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SECOND SESSION**

SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 10, 2018

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ryan Lewis, Daniel Gross Catholic High School, Bellevue.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:30 a.m., President Foley presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostelman who was excused; and Senators Friesen, McCollister, and Watermeier who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Room 1507

Monday, January 22, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB683
LB736
LB741

(Signed) Brett Lindstrom, Chairperson

Judiciary

Room 1113

Friday, January 19, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB792 (cancel)
LB816 (cancel)
LB883 (cancel)

Friday, January 19, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB710
LB847
LB848

(Signed) Laura Ebke, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 181. Considered.

Senator Quick asked unanimous consent to pass over LB181. No objections. So ordered.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB823

Senator Hughes offered his motion, MO156, found on page 182, to withdraw LB823.

The Hughes motion to withdraw the bill prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 9:46 a.m. until 9:56 a.m.

MOTION - Escort Governor

Senator Halloran moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Clements, Kolowski, Lowe, Watermeier, and Wishart to serve on said committee.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

President Foley, Speaker Scheer, Members of the Legislature, Tribal Chairmen, Distinguished Guests, Friends, Fellow Nebraskans, and of course, our First Lady, my lovely wife Susanne—good morning!

Before I begin, I want to recognize your newest member, Senator Theresa Thibodeau of Omaha. She is a small business owner and involved with early childhood education. Her background and experience will be a great contribution to the body. I look forward to working with you, Senator.

To all the senators, congratulations on the commencement of the second session of the 105th Nebraska Legislature.

Working together is in our DNA, and is the hallmark of Nebraska's non-partisan, Unicameral Legislature. In fact, leadership and working together helped build this great state. We know this from our history.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. During World War I, Nebraskans came together to raise private dollars to form a field hospital for wounded soldiers returning from the Front. Many gravely injured were treated at the "Little Nebraska" hospital.

That spirit is alive and well today. When Hurricanes Harvey and Irma battered our coast from Florida to Texas, Nebraska National Guard members answered the call and came to the aid of families and communities in need.

Nebraska National Guard members not only serve their fellow citizens, but are on the front line in the War on Terror. Last month, I visited 54 of our National Guard soldiers in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba who are helping to detain enemy combatants. Twenty-five years ago new enlistees did not expect to be deployed overseas. Today, men and women who join the National Guard not only expect to be deployed, but want to take the fight to the enemy. I am incredibly proud of them, and we salute them for their service and sacrifice.

Nebraskans have a long tradition of pulling together to help each other in good times and bad. We've built our stories right into our Capitol building as a source of inspiration.

In the spirit of cooperation, we come together each year to accomplish the priorities that matter most to Nebraskans.

Our work together is helping to grow our state and keep Nebraska the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family.

It is not always easy, but it is important. Working together last year, we accomplished many great things.

Under Speaker Scheer's leadership, you passed a bill that protects the ability of our teachers to exercise religious freedom.

With Chairman Stinner's help, we worked on and enacted an unprecedented two budgets, so that the state can live within its means.

Senator Watermeier delivered to my desk the first pro-life legislation in several years with the "Choose Life" license plate.

Senator Friesen and Senator Murante worked with us to streamline state government and merge state agencies.

Senators Riepe, Blood, Erdman, Lowe, and Lindstrom led successful efforts to reform occupational licenses.

Senator Walz successfully championed a bill protecting injured first responders from losing their healthcare insurance.

Senator Hilgers and Senator Geist passed legislation which allows our Department of Transportation to assume responsibility for environmental reviews.

Senator Kuehn helped end the practice of allowing people to quit their jobs and turn around and claim unemployment benefits. Nebraska was one of the last states to make this change!

And Senator Wishart had a common sense bill which I signed that allows counties to protect the personal information of law enforcement officers.

Those accomplishments were not always easy—but through leadership and working together we got the job done.

This is my fourth State of the State address and our fourth year of working together on the priorities Nebraskans care about. And I'm happy to report that the state of the state is strong and growing!

Last year, Nebraska won the Governor's Cup for most economic development projects per capita of any state in the country. Nebraska had more qualified projects than North Dakota, South Dakota, and Kansas combined.

Forbes ranks Nebraska the fourth best state for business. We moved up seven spots in Chief Executive Magazine's ranking of best states for business.

Folks, this matters because when companies move here and invest, they create job opportunities for our people.

This past year, we've continued to achieve record levels of employment with over 1 million non-farm jobs and the lowest unemployment rate in our state since 1999 at 2.7 percent. And our population hit 1.92 million people for the first time ever.

These achievements are no coincidence. Senators in this chamber and the teammates in my administration work every day to grow Nebraska.

Working with you, we will continue to bring new opportunities to Nebraska. International partnerships are helping us create great-paying job opportunities for Nebraskans.

For example, we went to Canada in August to help recruit Agri-Plastics, which has created 20 new jobs in Sidney.

A new investment from Novozymes in Blair followed our 2015 visit to Denmark.

Japan is Nebraska's number one foreign direct investor. There's no better example of that than Kawasaki, which just opened their first U.S. aerospace division right here in Lincoln. Our trade mission in 2015 supported this expanded investment.

When we foster more investment by multinational businesses, we help Nebraskans like Eric Jones. Eric's been a long-time production worker for Kawasaki, and he's a great teammate who gets paid a good wage to support his wife and three children. When Kawasaki announced the aerospace expansion, he volunteered and he earned a spot as a supervisor. The company flew him to Japan for three months of training.

Eric told me Kawasaki is great for Lincoln. Besides the good-paying jobs and investment, Kawasaki supports local charities and uses local vendors. Eric and his wife Miranda are here with us today. Let's give them a warm welcome and thanks!

In Nebraska, we export over \$8 billion of goods annually.

Our work in China over the last three years helped open the door for Nebraska beef for the first time in 14 years. Beef from a Nebraska company was the first to arrive in China last summer, and I'm excited to report that over half the American beef in China now comes from Nebraska!

In the past 12 months, we have also seen Argentina reopen their market to American pork. Bulgaria signed new soybean deals with Nebraska. Vietnam opened their doors to dried distillers grains. And Japan is set to open their marketplace to American ethanol.

These successes wouldn't be possible without the great international teams at the Department of Agriculture and Department of Economic Development. Our teams are working together to grow market access and develop new partnerships. They are with us here today. Please help me thank them for their great work!

We also work hard to recruit U.S.-based businesses. The Silicon Prairie has continued to thrive. In 2016, my team and I traveled to Menlo Park, California to sell Facebook on Nebraska. Last year, Facebook broke ground on a 970,000 square foot campus in Papillion, which will create hundreds of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment.

Costco selected Fremont as the home for their first-ever chicken processing operation. A team effort closed the deal with the help of state agencies, business leaders, and elected officials.

Other major investments have come from companies such as Hudl, Becton Dickinson, Cargill, Evonik and our ethanol producers. These are just a few of the over 200 projects that state, regional, and local economic developers worked on in our efforts to grow Nebraska last year.

These investments in Nebraska help Eric Jones, his family, and so many other families to have an opportunity to work hard and invest in their communities.

We can recruit business because we have a great story to tell here in Nebraska. Throughout the year, our team works every day to make government run at the speed of business by making it more effective, more efficient, and more customer-focused.

Our Center of Operational Excellence is working with state agencies to eliminate waste and speed up service. With this philosophy, we are turning around environmental permits in a single day, reducing backlogs for tax credit applications, and more.

We are also delivering licenses faster, so we can connect medical professionals to great job opportunities here in our state. For example, we reduced the nurse licensing processing time from 96 days in November 2015 to an average of just 30 days in December 2017.

Changes like this are helping Nebraska put people to work more quickly. Shalah Shannon recently moved to Bellevue with her husband who is in the Air Force. She applied for her nurse license in December and received it in 15 days.

This is just one of many great stories about how we are improving our services. Running an operationally excellent organization is a team effort. Please help me recognize the Center of Operational Excellence team for all their great work. They are here today.

To complement the work we are doing in the area of process improvement, my agencies are also cutting red tape. In July, we launched a review aimed at cutting unnecessary regulation to streamline state government.

In November, state agencies came back with initial recommendations. Today, Senator Murante is introducing legislation at my request which will help eliminate unnecessary red tape. Thank you, Senator Murante!

All of this great work we've done together sets a tone that Nebraska is open for business from manufacturing to technology to agriculture.

But we also have challenges. The first of which is working on the budget. This is our top priority.

In October, the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board reduced the revenue forecast. While our state's economy once again has the wind at its back, revenues continue to fall short of the board's expectations.

We've been preparing for this. We've reduced our state workforce by 500, or about 4 percent, and eliminated 1,500 open positions. In preparation for budget cuts, we reduced agency allotments by 2 percent over the final two quarters of the year.

Last year, working with you, we balanced the budget without raising taxes. This year, we need to do the same again.

I am proposing across-the-board reductions of 2 percent in this fiscal year and 4 percent in the next year.

Consistent with our work, I have designated priorities for funding in the budget like K-12 education, Corrections, and services to help the developmentally disabled.

I am also asking you to make new targeted investments.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children coming into our state's child welfare system. Annually, we are up about 9 percent, or about 485 kids. That is heartbreaking.

In this budget, I am recommending an additional \$35 million to Child Welfare and Public Assistance for this year and next. We must take care of our kids.

DHHS reports that in the first seven months of 2017, parents using methamphetamine were a factor in one of every three removals of children from their homes. We have to get to the bottom of this disturbing trend and all of the other contributing factors. That's why I will be forming a new child welfare task force to determine the root causes.

We also must continue to invest in Nebraska's Department of Correctional Services. I am recommending expanding the number of corrections officers as well as reinvesting \$6 million in unspent funds back into our prisons. This will help us expand our capacity.

Additionally, thanks to action by Congress, my budget recommends new steps to protect unborn life by ensuring that federal Title X dollars are not used to fund abortion. Nebraska is a pro-life state, and our budget should reflect those values.

I look forward to working with Chairman Stinner and the entire Appropriations Committee to balance the budget.

Our next challenge has to do with taxes. Cutting and reforming taxes is key to growing Nebraska. Over the years, together, we have done the hard work needed to hold the line on taxes, but Nebraskans need and expect more.

If we are going to remain competitive and grow into the future, we must continue our efforts—no matter how difficult. The Tax Foundation ranks Nebraska's property taxes as 11th highest in the nation, which is the worst among surrounding states.

While we have provided over \$840 million in property tax relief over four years, we've all heard stories of how high property taxes are hurting Nebraskans. This fall, a farmer approached me at an event to let me know that his high property taxes had driven him to sell his farm, leave Nebraska, and move to Missouri. That's terrible. Stories like this have inspired me to continue making property tax relief a top priority.

It's an urgent need. We must help our farmers and ranchers with crushing property tax bills. We must help all Nebraskans keep more of their hard-earned money and attract more people to come to our state.

Our neighboring states are making themselves more competitive. The only surrounding state with an income tax higher than ours is Iowa, and right now Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and their Legislature are lowering their taxes. Missouri just lowered their tax rates this month.

My team has been working tirelessly with you and a wide variety of groups throughout the summer and fall. We have to show our taxpayers that we get the message. They want tax relief.

That's why today, Senator Smith is introducing the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunity Act. This legislation will serve as the framework for delivering tax relief this session.

Our proposal has three major components.

First, it restructures existing property tax credits as a new refundable credit on state taxes, which ensures that Nebraskans—not absentee landowners—receive the credits. It also provides for additional relief in future years when our revenue is growing. Over the next 10 years, we expect this would provide over \$4 billion in property tax relief for ag producers and home owners. And it focuses the relief on the average Nebraska homeowner.

Second, in today's mobile economy, young people graduating from our colleges, skilled workers, and even longtime residents can up and move to lower tax states. We have the jobs and great communities. Let's also work towards an income tax system that is just as welcoming. Our proposal uses

existing tax credits to achieve a permanent reduction in the state's uncompetitive individual and corporate income tax rates. This will provide relief for our families and small businesses. Right now, 90 percent of individual income taxes paid by Nebraskans are at that top individual rate, and 90 percent of Nebraska businesses pay at the top individual rate.

Finally, our proposal provides for an additional \$10 million dollars over two years for workforce development.

Folks, we can bring relief to Nebraska's families and businesses and help continue to grow our state. It is critical that we get the job done on tax relief this session.

Senator Smith and I will continue to work with senators and other groups seeking tax relief. We all need to be open to compromise. Tax relief will need to be a bipartisan effort, and it will be something we all do together for the good of our entire state.

Let's roll up our sleeves and get the job done.

We have our work cut out for us, but I have no doubt we're up to the challenge. When we are here in the State Capitol, let's do what's right for the hardworking people of Nebraska like Eric and Miranda Jones.

To make that happen, we have to remain laser-focused on growing Nebraska. This session, that means: Cutting red tape, balancing the budget, and delivering tax relief.

Nebraskans expect results.

As demonstrated during time of war, in the midst of natural disaster, and on the walls of our State Capitol, the character of our people is to work together. In doing so, we will continue to make Nebraska the best place in the world to live, work, and raise a family.

It's hard to believe that this will be the last session for several of our most experienced members who are term-limited or retiring.

They have collectively made significant contributions to the state.

Please join me in recognizing Senators Baker, Brasch, Harr, Krist, Larson, Schumacher, and Smith for their work over the last several years.

When the University of Nebraska named Scott Frost as the next head football coach, he offered a formula for winning that applies here: "a lot of good people that care about this place working really hard, it's toughness, it's dedication, it's work ethic, and that's what Nebraska is, that's what the people of Nebraska are..."

Those words are valuable to our service here in the Capitol. As we turn the page and open the next chapter in our work, there will almost certainly be principled disagreements and heated debates.

But for over 150 years, Nebraskans have always come together for a cause bigger than themselves. We will draw upon their strength this year to address the priorities of our people.

God Bless you in your work, God Bless America, and God Bless the great State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pete Ricketts from the Chamber.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 944. Introduced by Speaker Scheer, 19; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2017, LB268A, section 3; Laws 2017, LB327, sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 39, 40, 45, 49, 50, 52, 54, 55, 57, 59, 62, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 82, 85, 86, 87, 92, 96, 97, 98, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 116, 125, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 152, 153, 154, 155, 162, 163, 165, 166, 168, 169, 170, 172, 173, 176, 177, 182, 186, 189, 190, 192, 195, 196, 199, 201, 204, 208, 210, 211, 213, 214, 215, 216, 218, 221, 222, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 247, 249, 250, 251, 255, 260, 263, 265, and 272; Laws 2017, LB329, sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18; Laws 2017, LB330, sections 25 and 42; and Laws 2017, LB512A, section 2; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government, state aid, postsecondary education, and capital construction; to provide for transfers of funds; to require reports; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 945. Introduced by Speaker Scheer, 19; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 81-1121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 49-14,140, 61-224, 81-2,162.27, and 84-1227, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, sections 37-327.02, 59-1608.04, 71-7611, and 81-3714, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017, and Laws 2017, LB331, sections 3, 4, and 11; to provide for transfers of funds; to change transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 946. Introduced by Speaker Scheer, 19; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to provide for a transfer; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 947. Introduced by Smith, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-4211 and 77-4602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-202, 77-693, 77-801, 77-1238, 77-1248, 77-2715.03, 77-2715.07, 77-2734.02, and 81-1201.21, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to adopt the Nebraska Property Tax Cuts and Opportunities Act; to eliminate exemptions under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act; to change income tax rates; to eliminate credits under the Property Tax Credit Act; to change provisions relating to certain General Fund transfers; provide for certain transfers; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 948. Introduced by Murante, 49; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend sections 13-2710, 37-1280, 42-922, 44-213.02, 44-213.03, 46-734, 46-1136, 46-1501, 57-239, 58-709, 61-206, 69-2105, 71-7622, 73-306, 77-414, 77-1301.01, 77-1346, 77-4023, 77-4111, 77-4307, 81-8,221, 81-12,150, 81-1612, 84-907.04, and 84-909.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 13-1907, 13-2103, 13-2112, 60-495, 72-805, 76-2221, 77-702, and 77-6203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and sections 3-158, 60-6,102, 60-6,103, 60-6,107, and 77-2703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change and eliminate provisions relating to rules and regulations, forms, and procedural rules; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 44-7512, 46-1509, and 69-2505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 949. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Educational, Health, and Social Services Finance Authority Act; to amend sections 58-801, 58-802, 58-803, 58-804, 58-805, 58-806, 58-807, 58-811, 58-813, 58-817, 58-818, 58-820, 58-826, 58-827, 58-832, 58-835, 58-836, 58-837, 58-838, 58-841, 58-843, 58-844, 58-845, 58-846, 58-847, 58-849, 58-850, 58-851, 58-853, 58-854, 58-855, 58-856, 58-857, 58-862, 58-863, and 58-866, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to rename the act; to provide applicability of the act to cultural institutions; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 950. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 951. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 952. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-177, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to dismissals; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 953. Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-139, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to lump-sum settlements; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 954. Introduced by Hansen, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide refundable income tax credits to individuals who rent their primary residence as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 23-1701.01, 29-2264, 81-1401, 81-1403, 81-1414, and 81-1439, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide for reciprocal certification of law enforcement officers from other jurisdictions and military police officers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 956. Introduced by Howard, 9; Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to require application for a demonstration project allowing certain residents to purchase health care coverage as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525

Friday, January 19, 2018 12:00 p.m.

LB698

LB699

Randy D. Gerke - Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems

(Signed) Mark Kolterman, Chairperson

Revenue

Room 1524

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB760

James Kuhn - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

Steven Keetle - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB881

LB882

LB884

Friday, January 19, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB772

LB885

LB905

(Signed) Jim Smith, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB786

LB825

LB827

Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB887
LB902
LB859

(Signed) John Murante, Chairperson

Natural Resources

Room 1525

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 2:00 p.m.

LB758

Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Dennis Grennan - Nebraska Power Review Board
Scott McPheeters - Nebraska Ethanol Board
Taylor Nelson - Nebraska Ethanol Board
LB822

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson

Executive Board

Room 2102

Monday, January 22, 2018 12:00 p.m.

LB744

(Signed) Dan Watermeier, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

Room 1510

Wednesday, January 17, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Matt Wallen - Division of Children and Family Services
LB790
LB705
LB706
LB794

Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Rui Yi - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
 Rebecca Jane Morris - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
 LB687
 LB731
 LB788

Friday, January 19, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Michele R. Marsh - Foster Care Advisory Committee
 Peggy Snurr - Foster Care Advisory Committee
 LB703
 LB704
 LB732
 LB840

(Signed) Merv Riepe, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Watermeier filed the following amendment to LB44:
 AM1465

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
 4 cited as the Noncollecting Retailer Notice and Reporting Act.
 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Noncollecting Retailer Notice and
 6 Reporting Act:
 7 (1) Department means the Department of Revenue;
 8 (2) Noncollecting retailer means a retailer that sells taxable items
 9 to Nebraska purchasers and does not collect Nebraska sales or use tax. A
 10 retailer that does collect Nebraska sales or use tax is not a
 11 noncollecting retailer regardless of whether the retailer is obligated to
 12 collect the tax or voluntarily collects the tax; and
 13 (3) Taxable item means any tangible or intangible property, product,
 14 service, or other item that is subject to tax under subsection (1) of
 15 section 77-2703.
 16 Sec. 3. A noncollecting retailer shall be subject to the
 17 Noncollecting Retailer Notice and Reporting Act if:
 18 (1) Its total sales of taxable items to Nebraska purchasers exceeded
 19 one hundred thousand dollars in the previous or current calendar year; or
 20 (2) It sold taxable items to Nebraska purchasers in two hundred or
 21 more separate transactions in the previous or current calendar year.
 22 Sec. 4. A noncollecting retailer shall notify Nebraska purchasers
 23 that sales or use tax is due on purchases of taxable items made from the
 24 noncollecting retailer and that the State of Nebraska requires the
 25 purchaser to remit any tax due either by filing a sales or use tax return
 26 or by paying the tax through the individual income tax return that

27 coincides with the calendar year in which the purchase was made.

1 Sec. 5. (1) A noncollecting retailer shall send a notification to
2 all Nebraska purchasers by January 31 of each year showing the total
3 amount paid by the purchaser for purchases of taxable items made from the
4 noncollecting retailer in the previous calendar year and such other
5 information as the department may require by rule and regulation. The
6 notification shall include, if available, the date of each purchase, the
7 amount of each purchase, and a brief description of the taxable item
8 purchased. The notification shall also include the name of the
9 noncollecting retailer.

10 (2) The notification shall state, in fourteen-point, boldface type,
11 that (a) the State of Nebraska requires sales or use tax to be paid on
12 purchases of taxable items made by the purchaser from the noncollecting
13 retailer, (b) any tax due must be remitted either by filing a sales or
14 use tax return or by paying the tax through the individual income tax
15 return that coincides with the calendar year in which the purchase was
16 made, and (c) any purchaser who fails to remit the tax due shall be
17 subject to penalties under Nebraska law.

18 (3) The notification shall be sent separately to all Nebraska
19 purchasers by first-class mail and shall not be included with any other
20 shipments. The notification shall include the words "Important Tax
21 Document Enclosed" on the exterior of the mailing.

22 Sec. 6. (1) A noncollecting retailer shall submit an annual report
23 to the department on such forms as are provided or approved by the
24 department showing the total amount paid by Nebraska purchasers for
25 purchases of taxable items made from the noncollecting retailer in the
26 previous calendar year. The annual report shall be submitted on or before
27 March 1 of each year.

28 (2) The department may require a noncollecting retailer to submit
29 the annual report electronically if the noncollecting retailer's total
30 sales of taxable items to Nebraska purchasers during the previous
31 calendar year exceeded one hundred thousand dollars.

1 (3) A noncollecting retailer that fails to submit the annual report
2 required in this section shall be subject to a penalty of ten thousand
3 dollars unless the noncollecting retailer shows reasonable cause for such
4 failure.

5 Sec. 7. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
6 regulations to carry out the Noncollecting Retailer Notice and Reporting
7 Act.

8 Sec. 8. The Noncollecting Retailer Notice and Reporting Act
9 terminates on the later of July 1, 2018, or the first day of the first
10 calendar quarter after a controlling court decision or federal
11 legislation abrogates the physical presence requirement of Quill Corp. v.
12 North Dakota, 504 U.S. 298 (1992).

13 Sec. 9. Section 77-2701.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
14 amended to read:

15 77-2701.32 (1) Retailer means any seller.

16 (2) To facilitate the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue
17 Act of 1967, the following persons have the duties and responsibilities

18 of sellers for the purposes of sales and use taxes:

- 19 (a) Any person in the business of making sales subject to tax under
 20 section 77-2703 at auction of property owned by the person or others;
 21 (b) Any person collecting the proceeds of the auction, other than
 22 the owner of the property, together with his or her principal, if any,
 23 when the person collecting the proceeds of the auction is not the
 24 auctioneer or an agent or employee of the auctioneer. The seller does not
 25 include the auctioneer in such case;
 26 (c) Every person who has elected to be considered a retailer
 27 pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10;
 28 (d) Every person operating, organizing, or promoting a flea market,
 29 craft show, fair, or similar event; and
 30 (e) Every person engaged in the business of providing any service
 31 defined in subsection (4) of section 77-2701.16.
- 1 (3) For the proper administration of the Nebraska Revenue Act of
 2 1967, the following persons do not have the duties and responsibilities
 3 of a seller for purposes of sales and use taxes:
 4 (a) Any person who leases or rents films when an admission tax is
 5 charged under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967;
 6 (b) Any person who leases or rents railroad rolling stock
 7 interchanged pursuant to the provisions of the federal Interstate
 8 Commerce Act;
 9 (c) Any person engaged in the business of furnishing rooms in a
 10 facility licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act in which
 11 rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished for a
 12 consideration or a facility operated by an educational institution
 13 established under Chapter 79 or Chapter 85 in which rooms are regularly
 14 used to house students for a consideration for periods in excess of
 15 thirty days; or
 16 (d) Any person making sales at a flea market, craft show, fair, or
 17 similar event when such person does not have a sales tax permit and has
 18 arranged to pay sales taxes collected to the person operating,
 19 organizing, or promoting such event.
- 20 (4)(a) This subsection becomes operative on the later of July 1,
 21 2018, or the first day of the first calendar quarter after a controlling
 22 court decision or federal legislation abrogates the physical presence
 23 requirement of Quill Corp. v. North Dakota, 504 U.S. 298 (1992).
 24 (b) A person who lacks a physical presence in this state and who
 25 makes retail sales of property to purchasers in this state shall have the
 26 duties and responsibilities of a seller for the purposes of sales and use
 27 taxes if such person meets either of the following criteria in the
 28 previous or current calendar year:
 29 (i) The person made retail sales of property to purchasers in this
 30 state totaling one hundred thousand dollars or more; or
 31 (ii) The person made retail sales of property to purchasers in this
 1 state in two hundred or more separate transactions.
 2 Sec. 10. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

5 Sec. 11. Original section 77-2701.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 6 Nebraska, is repealed.
 7 Sec. 12. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 8 passed and approved according to law.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 321. Senator Chambers offered the following
 motion:
 MO162
 Bracket until April 18, 2018.

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with
 11 ayes, 4 nays, and 34 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on the motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 44:

Albrecht	Ebke	Hilkemann	McCollister	Smith
Baker	Erdman	Howard	McDonnell	Stinner
Blood	Friesen	Hughes	Morfeld	Thibodeau
Bolz	Geist	Kolterman	Murante	Vargas
Brasch	Groene	Kuehn	Pansing Brooks	Walz
Brewer	Halloran	Larson	Quick	Wayne
Briese	Hansen	Lindstrom	Riepe	Williams
Clements	Harr	Linehan	Scheer	Wishart
Crawford	Hilgers	Lowe	Schumacher	

Present and not voting, 3:

Chambers	Kolowski	Krist
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Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostelman	Watermeier
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The Chambers motion to bracket failed with 0 ayes, 44 nays, 3 present and
 not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:
 MO163
 Reconsider the vote taken to bracket.

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 18 ayes, 5 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 3:

Chambers	Harr	Schumacher
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Voting in the negative, 36:

Albrecht	Crawford	Hilkemann	McCollister	Vargas
Baker	Ebke	Howard	McDonnell	Walz
Blood	Erdman	Hughes	Morfeld	Williams
Bolz	Friesen	Krist	Murante	Wishart
Brasch	Geist	Kuehn	Quick	
Brewer	Halloran	Larson	Riepe	
Briese	Hansen	Lindstrom	Scheer	
Clements	Hilgers	Linehan	Thibodeau	

Present and not voting, 3:

Kolowski	Lowe	Pansing Brooks
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Excused and not voting, 7:

Bostelman	Kolterman	Stinner	Wayne
Groene	Smith	Watermeier	

The Chambers motion to reconsider failed with 3 ayes, 36 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 957. Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide for certain payments by direct deposit, prepaid card, or similar electronic payment system; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Massage Therapy Practice Act; to amend section 38-1707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to provide for licensure of vehicles as massage therapy establishments; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 959. Introduced by Murante, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-1535, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-947, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to provide requirements for returning a ballot for early voting on behalf of someone else; to provide a penalty; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 960. Introduced by Murante, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1446.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-1459 and 49-14,126, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to prohibit candidate committees from making loans of money; to change provisions relating to campaign statements; to change the amount authorized for civil penalties; to authorize an order of restitution; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 278. Introduced by Quick, 35.

WHEREAS, Husker Harvest Days celebrated its 40th year in Grand Island on September 12th to 14th, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the show features the latest equipment, supplies, and technologies available to today's agriculture producers; and

WHEREAS, the Hall County Historical Society sponsored a discussion of the show's origins led by Doyle Hulme with additional founding participants Don Reynolds, Ken Gnadt, and Tom Corkle participating on a panel; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce and Dick Good, the Chamber's former executive director, envisioned a working farm show where the University of Nebraska and equipment manufacturers would exhibit and demonstrate the latest ideas and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Farmer provided development funds and the nonprofit Agriculture Institute of Nebraska was formed to organize and run the show; and

WHEREAS, despite naysayers, financial difficulties, and other problems, the idea gained momentum and the first Husker Harvest Days was held on October 10th to 12th, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the show moved to September the following year to avoid interfering with the harvest season; and

WHEREAS, Husker Harvest Days has grown into the world's largest totally irrigated working farm show.

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

1. That the Legislature commemorates 40 years of Husker Harvest Days and congratulates its founding visionaries on the show's success.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Doyle Hulme, Don Reynolds, Ken Gnadt, Tom Corkle, the Hall County Historical Society, the Nebraska Farmer, and the Agricultural Institute of Nebraska.

Laid over.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Chambers filed the following motion to LB321:

MO164

Indefinitely postpone.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Larson filed the following amendment to LB469A:

AM1517

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$45,900 from the General
 3 Fund for FY2018-19 and (2) \$23,950 from the General Fund for FY2019-20 to
 4 the Department of Revenue, for Program 102, to aid in carrying out the
 5 provisions of Legislative Bill 469, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, Second
 6 Session, 2018.

7 Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per
 8 diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed \$17,600
 9 for FY2018-19 or \$18,000 for FY2019-20.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Watermeier name added to LB747.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Teacher of the Year, Michelle Helt, from South Sioux City School, members of South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce, members of the South Sioux City School Board, members of Dakota City Chamber of Commerce, members of Dakota City School Board, and Dr. Chipps of Northeast Community College; and Zoie Taylor, intern for Senator Pansing Brooks.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Scheer presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostelman who was excused; and Senators Friesen, Linehan, McCollister, Vargas, Watermeier, Wayne, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB914	Revenue
LB915	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB916	Business and Labor
LB917	Education
LB918	Revenue
LB919	Revenue
LB920	Revenue
LB921	General Affairs
LB922	Health and Human Services
LB923	Judiciary
LB924	Health and Human Services
LB925	Judiciary
LB926	Revenue
LB927	Judiciary
LB928	Business and Labor
LB929	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB930	Judiciary
LB931	Judiciary
LB932	Judiciary
LB933	Judiciary
LB934	Judiciary
LB935	Executive Board
LB936	Executive Board
LB937	Revenue
LB938	Appropriations
LB939	Revenue
LB940	Urban Affairs

LB941 Revenue
LB942 Urban Affairs
LB943 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR277 Executive Board

(Signed) Dan Watermeier, Chairperson
Executive Board

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 961. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2734.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change corporate income tax rates; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 962. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change individual income tax rates; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 963. Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to change provisions relating to the frequency of inspections and reviews of real property for property tax purposes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 964. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act; to amend sections 71-919, 71-921, 71-922, and 71-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize mental health professionals to take persons into emergency protective custody as prescribed; to change provisions relating to commencement of mental health board proceedings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary

Room 1113

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB781 (cancel)

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB870

(Signed) Laura Ebke, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 368. Considered.

Senator Lowe offered the following motion:

MO161

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Lowe moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator Lowe requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Albrecht	Erdman	Hughes	Linehan	Scheer
Brasch	Friesen	Kolterman	Lowe	Smith
Brewer	Geist	Krist	McDonnell	Stinner
Briese	Groene	Kuehn	Morfeld	Thibodeau
Clements	Halloran	Larson	Murante	Wayne
Ebke	Hilgers	Lindstrom	Riepe	Wishart

Voting in the negative, 15:

Baker	Crawford	Hilkemann	McCollister	Walz
Blood	Hansen	Howard	Pansing Brooks	Watermeier
Bolz	Harr	Kolowski	Quick	Williams

Present and not voting, 3:

Chambers Schumacher Vargas

Excused and not voting, 1:

Bostelman

The Lowe motion to invoke cloture failed with 30 ayes, 15 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 321. Senator Ebke withdrew her amendment, FA86, found on page 241.

Senator Chambers offered his motion, MO164, found in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

The Chambers motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 1 aye, 28 nays, 7 present and not voting, 11 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:
MO165
Reconsider the vote taken to indefinitely postpone.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to lists of real property subject to sale for delinquent taxes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 966. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.51, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sales and use tax exemption relating to dark fiber; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 967. Introduced by Groene, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to eliminate provisions relating to undeveloped vacant land and land outside of cities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 18-2123, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 968. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to persons with disabilities; to amend section 68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to adopt

the Disability Employment and Engagement Program Act; to change provisions relating to eligibility for the medical assistance program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 969. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change signature requirements for nomination of partisan candidates by petition; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 970. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change marijuana penalties as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 971. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change a penalty for possession as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to provide for deferred judgments by courts as prescribed; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 973. Introduced by Crawford, 45; Howard, 9; Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to require the use of maps drawn using state-issued computer software.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 974. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to prohibit consideration of certain factors for the purpose of drawing district boundaries as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 975. Introduced by Howard, 9; Crawford, 45; Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to adopt the Redistricting Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 976. Introduced by Briese, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act; to amend section 77-5204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016; to provide a reporting duty for the Beginning Farmer Board; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 977. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 29-2204.02 and 29-2308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 83-1,122.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2016, and section 28-105, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change provisions relating to sentencing for Class IV felonies and the jurisdiction of the Board of Parole; to provide for applicability of changes; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

General Affairs

Room 1510

Monday, January 22, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB921

(Signed) Tyson Larson, Chairperson

Education

Room 1525

Monday, January 22, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB783

LB803

LB851

LB779

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB888

LB912

LB898

LB718

(Signed) Mike Groene, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1113

Monday, January 22, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB895
LB896
LB860
LB901

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB900
LB769
LB671
LB711

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 93. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM121, found on page 423, First Session, 2017, was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 384. Title read. Considered.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:
MO166
Indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 17 ayes, 0 nays, and 32 not voting.

Senator Lindstrom requested a roll call vote on the Chambers motion to indefinitely postpone.

Voting in the affirmative, 19:

Albrecht	Briese	Halloran	Morfeld	Thibodeau
Blood	Chambers	Harr	Pansing Brooks	Walz
Brasch	Geist	Kolowski	Quick	Wayne
Brewer	Groene	Lowe	Schumacher	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Baker	Hilkemann	Lindstrom	Scheer	Williams
Clements	Hughes	McCollister	Smith	
Ebke	Kolterman	Murante	Stinner	
Hilgers	Kuehn	Riepe	Watermeier	

Present and not voting, 7:

Bolz	Hansen	Linehan	Wishart
Friesen	Howard	Vargas	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostelman	Erdman	Larson
Crawford	Krist	McDonnell

The Chambers motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed with 19 ayes, 17 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 978. Introduced by Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend sections 25-1011, 25-1017, 25-1056, and 25-1558, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to garnishment; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 979. Introduced by Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health occupations and professions; to amend sections 38-2047 and 38-2315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize physician assistants and nurse practitioners to render expert opinions as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 980. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,298, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to provide for the issuance of permits for divisible loads of hay bales; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 981. Introduced by Baker, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend sections 43-247, 43-247.02, 43-289, and 43-412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-1816, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2017; to change provisions relating to arraignment and placement or commitment of certain juveniles; to authorize jurisdiction by the juvenile court over certain juveniles until the age of twenty-one; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services

Room 1510

Thursday, January 18, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Dennis Roop - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

(Signed) Merv Riepe, Chairperson

Natural Resources

Room 1525

Friday, January 19, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Douglas Zingula - Game and Parks Commission

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson

Education

Room 1525

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LR270CA

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 1:30 p.m.

LB718 (cancel)

(Signed) Mike Groene, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 611. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER91

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "amend" in line 1 through "to"
2 in line 2; and strike beginning with the semicolon in line 3 through
3 "section" in line 4.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 17. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Anna Wishart, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Quick name added to LB747.
Senator Hilkemann name added to LB747.
Senator Groene name added to LB874.

VISITORS

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Kip Anderson from Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:27 p.m., on a motion by Senator Harr, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 2018.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

