

FORTY-SIXTH DAY - MARCH 23, 2022**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****FORTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 23, 2022

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Dean Vanessa Clark, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Gragert.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Williams presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Pahls who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Brewer, Flood, and Pansing Brooks who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-fifth day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair announced the birthday of Senator Lindstrom.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 350. Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Library Association hosts an annual advocacy day to honor outstanding volunteers who give their time and talent to Nebraska libraries; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are the lifeblood of Nebraska libraries and they help make libraries places to learn, meet, and gather; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln City Libraries benefit greatly from volunteers that contribute so much to help create the excellent library system available in the Lincoln community; and

WHEREAS, Gideon Terwilleger, Marchë Cepure, and Lauren Niedergeses were recognized this year by the Nebraska Library Association as outstanding volunteers.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and sends good wishes to Gideon Terwilleger, Marchë Cepure, and Lauren Niedergeses for their outstanding volunteer work with Nebraska libraries.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Gideon Terwilleger, Marchë Cepure, and Lauren Niedergeses.

Laid over.

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.

Brooke J. Fitzpatrick - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Sandra Shaw - 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.

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.

Douglas A. Bauer - State Board of Health
Douglas Vander Broek - State Board of Health
Joshua M. Vest - State Board of Health

Aye: 6. Arch, Day, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.
Present and not voting: 1. Cavanaugh, M..

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.

Michael A. Greene - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Jeffrey Wallman - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

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

(Signed) John Arch, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Return LB1073 to Select File

Senator M. Hansen moved to return LB1073 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA141](#)

Strike Section.

Senator M. Hansen withdrew his motion to return.

The M. Hansen amendment, FA141, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1073. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to require the Governor to apply for emergency rental assistance under the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Senator Wayne requested a roll call vote, in reverse order.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Aguilar	Day	Kolterman	Morfeld	Williams
Blood	DeBoer	Lathrop	Pansing Brooks	Wishart
Brandt	Dorn	Lindstrom	Stinner	
Briese	Gragert	McCollister	Vargas	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Walz	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	McKinney	Wayne	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Albrecht	Geist	Hughes	Moser
Bostelman	Halloran	Jacobson	Murman
Clements	Hansen, B.	Linehan	Sanders
Erdman	Hilgers	Lowe	Slama

Present and not voting, 2:

Arch Friesen

Absent and not voting, 1:

Hilkemann

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar Brewer Flood Pahls

Having failed to receive a constitutional two-thirds majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass with the emergency clause attached. The question is, "Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause stricken?"

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Aguilar	Day	Kolterman	Morfeld	Williams
Blood	DeBoer	Lathrop	Pansing Brooks	Wishart
Brandt	Dorn	Lindstrom	Stinner	
Briese	Gragert	McCollister	Vargas	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen, M.	McDonnell	Walz	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	McKinney	Wayne	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Albrecht	Geist	Hilgers	Linehan	Murman
Clements	Halloran	Hughes	Lowe	Sanders
Erdman	Hansen, B.	Jacobson	Moser	Slama

Present and not voting, 4:

Arch Bostelman Friesen Hilkemann

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar Brewer Flood Pahls

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause stricken.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Wayne requested a point of order that his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Section 3(f), should be taken up prior to the reading of the bill's title.

The Chair ruled the point of order was out of order because the motion was not the first item for consideration under Rule 1, Section 17(c).

Senator Wayne challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Voting in the affirmative, 9:

Blood	Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen, M.	McKinney	Wayne
Cavanaugh, J.	Day	Hunt	Walz	

Voting in the negative, 31:

Aguilar	Dorn	Hilgers	McCollister	Stinner
Albrecht	Erdman	Hughes	McDonnell	Williams
Arch	Friesen	Jacobson	Moser	Wishart
Bostelman	Geist	Kolterman	Murman	
Brandt	Gragert	Lindstrom	Pansing Brooks	
Briese	Halloran	Linehan	Sanders	
Clements	Hansen, B.	Low	Slama	

Present and not voting, 5:

DeBoer	Hilkemann	Lathrop	Morfeld	Vargas
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Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Brewer	Flood	Pahls
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The Wayne motion to overrule the Chair failed with 9 ayes, 31 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair was sustained.

Committee [AM2330](#), found on page 898, was offered.

Senator Arch offered his amendment, [AM2508](#), found on page 916, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR HUGHES PRESIDING

SPEAKER HILGERS PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1073. Correctly Enrolled.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 331, 332, 334, and 336 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB1073 and LRs 331, 332, 334, and 336.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Arch renewed his amendment, [AM2508](#), found on page 916 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to [LB853](#):
[AM2371](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1601)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2020, is amended to read:
- 5 77-3506 (1) All homesteads in this state shall be assessed for
- 6 taxation the same as other property, except that:
- 7 (a) ~~There~~ ~~there~~ shall be exempt from taxation, on any homestead
- 8 described in ~~subdivision (2)(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), or (f) subsection~~
- 9 ~~(2)~~ of this section, one hundred percent of the exempt amount; ~~and -~~
- 10 (b) ~~There shall be exempt from taxation, on any homestead described~~
- 11 ~~in subdivision (2)(g) of this section, an amount equal to the exempt~~
- 12 ~~amount multiplied by the applicable percentage from subsection (3) of~~
- 13 ~~this section. Such percentage shall be based on the disability percentage~~
- 14 ~~of the veteran.~~
- 15 (2) The exemption described in subsection (1) of this section shall
- 16 apply to homesteads of:
- 17 (a) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
- 18 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
- 19 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
- 20 Affairs because of a one hundred percent service-connected permanent
- 21 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections
- 22 77-3526 to 77-3528;
- 23 (b) ~~An - an~~ unmarried surviving spouse of ~~such~~ a veteran described
- 24 in subdivision (2)(a) of this section, or a surviving spouse of such a
- 25 veteran who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;
- 26 (c) A veteran who was discharged or otherwise separated with a
- 1 characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions),
- 2 who is drawing compensation from the United States Department of Veterans
- 3 Affairs because of a one hundred percent service-connected temporary
- 4 disability, and who is not eligible for total exemption under sections

5 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried surviving spouse of such a veteran, or
6 a surviving spouse of such a veteran who remarries after attaining the
7 age of fifty-seven years;

8 (d) (b) An unremarried surviving spouse of any veteran, including a
9 veteran other than a veteran described in section 80-401.01, who was
10 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or
11 general (under honorable conditions) and who died because of a service-
12 connected disability or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who
13 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;

14 (e) (e) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or
15 servicewoman, including a veteran other than a veteran described in
16 section 80-401.01, whose death while on active duty was service-connected
17 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or servicewoman who remarries
18 after attaining the age of fifty-seven years; and

19 (f) (d) An unremarried surviving spouse of a serviceman or
20 servicewoman who died while on active duty during the periods described
21 in section 80-401.01 or a surviving spouse of such a serviceman or
22 servicewoman who remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years;
23 and -

24 (g) Beginning January 1, 2023, a veteran who was discharged or
25 otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general
26 (under honorable conditions), who is drawing compensation from the United
27 States Department of Veterans Affairs because the veteran is at least
28 fifty percent disabled but less than one hundred percent disabled due to
29 a service-connected disability, and who is not eligible for total
30 exemption under sections 77-3526 to 77-3528, an unremarried surviving
31 spouse of such a veteran, or a surviving spouse of such a veteran who
1 remarries after attaining the age of fifty-seven years.

2 (3) For a claimant described in subdivision (2)(g) of this section,
3 the exempt amount shall be multiplied by the percentage in Column B which
4 corresponds with the veteran's disability percentage in Column A in the
5 table found in this subsection.

6	Column A	Column B
7	Disability Percentage	Percentage To Apply To
8	Of Veteran	Exempt Amount
9	At least 90% but less than 100% disabled	90
10	At least 80% but less than 90% disabled	80
11	At least 70% but less than 80% disabled	70
12	At least 60% but less than 70% disabled	60
13	At least 50% but less than 60% disabled	50

14 (4) (3) Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of this
15 section shall be required once every five years and shall include
16 certification of the status described in subdivision (2)(a) set forth in
17 subsection (2) of this section from the United States Department of
18 Veterans Affairs. Application for exemption under subdivision (2)(b),
19 (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section shall be required annually and
20 shall include certification of the status described in subdivision (2)
21 (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g) of this section from the United States
22 Department of Veterans Affairs, except that such certification of status
23 shall only be required once every five years. Such certification shall not
24 be required in succeeding years if no change in status has occurred,
25 except that the county assessor or the Tax Commissioner may request such
26 certification to verify that no change in status has occurred.

27 Sec. 2. Section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
28 amended to read:

29 77-3512 (1) It shall be the duty of each owner who wants a
30 homestead exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 to file an
1 application therefor with the county assessor of the county in which the
2 homestead is located after February 1 and on or before June 30 of each
3 year. Failure to do so shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for

4 ~~that year~~, except that:

5 ~~(a) (1)~~ The county board of the county in which the homestead is
6 located may, by majority vote, extend the deadline for an applicant to on
7 or before July 20. An extension shall not be granted to an applicant who
8 received an extension in the immediately preceding year;

9 ~~(b) (2)~~ An owner may file a late application pursuant to section
10 77-3514.01 if he or she includes documentation of a medical condition
11 which impaired the owner's ability to file the application in a timely
12 manner; ~~and~~

13 ~~(c) (3)~~ An owner may file a late application pursuant to section
14 77-3514.01 if he or she includes a copy of the death certificate of a
15 spouse who died during the year for which the exemption is requested; -

16 ~~(d) A veteran qualifying for a homestead exemption under subdivision~~
17 ~~(2)(a) of section 77-3506 shall only be required to file an application~~
18 ~~once every five years; and~~

19 ~~(e) If a veteran who has been granted a homestead exemption under~~
20 ~~subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3506 dies during the five-year exemption~~
21 ~~period, the surviving spouse of such veteran shall continue to receive~~
22 ~~such exemption for the remainder of the five-year exemption period. After~~
23 ~~the expiration of the five-year exemption period, the surviving spouse~~
24 ~~shall be required to file for an exemption under subdivision (2)(b) of~~
25 ~~section 77-3506 on an annual basis.~~

26 ~~(2) Failure to file an application as required in subsection (1) of~~
27 ~~this section shall constitute a waiver of the exemption for the year in~~
28 ~~which the failure occurred.~~

29 Sec. 3. Section 77-3513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
30 amended to read:

31 77-3513 The county assessor shall mail a notice on or before April 1
1 to claimants who are the owners of a homestead which was granted an
2 exemption under section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 and who are required
3 to refile for such exemption in the current preceding year unless the
4 claimant has already filed the application for the current year or the
5 county assessor has reason to believe there has been a change of
6 circumstances so that the claimant no longer qualifies. The notice shall
7 include the claimant's name, the application deadlines for the current
8 year, a list of documents that must be filed with the application, and
9 the county assessor's office address and telephone number.

10 Sec. 4. Section 77-3522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
11 amended to read:

12 77-3522 (1) Any person who makes any false or fraudulent claim for
13 exemption or any false statement or false representation of a material
14 fact in support of such claim or any person who knowingly assists another
15 in the preparation of any such false or fraudulent claim or enters into
16 any collusion with another by the execution of a fictitious deed or other
17 instrument for the purpose of obtaining unlawful exemption under sections
18 77-3501 to 77-3529 shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor and shall be
19 subject to a forfeiture of any such exemption for a period of two years
20 from the date of conviction. Any person who shall make an oath or
21 affirmation to any false or fraudulent application for homestead
22 exemption knowing the same to be false or fraudulent shall be guilty of a
23 Class I misdemeanor.

24 (2) In addition to the penalty provided in subsection (1) of this
25 section, if any person (a) files a claim for exemption as provided in
26 section 77-3506, 77-3507, or 77-3508 which is excessive due to
27 misstatements by the owner filing such claim or (b) fails to notify the
28 county assessor of a change in status of a veteran qualifying for a
29 homestead exemption under subdivision (2)(a) of section 77-3506 which
30 affected all or a portion of the exemption period, including a change in
31 rating, a transfer of the property, or the death of the veteran, the
1 claim may be disallowed in full and, if the claim has been allowed, an

2 amount equal to the amount of taxes lawfully due during the applicable
 3 exemption period but not paid by reason of such unlawful and improper
 4 allowance of homestead exemption shall be due and shall upon entry of the
 5 amount thereof on the books of the county treasurer be a lien on such
 6 property until paid and a penalty equal to the amount of taxes lawfully
 7 due but claimed for exemption shall be assessed. Any amount paid to
 8 satisfy a lien imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be paid to the
 9 county treasurer in the same manner that other property taxes are paid,
 10 and the county treasurer shall remit such amount to the State Treasurer
 11 for credit to the General Fund. Any penalty collected pursuant to this
 12 subsection shall be retained by the county in which such penalty is
 13 assessed.
 14 (3) For any veteran claiming a homestead exemption under subdivision
 15 (2)(a) of section 77-3506, the county assessor may revoke such exemption
 16 back to the date on which the county assessor has reason to believe that
 17 the exemption was improper upon notice to the veteran of the revocation.
 18 The veteran may then provide evidence in favor of receiving the exemption
 19 to the county assessor, and the county assessor may revise any revocation
 20 based on such evidence. Any decision of the county assessor to revoke a
 21 homestead exemption under this subsection may be appealed to the county
 22 board within thirty days after the decision. The county board may reverse
 23 or modify the revocation if there is clear and convincing evidence that
 24 the veteran qualified for the exemption for a particular period of time.
 25 (4) Any additional taxes or penalties imposed pursuant to this
 26 section may be appealed in the same manner as appeals are made under
 27 section 77-3519.
 28 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2023.
 29 Sec. 6. Original sections 77-3513 and 77-3522, Reissue Revised
 30 Statutes of Nebraska, section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 31 Supplement, 2020, and section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021,
 1 are repealed.

Senator Flood filed the following amendment to [LB709](#):
[AM2521](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1936)

1 1. On page 7, after line 30 insert the following new subsection:
 2 "(5) This section does not apply to any occupation regulated by the
 3 Board of Engineers and Architects or the State Real Estate Commission.".
 4 2. On page 12, line 30, after the second comma insert "the Board of
 5 Engineers and Architects, the State Real Estate Commission,".
 6 3. On page 18, after line 18 insert the following new subsection:
 7 "(10) This section does not apply to any occupation regulated by the
 8 Board of Engineers and Architects or the State Real Estate Commission.".

Senator M. Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB919](#):
[FA142](#)

Amend AM2513: Strike Section 6 and renumber accordingly.

Senator M. Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB919](#):
[FA143](#)

Amend AM2513: Strike Section 5 and renumber accordingly.

Senator M. Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB919](#):
[FA144](#)

Strike Sections 1 and 2, and renumber accordingly.

Senator M. Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB919](#):

[FA145](#)

Strike Sections 3 and 4 and renumber accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 351. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the feasibility of the construction, operation, and maintenance of public river port facilities on Nebraska waterways. This study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examining the feasibility and logistics of the construction of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways, including the Missouri River;
- (2) Reviewing the public benefits of the operation of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways;
- (3) Determining whether commercial transport of goods along Nebraska waterways generates economic benefits to Nebraska citizens;
- (4) Studying environmental, public safety, and administrative issues associated with the operation of public port facilities;
- (5) Examining funding opportunities to construct and operate public port facilities; and
- (6) Reviewing related state statutes and local ordinances impacting the construction, operation, and maintenance of public port facilities on Nebraska waterways.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

EXPLANATION(S) OF VOTE(S)

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on final passage of LB1073.

(Signed) Michael Flood

SENATOR HUGHES PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Albrecht offered her amendment, [AM2495](#), found on page 915, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 23, 2022, at 11:09 a.m. was the following: LB1073.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 352.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, the 2022 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 17 through February 19 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, senior Levi Kerner wrestled for the Arapahoe-Holbrook High School wrestling team coached by Brandon Mues; and

WHEREAS, Levi won the Class D 285-pound championship match; and

WHEREAS, Levi also medaled in his previous two visits to the state tournament. He placed third in his sophomore year and fourth in his junior year; and

WHEREAS, Levi currently holds his school record for career wins at 166; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Levi Kerner on winning the 2022 Class D 285-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Arapahoe-Holbrook High School, coach Brandon Mues, and Levi Kerner.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353. Introduced by Friesen, 34.

WHEREAS, Nebraskans for the Arts annually presents the NebraskARTS Award which recognizes select schools or school districts that make notable and worthwhile contributions to the arts and arts education in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Central City Public Schools demonstrates a high education standard and provides all its students the opportunity to enjoy, excel, and learn through the arts; and

WHEREAS, Central City Public Schools provides numerous opportunities for students to improve their craft and share their talent and hard work with their community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Central City Public Schools for receiving the 2021-22 NebraskARTS Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Central City Public Schools superintendent on behalf of the students, teachers, staff, and parents of Central City Public Schools.

Laid over.

RECESS

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Senator Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Pahls who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Bostelman, Briese, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Day, B. Hansen, Hilkemann, Hunt, McCollister, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama, Stinner, Vargas, Wayne, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Albrecht renewed her amendment, [AM2495](#), found on page 915 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Albrecht withdrew her amendment.

Senator DeBoer offered her amendment, [AM2472](#), found on page 905, to the committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hunt offered her amendment, [AM2446](#), found on page 906, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR HUGHES PRESIDING

Senator Hunt withdrew her amendment.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Morfeld filed the following amendment to LB1012:

[AM2541](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2000)

1 1. On page 1, line 15, strike "state's".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB1023:

[AM2546](#)

(Amendments to AM2300)

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 19 through 31.

2 2. On page 3, strike lines 1 through 7; in line 8 strike "(12)" and

3 insert "(9)"; in line 13 strike "(13)" and insert "(10)"; and in line 19

4 strike "(14)" and insert "(11)".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 354. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the educational experiences and outcomes of youth in foster care. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a consideration of the following:

(1) National and best practices related to educational opportunities for youth in foster care;

(2) The known challenges of youth in foster care in regards to educational attainment;

(3) The status of the state's current system of support for youth in foster care in regards to their educational goals;

(4) Racial, economic, and geographic disparities that exist in educational attainment for youth in foster care;

(5) Potential programs to address challenges in educational success for youth in foster care, particularly the foster care full ride program;

(6) The landscape of educational opportunities for youth in foster care including community colleges, universities, state colleges, and career and technical training programs;

(7) Other state efforts to support youth in foster care and their educational goals; and

(8) Potential statutory or administrative changes that would support improved outcomes in education for youth in foster care.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 355. Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Wayne, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and review Chapter 70 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes in order to update and modernize language and determine if any updates or revisions are necessary. The study shall include, but not to be limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Statutes relating to electric generation and transmission;
- (2) Statutes governing the approval of and decommissioning of electric generation facilities;
- (3) Statutes governing the Nebraska Power Review Board; and
- (4) Adherence by public power suppliers to the laws and policies of the state.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purpose of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 356. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022, the city of Seward will be hosting their fiftieth annual Arbor Day celebration; and

WHEREAS, the city of Seward has planted approximately one hundred ceremonial trees over the past five decades celebrating the holiday; and

WHEREAS, the city of Seward has been named an official "Tree City USA" by the Arbor Day Foundation for the last four decades; and

WHEREAS, the Seward General Federation of Women's Club sponsors an annual Arbor Day planting program.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the work of the Seward General Federation of Women's Clubs and the city of Seward for the continued support of Arbor Day and tree planting.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Seward General Federation of Women's Clubs and the city of Seward.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 357. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

WHEREAS, in April 2022, Phil Burke, General Manager for the Polk County Rural Public Power District, will retire after serving the public and the community for 42 years; and

WHEREAS, Phil began his career in 1980 and, after serving as a groundman, a lineman, and Customer Service Director and Operations Manager, served as the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Polk County Rural Public Power District; and

WHEREAS, Phil has shown dedication to the Polk County Rural Public Power District, its customers, the community, and the state during his tenure.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Phil Burke for his service over the last 42 years and congratulates him on his retirement.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Phil Burke.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Gragert withdrew his amendment, [AM2486](#), found on page 905.

Senator Gragert offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2542](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2330)

1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 49. AGENCY NO. 84 — DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

3 Program No. 528 - Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund

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	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
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5 <u>FEDERAL FUND</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
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6 <u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>6,000,000</u>
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7 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22

8 \$1,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such

9 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for

10 FY2022-23 \$6,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be

11 used for such purpose.

12 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for

13 FY2021-22 \$1,000,000 Federal Funds and for FY2022-23 \$6,000,000 Federal

14 Funds to provide grant assistance for a rural drinking water project that

15 serve rural water connections and at least four communities in two
 16 contiguous counties in order to convert to ground water sources and to
 17 provide for water system infrastructure and distribution, which shall
 18 only be used for such purpose.
 19 2. On page 24, lines 27 and 28, strike "47,000,000 44,000,000" and
 20 insert "46,000,000 38,000,000"; and in line 30 strike "\$47,000,000" and
 21 insert "\$46,000,000".
 22 3. On page 25, line 2, strike "\$44,000,000" and insert
 23 "\$38,000,000".
 24 4. On page 26, line 3, strike "\$10,000,000" and insert "\$4,000,000".
 25 5. On page 27, line 30, strike "\$2,000,000" and insert "\$1,000,000".
 26 6. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

The Gragert amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt offered his amendment, [AM2444](#), found on page 900, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR WILLIAMS PRESIDING

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman withdrew his amendment, [AM2476](#), found on page 907.

Senator Murman offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2544](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2330)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
 2 Sec. 15. AGENCY NO. 25 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
 3 Program No. 175 - Rural Health Provider Incentive Program
 4

	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
<u>FEDERAL FUND</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

 7 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22
 8 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
 9 purpose.
 10 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
 11 FY2021-22 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for repayment of qualified educational
 12 debts owed by eligible health professionals as provided in section
 13 71-5662.
 14 Sec. 16. AGENCY NO. 25 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
 15 Program No. 176 - Nursing Incentives
 16

	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
<u>FEDERAL FUND</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
<u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

 19 (1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for
 20 FY2021-22 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be
 21 used for such purpose.
 22 (2) There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program
 23 for FY2021-22 \$5,000,000 Federal Funds for scholarships to students (a)
 24 residing in Nebraska. (b) intending to enroll or enrolled in a nursing
 25 program that (i) is approved pursuant to sections 38-2232 to 38-2236,
 26 (ii) is offered by a public or private postsecondary institution in

1 Nebraska, and (iii) consists of courses of instruction in regularly
 2 scheduled classes leading only to an associate degree, diploma, or
 3 certificate in nursing or an accelerated bachelor of science in nursing
 4 degree. (c) intending to practice as a licensed practical nurse, licensed
 5 registered nurse, or nurse aide upon completion of the approved nursing
 6 program, and (d) agreeing in writing to work for two years in this state
 7 as a licensed practical nurse, licensed registered nurse, or nurse aide
 8 upon completion of the approved nursing program. Each qualifying student
 9 shall receive a scholarship of up to \$2,500 per semester.
 10 2. On page 19, lines 15 and 16, strike "20,000,000" and insert
 11 "10,000,000"; and in line 18 strike "\$20,000,000" and insert
 12 "\$10,000,000".
 13 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 14 accordingly.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Blood withdrew her amendment, [AM2491](#), found on page 912.

Senator Blood offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
[AM2543](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2330)

1 1. Strike section 48 and insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 11. AGENCY NO. 13 — STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
 3 Program No. 25 - Education, Administration, and Support
 4

	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
<u>FEDERAL FUND</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>
<u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>20,000,000</u>

 5
 6 (1) There is included in the appropriation to this program for
 7 FY2022-23 \$20,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be
 8 used for such purpose.
 9 (2)(a) The State Department of Education shall administer a program
 10 to provide grants to all public school districts for purposes of school
 11 employee retention.
 12 (b) The amount of the grant provided to each public school district
 13 shall be a proportionate share of the total amount appropriated under
 14 this section. Each public school district's share shall be based on the
 15 percentage of the Nebraska population residing in such public school
 16 district according to the most recent federal decennial census or the
 17 most recent revised certified count by the United States Bureau of the
 18 Census.
 19 (c) A public school district receiving such grant shall divide the
 20 grant evenly among all eligible school employees at the time of receiving
 21 the grant.
 22 (d) For purposes of this section, eligible school employee means a
 23 certificated employee employed by a school. Eligible school employee does
 24 not include any school administrator.
 25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 26 1 accordingly.

Senator Blood moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 5 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator Blood requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on her amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Blood	Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen, M.	Pansing Brooks
Brewer	Day	Hunt	Walz
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Morfeld	

Voting in the negative, 18:

Aguilar	Clements	Friesen	Linehan	Stinner
Albrecht	Dorn	Geist	Lowe	Williams
Bostelman	Erdman	Halloran	Moser	
Briese	Flood	Jacobson	Sanders	

Present and not voting, 17:

Arch	Hansen, B.	Lathrop	McKinney	Wishart
Bostar	Hilgers	Lindstrom	Murman	
Brandt	Hilkemann	McCollister	Vargas	
Gragert	Hughes	McDonnell	Wayne	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Kolterman	Pahls	Slama
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The Blood amendment lost with 11 ayes, 18 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2527](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2526](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2524](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2523](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2525](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB919:
[AM2528](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB919](#):
[AM2531](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2513)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 11, after the semicolon insert "and"; in line 13
- 2 strike beginning with the second comma through the semicolon and insert
- 3 an underscored period; and strike lines 14 through 21.
- 4 2. On page 5, line 6, after the semicolon insert "and"; in line 8
- 5 strike "and before January 1, 2025."; in line 11 strike the semicolon and
- 6 insert an underscored period; and strike lines 12 through 25.
- 7 3. On page 10, strike lines 11 through 31 and insert the following
- 8 new subsection:
- 9 "(2) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin during calendar
- 10 year 2022 and each calendar year thereafter, the department shall set the
- 11 credit percentage so that the total amount of credits for such taxable
- 12 years shall be fifty million dollars.".
- 13 4. On page 11, strike lines 1 through 4.

Senator B. Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB927](#):
[AM2505](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2023)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 10. Section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 77-1633 (1) For purposes of this section, political subdivision
- 5 means any county, city, school district, or community college.
- 6 (2) If any political subdivision seeks to increase its property tax
- 7 request by more than the allowable growth percentage, such political
- 8 subdivision may do so if:
- 9 (a) A public hearing is held and notice of such hearing is provided
- 10 in compliance with subsection (3) of this section; and
- 11 (b) The governing body of such political subdivision passes a
- 12 resolution or an ordinance that complies with subsection (4) of this
- 13 section.
- 14 (3)(a) Each political subdivision within a county that seeks to
- 15 increase its property tax request by more than the allowable growth
- 16 percentage shall participate in a joint public hearing. Each such
- 17 political subdivision shall designate one representative to attend the
- 18 joint public hearing on behalf of the political subdivision. If a
- 19 political subdivision includes area in more than one county, the
- 20 political subdivision shall be deemed to be within the county in which
- 21 the political subdivision's principal headquarters are located. At such
- 22 hearing, there shall be no items on the agenda other than discussion on
- 23 each political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request
- 24 by more than the allowable growth percentage.
- 25 (b) The joint public hearing shall be held on or after September 17
- 26 and prior to September 29 and before any of the participating political
- 1 subdivisions file their adopted budget statement pursuant to section
- 2 13-508.
- 3 (c) The joint public hearing shall be held after 6 p.m. local time
- 4 on the relevant date.
- 5 (d) The joint public hearing shall be organized by the county clerk
- 6 or his or her designee. At the joint public hearing, the representative
- 7 of each political subdivision shall give a brief presentation on the
- 8 political subdivision's intent to increase its property tax request by
- 9 more than the allowable growth percentage and the effect of such request
- 10 on the political subdivision's budget. The presentation shall include:
- 11 (i) The name of the political subdivision;
- 12 (ii) The amount of the property tax request; and

13 (iii) The following statements:

14 (A) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's
15 total assessed value by percent;

16 (B) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes
17 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of
18 property, would be \$..... per \$100 of assessed value;

19 (C) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a property
20 tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$..... per \$100 of
21 assessed value;

22 (D) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other
23 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision)
24 will exceed last year's by percent; and

25 (E) To obtain more information regarding the increase in the
26 property tax request, citizens may contact the (name of political
27 subdivision) at (telephone number and email address of political
28 subdivision).

29 (e) Any member of the public shall be allowed to speak at the joint
30 public hearing and shall be given a reasonable amount of time to do so.

31 (f) Notice of the joint public hearing shall be provided:

1 (i) By sending a postcard to all affected property taxpayers. The
2 postcard shall be sent to the name and address to which the property tax
3 statement is mailed;

4 (ii) By posting notice of the hearing on the home page of the
5 relevant county's website, except that this requirement shall only apply
6 if the county has a population of more than twenty-five thousand
7 inhabitants; and

8 (iii) By publishing notice of the hearing in a legal newspaper in or
9 of general circulation in the relevant county.

10 (g) Each political subdivision that participates in the joint public
11 hearing shall send the information prescribed in subdivision (3)(h) of
12 this section to the county clerk by September 5. The county clerk shall
13 transmit the information to the county assessor no later than September
14 10. The county clerk shall notify each participating political
15 subdivision of the date, time, and location of the joint public hearing.
16 The county assessor shall send the information required to be included on
17 the postcards pursuant to subdivision (3)(h) of this section to a
18 printing service designated by the county board. The initial cost for
19 printing the postcards shall be paid from the county general fund ~~mail~~
20 ~~the postcards required in this subsection.~~ Such postcards shall be mailed
21 at least seven calendar days before the joint public hearing. The cost of
22 creating and mailing the postcards, including staff time, materials, and
23 postage, shall be ~~charged proportionately to divided among~~ the political
24 subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing based on the total
25 number of parcels in each participating political subdivision.

26 (h) The postcard sent under this subsection and the notice posted on
27 the county's website, if required under subdivision (3)(f)(ii) of this
28 section, and published in the newspaper shall include the date, time, and
29 location for the joint public hearing, a listing of and telephone number
30 for each political subdivision that will be participating in the joint
31 public hearing, and the amount of each participating political
1 subdivision's property tax request. The postcard shall also contain the
2 following information:

3 (i) The following words in capitalized type at the top of the
4 postcard: NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE;

5 (ii) The name of the county that will hold the joint public hearing,
6 which shall appear directly underneath the capitalized words described in
7 subdivision (3)(h)(i) of this section;

8 (iii) The following statement: The following political subdivisions
9 are proposing a revenue increase which would result in an overall
10 increase in as a result of property taxes in (insert current tax year).

11 THE ACTUAL TAX ON YOUR PROPERTY MAY INCREASE OR DECREASE. This
notice

12 contains estimates of the tax on your property ~~and the proposed tax~~
13 ~~increase on your property~~ as a result of this revenue increase. These
14 estimates are calculated on the basis of the proposed (insert current tax
15 year) data. The actual tax on your property ~~and tax increase on your~~
16 ~~property~~ may vary from these estimates.

17 (iv) The parcel number for the property;

18 (v) The name of the property owner and the address of the property;

19 (vi) The property's assessed value in the previous tax year;

20 (vii) The amount of property taxes due in the previous tax year for

21 each participating political subdivision;

22 (viii) The property's assessed value for the current tax year;

23 (ix) The amount of property taxes due for the current tax year for

24 each participating political subdivision;

25 (x) The change in the amount of property taxes due for each

26 participating political subdivision from the previous tax year to the

27 current tax year; and

28 (xi) The following statement: To obtain more information regarding
29 the tax increase, citizens may contact the political subdivision at the
30 telephone number provided in this notice.

31 (4) After the joint public hearing required in subsection (3) of

1 this section, the governing body of each participating political

2 subdivision shall pass an ordinance or resolution to set such political

3 subdivision's property tax request. If the political subdivision is

4 increasing its property tax request over the amount from the prior year,

5 including any increase in excess of the allowable growth percentage, then

6 such ordinance or resolution shall include, but not be limited to, the

7 following information:

8 (a) The name of the political subdivision;

9 (b) The amount of the property tax request;

10 (c) The following statements:

11 (i) The total assessed value of property differs from last year's

12 total assessed value by percent;

13 (ii) The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes

14 as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of

15 property, would be \$..... per \$100 of assessed value;

16 (iii) The (name of political subdivision) proposes to adopt a

17 property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$..... per \$100

18 of assessed value; and

19 (iv) Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other

20 revenue, the total operating budget of (name of political subdivision)

21 will exceed last year's by percent; and

22 (d) The record vote of the governing body in passing such resolution

23 or ordinance.

24 (5) Any resolution or ordinance setting a property tax request under

25 this section shall be certified and forwarded to the county clerk on or

26 before October 15 of the year for which the tax request is to apply.

27 (6) The county clerk, or his or her designee, shall prepare a report

28 which shall include (a) the names of the representatives of the political

29 subdivisions participating in the joint public hearing and (b) the name

30 and address of each individual who spoke at the joint public hearing,

31 unless the address requirement is waived to protect the security of the

1 individual, and the name of any organization represented by each such

2 individual. Such report shall be delivered to the political subdivisions

3 participating in the joint public hearing within ten days after such

4 hearing.

5 Sec. 11. Section 77-1634, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is

6 amended to read:

7 77-1634 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,

8 any levy which is not in compliance with the Property Tax Request Act and
 9 section 77-1601 shall be construed as an unauthorized levy under section
 10 77-1606.

11 (2) An inadvertent failure to comply with the Property Tax Request
 12 Act shall not invalidate a political subdivision's property tax request
 13 or constitute an unauthorized levy under section 77-1606. A political
 14 subdivision that has complied with the Property Tax Request Act shall not
 15 have its property tax request invalidated due to any other political
 16 subdivision's failure to comply with the Property Tax Request Act. The
 17 failure of a taxpayer to receive a postcard as required under the act
 18 shall not invalidate a political subdivision's property tax request or
 19 constitute an unauthorized levy under section 77-1606.
 20 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
 21 accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Appropriations

LEGISLATIVE BILL 792. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2430

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
 2 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$3,000,000 from the
 3 General Fund for FY2022-23, (2) \$9,000,000 from the General Fund for
 4 FY2023-24, and (3) \$15,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2024-25 to the
 5 University of Nebraska, Program 781, for the academic programs and
 6 operating budget of the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural
 7 Health Complex on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

(Signed) John Stinner, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 358. Introduced by Day, 49; Arch, 14;
 Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hansen, B., 16; Murman, 38; Walz, 15; Williams, 36.

WHEREAS, Eric Evans first joined Disability Rights Nebraska in 1987 as
 Deputy Director and will be resigning on July 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, for the last seven of his thirty-five years at Disability Rights
 Nebraska, Eric served as Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining Disability Rights Nebraska, Eric worked as
 the Executive Director of the Nebraska Governor's Planning Council on
 Developmental Disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eric's life-long and unwavering dedication to advocacy,
 justice, and civil rights for persons with disabilities stems from his personal
 connection to many people with disabilities and a clear vision of the valued
 humanity of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Eric's advocacy for disability rights resulted in several
 significant improvements for the lives of persons with disabilities in
 Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Eric has helped raise the visibility of people with disabilities
 with policymakers and others; and

WHEREAS, Eric helped the Legislature craft policy on disability issues
 including the Developmental Disabilities Services Act and revisions of the

Public Guardianship Act, played a key part in transforming the public behavioral healthcare system in the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act, and helped spur the creation of multiple offices, including the office of consumer affairs within the Division of Behavioral Health, the Office of the Public Guardian, the State of Nebraska Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator, and the State of Nebraska Americans with Disabilities Act Taskforce; and

WHEREAS, Eric has worked tirelessly with policymakers, advocates, and people with disabilities to strengthen citizen advocacy programs and expand values-based training in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Eric is a recognized leader within the disability community at the local, state, and national levels; and

WHEREAS, through his consistent commitment to educate, empower, and support people with disabilities, he has helped develop many strong advocates within Nebraska's disability community and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Eric's leadership has had a substantial and lasting impact on the status and treatment of Nebraskans with disabilities.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Eric Evans for his decades of service to the disability community and to Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Eric Evans.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1014. Senator Wayne offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
[AM2552](#) is available in the Bill Room.

SENATOR ARCH PRESIDING

The Wayne amendment lost with 12 ayes, 14 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Wayne offered his amendment, [AM2478](#), found on page 901, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR WILLIAMS PRESIDING

Senator Stinner offered the following motion:

[MO177](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Stinner moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 3 nays, and 20 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen, B.	Linehan	Stinner
Albrecht	Clements	Hansen, M.	Lowe	Vargas
Arch	Day	Hilgers	McCollister	Walz
Blood	DeBoer	Hilkemann	McDonnell	Wayne
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	McKinney	Williams
Bostelman	Erdman	Hunt	Morfeld	Wishart
Brandt	Flood	Jacobson	Moser	
Brewer	Geist	Kolterman	Murman	
Briese	Gragert	Lathrop	Sanders	
Cavanaugh, J.	Halloran	Lindstrom	Slama	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Friesen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Pahls Pansing Brooks

The Stinner motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Wayne amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Committee [AM2330](#), as amended, found on page 898, and considered in this day's Journal, was adopted with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Expedite LB1014

Speaker Hilgers asked unanimous consent to expedite LB1014. No objections. So ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1013. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1024. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER154](#) is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 121. Placed on Select File with amendment.
[ER153](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021, is
4 amended to read:
5 68-1017.02 (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
6 apply for and utilize to the maximum extent possible, within limits
7 established by the Legislature, any and all appropriate options available
8 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
9 and regulations adopted under such program to maximize the number of
10 Nebraska residents being served under such program within such limits.
11 The department shall seek to maximize federal funding for such program
12 and minimize the utilization of General Funds for such program and shall
13 employ the personnel necessary to determine the options available to the
14 state and issue the report to the Legislature required by subdivision (b)
15 of this subsection.
16 (b) The department shall submit electronically an annual report to
17 the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 1
18 on efforts by the department to carry out the provisions of this
19 subsection. Such report shall provide the committee with all necessary
20 and appropriate information to enable the committee to conduct a
21 meaningful evaluation of such efforts. Such information shall include,
22 but not be limited to, a clear description of various options available
23 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
24 the department's evaluation of and any action taken by the department
25 with respect to such options, the number of persons being served under
26 such program, and any and all costs and expenditures associated with such
27 program.
1 (c) The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature,
2 after receipt and evaluation of the report required in subdivision (b) of
3 this subsection, shall issue recommendations to the department on any
4 further action necessary by the department to meet the requirements of
5 this section.
6 (2)(a) The department shall develop a state outreach plan to promote
7 access by eligible persons to benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition
8 Assistance Program. The plan shall meet the criteria established by the
9 Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture
10 for approval of state outreach plans. The Department of Health and Human
11 Services may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop
12 and implement the state outreach plan.
13 (b) For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach
14 plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit
15 organizations. If the department enters into a contract with a nonprofit
16 organization relating to the state outreach plan, the contract may
17 specify that the nonprofit organization is responsible for seeking
18 sufficient gifts, grants, or donations necessary for the development and
19 implementation of the state outreach plan and may additionally specify
20 that any costs to the department associated with the award and management
21 of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state
22 outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for
23 development and implementation of the state outreach plan.
24 (c) The department shall submit the state outreach plan to the Food
25 and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for
26 approval on or before August 1, 2011, and shall request any federal
27 matching funds that may be available upon approval of the state outreach

28 plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska and
29 the Department of Health and Human Services use any additional public or
30 private funds to offset costs associated with increased caseload
31 resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan.
1 (d) The department shall be exempt from implementing or
2 administering a state outreach plan under this subsection, but not from
3 developing such a plan, if it does not receive private or federal funds
4 sufficient to cover the department's costs associated with the
5 implementation and administration of the plan, including any costs
6 associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of
7 the plan.
8 (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that:
9 (i) Hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exist for
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants;
11 (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants be
12 enabled to advance in employment, through greater earnings or new,
13 better-paying employment;
14 (iii) Participants in employment and training pilot programs be able
15 to maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while
16 seeking employment with higher wages that allow them to reduce or
17 terminate such program benefits; and
18 (iv) Nebraska better utilize options under the Supplemental
19 Nutrition Assistance Program that other states have implemented to
20 encourage work and employment.
21 (b)(i) The department shall create a TANF-funded program or policy
22 that, in compliance with federal law, establishes categorical eligibility
23 for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental
24 Nutrition Assistance Program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents
25 being served under such program in a manner that does not increase the
26 current gross income eligibility limit except as otherwise provided in
27 subdivision (3)(b)(ii) of this section.
28 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, such TANF-
29 funded program or policy shall increase the gross income eligibility
30 limit to one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of
31 Management and Budget income poverty guidelines as allowed under federal
1 law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2), as such law and regulation existed on
2 April 1, 2021, but shall not increase the net income eligibility limit.
3 It is the intent of the Legislature to fund the administrative costs
4 associated with the benefits under this subdivision beginning on May 27,
5 2021, with federal funds as allowed under the federal American Rescue
6 Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, as such act existed on April 1, 2021,
7 and continue to fund such administrative costs with such federal funds
8 through September 30, 2023. Such administrative costs shall not be paid
9 for with General Funds. Beginning October 1, 2023, the gross income
10 eligibility limit shall return to the amount used prior to the increase
11 required by this subdivision. The department shall evaluate the TANF-
12 funded program or policy created pursuant to this subsection and provide
13 a report electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee of the
14 Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before December 31,
15 2022, regarding the gross income eligibility limit and whether it
16 maximizes the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program
17 or policy. The evaluation shall include an identification and
18 determination of additional administrative costs resulting from the
19 increase to the gross income eligibility limit, a recommendation
20 regarding the gross income eligibility limit, and a determination of the
21 availability of federal funds for the program or policy.
22 (iii) To the extent federal funds are available to the Department of
23 Labor for the SNAP Next Step Program, until September 30, 2023, any
24 recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits whose
25 household income is between one hundred thirty-one and one hundred sixty-

26 five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income
 27 poverty guidelines and who is not exempt from work participation
 28 requirements shall be encouraged to participate in the SNAP Next Step
 29 Program administered by the Department of Labor if the recipient is
 30 eligible to participate in the program and the program's services are
 31 available in the county in which such household is located. It is the
 1 intent of the Legislature that no General Funds be utilized by the
 2 Department of Labor for the processes outlined in this subdivision (iii).
 3 For purposes of this section, SNAP Next Step Program means a partnership
 4 program between the Department of Health and Human Services and the
 5 Department of Labor to assist under-employed and unemployed recipients of
 6 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in finding self-
 7 sufficient employment.

8 (iv) Such TANF-funded program or policy shall eliminate all asset
 9 limits for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits, except that
 10 the total of liquid assets which includes cash on hand and funds in
 11 personal checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, and share
 12 accounts shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars pursuant to the
 13 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as allowed under federal law
 14 and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2).

15 (v) This subsection becomes effective only if the department
 16 receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to
 17 implement this subsection.

18 (c) For purposes of this subsection:

19 (i) Federal law means the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7
 20 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., and regulations adopted under the act; and
 21 (ii) TANF means the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
 22 program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.

23 (4)(a) As authorized in 21 U.S.C. 862a(d), as such section existed
 24 on January 1, 2021 ~~Within the limits specified in this subsection, the~~
 25 State of Nebraska opts out of the provision of the federal Personal
 26 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as such
 27 act existed on January 1, 2009, that eliminates eligibility for the
 28 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for any person convicted of a
 29 felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled
 30 substance.

31 (b) A person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or
 1 distribution of a controlled substance shall only be eligible for
 2 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection
 3 if such person (i) has completed such person's sentence for such felony
 4 or (ii) is serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release
 5 supervision for such felony shall be ineligible for Supplemental
 6 Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if he or she
 7 (i) has had three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of
 8 a controlled substance or (ii) has been convicted of a felony involving
 9 the sale or distribution of a controlled substance or the intent to sell
 10 or distribute a controlled substance. A person with one or two felony
 11 convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance shall
 12 only be eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
 13 benefits under this subsection if he or she is participating in or has
 14 completed a state-licensed or nationally-accredited substance abuse
 15 treatment program since the date of conviction. The determination of such
 16 participation or completion shall be made by the treatment provider
 17 administering the program.

18 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 19 2021, is repealed.

20 2. On page 1, line 2, strike "Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska"
 21 and insert "Revised Statutes Supplement, 2021".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 697A. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER152](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 2 and 3, strike "Department of".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 805A. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER151](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and all amendments thereto and insert
2 the following new section:
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$2,000,000 from the
4 General Fund for FY2022-23 and (2) \$2,000,000 from Federal Funds for
5 FY2023-24 to the Department of Agriculture, for Program 78, to aid in
6 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 805. One Hundred Seventh
7 Legislature, Second Session, 2022. The Federal Funds appropriated in this
8 section are from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the
9 federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal
10 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended.
11 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2022-23
12 \$2,000,000 General Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
13 purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for
14 FY2023-24 \$2,000,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be
15 used for such purpose.
16 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
17 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
18 section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 848A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 896A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1112A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1241A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1084. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Stinner filed the following amendment to [LB1015](#):

[AM2245](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 section:
3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that it is essential to the
4 economic prosperity, health, and welfare of the people of the State of
5 Nebraska and to the environmental health of the entire Platte River Basin
6 to protect Nebraska's full entitlement to the flows of the South Platte
7 River as provided for in the South Platte River Compact. The South Platte
8 River Compact is the law of Nebraska and of the United States that
9 specifically authorizes Nebraska to develop a canal and associated
10 storage facilities for the diversion of water from the South Platte River
11 for beneficial use in Nebraska.
12 (2) The Legislature finds that it is in the best interests of the
13 State of Nebraska to authorize the Department of Natural Resources to
14 begin designing, engineering, acquiring permits, and entering into an
15 option to purchase land related to building a canal under the authority
16 of the State of Nebraska consistent with the South Platte River Compact
17 and to contract with an independent firm for the purposes of completing a
18 study of such canal.
19 (3) The Department of Natural Resources may develop, construct,

20 manage, and operate the Perkins County Canal Project consistent with the
 21 terms of the South Platte River Compact. The department may:
 22 (a) Contract for services;
 23 (b) Acquire permits;
 24 (c) Acquire and own real property;
 25 (d) Acquire, hold, and exercise water rights;
 26 (e) Employ personnel;
 27 (f) Accept grants, loans, donations, gifts, bequests, or other
 1 contributions for such purpose from any person or entity, public or
 2 private, including any funds made available by any department or agency
 3 of the United States;
 4 (g) Manage and expend such funds as are made available to the
 5 department from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund; and
 6 (h) Engage in any other necessary activities consistent with the
 7 compact in protecting Nebraska's full entitlement to flows of the South
 8 Platte River.
 9 (4) For purposes of this section, the Department of Natural
 10 Resources may acquire real estate or access thereto in the name of the
 11 State of Nebraska by the use of eminent domain as provided under section
 12 76-725.
 13 (5) The department may resolve all disputes that arise, including
 14 the initiation or defense of legal actions of any kind, as necessary to
 15 achieve the purposes of this section.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1241. [ER111](#), found on page 694, was adopted.

Senator Clements withdrew his amendment, [AM2353](#), found on page 851.

Senator Clements withdrew his amendment, [FA126](#), found on page 851.

Senator Clements withdrew his amendment, [AM2173](#), found on page 829.

Senator Clements offered his amendment, [AM2485](#), found on page 807.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment to the Clements amendment:

[AM2560](#)

(Amendments to AM2485)

1 1. On page 2, after line 25 insert the following new subsection:
 2 "(7) A law enforcement officer shall not be eligible for a tier 1,
 3 tier 2, or tier 3 retention incentive payment under this section if:
 4 (a) Such law enforcement officer's certification has ever been
 5 revoked;
 6 (b) Such law enforcement officer has ever been convicted of a felony
 7 or Class I misdemeanor. This subdivision shall not apply if the law
 8 enforcement officer received a pardon or set aside for such conviction;
 9 (c) Such law enforcement officer has ever been adjudicated by the
 10 council to have engaged in serious misconduct, as such term is defined in
 11 section 81-1401; or
 12 (d) Such law enforcement officer was allowed to resign instead of
 13 being terminated from employment. This subdivision shall only apply if
 14 the law enforcement officer's certification would have been revoked had
 15 he or she not resigned."

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 741. [ER122](#), found on page 732, was adopted.

Senator DeBoer offered her amendment, [AM2163](#), found on page 795.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew his amendment, [AM2177](#), found on page 795.

Senator Brandt offered his amendment, [AM2309](#), found on page 857.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Pansing Brooks offered her amendment, [AM2402](#), found on page 877.

The Pansing Brooks amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator DeBoer offered her amendment, [AM2358](#), found on page 877.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. [ER138](#), found on page 823, was adopted.

Senator Lathrop offered his amendment, [AM2311](#), found on page 857.

The Lathrop amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 917. Senator Wayne withdrew, [AM2204](#), found on page 769.

Senator Wayne offered the following amendment:

[AM2469](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Wayne amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1023. [ER139](#), found on page 824, was adopted.

Senator Hilgers offered his amendment, [AM2300](#), found on page 836.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered her amendment, [AM2496](#), found on page 920, to the Hilgers amendment.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[AM1568](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 17, after "use" insert ", provide,"; after
- 2 "instrument" insert ", product, food item, alcohol, beverage, chemical,";
- 3 in line 18 strike beginning with "with" through "abetting" and insert
- 4 "which causes"; and in line 20 strike "and" and insert ",," and after
- 5 "knowing" insert ", or negligent".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[AM1570](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 14, strike "one or more" and insert "all".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[AM1575](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 24, after "a" insert "bipartisan".

Senator Morfeld filed the following amendment to [LB1014](#):

[AM2561](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2330)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 20. AGENCY NO. 25 — DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
- 3 Program No. 502 - Public Health Aid
- 4

	<u>FY2021-22</u>	<u>FY2022-23</u>
5 <u>FEDERAL FUND</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>
6 <u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>

- 7 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2021-22
- 8 \$500,000 Federal Funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such
- 9 purpose.
- 10 There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
- 11 FY2021-22 \$500,000 Federal Funds for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- 12 (HIV) Surveillance and Prevention Programs for education on the benefits
- 13 of preexposure prophylaxis medication and for the costs of medication.
- 14 2. On page 24, lines 27 and 28, strike "47,000,000" and insert
- 15 "46,500,000"; and in line 30 strike "\$47,000,000" and insert

16 "~~\$46,500,000~~".

17 3. On page 26, line 26, strike "\$11,000,000" and insert

18 "~~\$10,500,000~~".

19 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

20 accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB1015:

AM2494

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 4. The Director of Natural Resources, the employees of the

3 Department of Natural Resources, or their immediate family members shall

4 not, directly or indirectly, hold a financial interest in any entity

5 which is party to a contract or have a financial interest in the

6 ownership or lease of any property relating to the development,

7 construction, management, or operation of the Perkins County Canal

8 Project. For purposes of this section, immediate family member means a

9 spouse, child, sibling, parent, grandparent, or grandchild.

10 2. On page 2, line 1, strike "3" and insert "4".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator M. Hansen name added to LB825.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Dawson Area Development, Dawson County; fourth- and sixth-grade students and their teachers from Trinity Lutheran, Grand Island; fourth grade students and their teachers from Whitetail Creek Elementary, Gretna; and University of Nebraska Students, Alumni, and Supporters from across the state.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lowe, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 24, 2022.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature