

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY - MARCH 1, 2021**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 1, 2021

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Kolterman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lowe.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Brewer and Groene who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Stinner, Vargas, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-fourth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 436. Placed on General File.

(Signed) John Arch, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM187](#)

1 I. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 4. (1) The Semiquincentennial Commission Fund is created. Such

3 fund shall consist of money appropriated by the Legislature and gifts,

4 grants, or donations from any source, including federal, state, public,

5 and private sources.

6 (2) The Semiquincentennial Commission Fund shall be utilized for the
7 purpose of administering the Semiquincentennial Commission and executing
8 commemorative activities and implementing educational activities, events,
9 and celebrations related to the Semiquincentennial of the United States.

10 (3) Money received by the Semiquincentennial Commission shall be
11 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Semiquincentennial
12 Commission Fund. Any money in the Semiquincentennial Commission Fund
13 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment
14 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
15 State Funds Investment Act.

16 (4)(a) The State Treasurer shall transfer the unobligated balance in
17 the Semiquincentennial Commission Fund to the Historical Society Fund on
18 June 1, 2027.

19 (b) The Semiquincentennial Commission Fund terminates on June 30,
20 2027, and the State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the fund on
21 such date to the Historical Society Fund.

22 2. On page 2, after line 8 insert the following new subdivision:

23 "(a) The director of the Nebraska State Historical Society or the
24 designee of the director, who shall serve as the chairperson;"; in line 9
25 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 11 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)";
26 in line 13 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; and in lines 20, 23, and 26
27 strike "three" and insert "five".

1 3. On page 3, strike beginning with the comma in line 1 through
2 "2021" in line 2; strike beginning with the comma in line 3 through
3 "2021" in line 4; strike beginning with the comma in line 5 through
4 "2021" in line 6; strike lines 17 and 18; in line 19 strike "(3)" and
5 insert "(2)"; strike lines 20 and 21 and insert the following new
6 subdivision:

7 "(3) Members shall receive no compensation for the performance of
8 their duties as members of the commission, except that such members shall
9 receive reimbursement for expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to
10 81-1177."; in line 22 strike "(5)" and insert "(4)"; in line 22 strike
11 both commas and after "personnel" insert "and"; and in line 23 strike
12 "receive, expend, and allocate gifts, grants, and donations." and insert
13 "shall remit any gifts, grants, or donations to the State Treasurer for
14 credit to the Semiquincentennial Commission Fund.".

15 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM303](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "and"; and strike lines 11 through 15

2 and insert the following new subdivisions:

3 "(b) Each village or city of the second class that is a member of a
4 mutual finance organization which qualifies for assistance under section
5 35-1205 shall receive ten thousand dollars; and

6 (c) Each rural or suburban fire protection district which qualifies
7 for assistance under section 32-1205 shall receive ten thousand dollars,
8 regardless of whether such district is a member in a mutual finance
9 organization which qualifies for assistance under section 32-1205."

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

David J. Hansen - Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board
Diane Schutt - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Joshua Dale Sevier - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Aye: 7. Arch, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) John Arch, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Education - LB528
Education - LB529

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 23, 2021

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education:

William "Scott" Wilson, 9406 Clubhouse Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

Enclosures

February 25, 2021

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board:

Johnie Jason Girmus, 1372 Ithaca Road, Ithaca, NE 68033
Aaron L. Jazyuka, 2420 South 43 Street Omaha, NE 68103
Martin Kasl, 6700 Ridge Point Road, Lincoln, NE 68512
Gerald Whitlock, 2710 John Street, Papillion, NE 68133

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

Enclosures

February 25, 2021

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

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Judge Thomas E. Zimmerman, County Court - Third Judicial District,
575 S. 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508

Also, contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed to the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Pamela E. Lancaster, 2809 Apache Road, Grand Island, NE 68801

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

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

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Valerie Hitz, 3550 W. Mill Road, Raymond, NE 68428

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

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Mr. President, Speaker Hilgers
and Members of the Legislature
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Lincoln, NE 68509

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

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

Marjean C. Terrell, 4412 436th Trail, Hay Springs, NE 69345
Jess D. Zeiss, 1517 S. 109th Street, Omaha, NE 68144

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senator Morfeld has filed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statement is on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 75. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM341](#)

- 1 1. Strike original section 2.
- 2 2. On page 2, line 26, after the period insert "At the same time
- 3 notice is first published, the county board shall provide notice of such
- 4 hearing to the Nebraska Library Commission and the regional library
- 5 system for the region in which the township library is located.".
- 6 3. On page 4, line 13, strike "sections 23-299 and 51-201" and
- 7 insert "section 23-299"; and in line 14 strike "are" and insert "is".
- 8 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

(Signed) Tom Briese, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S) Urban Affairs Room 1510

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 3:00 p.m.

LR49

Note: Invited Testimonies Only

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Wayne name added to LB40.
Senator Groene name added to LB156.
Senator Groene name added to LB299.
Senator McDonnell name added to LB664.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Arch announced the Health and Human Services Committee will hold an executive session Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 1:45 p.m., in Room 1510.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. George Voigtlander of Pawnee City.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bostelman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

