdrew his amendment, AM1704, found on page 671.

Senator Krist offered the following amendment: AM2255

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. Section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is

3 amended to read:

4 77-4212 (1) For tax year 2007, the amount of relief granted under

5 the Property Tax Credit Act shall be one hundred five million dollars.

6 For tax year 2008, the amount of relief granted under the act shall be

7 one hundred fifteen million dollars. It is the intent of the Legislature

8 to fund the Property Tax Credit Act for tax years 2009 through 2016 after

9 tax year 2008 using available revenue. For tax years year 2017 and 2018,

10 the amount of relief granted under the act shall be two hundred twenty-

11 four million dollars. For tax year 2019, the amount of relief granted

12 under the act shall be two hundred forty-four million dollars. The relief

13 shall be in the form of a property tax credit which appears on the

14 property tax statement.

15 (2)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, to determine the amount

16 of the property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the

17 amount disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(a) of this section

18 by the ratio of the real property valuation of the parcel to the total 19 real property valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be the 20 property tax credit for the property.

21 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, to determine the amount of the

22 property tax credit, the county treasurer shall multiply the amount

23 disbursed to the county under subdivision (4)(b) of this section by the

24 ratio of the credit allocation valuation of the parcel to the total

25 credit allocation valuation in the county. The amount determined shall be 26 the property tax credit for the property.

27 (3) If the real property owner qualifies for a homestead exemption

1 under sections 77-3501 to 77-3529, the owner shall also be qualified for

2 the relief provided in the act to the extent of any remaining liability

3 after calculation of the relief provided by the homestead exemption. If

4 the credit results in a property tax liability on the homestead that is

5 less than zero, the amount of the credit which cannot be used by the

6 taxpayer shall be returned to the State Treasurer by July 1 of the year

7 the amount disbursed to the county was disbursed. The State Treasurer

8 shall immediately credit any funds returned under this subsection to the

9 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund. Upon the return of any funds under this

10 subsection, the county treasurer shall electronically file a report with

11 the Property Tax Administrator, on a form prescribed by the Tax

12 Commissioner, indicating the amount of funds distributed to each taxing

13 unit in the county in the year the funds were returned, any collection

14 fee retained by the county in such year, and the amount of unused credits 15 returned

16 (4)(a) For tax years prior to tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to

17 each county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement

18 determined under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio

19 of the real property valuation in the county to the real property

20 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator

21 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each

22 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each

23 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal

24 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before

25 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the

26 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing

27 unit levying taxes on taxable property in the tax district in which the

28 real property is located in the same proportion that the levy of such

29 taxing unit bears to the total levy on taxable property of all the taxing

30 units in the tax district in which the real property is located.

31 (b) Beginning with tax year 2017, the amount disbursed to each

1 county shall be equal to the amount available for disbursement determined

2 under subsection (1) of this section multiplied by the ratio of the

3 credit allocation valuation in the county to the credit allocation

4 valuation in the state. By September 15, the Property Tax Administrator

5 shall determine the amount to be disbursed under this subdivision to each

6 county and certify such amounts to the State Treasurer and to each

7 county. The disbursements to the counties shall occur in two equal

8 payments, the first on or before January 31 and the second on or before

- 9 April 1. After retaining one percent of the receipts for costs, the 10 county treasurer shall allocate the remaining receipts to each taxing 11 unit based on its share of the credits granted to all taxpayers in the
- 11 unit based on its snare of the credits granted to all taxpayers 12 taxing unit.
- 13 (5) For purposes of this section, credit allocation valuation means
- 14 the taxable value for all real property except agricultural land and
- 15 horticultural land, one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
- 16 agricultural land and horticultural land that is not subject to special
- 17 valuation, and one hundred twenty percent of taxable value for
- 18 agricultural land and horticultural land that is subject to special
- 19 valuation.
- 20 (6) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the
- 21 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund one hundred five million dollars by August
- 22 1, 2007, and one hundred fifteen million dollars by August 1, 2008.
- 23 (7) The Legislature shall have the power to transfer funds from the
- 24 Property Tax Credit Cash Fund to the General Fund.
- 25 2. On page 5, line 11, after "individual" insert "whose income meets
- 26 the requirements of subdivision (1)(c) of this section"; and after line
- 27 29 insert the following new subdivision:
- 28 "(c) An individual shall be eligible for the personal exemption
- 29 credit allowed under subdivision (1)(b) of this section if federal
- 30 adjusted gross income is no more than (i) two hundred thousand dollars
- 31 for individuals with a filing status of married filing jointly or (ii)
- 1 one hundred thousand dollars for individuals with any other filing
- 2 status.".
- 3 3. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
- 4 accordingly.

Senator Krist moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 3 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Krist requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Baker	Hansen	Krist	Quick
Bolz	Howard	Morfeld	Walz
Crawford	Kolowski	Pansing Brooks	Wayne

Voting in the negative, 24:

Albrecht	Geist	Kolterman	Riepe	Thibodeau
Brasch	Groene	Lindstrom	Scheer	Watermeier
Brewer	Halloran	Linehan	Schumacher	Williams
Clements	Hilgers	Lowe	Smith	Wishart
Friesen	Hughes	Murante	Stinner	

Present and not voting, 8:

Blood Chambers Harr McCollister Briese Erdman Hilkemann McDonnell

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostelman Ebke Kuehn Larson Vargas

The Krist amendment lost with 12 ayes, 24 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 439. Placed on Final Reading. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 439A.** Placed on Final Reading. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 874.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Anna Wishart, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826. Placed on General File. LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Placed on General File. LEGISLATIVE BILL 982. Placed on General File. LEGISLATIVE BILL 1047. Placed on General File. LEGISLATIVE BILL 1082. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 811. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2216

1 1. On page 3, line 4, after "to" insert "intentionally and

2 knowingly"; and in lines 5 and 18, strike ", directly or indirectly,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 990. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2209

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 28-101 Sections 28-101 to 28-1357 and 28-1601 to 28-1603 and section
- 6 <u>3 of this act</u> shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Criminal 7 Code.
- 8 Sec. 2. Section 28-1201, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 28-1201 For purposes of sections 28-1201 to 28-1212.04 and section 3

- 11 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 12 (1) Firearm means any weapon which is designed to or may readily be
- 13 converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive or frame
- 14 or receiver of any such weapon;
- 15 (2) Fugitive from justice means any person who has fled or is
- 16 fleeing from any peace officer to avoid prosecution or incarceration for 17 a felony;
- 18 (3) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen inches
- 19 in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use of a 20 single hand;
- 21 (4) Juvenile means any person under the age of eighteen years;
- 22 (5) Knife means:
- 23 (a) Any dagger, dirk, knife, or stiletto with a blade over three and
- 24 one-half inches in length and which, in the manner it is used or intended
- 25 to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily injury; or
- 26 (b) Any other dangerous instrument which is capable of inflicting
- 27 cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds and which, in the manner it is used 1 or intended to be used, is capable of producing death or serious bodily 2 injury;
- 3 (6) Knuckles and brass or iron knuckles means any instrument that
- 4 consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and that is
- 5 designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious bodily
- 6 injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the 7 knuckles:
- 8 (7) Machine gun means any firearm, whatever its size and usual
- 9 designation, that shoots automatically more than one shot, without manual 10 reloading, by a single function of the trigger;
- 11 (8) School means a public, private, denominational, or parochial
- 12 elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a private postsecondary
- 13 career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community college, a
- 14 public or private college, a junior college, or a university;
- 15 (9) Short rifle means a rifle having a barrel less than sixteen
- 16 inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six inches; and
- 17 (10) Short shotgun means a shotgun having a barrel or barrels less
- 18 than eighteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six 19 inches
- 20 Sec. 3. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this
- 21 section, a person under the age of twenty-five years who knowingly
- 22 possesses a firearm commits the offense of possession of a firearm by a
- 23 prohibited juvenile offender if he or she has previously been adjudicated
- 24 an offender in juvenile court for an act which would constitute a felony
- 25 or an act which would constitute a misdemeanor crime of domestic
- 26 violence.
- 27 (2) Possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender is a
- 28 Class IV felony for a first offense and a Class IIIA felony for a second
- 29 or subsequent offense.
- 30 (3) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply to the possession
- 31 of firearms by members of the armed forces of the United States, active
- 1 or reserve, National Guard of this state, or Reserve Officers Training

- 2 <u>Corps or peace officers or other duly authorized law enforcement officers</u> 3 when on duty or training.
- 4 (4)(a) Prior to reaching the age of twenty-five years, a person
- 5 subject to the prohibition of subsection (1) of this section may file a
- 6 petition for exemption from such prohibition and thereby have his or her
- 7 right to possess a firearm reinstated. A petitioner who is younger than
- 8 nineteen years of age shall petition the juvenile court in which he or
- 9 she was adjudicated for the underlying offense. A petitioner who is
- 10 nineteen years of age or older shall petition the district court in the
- 11 county in which he or she resides.
- 12 (b) In determining whether to grant a petition filed under
- 13 subdivision (4)(a) of this section, the court shall consider:
- 14 (i) The behavior of the person after the underlying adjudication;
- 15 (ii) The likelihood that the person will engage in further criminal
- 16 activity; and
- 17 (iii) Any other information the court considers relevant.
- 18 (c) The court may grant a petition filed under subdivision (4)(a) of
- 19 this section and issue an order exempting the person from the prohibition
- 20 of subsection (1) of this section when in the opinion of the court the
- 21 order will be in the best interests of the person and consistent with the
- 22 public welfare.
- 23 (5) The fact that a person subject to the prohibition under
- 24 subsection (1) of this section has reached the age of twenty-five or that
- 25 a court has granted a petition under subdivision (4)(a) of this section
- 26 shall not be construed to mean that such adjudication has been set aside.
- 27 Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the setting aside
- 28 of such an adjudication or conviction except as otherwise provided by
- 29 law.
- 30 (6) For purposes of this section, misdemeanor crime of domestic
- 31 violence has the same meaning as in section 28-1206.
- 1 Sec. 4. Section 28-1351, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 2 amended to read:
- 3 28-1351 (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful membership
- 4 recruitment into an organization or association when he or she knowingly
- 5 and intentionally coerces, intimidates, threatens, or inflicts bodily
- 6 harm upon another person in order to entice that other person to join or
- 7 prevent that other person from leaving any organization, group,
- 8 enterprise, or association whose members, individually or collectively,
- 9 engage in or have engaged in any of the following criminal acts for the
- 10 benefit of, at the direction of, or on behalf of the organization, group,
- 11 enterprise, or association or any of its members:
- 12 (a) Robbery under section 28-324;
- 13 (b) Arson in the first, second, or third degree under section
- 14 28-502, 28-503, or 28-504, respectively;
- 15 (c) Burglary under section 28-507;
- 16 (d) Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, or
- 17 manslaughter under section 28-303, 28-304, or 28-305, respectively;
- 18 (e) Violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that involve
- 19 possession with intent to deliver, distribution, delivery, or manufacture

- 20 of a controlled substance;
- 21 (f) Unlawful use, possession, or discharge of a firearm or other
- 22 deadly weapon under sections 28-1201 to 28-1212.04 and section 3 of this 23 act;
- 24 (g) Assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree
- 25 under section 28-308 or 28-309, respectively;
- 26 (h) Assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state
- 27 correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services
- 28 employee, or a health care professional in the first, second, or third
- 29 degree under section 28-929, 28-930, or 28-931, respectively, or assault
- 30 on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a
- 31 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care
- 1 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01;
- 2 (i) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition under section 28-511;
- 3 (j) Theft by receiving stolen property under section 28-517;
- 4 (k) Theft by deception under section 28-512;
- 5 (l) Theft by extortion under section 28-513;
- 6 (m) Kidnapping under section 28-313;
- 7 (n) Any forgery offense under sections 28-602 to 28-605;
- 8 (o) Criminal impersonation under section 28-638;
- 9 (p) Tampering with a publicly exhibited contest under section 10 28-614:
- 11 (q) Unauthorized use of a financial transaction device or criminal
- 12 possession of a financial transaction device under section 28-620 or
- 13 28-621, respectively;
- 14 (r) Pandering under section 28-802;
- 15 (s) Bribery, bribery of a witness, or bribery of a juror under
- 16 section 28-917, 28-918, or 28-920, respectively;
- 17 (t) Tampering with a witness or an informant or jury tampering under 18 section 28-919;
- 19 (u) Unauthorized application of graffiti under section 28-524;
- 20 (v) Dogfighting, cockfighting, bearbaiting, or pitting an animal
- 21 against another under section 28-1005; or
- 22 (w) Promoting gambling in the first degree under section 28-1102.
- 23 (2) Unlawful membership recruitment into an organization or
- 24 association is a Class IV felony.
- 25 Sec. 5. Section 28-1354, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 26 amended to read:
- 27 28-1354 For purposes of the Public Protection Act:
- 28 (1) Enterprise means any individual, sole proprietorship,
- 29 partnership, corporation, trust, association, or any legal entity, union,
- 30 or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity,
- 31 and shall include illicit as well as licit enterprises as well as other 1 entities:
- 2 (2) Pattern of racketeering activity means a cumulative loss for one
- 3 or more victims or gains for the enterprise of not less than one thousand
- 4 five hundred dollars resulting from at least two acts of racketeering
- 5 activity, one of which occurred after August 30, 2009, and the last of
- 6 which occurred within ten years, excluding any period of imprisonment,

7 after the commission of a prior act of racketeering activity; 8 (3) Until January 1, 2017, person means any individual or entity, as 9 defined in section 21-2014, holding or capable of holding a legal, 10 equitable, or beneficial interest in property. Beginning January 1, 2017, 11 person means any individual or entity, as defined in section 21-214, 12 holding or capable of holding a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest 13 in property; 14 (4) Prosecutor includes the Attorney General of the State of 15 Nebraska, the deputy attorney general, assistant attorneys general, a 16 county attorney, a deputy county attorney, or any person so designated by 17 the Attorney General, a county attorney, or a court of the state to carry 18 out the powers conferred by the act; 19 (5) Racketeering activity includes the commission of, criminal 20 attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, aiding and abetting in the 21 commission of, aiding in the consummation of, acting as an accessory to 22 the commission of, or the solicitation, coercion, or intimidation of 23 another to commit or aid in the commission of any of the following: 24 (a) Offenses against the person which include: Murder in the first 25 degree under section 28-303; murder in the second degree under section 26 28-304; manslaughter under section 28-305; assault in the first degree 27 under section 28-308; assault in the second degree under section 28-309; 28 assault in the third degree under section 28-310; terroristic threats 29 under section 28-311.01; kidnapping under section 28-313; false 30 imprisonment in the first degree under section 28-314; false imprisonment 31 in the second degree under section 28-315; sexual assault in the first 1 degree under section 28-319; and robbery under section 28-324; 2 (b) Offenses relating to controlled substances which include: To 3 unlawfully manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with 4 intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled 5 substance under subsection (1) of section 28-416; possession of marijuana 6 weighing more than one pound under subsection (12) of section 28-416; 7 possession of money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation 8 of subsection (1) of section 28-416 prohibited under subsection (17) of 9 section 28-416; any violation of section 28-418; to unlawfully 10 manufacture, distribute, deliver, or possess with intent to distribute or 11 deliver an imitation controlled substance under section 28-445; 12 possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture 13 methamphetamine under section 28-451; and possession of ephedrine, 14 pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine with the intent to manufacture 15 methamphetamine under section 28-452; 16 (c) Offenses against property which include: Arson in the first 17 degree under section 28-502; arson in the second degree under section 18 28-503; arson in the third degree under section 28-504; burglary under 19 section 28-507; theft by unlawful taking or disposition under section 20 28-511; theft by shoplifting under section 28-511.01; theft by deception 21 under section 28-512; theft by extortion under section 28-513; theft of 22 services under section 28-515; theft by receiving stolen property under

23 section 28-517; criminal mischief under section 28-519; and unlawfully 24 depriving or obtaining property or services using a computer under

25 section 28-1344;

26 (d) Offenses involving fraud which include: Burning to defraud an 27 insurer under section 28-505; forgery in the first degree under section 28 28-602; forgery in the second degree under section 28-603; criminal 29 possession of a forged instrument under section 28-604; criminal 30 possession of written instrument forgery devices under section 28-605; 31 criminal impersonation under section 28-638; identity theft under section 1 28-639; identity fraud under section 28-640; false statement or book 2 entry under section 28-612; tampering with a publicly exhibited contest 3 under section 28-614; issuing a false financial statement for purposes of 4 obtaining a financial transaction device under section 28-619; 5 unauthorized use of a financial transaction device under section 28-620; 6 criminal possession of a financial transaction device under section 7 28-621; unlawful circulation of a financial transaction device in the 8 first degree under section 28-622; unlawful circulation of a financial 9 transaction device in the second degree under section 28-623; criminal 10 possession of a blank financial transaction device under section 28-624; 11 criminal sale of a blank financial transaction device under section 12 28-625; criminal possession of a financial transaction forgery device 13 under section 28-626; unlawful manufacture of a financial transaction 14 device under section 28-627; laundering of sales forms under section 15 28-628; unlawful acquisition of sales form processing services under 16 section 28-629; unlawful factoring of a financial transaction device 17 under section 28-630; and fraudulent insurance acts under section 28-631; 18 (e) Offenses involving governmental operations which include: Abuse 19 of public records under section 28-911; perjury or subornation of perjury 20 under section 28-915; bribery under section 28-917; bribery of a witness 21 under section 28-918; tampering with a witness or informant or jury 22 tampering under section 28-919; bribery of a juror under section 28-920; 23 assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional 24 employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health 25 care professional in the first degree under section 28-929; assault on an 26 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 27 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 28 professional in the second degree under section 28-930; assault on an 29 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 30 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 31 professional in the third degree under section 28-931; and assault on an 1 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 2 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 3 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01; 4 (f) Offenses involving gambling which include: Promoting gambling in 5 the first degree under section 28-1102; possession of gambling records 6 under section 28-1105; gambling debt collection under section 28-1105.01; 7 and possession of a gambling device under section 28-1107; 8 (g) Offenses relating to firearms, weapons, and explosives which 9 include: Carrying a concealed weapon under section 28-1202; 10 transportation or possession of machine guns, short rifles, or short 11 shotguns under section 28-1203; unlawful possession of a handgun under

- 12 section 28-1204; unlawful transfer of a firearm to a juvenile under
- 13 section 28-1204.01; using a deadly weapon to commit a felony or
- 14 possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony under
- 15 section 28-1205; possession of a deadly weapon by a prohibited person
- 16 under section 28-1206; possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile
- 17 offender under section 3 of this act; possession of a defaced firearm
- 18 under section 28-1207; defacing a firearm under section 28-1208; unlawful
- 19 discharge of a firearm under section 28-1212.02; possession, receipt, 20 retention, or disposition of a stolen firearm under section 28-1212.03;
- 21 unlawful naggaggian of avalagiva materials in the first daggae under
- 21 unlawful possession of explosive materials in the first degree under
- 22 section 28-1215; unlawful possession of explosive materials in the second
- 23 degree under section 28-1216; unlawful sale of explosives under section
- 24 28-1217; use of explosives without a permit under section 28-1218;
- 25 obtaining an explosives permit through false representations under
- 26 section 28-1219; possession of a destructive device under section
- 27 28-1220; threatening the use of explosives or placing a false bomb under
- 28 section 28-1221; using explosives to commit a felony under section
- 29 28-1222; using explosives to damage or destroy property under section
- 30 28-1223; and using explosives to kill or injure any person under section 31 28-1224;
- 1 (h) Any violation of the Securities Act of Nebraska pursuant to 2 section 8-1117;
- 3 (i) Any violation of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 pursuant to 4 section 77-2713:
- 5 (i) Offenses relating to public health and morals which include:
- 6 Prostitution under section 28-801; pandering under section 28-802;
- 7 keeping a place of prostitution under section 28-804; labor trafficking,
- 8 sex trafficking, labor trafficking of a minor, or sex trafficking of a
- 9 minor under section 28-831; a violation of section 28-1005; and any act
- 10 relating to the visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct prohibited
- 11 in the Child Pornography Prevention Act; and
- 12 (k) A violation of the Computer Crimes Act;
- 13 (6) State means the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision
- 14 or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof; and
- 15 (7) Unlawful debt means a debt of at least one thousand five hundred 16 dollars:
- 17 (a) Incurred or contracted in gambling activity which was in
- 18 violation of federal law or the law of the state or which is
- 19 unenforceable under state or federal law in whole or in part as to
- 20 principal or interest because of the laws relating to usury; or
- 21 (b) Which was incurred in connection with the business of gambling
- 22 in violation of federal law or the law of the state or the business of
- 23 lending money or a thing of value at a rate usurious under state law if
- 24 the usurious rate is at least twice the enforceable rate.
- 25 Sec. 6. (1) When the petition alleges the juvenile committed an act
- 26 which would constitute a felony or an act which would constitute a
- 27 misdemeanor crime of domestic violence, the court shall explain the
- 28 specific legal consequences that an adjudication for such an act will
- 29 have on the juvenile's right to possess a firearm. The court shall

- 30 provide such explanation at the earlier of:
- 31 (a) The juvenile's first court appearance or, if the juvenile is not
- 1 present in the court at the time of the first appearance, by written
- 2 notice sent by regular mail to the juvenile's last-known address; or
- 3 (b) Prior to adjudication.
- 4 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 5 (a) Firearm has the same meaning as in section 28-1201; and
- 6 (b) Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence has the same meaning as 7 in section 28-1206.
- 8 Sec. 7. Section 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, is
- 9 amended to read:
- 10 43-2,129 Sections 43-245 to 43-2,129 and section 6 of this act shall
- 11 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Juvenile Code.
- 12 Sec. 8. Original sections 28-1351 and 28-1354, Reissue Revised
- 13 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-1201, and 43-2,129, Revised
- 14 Statutes Supplement, 2017, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1112. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2070

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 4. Section 43-2404.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 3 amended to read:
- 4 43-2404.01 (1) To be eligible for participation in either the
- 5 Commission Grant Program or the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid
- 6 Program, a comprehensive juvenile services plan shall be developed,
- 7 adopted, and submitted to the commission in accordance with the federal
- 8 act and rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission
- 9 in consultation with the Director of the Community-based Juvenile
- 10 Services Aid Program, the Director of Juvenile Diversion Programs, the
- 11 Office of Probation Administration, and the University of Nebraska at
- 12 Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute. Such plan may be developed by eligible
- 13 applicants for the Commission Grant Program and by individual counties,
- 14 by multiple counties, by federally recognized or state-recognized Indian
- 15 tribes, or by any combination of the three for the Community-based
- 16 Juvenile Services Aid Program. Comprehensive juvenile services plans 17 shall:
- 18 (a) Be developed by a comprehensive community team representing
- 19 juvenile justice system stakeholders;
- 20 (b) Be based on data relevant to juvenile and family issues,
- 21 including an examination of disproportionate minority contact as provided
- 22 in 34 U.S.C. 11133(a)(22);
- 23 (c) Identify policies and practices that are research-based or
- 24 standardized and reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which
- 25 have been researched and demonstrate positive outcomes;
- 26 (d) Identify clear implementation strategies; and
- 27 (e) Identify how the impact of the program or service will be 1 measured.
- 2 (2) Any portion of the comprehensive juvenile services plan dealing
- 3 with administration, procedures, and programs of the juvenile court shall

4 not be submitted to the commission without the concurrence of the 5 presiding judge or judges of the court or courts having jurisdiction in 6 juvenile cases for the geographic area to be served. Programs or services 7 established by such plans shall conform to the family policy tenets 8 prescribed in sections 43-532 and 43-533 and shall include policies and 9 practices that are research-based or standardized and reliable and are 10 implemented with fidelity and which have been researched and demonstrate 11 positive outcomes.

12 (3) The commission, in consultation with the University of Nebraska 13 at Omaha, Juvenile Justice Institute, shall contract for the development 14 and administration of a statewide system to monitor and evaluate the 15 effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from (a) the 16 Commission Grant Program and (b) the Community-based Juvenile Services 17 Aid Program in preventing persons from entering the juvenile justice 18 system and in rehabilitating juvenile offenders, including an examination 19 of disproportionate minority contact as provided in 34 U.S.C. 11133(a) 20 (22).

 $21\overline{(4)}$ There is established within the commission the position of

- 22 Director of the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, appointed
- 23 by the executive director of the commission. The director shall have
- 24 extensive experience in developing and providing community-based 25 services.
- 26 (5) The director shall be supervised by the executive director of
- 27 the commission. The director shall:
- 28 (a) Provide technical assistance and guidance for the development of 29 comprehensive juvenile services plans;
- 30 (b) Coordinate the review of the Community-based Juvenile Services
- 31 Aid Program application as provided in section 43-2404.02 and make
- 1 recommendations for the distribution of funds provided under the
- 2 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program, giving priority to those
- 3 grant applications funding programs and services that will divert
- 4 juveniles from the juvenile justice system, impact and effectively treat
- 5 juveniles within the juvenile justice system, and reduce the juvenile
- 6 detention population or assist juveniles in transitioning from out-of-
- 7 home placements to in-home treatments. The director shall ensure that no
- 8 funds appropriated or distributed under the Community-based Juvenile
- 9 Services Aid Program are used for purposes prohibited under subsection 10 (3) of section 43-2404.02;
- 11 (c) Develop data collection and evaluation protocols, oversee
- 12 statewide data collection, and generate an annual report on the
- 13 effectiveness of juvenile services that receive funds from the Community-
- 14 based Juvenile Services Aid Program, including an examination of
- 15 disproportionate minority contact as provided in 34 U.S.C. 11133(a)(22);
- 16 (d) Develop relationships and collaborate with juvenile justice
- 17 system stakeholders, provide education and training as necessary, and
- 18 serve on boards and committees when approved by the commission;
- 19 (e) Assist juvenile justice system stakeholders in developing
- 20 policies and practices that are research-based or standardized and
- 21 reliable and are implemented with fidelity and which have been researched

- 22 and demonstrate positive outcomes, including an examination of
- 23 disproportionate minority contact as provided in 34 U.S.C. 11133(a)(22);
- 24 (f) Develop and coordinate a statewide working group as a
- 25 subcommittee of the coalition to assist in regular strategic planning
- 26 related to supporting, funding, monitoring, and evaluating the
- 27 effectiveness of plans and programs receiving funds from the Community-
- 28 based Juvenile Services Aid Program; and
- 29 (g) Work with the coordinator for the coalition in facilitating the
- 30 coalition's obligations under the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid 31 Program.
- 1 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer 2 accordingly.

(Signed) Laura Ebke, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 379. Placed on Select File with amendment. ER119

- 1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike "funds" and insert "government"; in 2 line 2 strike "81-3714" and insert "13-2704.01"; and in line 4 strike
- 3 "transfer funds" and insert "provide for grants from the Civic and 4 Community Center Financing Fund".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 697. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Anna Wishart, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bolz filed the following amendment to <u>LB944</u>: AM2274

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1699)

- 1 1. On page 48, strike lines 5 through 18 and insert:
- 2 "No funds appropriated or distributed under the Federal Title X
- 3 program shall be used for abortion or abortion counseling.
- 4 No funds shall be granted to an organization that performs, assists
- 5 with the performance of, or provides directive counseling in favor of
- 6 abortion. Organizations may provide neutral, factual information,
- 7 nondirective counseling, or referral upon request. An otherwise qualified
- 8 <u>organization shall not be disqualified from receipt of Title X funds when</u>
- 9 the organization can demonstrate objective independence. Objective
- 10 independence includes legal, physical, and financial separation between
- 11 the provision of abortion services and the services provided with Title X
- 13 It is the intent of the Legislature that Title X funds shall be
- 14 distributed statewide and that the Department of Health and Human
- 15 Services shall ensure that a network is maintained that is sufficient in
- 16 numbers and types of providers to assure that Title X services will be
- 17 accessible without unreasonable delay.".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1090. Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO251

Reconsider the vote taken on AM2255.

The Chambers motion to reconsider failed with 5 ayes, 21 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO250

Indefinitely postpone.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Smith filed the following amendment to $\underline{LB44}$: AM2261

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 77-2701.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 77-2701.13 (1) Engaged in business in this state means conducting
- 6 operations in this state that exceed the level of activity required under
- 7 the commerce clause and due process clause of the United States
- 8 Constitution for a state to enforce collection responsibility on a
- 9 retailer and includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:
- 10 (a) (1) Maintaining, occupying, or using, permanently or
- 11 temporarily, directly or indirectly, or through a subsidiary or agent, by
- 12 whatever name called, an office, place of distribution, sales or sample
- 13 room or place, warehouse, storage place, or other place of business in 14 this state;
- 15 (b) (2) Having any representative, agent, salesperson, canvasser, or
- 16 solicitor operating in this state under the authority of the retailer or
- 17 its subsidiary for the purpose of selling, delivering, or taking orders 18 for any property;
- 19 (c) (3) Deriving rentals from a lease of property in this state by
- 20 any retailer; 21 (d) (4) Soliciting retail sales of property from residents of this
- 22 state on a continuous, regular, or systematic basis by means of
- 23 advertising which is broadcast from or relayed from a transmitter within
- 24 this state or distributed from a location within this state;
- 25 (e) (5) Soliciting or facilitating orders from or sales to residents
- 26 of this state for property by mail, if the activities solicitations are
- 1 continuous, regular, seasonal, or systematic or and if the retailer
- 2 benefits from any banking, financing, debt collection, or marketing

- 3 activities occurring in this state or benefits from the location in this
- 4 state of authorized installation, servicing, or repair facilities;
- 5 (f) (6) Being owned or controlled by the same interests which own or
- 6 control any retailer engaged in business in the same or similar line of 7 business in this state; or
- 8 (g) (7) Maintaining or having a franchisee or licensee operating
- 9 under the retailer's trade name in this state if the franchisee or
- 10 licensee is required to collect the tax under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 11 1967.
- 12 (2) A person who lacks a physical presence in this state and who
- 13 makes, solicits, or facilitates orders from this state of property
- 14 subject to state and local sales or use taxes in this state or who makes,
- 15 solicits, or facilitates retail sales of property subject to state and
- 16 local sales or use taxes in this state shall be deemed to be engaged in
- 17 business in this state if:
- 18 (a) Such person's total retail sales or property subject to state
- 19 and local sales or use taxes in this state exceeded one hundred thousand
- 20 dollars in the previous or current calendar year; or
- 21 (b) Such person made, solicited, or facilitated retail sales subject
- 22 to state and local sales or use taxes in this state in two hundred or
- 23 more separate transactions in the previous or current calendar year.
- 24 (3) The changes made in this section by this legislative bill become
- 25 operative on the first day of the second calendar quarter after a
- 26 controlling United States Supreme Court decision or federal legislation
- 27 alters the physical presence requirement of Quill Corp. v. North Dakota,
- 28 504 U.S. 298 (1992).
- 29 Sec. 2. Section 77-2701.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read:
- 31 77-2701.32 (1) Retailer means any seller.
- 1 (2) To facilitate the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue
- 2 Act of 1967, the following persons have the duties and responsibilities
- 3 of sellers for the purposes of sales and use taxes:
- 4 (a) Any person in the business of making sales subject to tax under
- 5 section 77-2703 at auction of property owned by the person or others;
- 6 (b) Any person collecting the proceeds of the auction, other than
- 7 the owner of the property, together with his or her principal, if any,
- 8 when the person collecting the proceeds of the auction is not the
- 9 auctioneer or an agent or employee of the auctioneer. The seller does not 10 include the auctioneer in such case;
- 11 (c) Every person who has elected to be considered a retailer
- 12 pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10;
- 13 (d) Every person operating, organizing, or promoting a flea market,
- 14 craft show, fair, or similar event; and
- 15 (e) Every person engaged in the business of providing any service
- 16 defined in subsection (4) of section 77-2701.16; and -
- 17 (f) Every person making or facilitating sales in or into this state.
- 18 (3) For the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of
- 19 1967, the following persons do not have the duties and responsibilities
- 20 of a seller for purposes of sales and use taxes:

- 21 (a) Any person who leases or rents films when an admission tax is
- 22 charged under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967;
- 23 (b) Any person who leases or rents railroad rolling stock
- 24 interchanged pursuant to the provisions of the federal Interstate
- 25 Commerce Act;
- 26 (c) Any person engaged in the business of furnishing rooms in a
- 27 facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act in which
- 28 rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished for a
- 29 consideration or a facility operated by an educational institution
- 30 established under Chapter 79 or Chapter 85 in which rooms are regularly
- 31 used to house students for a consideration for periods in excess of 1 thirty days; or
- 2 (d) Any person making sales at a flea market, craft show, fair, or
- 3 similar event when such person does not have a sales tax permit and has
- 4 arranged to pay sales taxes collected to the person operating,
- 5 organizing, or promoting such event.
- 6 (4) The changes made in this section by this legislative bill become
- 7 operative on the first day of the second calendar quarter after a
- 8 controlling United States Supreme Court decision or federal legislation
- 9 <u>alters the physical presence requirement of Quill Corp. v. North Dakota,</u> 10 504 U.S. 298 (1992).
- 11 Sec. 3. Original sections 77-2701.13 and 77-2701.32, Reissue
- 12 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
- 13 2. On page 1, strike lines 3 through 10 and insert "redefine the
- 14 term engaged in business in this state for purposes of sales and use
- 15 taxes; to change the persons who have certain duties and responsibilities
- 16 relating to sales and use taxes; to provide operative dates for statutory
- 17 changes as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Quick name added to LB1132.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were 30 members of the Young Professionals Group from Lincoln; University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball coach, John Cook, and Michelle Waite from the University of Nebraska; 56 fourth-grade students from Walnut Creek Elementary, Papillion; 20 members of the Nemaha County Leadership and Nebraska City Leadership Groups; 15 University of Nebraska ALEC students and teacher from Lincoln; 40 high school band students from Concordia Christian in Omaha; and 31 fourth-grade students from Holy Name School, Omaha.

RECESS

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hansen, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Foley presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Kuehn and Vargas who were excused; and Senators Groene, Kolowski, Larson, McCollister, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Stinner, and Wayne who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration with the following amendment: AM2179

- 1 1. Strike the original provisions and insert the following new 2 provisions:
- 3 WHEREAS, an individual residing at Life Quest at the Coolidge
- 4 Center, a state-licensed care facility in Palmer, died on September 3,
- 5 2017, after three days of life-threatening symptoms; and
- 6 WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services produced an
- 7 eighty-one page report of violations found during inspections in June and
- 8 July of 2017 and another six-page report after a visit in September of
- 9 2017. These reports were not released until officials revoked the
- 10 facility's mental health care license on October 5, 2017, a month after
- 11 the incident occurred. The revocation took effect fifteen days later; and
- 12 WHEREAS, the report indicates that the Department of Health and
- 13 Human Services knew of multiple violations in the months preceding the
- 14 closure of this facility. If more immediate action had been taken to
- 15 remedy these violations or draw attention to the inequities in quality of
- 16 care standards, a life could have been saved; and
- 17 WHEREAS, the circumstances surrounding this event have garnered
- 18 media attention throughout Nebraska, along with scrutiny from the public.
- 19 This care facility, as well as multiple others in the past few years,
- 20 including Hotel Pawnee in North Platte and Park View Villa in Gothenburg,
- 21 have been shut down due to violations regarding maintenance, cleanliness,
- 22 and personnel issues; and
- 23 WHEREAS, the individuals affected by these policies are some of the
- 24 most vulnerable in our community. The citizens of Nebraska have a right
- 25 to know the standard of care to which our governmental organizations are
- 26 held, including, but not limited to, policies, procedures, and
- 27 regulations regarding oversight of assisted living facilities and mental

1 health centers; and

2 WHEREAS, under Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

3 it is illegal for public entities, namely state and local governments, to

4 deny the benefits of programs, services, or activities to qualified

5 individuals with disabilities; and

6 WHEREAS, the regulations which implement Title II mandate that state

7 governments administer services "in the most integrated settings

8 appropriate to the needs of qualified individuals with disabilities"; and

9 WHEREAS, the integration mandate in the ADA is implicated when a

10 public entity administers its programs in a manner that results in

11 unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities; and

12 WHEREAS, a public entity may violate the integration mandate in the

13 ADA when it: (1) Directly or indirectly operates facilities or programs

14 that segregate individuals with disabilities; (2) finances the

15 segregation of individuals with disabilities in private facilities; or

16 (3) through planning, service system design, funding choices, or service

17 implementation practices, promotes or relies upon the segregation of

18 individuals with disabilities in private facilities or programs.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED

20 FIFTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

21 1. That the Legislature hereby calls for the Executive Board of the

22 Legislative Council to meet forthwith and appoint a special committee of

23 the Legislature to be known as the State-Licensed Care Facilities

24 Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The committee shall consist of

25 seven members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board. The

26 committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from the

27 membership of the committee. The Executive Board is hereby authorized to

28 provide the committee with a legal counsel, committee clerk, and other

29 staff as required by the committee from existing legislative staff.

30 2. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee shall

31 limit the scope of its inquiry to assisted living facilities where many

1 of the residents are diagnosed with a mental illness. The oversight

2 committee shall also examine the recent closures of the mental health

2 committee shall also examine the recent closures of the mental health

3 centers known as Life Quest, located in Palmer and Blue Hill.

4 3. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the

5 Legislature is hereby authorized to study the lack of adequate conditions

6 of state-licensed care facilities, the treatment of individuals residing

7 in such facilities, the effectiveness of regulation and licensure by the

8 Division of Public Health in providing oversight, and how the Department

9 of Health and Human Services implements and administers its behavioral

10 health services through the behavioral health regions to address the

11 needs of this vulnerable population. The committee shall also investigate

12 what steps the department has taken to advance the recommendations

13 proposed by the Technical Assistance Collaborative as a consultant to the

14 department, namely, the reasons that assisted living facilities are the

15 primary residential options for individuals with severe and persistent

16 mental illness and alternatives such as permanent supportive housing and

17 services do not exist. The committee shall also investigate whether the

18 department is taking adequate steps to ensure behavioral health services

- 19 are administered in the most integrated setting pursuant to the ADA. The
- 20 committee shall utilize existing studies, reports, and legislation
- 21 developed to address the current conditions. The committee shall not be
- 22 limited to such studies, reports, or legislation.
- 23 4. The State-Licensed Care Facilities Oversight Committee of the
- 24 Legislature shall issue a report with its findings and recommendations to
- 25 the Legislature on or before December 15, 2018.

(Signed) Dan Watermeier, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team is the back-to-back champion of the Class D-2 Girls' State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, this year's 57-51 championship victory took place on March 3, 2018, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, this is the sixth state title for the girls' basketball team in school history; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Luke Santo led the team to an outstanding 27-1 season: and

WHEREAS, throughout the season, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish team has demonstrated that hard work, dedication, and discipline produce remarkable results; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish team members are positive role models for young athletes in their community and throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community.

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

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team and its coaches.
 - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Head Coach Luke Santo.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1090. Senator Chambers withdrew his motion, MO250, found in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 10 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 808. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1907, found on page 757, was offered.

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

The committee amendment lost with 0 ayes, 19 nays, 24 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Friesen offered the following amendment: AM2312

- 1 1. Strike original section 6 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 6. The State Treasurer shall transfer fifty thousand dollars
- 3 from the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to the Community Food
- 4 Production Water Fund for each of fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- 5 2. On page 5, line 14, after "purpose" insert ", except that the 6 department may expend not more than five thousand dollars each fiscal
- 7 year for costs incurred by the department in the administration of the
- 8 fund".

Pending.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 993. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1908, found on page 748, was offered.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1008. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 37-613, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 4 amended to read:
- 5 37-613 (1) Any person who sells, purchases, takes, or possesses
- 6 contrary to the Game Law any wildlife shall be liable to the State of
- 7 Nebraska for the damages caused thereby. Such damages shall be:
- 8 (a) Twenty-five Fifteen thousand dollars for each mountain sheep;
- 9 (b) Ten Five thousand dollars for each elk with a minimum of twelve
- 10 total points and three one thousand five hundred dollars for any other 11 elk:
- 12 (c) Ten Five thousand dollars for each whitetail deer with a minimum
- 13 of eight total points and an inside spread between beams of at least
- 14 sixteen eighteen inches, two one thousand dollars for any other antlered
- 15 whitetail deer, and five hundred two hundred fifty dollars for each
- 16 antlerless whitetail deer and whitetail doe deer;

- 17 (d) Ten Five thousand dollars for each mule deer with a minimum of
- 18 eight total points and an inside spread between beams of at least twenty-
- 19 two twenty four inches and two one thousand dollars for any other mule 20 deer;
- 21 (e) Five thousand dollars for each antelope with the shortest horn
- 22 measuring a minimum of fourteen inches in length and one thousand dollars
- 23 for any other antelope;
- 24 (f) One thousand five hundred dollars for each bear or moose or each
- 25 individual animal of any threatened or endangered species of wildlife not
- 26 otherwise listed in this subsection;
- 27 (g) Five thousand hundred dollars for each mountain lion, lynx,
- 1 bobcat, river otter, or raw pelt thereof;
- 2 (h) Twenty-five dollars for each raccoon, opossum, skunk, or raw 3 pelt thereof;
- 4 (i) Five thousand dollars for each eagle;
- 5 (j) Five One hundred dollars for each wild turkey;
- 6 (k) Twenty-five dollars for each dove;
- 7 (1) Seventy-five dollars for each other game bird, other game
- 8 animal, other fur-bearing animal, raw pelt thereof, or nongame wildlife
- 9 in need of conservation as designated by the commission pursuant to
- 10 section 37-805, not otherwise listed in this subsection;
- 11 (m) Fifty dollars for each wild bird not otherwise listed in this
- 12 subsection;
- 13 (n) Seven hundred fifty dollars for each swan or paddlefish;
- 14 (o) Two hundred dollars for each master angler fish measuring more
- 15 than twelve inches in length;
- 16 (p) Fifty dollars for each game fish measuring more than twelve
- 17 inches in length not otherwise listed in this subsection;
- 18 (q) Twenty-five dollars for each other game fish; and
- 19 (r) Fifty dollars for any other species of game not otherwise listed
- 20 in this subsection.
- 21 (2) The commission shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
- 22 to provide for a list of master angler fish which are subject to this
- 23 section and to prescribe guidelines for measurements and point
- 24 determinations as required by this section. The commission may adopt a
- 25 scoring system which is uniformly recognized for this purpose.
- 26 (3) Such damages may be collected by the commission by civil action.
- 27 In every case of conviction for any of such offenses, the court or
- 28 magistrate before whom such conviction is obtained shall further enter
- 29 judgment in favor of the State of Nebraska and against the defendant for
- 30 liquidated damages in the amount set forth in this section and collect
- 31 such damages by execution or otherwise. Failure to obtain conviction on a
- 1 criminal charge shall not bar a separate civil action for such liquidated
- 2 damages. Damages collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to
- 3 the secretary of the commission who shall remit them to the State
- 4 Treasurer for credit to the State Game Fund.
- 5 Sec. 2. Section 57-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:
- 7 57-904 There is hereby established the Nebraska Oil and Gas

- 8 Conservation Commission. The commission shall consist of three members to 9 be appointed by the Governor. The director of the state geological survey 10 shall serve the commission in the capacity as its technical advisor, but 11 with no power to vote. Any two commissioners shall constitute a quorum 12 for all purposes. At least one member of the commission shall have had 13 experience in the production of oil or gas and shall have resided in the 14 State of Nebraska for at least one year. Each of the other members of the 15 commission shall have resided in the State of Nebraska for at least three 16 years. Initially, two of said members shall be appointed for a term of 17 two years each; and one shall be appointed for a term of four years. At 18 the expiration of the initial terms all members thereafter appointed 19 shall serve for a term of four years. The Governor may at any time remove
- 20 any appointed member of the commission for cause, and by appointment, 21 with the approval of the Legislature, shall fill any vacancy on the
- 21 with the approval of the Legislature, shall fill any vacancy on the 22 commission.
- 23 The members of the commission shall receive as compensation for
- 24 their services <u>not more than four hundred</u> the sum of fifty dollars per 25 day for each day actually devoted to the business of the commission,
- 26 except; Provided, that they shall not receive a sum in any one year in
- 27 excess of <u>four</u> two thousand dollars each. In addition, each member of the
- 28 commission shall be reimbursed for his or her actual and necessary
- 29 traveling and other expenses incurred in connection with the carrying out 30 of his or her duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177—for state 31 employees.
- 1 Sec. 3. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the public
- 2 power industry as defined in section 70-601 and the Nebraska Power Review
- 3 Board may withhold competitive or proprietary information which would
- 4 give an advantage to business competitors. Competitive information is
- 5 <u>information which a reasonable person, knowledgeable of the electric</u>
- 6 <u>utility industry</u>, <u>could conclude gives an advantage to business</u> 7 <u>competitors</u>.
- 8 (2) Any request for records described in this section shall be
- 9 subject to the procedures for public record requests provided in sections 10 84-712 to 84-712.09.
- 11 Sec. 4. Section 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 12 2016, is amended to read:
- 13 70-1015 (1) If any supplier violates Chapter 70, article 10, by
- 14 either (a) (1) commencing the construction or finalizing or attempting to
- 15 finalize the acquisition of any generation facilities, any transmission
- 16 lines, or any related facilities without first providing notice or
- 17 obtaining board approval, whichever is required, or (b) (2) serving or
- 18 attempting to serve at retail any customers located in Nebraska or any
- 19 wholesale customers in violation of section 70-1002.02, such
- 20 construction, acquisition, or service of such customers shall be enjoined
- 21 in an action brought in the name of the State of Nebraska until such
- 22 supplier has complied with Chapter 70, article 10.
- 23 (2) If the executive director of the board determines that a private
- 24 <u>electric supplier commenced construction of a privately developed</u>
- 25 renewable energy generation facility less than thirty days prior to

- 26 providing the notice required in subdivision (1)(a) of section 27 70-1014.02, the executive director shall send notice via certified mail 28 to the private electric supplier, informing it of the determination that 29 the private electric supplier is in violation of such subdivision and is 30 subject to a fine in the amount of five hundred dollars. The private 31 electric supplier shall have twenty days from the date on which the 1 notice is received in which to submit the notice described in such 2 subdivision and to pay the fine. Within ten days after the private 3 electric supplier submits a notice compliant with the provisions of 4 subsection (1) of section 70-1014.02 and payment of the fine, the 5 executive director of the board shall issue the written acknowledgment 6 described in subsection (2) of section 70-1014.02. If the private 7 electric supplier fails to submit a notice compliant with the provisions 8 of subsection (1) of section 70-1014.02 and pay the fine within twenty 9 days after the date on which the private electric supplier receives the 10 notice from the executive director of the board, the private electric 11 supplier shall immediately cease construction or operation of the 12 privately developed renewable energy generation facility. 13 (3) If the private electric supplier disputes that construction was 14 commenced less than thirty days prior to submitting the written notice 15 required by subdivision (1)(a) of section 70-1014.02, the private 16 electric supplier may request a hearing before the board. Such request 17 shall be submitted within twenty days after the private electric supplier 18 receives the notice sent by the executive director pursuant to subsection 19 (2) of this section. If the private electric supplier does not accept the 20 certified mail sent pursuant to such subsection, the executive director 21 shall send a second notice to the private electric supplier by first-22 class United States mail. The private electric supplier may submit a 23 request for hearing within twenty days after the date on which the second 24 notice was mailed. 25 (4) Upon receipt of a request for hearing, the board shall set a 26 hearing date. Such hearing shall be held within sixty days after such 27 receipt. The board shall provide to the private electric supplier written 28 notice of the hearing at least twenty days prior to the date of the 29 hearing. The board or its hearing officer may grant continuances upon 30 good cause shown or upon the request of the private electric supplier. 31 Timely filing of a request for hearing by a private electric supplier 1 shall stay any further enforcement under this section until the board 2 issues an order pursuant to subsection (5) of this section or the request 3 for hearing is withdrawn. 4 (5) The board shall issue a written decision within sixty days after
- 4 (5) The board shall issue a written decision within sixty days after
 5 conclusion of the hearing. All costs of the hearing shall be paid by the
 6 private electric supplier if (a) the board determines that the private
 7 electric supplier commenced construction of the privately developed
 8 renewable energy generation facility less than thirty days prior to
 9 submitting the written notice required pursuant to subsection (1) of
 10 section 70-1014.02 or (b) the private electric supplier withdraws its
 11 request for hearing prior to the board issuing its decision.
 12 (6) A private electric supplier which the board finds to be in

- 13 violation of the requirements of subsection (1) of section 70-1014.02
- 14 shall either (a) pay the fine described in this section and submit a
- 15 notice compliant with the provisions of subsection (1) of section
- 16 70-1014.02 or (b) immediately cease construction or operation of the
- 17 privately developed renewable energy generation facility.
- 18 Sec. 5. Section 81-15,160, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 19 2016, is amended to read:
- 20 81-15,160 (1) The Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund is
- 21 created. The department shall deduct from the fund amounts sufficient to
- 22 reimburse itself for its costs of administration of the fund. The fund
- 23 shall be administered by the Department of Environmental Quality. The
- 24 fund shall consist of proceeds from the fees imposed pursuant to the
- 25 Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act.
- 26 (2) The fund may be used for purposes which include, but are not
- 27 limited to:
- 28 (a) Technical and financial assistance to political subdivisions for
- 29 creation of recycling systems and for modification of present recycling 30 systems;
- 31 (b) Recycling and waste reduction projects, including public
- 1 education, planning, and technical assistance;
- 2 (c) Market development for recyclable materials separated by
- 3 generators, including public education, planning, and technical
- 4 assistance;
- 5 (d) Capital assistance for establishing private and public
- 6 intermediate processing facilities for recyclable materials and
- 7 facilities using recyclable materials in new products;
- 8 (e) Programs which develop and implement composting of yard waste 9 and composting with sewage sludge;
- 10 (f) Technical assistance for waste reduction and waste exchange for
- 11 waste generators;
- 12 (g) Programs to assist communities and counties to develop and
- 13 implement household hazardous waste management programs;
- 14 (h) Capital assistance for establishing private and public
- 15 facilities to manufacture combustible waste products and to incinerate
- 16 combustible waste to generate and recover energy resources, except that
- 17 no disbursements shall be made under this section for scrap tire
- 18 processing related to tire-derived fuel; and
- 19 (i) Grants for reimbursement of costs to cities of the second class,
- 20 villages, and counties of five thousand or fewer population for the
- 21 deconstruction of abandoned buildings. Eligible deconstruction costs will
- 22 be related to the recovery and processing of recyclable or reusable
- 23 material from the abandoned buildings.
- 24 (3) Grants up to one million five hundred thousand dollars annually
- 25 shall be available until June 30, 2024 2019, for new scrap tire projects
- 26 only, if acceptable scrap tire project applications are received.
- 27 Eligible categories of disbursement under section 81-15,161 may include,
- 28 but are not limited to:
- 29 (a) Reimbursement for the purchase of crumb rubber generated and
- 30 used in Nebraska, with disbursements not to exceed fifty percent of the

- 31 cost of the crumb rubber:
- 1 (b) Reimbursement for the purchase of tire-derived product which
- 2 utilizes a minimum of twenty-five percent recycled tire content, with
- 3 disbursements not to exceed twenty-five percent of the product's retail 4 cost;
- 5 (c) Participation in the capital costs of building, equipment, and
- 6 other capital improvement needs or startup costs for scrap tire
- 7 processing or manufacturing of tire-derived product, with disbursements
- 8 not to exceed fifty percent of such costs or five hundred thousand
- 9 dollars, whichever is less;
- 10 (d) Participation in the capital costs of building, equipment, or
- 11 other startup costs needed to establish collection sites or to collect
- 12 and transport scrap tires, with disbursements not to exceed fifty percent 13 of such costs;
- 14 (e) Cost-sharing for the manufacturing of tire-derived product, with
- 15 disbursements not to exceed twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty
- 16 thousand dollars, whichever is less, to any person annually;
- 17 (f) Cost-sharing for the processing of scrap tires, with
- 18 disbursements not to exceed twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty
- 19 thousand dollars, whichever is less, to any person annually;
- 20 (g) Cost-sharing for the use of scrap tires for civil engineering
- 21 applications for specified projects, with disbursements not to exceed
- 22 twenty dollars per ton or two hundred fifty thousand dollars, whichever
- 23 is less, to any person annually;
- 24 (h) Disbursement to a political subdivision up to one hundred
- 25 percent of costs incurred in cleaning up scrap tire collection and
- 26 disposal sites; and
- 27 (i) Costs related to the study provided in section 81-15,159.01.
- 28 The director shall give preference to projects which utilize scrap
- 29 tires generated and used in Nebraska.
- 30 (4) Priority for grants made under section 81-15,161 shall be given
- 31 to grant proposals demonstrating a formal public/private partnership
- 1 except for grants awarded from fees collected under subsection (6) of 2 section 13-2042.
- 3 (5) Grants awarded from fees collected under subsection (6) of
- 4 section 13-2042 may be renewed for up to a five-year grant period. Such
- 5 applications shall include an updated integrated solid waste management
- 6 plan pursuant to section 13-2032. Annual disbursements are subject to
- 7 available funds and the grantee meeting established grant conditions.
- 8 Priority for such grants shall be given to grant proposals showing
- 9 regional participation and programs which address the first integrated
- 10 solid waste management hierarchy as stated in section 13-2018 which shall
- 11 include toxicity reduction. Disbursements for any one year shall not
- 12 exceed fifty percent of the total fees collected after rebates under
- 13 subsection (6) of section 13-2042 during that year.
- 14 (6) Any person who stores waste tires in violation of section
- 15 13-2033, which storage is the subject of abatement or cleanup, shall be
- 16 liable to the State of Nebraska for the reimbursement of expenses of such
- 17 abatement or cleanup paid by the Department of Environmental Quality.

- 18 (7) The Department of Environmental Quality may receive gifts,
- 19 bequests, and any other contributions for deposit in the Waste Reduction
- 20 and Recycling Incentive Fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the
- 21 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Waste
- 22 Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund available for investment shall be
- 23 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 25 Sec. 6. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 3 of this act
- 26 to Chapter 70, article 6.
- 27 Sec. 7. Sections 1, 2, 5, and 9 of this act become operative three
- 28 calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The
- 29 other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
- 30 Sec. 8. Original section 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 31 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.
- 1 Sec. 9. Original sections 37-613 and 57-904, Reissue Revised
- 2 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-15,160, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2016, are repealed.
- 4 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 5 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1081A. Introduced by Groene, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2017, LB327, section 49; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1081, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second Session, 2018; and to repeal the original section.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341. Introduced by Blood, 3; Albrecht, 17; Baker, 30; Bolz, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Chambers, 11; Clements, 2; Crawford, 45; Ebke, 32; Erdman, 47; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 26; Harr, 8; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Howard, 9; Hughes, 44; Kolowski, 31; Kolterman, 24; Krist, 10; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28; Quick, 35; Scheer, 19; Schumacher, 22; Smith, 14; Stinner, 48; Thibodeau, 6; Walz, 15; Watermeier, 1; Wayne, 13; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, March is Women's History Month and is a time to celebrate the significant contributions women of all races, ethnicities, and backgrounds have made to the world; and WHEREAS, women play a critical role in the vitality and diversity of our communities and are essential to ensuring Nebraska is well-represented; and

WHEREAS, while the twentieth century was a pivotal time of growth for women entering politics, women remain underrepresented in male-dominated fields. Thus, providing opportunities to support women in public office is imperative; and

WHEREAS, recognizing women in public office will bring awareness to the fundamental necessity of their work and will inspire other young people to serve their communities.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 19, 2018, as Celebrating Women in Public Office Day and calls upon the people of this state to unite in supporting the success of women in public office.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Mike Foley proclaimed the week of March 25-31, 2018, to be Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness Week; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, the Nebraska Military Department, and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency sponsored a 2018 Severe Weather Awareness poster contest; and

WHEREAS, more than 900 entries were submitted by fourth graders across the state; and

WHEREAS, Clayton Butler, age 10, of Hemmingford Elementary School in Box Butte County was recognized at the State Capitol on Monday, March 5, 2018, for winning first place in the 2018 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness poster contest; and

WHEREAS, Clayton's poster features a super hero named Blue Lightning, who offers lessons on lightning safety, and a comic strip about Opposite Cooper, a guy who ignores these lessons and keeps getting struck by lightning.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Clayton Butler for winning the 2018 Nebraska Severe Weather Awareness poster contest.
- 2. That the Legislature endorses Blue Lightning's slogan: "Safety is super, so don't be like Cooper!"
- 3. That copies of this resolution be sent to Clayton Butler and Hemmingford Elementary School.

Laid over.

VISITORS

Visitor to the Chamber was Ben Ashman from Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Richard Gustafson from Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:55 p.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 9, 2018.

Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature