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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, January 6, 2022

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lowe.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 11:00 a.m., Speaker Hilgers presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Vargas, Walz, and Wayne who were excused.

SENATOR LINDSTROM PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the first day was approved.

**2021 INTERIM REPORT
ON THE DISPOSITION OF
INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**

Agriculture

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
196	Interim study to examine the potential applications for blockchain technology in agricultural operations			X

Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
145	Interim study of the adequacy of current aged and disabled medicaid waiver assisted-living provider rates		X	
178	Interim study to solicit input from Nebraskans regarding funds from the federal American Rescue Plan of 2021		X	
179	Interim study to examine funding mechanisms in the American Rescue Plan of 2021		X	
200	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund		X	
209	Interim study to examine the appropriations necessary for creating public health crisis zones		X	
210	Interim study to examine poverty and incarceration and the appropriations necessary to reduce both		X	
212	Interim study to examine the health care workforce shortage in Nebraska		X	

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
101	Interim study to examine whether legislation should be enacted to provide for comprehensive regulation of pharmacy benefit managers		X	
100	Interim study to determine whether the Real Property Appraiser Act should be updated		X	
116	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements in the Public Accountancy Act in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act		X	

214	Interim study to examine state regulated health plans and state employee health plans and copay accumulator adjusted programs			X
104	Interim study to examine barriers related to early detection of colorectal cancer in Nebraska		X	
199	Interim study to examine the creation of a rural economic development plan			X

Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
139	Interim study to examine the financial health of individuals in Nebraska's workforce over one year into the COVID-19 pandemic		Public Hearing 08/18/2021	
140	Interim study to evaluate Nebraska's unemployment insurance system		Public Hearing 08/18/2021	
154	Interim study to evaluate the impact of COVID-19 on Nebraska's workforce			X
158	Interim study to examine the accuracy of payments by the Department of Labor to recipients of state and federal benefit programs		Public Hearing 08/11/2021	
166	Interim study to review Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act		Public Hearing 08/11/2021	
170	Interim study to examine the potential impact the innovation hubs could have in Nebraska		Public Hearing 08/11/2021	
206	Interim study to examine worker's compensation		Public Hearing 10/06/2021	

Education

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
148	Interim study to examine the duties of education support professionals in Nebraska			X

149	Interim study to examine the potential for statewide early childhood autism spectrum disorder screening		X	
157	Interim study to examine how Nebraska schools can recruit teachers and administrators who can accurately reflect the proportion of students of color attending Nebraska schools		X	
161	Interim study to examine the impact of natural hair discrimination in Nebraska education settings			X
180	Interim study to examine the identification of at-risk and economically disadvantaged students as a qualification factor for state-funded, education-related programs		X	
181	Interim study to examine home visitation for families in Nebraska		X	
182	Interim study to examine the school enrollment options available to students		X	
185	Interim study to examine the feasibility of an agricultural school or education center in Nebraska			X
204	Interim study to examine a coding curriculum for students in Nebraska			X
213	Interim study to examine the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraska students and the role of schools psychologists		X	
227	Interim study to examine learning communities and learning community coordinating councils			X

Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
218	Interim study to examine issues related to pay and benefits of legislative staff		X	
141	Interim study to create a select		X	

	committee of the Legislature to be known as the School Finance Study Committee			
83	Interim study to examine the gubernatorial appointment process to boards, commissions, and similar entities		X	
226	Interim study to examine ways the Legislature provides oversight of state agencies		X	

General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
115	Interim study to examine and review liquor laws in Nebraska		X	
174	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee		X	
175	Interim study to examine and review the game of keno			X
176	Interim study to examine the statutes governing horseracing and the State Racing Commission		X	
177	Interim study to examine the State Athletic Commissioner and review occupational licenses and regulations for professional boxers and professional boxing promoters	X		
187	Interim study to examine liquor laws in Nebraska		X	

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
137	Interim study to assess the operations and practices of the Central Nebraska Veterans' Home		X	
171	Interim study to examine the rights, roles, and responsibilities of Nebraska county election officials, and relevant court and corrections personnel in carrying out state law regarding voting rights for former felony offenders			X

191	Interim study to examine the effect of universal recognition of occupational licenses on populations frequently negatively impacted by occupational licensing in the state		X	
215	Interim study to examine county fees and fines set by statute and the cost for administering the associated services			X
225	Interim study to review occupational regulation of truth and deception examiners pursuant to the Occupational Board Reform Act	X (report to be submitted by 12/15/2021)		

Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
110	Interim study to investigate the advertisement and use of unproven stem cell injections as a therapy for health disorders			X
142	Interim study to determine whether legislation should be enacted to provide for additional supports and further address the issue of maternal depression in Nebraska		X	
143	Interim study to examine the mental and behavioral health needs of Nebraskans, assess the shortage of providers, and determine what is needed to ensure an adequate behavioral health service delivery system		X	
151	Interim study to examine whether the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases compact should be adopted			X
163	Interim study to examine postacute placement challenges in Nebraska's health care system		X	
165	Interim study to explore ways of improving dental benefits under the medical assistance program			X

184	Interim study to examine the contract process and rates paid to family service providers in Northern, Southeast, Central, and Western Service Areas of Nebraska		X	
190	Interim study to examine the work participation requirements in the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program in Nebraska			X
198	Interim study to examine Nebraska's practices relating to social security benefits owed to certain children in the foster care system		X	
201	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee			X
202	Interim study to examine federal legislation regarding COVID-19 pandemic assistance			X
203	Interim study to examine medicaid expansion and behavioral health			X
207	Interim study to examine methods for preventing the spread of human immunodeficiency virus		X	
221	Interim study to examine maternal and infant mortality and morbidity		X	
237	Interim study to examine existing status regarding directed health measures			X
239	Interim study to examine the effectiveness of medicaid waivers in Nebraska overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services		X	

Judiciary

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
76	Interim study of court fees as a funding source for the court			X

	system and judicial branch			
97	Interim study to determine whether further revision to the Nebraska grand jury laws is necessary			X
129	Interim study to review staffing at the Department of Correctional Services		X	
138	Interim study to examine remedies available for incarcerated persons who have property lost, stolen, or damaged during their confinement			X
156	Interim study to examine mental health and addiction issue within the Nebraska criminal justice system			X
164	Interim study to examine problem solving courts		X	
167	Interim study to examine possible solutions to address conflicts between the child welfare system and custody decision made in civil cases			X
173	Interim study to examine the organizational structure and funding of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center		X	
183	Interim study to examine the Nebraska law relating to body-worn cameras by law enforcement agents			X
189	Interim study to examine sex offender registration in Nebraska			X
194	Interim study to examine methods of ending domestic and sexual violence in Nebraska			X
205	Interim study to examine the use of mediation as a supplement or alternative to residential eviction			X
231	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee		X	

Natural Resources

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
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23	Interim study to examine the progress of natural resources districts in fulfilling their originally intended purpose		X	
34	Interim study to examine the structure and funding of the Nebraska Environmental Trust			X
117	Interim study to examine surface water irrigation projects and infrastructure		X	
136	Interim study to examine and evaluate the causes, costs, and impacts of rolling electrical power outages during the extreme weather events of February 2021	X		
152	Interim study to evaluate the need for laws that would allow the Department of Environment and Energy to respond to emergency situations related to pesticide-treated seed and grain		X	
188	Interim study to examine issues related to adopting reward-based conservation programs			X
192	Interim Study to review methods of water augmentation and develop statutory definitions			X
223	Interim study to examine how to slow or stop the spread of the emerald ash borer			X
246	Interim study to examine issues within jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee			X

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
105	Interim study to examine the public employees' retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board		X	
106	Interim study to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions as required by 13-2402	X		

Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
261	Interim study to examine the structure and administration of compliance with certain taxes		X	
232	Interim study to examine the assessment procedures of county assessors for each class of property and whether the assessment process would benefit from other parties assessing certain classes of property		X	
230	Interim study to examine a potential constitutional amendment to limit property taxation to residential property only		X	
186	Interim study to examine nonprofit movie theaters and tax-exempt status	X		
162	Interim study to examine School Readiness Tax Credit Act			X

Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
127	Interim study to identify a more equitable scale for motor vehicle taxation		X	
147	Interim study to examine the transfer of state-owned property to local political subdivisions		X	
155	Interim study to examine issues related to the operation of autonomous vehicles in Nebraska		X	
193	Interim study to examine broadband mapping and broadband speed testing in Nebraska		X	
233	Interim study to review issues relating to the collection of agricultural data in precision farming		X	
234	Interim study to examine issues		X	

	related to the regulation and taxation of electric vehicles			
235	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for motor vehicle dealers	report to be issued by 12/15/2021		
236	Interim study to review issues relating to the Nebraska Expressway System		X	

Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred
69	Interim study to examine receive reports and public input under the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act		X	
122	Interim study to examine the statutes governing cities of the metropolitan class		X	
123	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for radon measurement specialists and radon mitigation specialists	X		
124	Interim study to examine issues relating to the designation of extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law		X	
125	Interim study to examine issues relating to the designation of enhance employment areas under the Community Development Law		X	
126	Interim study to examine issues relating to the designation of blighted areas and extremely blighted areas under the Community Development Law		X	
131	Interim study to examine the lack of affordable housing in Nebraska		X	
172	Interim study to examine the negative impacts of an oversaturation of nonprofit organizations and philanthropy in densely populated areas of high poverty		X	
208	Interim study to examine the			X

	commercial property assessed clean energy financing in Nebraska			
211	Interim study to examine issues related to adopting construction codes		X	

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

- Clements - LB310
- Brewer - LB773
- Linehan - LB364

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 793. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 32-554, 32-801, 32-812, 32-813, 32-817, 32-1003, 32-1004, 32-1119, and 32-1122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 16-104, 17-527, 19-409, 32-101, 32-103, 32-202, 32-538, 32-901, and 32-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and sections 32-816 and 32-1005, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to define terms; to provide for ranked-choice voting for certain city or village offices; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 794. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-507, 32-609, and 32-813, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for nonpartisan election of the State Treasurer and the Auditor of Public Accounts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 795. Introduced by Flood, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act; to amend section 58-615, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the release or modification of restrictions on the management, investment, or purpose of an institutional fund; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 796. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2117.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change certain reporting requirements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 797. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide for removal of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designations as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 798. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2101.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change provisions relating to extremely blighted areas; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 799. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act; to amend sections 19-5503 and 19-5504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to update a federal reference; to change provisions relating to the contents of an affordable housing report; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 800. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: Wayne, 13, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Briese, 41; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend sections 14-102.01, 14-102.02, 14-104, 14-106, 14-107, 14-108, 14-110, 14-111, 14-112, 14-113, 14-115, 14-116, 14-118, 14-120, 14-121, 14-122, 14-123, 14-124, 14-125, 14-136, 14-201, 14-201.03, 14-202, 14-204, 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-211, 14-212, 14-213, 14-214, 14-215, 14-216, 14-217.02, 14-218, 14-219, 14-220, 14-221, 14-224, 14-225, 14-226, 14-227, 14-228, 14-229, 14-230, 14-360, 14-361, 14-362, 14-365,

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LEGISLATIVE BILL 801. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to amend section 77-6818, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to redefine qualified

location as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 802. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Wheat Resources Act; to amend sections 2-2303, 2-2309, 2-2311, 2-2312, 2-2315, and 2-2318, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change powers of the Nebraska Wheat Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board; to change provisions relating to the excise tax collected on wheat; to change provisions relating to the cooperative authority of the board; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend section 37-455, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to limited permits for deer, antelope, wild turkey, or elk; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 804. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Power Review Board; to amend section 70-1003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the compensation for certain board members as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 805. Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Noxious Weed Control Act; to amend section 2-958.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to prioritization of applications and intent to appropriate funds; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 806. Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drainage; to amend section 31-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision relating to drainage by a landowner as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 807. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend section 23-355.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a tax levy and county funding for a nonprofit county historical association or society; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 808. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act;

to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 28-405, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change provisions relating to the schedules of controlled substances; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 809. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water; to amend section 71-5322, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-5318 and 81-15,153, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to the use of the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund; to change certain powers and duties of the Department of Environment and Energy; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 810. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile facilities; to amend section 83-4,134.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to room confinement of juveniles and required reports; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 811. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; to amend section 81-887.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to auctioneers of real estate; to eliminate provisions relating to reciprocity; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 81-887.01 and 81-887.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 812. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2891, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to provide for vaccine administration by pharmacy technicians; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 813. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to fund transfers and appropriation for trails.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 814. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to state findings; to provide for racial impact statements for legislation; to provide powers and duties for the office of Legislative Research.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 815. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to adopt the Diaper Changing Accommodation Act; and to provide an operative date.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 816. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend section 83-178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require collection of certain data upon admission of persons committed to the department; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 817. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-376, 77-27,195, 77-4110, 77-4933, 77-5731, and 77-5807, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-6811, 77-6831, 77-6832, 77-6837, and 77-6839, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 77-5907, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change provisions relating to the examination of financial records and certain reporting requirements; to change the ImagiNE Nebraska Act as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 818. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to amend sections 13-3102, 13-3103, 13-3104, and 13-3108, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to define and redefine terms; to authorize the use of state assistance to pay for nearby parking facilities as prescribed; to change provisions relating to limitations on state assistance; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 819. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to eliminate provisions relating to a tax study; and to outright repeal sections 77-3,115 and 77-3,116, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipalities; to amend sections 14-101, 14-101.01, 15-101, 19-415, and 31-508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the population threshold for cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 821. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipalities; to amend section 13-522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes

Supplement, 2021; to adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act; to create a fund; to change provisions relating to budget limitations; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 822. Introduced by Hansen, M., 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-4,100, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reinstatement fees for operator's licenses; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 823. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-920, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to prohibit state agencies from imposing annual filing and reporting requirements on charitable organizations as prescribed; to state intent; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. Introduced by Hansen, B., 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to personal care services; to amend sections 71-407, 71-6501, and 71-6602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to include bathing as an activity of daily living; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 825. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change provisions relating to the taxation of benefits received under the federal Social Security Act; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 826. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Funds Deposit Security Act; to amend section 77-2387, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 827. Introduced by Lindstrom, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701 and 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to allow income tax deductions for the cost of certain property and for certain research or experimental expenditures as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 828. Introduced by Briese, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide a violation and a penalty for unlawful manipulation of certain elections as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 829. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to offenses against animals; to amend sections 28-1009, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change penalty and sentencing provisions as prescribed; to change a deadline for filing a hearing application relating to seized animals; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 830. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to amend section 42-369, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to cash medical support; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 831. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 29-2258, 29-3601, 29-3602, 29-3603, and 29-3606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 23-1201 and 83-1,135, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to name an act; to provide for caregiver diversion programs; to provide for conditional release of pregnant and postpartum inmates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 29-3604, 29-3605, 29-3607, 29-3608, and 29-3609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 832. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to change individual income tax brackets and rates as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 833. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 834. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend section

48-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 835. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust; to amend section 85-1804, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 85-1802, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to define and redefine terms; to change powers and duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 836. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require the review of substandard and blighted area designations and extremely blighted area designations as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 837. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Energy Code; to amend section 81-1611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require the Director of Environment and Energy to provide information to the Legislature as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 838. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Department of Education; to provide for an aid program; and to declare intent to appropriate funds.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Brewer, 43, Chairperson; Halloran, 33; Hansen, M., 26; Hunt, 8; Lowe, 37; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to truth and deception examiners; to amend sections 81-1932 and 81-1933, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 84-512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to truth and deception examinations; to repeal the Licensing of Truth and Deception Examiners Act; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections;

and to outright repeal sections 81-1901, 81-1902, 81-1903, 81-1904, 81-1905, 81-1906, 81-1907, 81-1908, 81-1909, 81-1910, 81-1911, 81-1912, 81-1913, 81-1914, 81-1915, 81-1916, 81-1917, 81-1918, 81-1919, 81-1920, 81-1923, 81-1924, 81-1925, 81-1926, 81-1927, 81-1928, 81-1929, 81-1930, 81-1931, 81-1934, 81-1935, and 81-1936, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 81-1921 and 81-1922, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 840. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to legal notices; to amend sections 25-2228 and 33-141, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to publication and rates; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 841. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-101, 32-103, and 32-939, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to define a term; to provide for registration to vote and application for ballots for members of the Nebraska National Guard; to provide for applications for ballots for emergency response providers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 842. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act; to amend section 13-2706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2703, 13-2705, 13-2707, 13-2707.01, and 13-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to define and redefine terms; to authorize grants of assistance to tribal governments as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 843. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-118, 32-235, 32-318.01, 32-326, 32-331, 32-559, 32-615, 32-623, 32-809, 32-905, 32-908, 32-918, 32-949.01, 32-1031, 32-1033, 42-1207, 49-1494, and 77-3444, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 17-503, 32-101, 32-103, 32-221, 32-223, 32-230, 32-231, 32-312, 32-956, 32-960, 32-962, 32-1121, 32-1203, 32-1306, 32-1405, 32-1524, and 32-1525, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, and section 32-330, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to petitions, filing, mailing, and voting deadlines, appointment of election workers, voter registration, registered voter lists, confidential records, primary election ballots, polling places, assistance for voting, replacement ballots, poll watchers, county canvassing boards, election costs, recall elections, initiative and referendum petitions, and electioneering; to eliminate certain filing requirements; to provide requirements for distribution of applications for voter registration and

requests for ballots for early voting; to provide requirements regarding requests for ballots for early voting; to provide for canceling elections as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 844. Introduced by McCollister, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 32-566, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide requirements for filling vacancies in the Legislature; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 845. Introduced by Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to boycotts; to adopt the Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 846. Introduced by Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Banking Act; to amend section 8-124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to an annual audit; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 847. Introduced by Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act; to amend section 13-2903, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to redefine political subdivision to include certain utilities and power districts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 848. Introduced by Halloran, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Animal Health and Disease Control Act; to amend sections 54-2940 and 54-2946, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers of the Department of Agriculture and duties of owners or custodians of dead animals relating to catastrophic livestock mortality or euthanization; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 849. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-1518, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a penalty for certain violations relating to recall elections; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 850. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1739 and 77-1862, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of certain

delinquent taxes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 851. Introduced by Wishart, 27; DeBoer, 10; Morfeld, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-1008 and 28-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change enforcement procedures related to certain crimes involving animals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

SPEAKER HILGERS PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 852. Introduced by Day, 49; Hilkemann, 4; Linehan, 39; Pansing Brooks, 28; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to provide for behavioral health points of contact; and to provide duties for the State Department of Education, the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services, and school districts.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 853. Introduced by Day, 49; Pansing Brooks, 28; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3508, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide a homestead exemption for certain disabled veterans as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 854. Introduced by Day, 49; Lindstrom, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to reports of child abuse or neglect; to amend section 28-713, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require notice as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 855. Introduced by Day, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to harmonize coverage provisions with federal law; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 856. Introduced by Day, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Aging and Disability Resource Center Act; to amend sections 68-1114, 68-1117, and 68-1119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for services; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 857. Introduced by Day, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement express lane eligibility; to state intent regarding appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 858. Introduced by Clements, 2; Arch, 14; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Erdman, 47; Flood, 19; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to restrict funding for elections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 859. Introduced by Clements, 2; Albrecht, 17; Erdman, 47; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Lowe, 37; Murman, 38; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local public health departments; to amend sections 71-1612 and 71-1630, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require city-county health departments to obtain the approval of the Department of Health and Human Services in issuing directed health measures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 268CA. Introduced by Briese, 41.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2022 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 12 to Article XVII:

XVII-12 The Governor or any member of the Legislature may be recalled from office through the procedure and in the manner provided for by law. The procedure shall be known as recall and shall be in addition to any other method of removal from office provided by this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide for recall of the Governor and members of the Legislature as provided by law.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 269CA. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2022, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 31 to Article III:

III-31 In addition to any other requirements of this Constitution, in establishing or revising the boundaries of all election districts for federal and state offices as provided in the Constitution of the United States or this Constitution:

(1) Every ten years beginning in 2031, the Legislature shall establish a screening committee of nine of its members, no more than five of whom may be affiliated with the same political party. Action by the screening committee shall require the affirmative votes of at least six of its members. The screening committee shall appoint a Commission on Redistricting with responsibility to draw and recommend to the Legislature the boundaries of election districts;

(2) The commission shall be comprised of nine registered voters of the State of Nebraska divided into three groups: Three commissioners affiliated with the largest political party in the state, three commissioners affiliated with the second largest political party in the state, and three commissioners not affiliated with either of these political parties. The opportunity to serve on the commission shall be broadly advertised to the public. The screening committee shall identify and make public a pool of candidates from among the registered voters of the state who apply to the screening committee, who have the ability to exercise nonpartisan, independent judgment in drawing election districts, and who in the judgment of the screening committee are likely to do so. The screening committee may interview applicants prior to finalizing the pool of candidates. The screening committee shall select two candidates in each of the three groups in the pool at random and appoint them to the commission and shall directly choose one candidate from each group and appoint them to the commission;

(3)(a) In order to be eligible to be a commissioner, a registered voter shall not have changed political affiliation in the three years prior to submission of the application.

(b) No commissioner, and no member of a commissioner's immediate family, shall be a member of Congress, a member of the Legislature, a constitutional officer of the State of Nebraska (other than a commissioner), an elected county or city official, an elected or appointed official or employee of a political party, a candidate for federal, state, county, or city elective office, a registered lobbyist, or a consultant for a political party or a candidate for federal, state, county, or city elective office.

(c) No commissioner or member of a commissioner's immediate family shall have held any of the positions listed in subdivision (c) of this subsection for at least five years prior to the commissioner's application.

(d) For purposes of this section, immediate family includes any person related to a commissioner by blood or marriage, including foster and adopted children;

(4) The screening committee shall appoint the commissioners on or before March 1, 2031, and on or before March 1 every ten years thereafter. Each commissioner's term shall expire ten years after the date of the commissioner's appointment or when the next commission is established, whichever is earlier. The screening committee shall fill vacancies on the commission from the same pool and group of candidates as the commissioner whose position is vacant. No commissioner shall be eligible for state office for a period of five years following the conclusion of service as a commissioner;

(5) The commission shall begin its work on or before April 1 of each year in which the commission is established and shall recommend maps setting forth the boundaries of all election districts by August 1 of that same year;

(6) The commission may retain employees, consultants, and legal counsel and contract for goods and services, but shall not retain or contract with an individual who would be ineligible to serve on the commission under subdivision (3) of this section or an entity owned or controlled by such an individual. On each day on which the commission meets to conduct its duties relating to redistricting, a commissioner shall be entitled to the same per diem and reimbursement of expenses as a member of the Legislature while the Legislature is in session;

(7) The Legislature shall provide meeting space and staff for the commission and shall appropriate the funds necessary for the commission to carry out its duties;

(8) The commission shall hold at least one public meeting in each congressional district prior to recommending maps to the Legislature. The commission shall make the maps proposed for recommendation and other data being considered readily available to the public across the state in a reasonably usable format at least seven days prior to the first such meeting and shall consider comments and maps provided by the public. Maps proposed by the commission shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the decisions made by the commission in drawing the maps;

(9) A quorum of the commission shall be seven commissioners. In order to be effective, any action taken by the commission, including the election of its chairperson and vice-chairperson and the recommendation of maps, shall have the votes of at least two commissioners from each of the three groups of commissioners;

(10) Subject to other provisions of this Constitution, election districts shall be drawn in accordance with the following criteria, in order of priority: (a) Complying with federal law, (b) creating contiguous districts, (c) making districts as nearly equal in population as possible, (d) ensuring that districts do not deny or abridge the right to vote on the basis of race or language, (e) minimizing the division of county, municipal, and neighborhood boundaries, and (f) not intentionally favoring or disfavoring any incumbent or political party;

(11) Except as may be otherwise required by federal law or to evaluate maps for compliance with subdivision (10) of this section, election districts

shall be drawn without considering the political affiliation of voters or previous voting data;

(12) The commission shall recommend to the Legislature maps setting forth the boundaries of election districts. Such maps shall be subject to final approval by the Legislature;

(13) The Legislature shall not redraw any districts. If any districts are rejected by the Legislature, the commission shall redraw the maps containing such districts in compliance with subdivisions (10) and (11) of this section, taking into account any feedback from the Legislature, and resubmit such maps to the Legislature for approval;

(14) All proceedings of the Legislature and its committees regarding redistricting and all meetings of the commission shall be conducted in public or with a remote viewing option which is readily accessible by the public; and

(15) Any registered voter of the State of Nebraska may maintain an action to compel compliance with this section. The district court for Lancaster County shall have original jurisdiction over any such action.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require appointment of a Commission on Redistricting to draw and recommend to the Legislature the boundaries of election districts.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 270. Introduced by Gragert, 40; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Arch, 14; Blood, 3; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Flood, 19; Friesen, 34; Geist, 25; Groene, 42; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilgers, 21; Hilkemann, 4; Hughes, 44; Hunt, 8; Kolterman, 24; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McCollister, 20; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Morfeld, 46; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Pahls, 31; Pansing Brooks, 28; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Stinner, 48; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

WHEREAS, Merton L. "Cap" Dierks of Ewing, Nebraska, was elected to the Legislature to represent legislative district 40 for a total of twenty years, ranging from 1987 to 2003 and 2007 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks was born in O'Neill, Nebraska, on July 2, 1932; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in animal science and went on to earn his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1956; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks operated a family ranch near Ewing and co-owned the O'Neill Veterinary Clinic; and

WHEREAS, during his time in the Legislature, Senator Dierks served as chair for both the Agriculture Committee and the State-Tribal Relations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks' record as a public servant is filled with many accomplishments and achievements in agriculture, animal welfare, natural resources, economic development, education, and the protection of the unborn which have resulted in a better life for Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks married the love of his life, Gloria Zoeller, on December 27, 1958, and had four children, Jon, Tom, Chris, and Stephanie, eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks passed away on Friday, October 22, 2021, at the age of eighty-nine and was joined by his wife Gloria on Saturday, December 18, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dierks will be remembered for his integrity, sincerity, and impact on the state.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Merton L. "Cap" Dierks and recognizes the dedicated years of service Senator Dierks provided to his community and the state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Merton L. "Cap" Dierks.

Laid over.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following motion to LB781:

MO115

Indefinitely postpone.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Cavanaugh, M. - LB376

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Slama name added to LB643.

Senator Brewer name added to LB783.

Senator Walz name added to LB792.

Senator Flood name added to LR14.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Joe Miller of Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:10 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 7, 2022.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

