#### **SEVENTH DAY - JANUARY 14, 2016**

#### LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

# ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

#### SEVENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, January 14, 2016

#### PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ryan Lewis, St. Thomas More Parish and Gross Catholic High School, Omaha.

#### ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Pansing Brooks who was excused; and Senators Campbell, Coash, Hansen, Morfeld, and Murante who were excused until they arrive.

# CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixth day was approved.

# **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**Enrollment and Review** 

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 285.** Placed on Select File with amendment. ER144

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 3
- 2 and insert "political subdivisions; to amend section 13-2709, Revised
- 3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change a reporting requirement
- 4 under the Civic and Community Center Financing Act; to create a fund; to
- 5 provide for distribution of certain amounts in the Civic and Community
- 6 Center Financing Fund; and to repeal the original section.".

(Signed) Matt Hansen, Chairperson

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 954. Introduced by Krist, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act; to amend sections 43-2,108, 43-4318, 43-4319, 43-4321, 43-4324, and 43-4326, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to access to records; to change provisions relating to investigations by the Inspector General; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Introduced by Scheer, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state agencies; to amend section 81-118.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to except the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State College System from participation in certain state contracts regarding electronic payments as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 619.** Committee AM115, found on page 897, First Session, 2015, and considered on page 267, was renewed.

Senator Larson offered his motion, MO150, found on page 273, to reconsider the vote taken on AM1654.

Pending.

#### **MOTION - Escort Governor**

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

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Cook, Watermeier, Brasch, Gloor, and Sullivan to serve on said committee.

## STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

"Whether it's cleaning up our highways, patrolling our streets or serving overseas, our people are everyday heroes."

"Senators, I look forward to working with you to bring relief to our taxpayers. We must prioritize property tax relief, it's my number one priority this year."

"In every agency of state government, we've worked to create a customer-focused culture of accountability and excellence. We are embracing new ideas to make government work and to make the business of life happen for our citizens."

President Foley, Speaker Hadley, Members of the Legislature, Tribal Chairmen, Distinguished Guests, Friends, Fellow Nebraskans, and of course, our First Lady, my lovely wife Susanne, it's great to be a part of the second session of the 104th Legislature.

Folks, we live in the best place in the world. You have heard me say that before and I'll continue to say it because it remains true. The reason we live in the best place in the world is because of our people.

Nebraskans give to their communities. We share a common set of principles. We treat each other with dignity and respect. And we care about each other.

I'm proud of the fact that Nebraska is one of the top states in the nation for volunteerism. The kids of Cub Scout Pack 190 picked up trash on Highway 7 last year.

When the floods slammed DeWitt, I saw firsthand how the community pulled together—neighbors helping neighbors. I met volunteers, like John Long from Omaha, who were cleaning houses with basements filled to the ceiling with mud and water. Thank you John for joining us here today and for your service.

There is no better example of service than the heroes of our Nebraska National Guard. They help their neighbors here at home and defend our freedom overseas. Last year, I met Lt. Eric Otte and the members of the 192nd Law and Order Detachment as they were being deployed. They were among the more than 150 Nebraska National Guard soldiers who were deployed last year. I'm pleased to say that Lt. Otte and his soldiers all returned home safely last month.

We are so grateful to the Nebraskans who put themselves in harm's way to defend our freedoms. Sixty-one Nebraskans have been killed in action since 2003—12 from our National Guard.

We've also lost a Nebraska hero in the act of performing a humanitarian mission. On May 12<sup>th</sup> last year, Marine Corps Helicopter Pilot and Kearney native Captain Dustin Lukasiewicz saved three people in Nepal on a rescue mission after an earthquake struck. He was flying back to save more people when his helicopter crashed in the mountains. He left behind a wife, a daughter and a son on the way. He was known as Dusty to his friends and we salute his service.

Even if one of our best and brightest leaves Nebraska, their Nebraska spirit defines them. Joe Lemm played High School Football in Beemer, graduated, and joined the Air Force. After the service, he became a New York City cop. When terrorists knocked down the Twin Towers, Lemm worked for weeks, even when off duty, with his fellow officers, digging through the rubble, looking for survivors.

After 9/11, being one of New York's finest wasn't enough service for Joe. He joined the Air National Guard. Last month, on his third combat deployment, this time in Afghanistan, he was killed near Bagram Air Force Base by a suicide bomber. Joe's mom Shirley is here. We salute Joe's service and your sacrifice.

Where do we get such people? Thank God for Dusty and Joe and our Nebraska National Guard and for all the men and women who serve this country at home and abroad.

We lost another hero this spring, Omaha Police Officer Kerrie Orozco who was shot and killed while trying to apprehend a violent fugitive, leaving behind a new baby, a husband and two children.

Law enforcement officers have been receiving a lot of broad-brush criticism lately and it's just not right. They put on their blues every day to protect us. Kerrie Orozco spent her time serving the families of Omaha as a volunteer coach and mentor in addition to being a police officer. The community she patrolled was an extension of her family and she paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect them. Here in the heartland, we appreciate Officer Orozco and all of the heroic police officers protecting us. Officer's Orozco's husband, Hector, is here today. We recognize you for your sacrifice.

On a lighter note, did you see the video of Deputy Sergeant Todd Volk of the Madison County Sheriff's office? He sped past an out-of-control truck, jumped out of his vehicle and leapt onto the moving semi in order to bring it safely to a stop. To most of us, it looked like a scene from an action movie, but that was just real life for Sergeant Volk. And have no fear, Sergeant Volk is here, can you stand up please!

Whether it's cleaning up our highways, patrolling our streets, or serving overseas, our people are everyday heroes.

That's why this is the best place in the world. Nebraska is what America is supposed to be.

When it comes to public service, being a state senator is also a high and noble calling. I am grateful for the sacrifices you and your families make to serve our fellow Nebraskans. As I begin my second year as Governor, delivering my second state-of-the-state address, it feels like a family reunion and I'm not kidding.

Most of you know, I come from a big family and as kids I fought with my brothers and sister. As adults, we still disagree on important topics, but I love them and I love working with them. And I love the work we do here and working with all of you.

Sure, we've had our moments. But we've accomplished great things together.

In the last session, we cut the growth in state spending nearly in half, from 6.5 percent in the last budget to 3.5 percent in our current budget. I want to thank Chairman Mello and the Appropriations Committee for all their fine work.

We also enacted the nurse practitioner bill to increase access to healthcare—particularly in our rural areas.

Together we addressed the cliff effect for childcare with Senator Tanya Cook's bill.

And Senator Kathy Campbell and I reached an agreement to increase Aid to Dependent Children in a responsible way. These are just a few of the many bills on which we found common ground.

Sometimes there was a natural tension. But it's an honor to be a part of our work here in our state capitol. Thank you for your dedication, for the long hours you put in, and for the service you provide this state.

Because of our accomplishments together and the strength and character of our people, I am proud to report today that the State of our State is strong.

Forbes Magazine rates us the third most business-friendly state. Health.com says Nebraska is among the ten healthiest states and Livability.com says Lincoln and Omaha are among the most livable cities in America. Meanwhile Nebraska's government enjoys a Triple-A rating from S&P. We are in a strong position, but we also have our challenges. Those challenges pose opportunities for us to work together to respond and Grow Nebraska.

Agriculture is our largest industry—representing nearly 25 percent of the state economy. But our farm economy is facing challenges.

Right now, commodity prices are flat or down. Corn is around \$3.50 a bushel, a significant drop from the \$8 a bushel price in 2012. Cattle prices are down 17 percent over the last year.

And while farm incomes are subject to fluctuations each year, property taxes go up and up. Last year, I told you about Roger Brandt, who is a farmer in Wayne County. His assessments for three parcels of farmland increased between 36-to-nearly-50 percent in just one year.

We checked in with Roger on this year's property taxes and they went up again, nearly \$2700 and that's after the property tax credit relief we passed last year. While commodity prices stayed flat or declined, his property taxes rose nearly 10 percent.

Folks, those increases put our farmers and ranchers under tremendous pressure and in turn, the largest part of our state's economy.

Last year, we successfully worked together to provide \$408 million in direct dollar-for-dollar property tax relief to Nebraskans through the Property Tax Credit Relief Fund. This year, we must make structural changes to property taxes

Working with Chairwoman Kate Sullivan, Chairman Mike Gloor, and their committees, we have crafted a proposal for property tax relief. You will see in the bill that we propose to tighten spending and levy limits and we limit the statewide aggregate growth of agricultural property valuations to three percent.

Senators, I look forward to working with you to bring relief to our taxpayers. We must prioritize property tax relief, it's my number one priority this year.

We've talked about growing Nebraska. And indeed, we grew our population faster than any other state around us except Colorado and added 13,000 people.

But our economic growth rate is sluggish. We are 28th in the nation in employment growth. Our rankings for GDP and personal income growth are also in the middle of the pack. There is nothing competitive about being in the middle of the pack.

We need to grow Nebraska's economy, create more and better paying jobs, keep our kids and grandkids here, and attract people from all over the country to come and make Nebraska their home. Our three largest industries are agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism and they all require a strong transportation infrastructure to expand.

We can spur our economic growth by ensuring we have 21<sup>st</sup>-century roads and bridges to grow our industries.

Once again, we've been working with you to address this critical need. Over the last several months, Chairman Smith and Department of Roads Director Kyle Schneweis have traveled the state, working on ideas on how we can accelerate infrastructure investment.

Last week, we announced a proposal for a transportation infrastructure bank to speed up expressway construction, improve county bridges, and assist companies with economic development. Also included are new tools to increase the efficiency of our construction process. Our businesses transport our goods and services. Our farmers and ranchers deliver the food to feed our world on our roads and bridges. We get to work each day on our highways. We drive our children to school over our county bridges. Let's help local leaders keep and attract businesses. Let's pass the transportation infrastructure bank.

As I said, S&P gives us a Triple-A rating and we have a very strong financial position at the state. However, we can't rest on our laurels. The Forecasting Board revised our revenue forecast downward by \$154 million.

We have to work together to manage taxpayer dollars wisely. The budget I'm proposing manages this shortfall by tightening our belts in the state agencies, returning re-appropriated funds to the state's general fund, and transferring money from the banking and insurance cash funds into the general fund. As a result, no money will be taken from the cash reserve—and none is needed—to fund ongoing operations.

We must also make government work for the people.

We all know in 2014, before I took office, the Omaha World-Herald broke the story of dozens of convicted criminals, many of them violent, being released from prison early because of errors in sentencing calculations at the Department of Corrections.

I know this is a topic everyone here cares about deeply. The Legislature worked hard on this issue since it came to light. I appreciate your dedication to the safety of Nebraskans.

Over the last year, the three branches of government have worked together on issues such as LB605 from the Council of State Governments, dealing with sentencing and corrections reform.

Last year, we brought in Director Scott Frakes to lead the Department of Corrections. Director Frakes is bringing about a culture change to one of accountability and excellence.

To address mistakes in inmate releases, he is instituting a new automated system to perform sentence calculations.

We also know that further investment is needed. In November, Director Frakes unveiled the first phase of his strategic plan—including a \$26 million investment in the Community Corrections Center in Lincoln.

This investment will allow us to expand our capacity for re-entry programming. We will provide job training, work release, and counseling. Our goal is helping offenders avoid becoming repeat customers and ultimately reduce recidivism.

We must make this wise investment.

One of the biggest long-term risks we face to the budget is Medicaid expansion. This body has wisely rejected Medicaid expansion three times in the past three years because it is an unreasonable risk to Nebraska taxpayers. The most recent iteration of expansion would have cost Nebraska taxpayers \$158 million over six years.

Medicaid has already grown from 2.9 percent of Nebraska's budget when it started to where it is today: 19 percent of our budget and growing. This government entitlement crowds out investments in tax relief, education, and roads—things we need to grow our state.

We also know that we cannot trust the federal government to keep the commitments it makes when it comes to spending. A 90 percent federal match is not sustainable in the federal government budget.

When the federal budget gets tight, or priorities change in Washington, that commitment will disappear. History shows, the federal government changes the rules at any time. For example, the federal government promised to pay 40 percent of the cost of the expansion of special education for our schools. Today, the federal contribution is less than 20 percent.

From denying people their choice of doctor, to rising premiums and now this unrealistic promise of federal matching dollars, Obamacare is an example of government that does not work.

Government needs to work for people and government service is a noble calling as well. We have many great people in state government who show up to work every day to help our fellow citizens.

From the cabinet to our frontline teams, we have been able to make great strides over the past year on making government work—and helping with the business of life—for our people. I want to highlight some of the great work of our people starting with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). I'm proud of the progress that the team at DHHS is making under the leadership of CEO Courtney Phillips.

We are working to ensure a new level of transparency and accountability for taxpayers. Our people are dedicated to giving vulnerable individuals the best possible experience in receiving assistance and creating a more customer-centric organization.

One example is ACCESSNebraska that serves our fellow Nebraskans who need our help—from nutrition, to child care, to assistance with energy bills.

As I traveled the state, I used to hear a lot of complaints about ACCESSNebraska. The average call wait time in August 2014 was almost 24 minutes. Now, because of process improvements, the average wait time

for the last three months is under five minutes.

Imagine being a low-income Nebraskan with a prepaid phone with 45 minutes on it and then you had to spend over half those minutes waiting on hold. What does that do to your quality of life? Not only have we reduced the average wait time but we also have improved the accuracy rate.

Nebraska's national rank in processing SNAP applications was 48 out of 53 at the beginning of my term and now we are up to 32. Now, nobody is happy about being in the middle of the pack, but we are showing improvement. We are now 21<sup>st</sup> in payment accuracy and 10<sup>th</sup> for denial accuracy. At the end of 2014, the average time to process applications was 40.9 days and now our average is 11.5 days.

Members of the ACCESSNebraska team are here with us today. Please recognize them for all their efforts to improve this important system.

We have seen improvements in other areas as well. In 2015, for the first time ever, our work in the child welfare system exceeded all six federal standards. Three years ago we only met two of those six standards.

Other agencies have been innovating as well to make government more customer-focused. The Department of Labor launched a first-in-the-nation reemployment program to help our state's job seekers connect more quickly with good-paying jobs. Individuals receiving benefits now participate in the program, which includes job coaching and creating a resume that is searchable by potential employers. This helps give our job seekers a leg up.

Alan Holman of Lincoln was helped by our reemployment program to get a job at Sirius Computer Solutions. Alan, his wife Becky, and his boss Kevin Langford are here with us today. Alan and Becky congratulations. And Kevin, thank you for giving Alan some time off to be here today.

Since I took office, our state agencies have made it a priority to identify cost reductions. Chief Information Officer Ed Toner found \$5 million in cost savings for taxpayers.

We are now able to pass along an additional \$3.3 million in roads funding annually to cities and counties.

In every agency of state government, we've worked to create a customer-focused culture of accountability and excellence. We are embracing new ideas to make government work and to make the business of life happen for our citizens.

In the session ahead, I very much look forward to working with each of you to take advantage of the opportunities we have to meet the challenges head on and Grow Nebraska.

Let's work together to:

- Deliver property tax relief;
- Grow Nebraska with a transportation infrastructure bank;
- Manage our budgets by controlling spending; and
- Continue to reform our prison system and invest in community corrections.

This session is also important for another reason, 11 members of the Unicameral are closing this chapter of their public service.

Among those leaving is Speaker Hadley. Mr. Speaker, I value our friendship, your leadership and your advice and counsel not only regarding the work of the Legislature but your invaluable advice for the Chicago Cubs. On behalf of the people of Nebraska, thank you.

And ten more of your colleagues are leaving at the end of the year. Can you please stand up so that we may recognize you?

- Senator Dave Bloomfield
- Senator Kathy Campbell
- Senator Colby Coash
- Senator Tanya Cook
- Senator Mike Gloor
- Senator Ken Haar
- Senator Heath Mello
- Senator Beau McCoy
- Senator Ken Schilz
- Senator Kate Sullivan

Once again, our family here in the state capitol will have its moments this session—no doubt. But I know, when the ice thaws, the snow melts, spring arrives and sports fans—and Speaker Hadley—turn to baseball, we will have accomplished much in this session for the people we represent.

The people of Nebraska are good, hard-working and courageous people. They are the best of America and so we will give them our best. God Bless you, God Bless America, and God Bless the great State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pete Ricketts from the Chamber.

#### SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING

#### BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 956.** Introduced by Speaker Hadley, 37; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2015, LB657, sections 32, 49, 69, 96, 102, 104, 106, 109, 125, 146, 148, 149, 182, 187, 198, 207, 254, and 271; Laws 2015, LB659, section 13; Laws 2015, LB660, sections 24, 29, 31, and 36; and section 90-559, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations; to provide for transfers; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 957.** Introduced by Speaker Hadley, 37; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to funds; to amend sections 60-1513 and 84-1227, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 60-6,211.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 66-204 and 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to authorize transfers; to provide for transfers; to authorize uses of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 958.** Introduced by Gloor, 35; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-521, 77-201, 77-3444, 77-5023, and 79-1016, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 77-1315 and 77-5027, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 13-519, 13-520, and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to budgets, the valuation of agricultural land and horticultural land, and levy limitations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 959.** Introduced by Sullivan, 41; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1022.02, 79-1027, 79-1030, 79-10,110, 79-10,110.01, 79-10,120, 79-10,126, and 85-1517, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-519, 79-1007.11, 79-1023, and 79-1028.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change and eliminate provisions relating to budgets, levy authority, and school funding; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 960.** Introduced by Smith, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to amend sections 39-1365 and 73-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 39-1365.02 and 73-307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 39-1348, 81-1701, and 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to adopt the Transportation Innovation Act; to change legislative findings and a report relating to the state highway system; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 961.** Introduced by Chambers, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-452, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to eliminate provisions relating to the hunting of mountain lions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 962.** Introduced by Fox, 7; Baker, 30; Campbell, 25; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to acupuncture; to amend section 38-2058, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for the practice of acupuncture; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 963.** Introduced by Fox, 7; Baker, 30; Campbell, 25; Crawford, 45; Howard, 9; Kolterman, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act; to amend sections 81-2201, 81-2213, 81-2218, 81-2220, 81-2221, and 81-2235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to area plans and budgets as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 81-2228, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 964. Introduced by Hilkemann, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicle operators' licenses; to amend section 60-4,189, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change a requirement for a veteran notation on an operator's license or a state identification card; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 965.** Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 29-3501, 29-3502, 29-3503, 29-3518, 29-3527, and 29-3528, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-3523, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to mistaken arrest and

expungement of records; to provide for expungement of records for persons charged with or found guilty of a crime because of stolen identity or mistaken identity; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 966.** Introduced by Kintner, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to refugees; to adopt the Refugee Resettlement Agency Indemnification Act; to provide a cause of action; to provide a civil penalty; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 967.** Introduced by Kintner, 2; Garrett, 3; Murante, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-233, 79-237, 79-238, 79-413, 79-473, 79-528, 79-611, 79-1007.18, 79-1008.02, 79-1036, 79-1041, 79-10,120, 79-10,126, 79-2104, 79-2104.01, 79-2104.03, 79-2107, 79-2111, and 79-2404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 70-651.04 and 77-1736.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 77-3442, 79-215, and 79-2110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to the option enrollment program; to change and eliminate certain levy authority and open enrollment provisions relating to learning communities; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-1073, 79-1073.01, 79-10,126.01, and 79-2110.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 968.** Introduced by Johnson, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 2-3815, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to an agriculture promotion and development program; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 969.** Introduced by Larson, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to libraries; to amend sections 14-101, 15-230, and 16-251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to provide and change duties for the establishment, maintenance, and operation of public libraries or reading rooms by cities or villages as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 970.** Introduced by Larson, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend sections 9-329.02, 9-340, 9-340.02, 9-344, 9-345.03, 9-347, 9-347.01, 9-348, 9-607, 9-646.01, 9-829, and 53-168, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate restrictions on rental or purchase and registration of pickle card

equipment, pickle card units, payment requirements, taxes, and limitations on definite profit and the use of gross proceeds for awarding prizes for pickle card lotteries; to provide for authorization of methods of payment for participation in certain gaming activities as prescribed; to change provisions relating to keno; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 619.** Senator Larson renewed his motion, MO150, found on page 273 and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on AM1654.

Senator Larson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 19:

Baker	Friesen	Harr, B.	Mello	Schumacher
Chambers	Groene	Hughes	Morfeld	Stinner
Coash	Hadley	Krist	Murante	Watermeier
Ebke	Hansen	Larson	Schilz	

Voting in the negative, 22:

Bloomfield	Garrett	Kolowski	McCoy	Sullivan
Brasch	Gloor	Kolterman	Riepe	Williams
Campbell	Hilkemann	Kuehn	Schnoor	
Cook	Johnson	Lindstrom	Seiler	
Crawford	Kintner	McCollister	Smith	

Present and not voting, 5:

Davis Fox Haar, K. Howard Scheer

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bolz Craighead Pansing Brooks

The Larson motion to reconsider failed with 19 ayes, 22 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Brasch withdrew her amendment, AM1780, found on page 273.

Committee AM115, found on page 897, First Session, 2015, and considered on page 267 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Chambers offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

FA81

Amend AM115

Strike Section 5.

Senator Chambers withdrew his amendment.

Pending.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 971.** Introduced by Gloor, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to seized property; to amend section 29-820, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to restoration of seized firearms as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 972.** Introduced by Harr, B., 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-604, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change provisions relating to an exclusion from the definition of employment; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 973.** Introduced by Smith, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electric utilities; to amend section 48-442, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-437, 60-6,288.01, and 60-6,299, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to change penalties for prohibited acts relating to high voltage lines and violation of certain permits; to change notice and permit provisions relating to moving certain buildings on a road or highway; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 974.** Introduced by Kolowski, 31; Baker, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701 and 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to exempt sales of clothing, school supplies, computers, and computer-related accessories from sales and use taxes as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 975.** Introduced by Kolterman, 24; Coash, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to adopt the Child Welfare Services Preservation Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 976.** Introduced by Seiler, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juries; to amend section 29-2022, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to jury sequestration; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 977.** Introduced by Smith, 14; Williams, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend sections 60-6,144 and 60-6,294, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to the operation of implements of husbandry on highways; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 405.** Introduced by Murante, 49.

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School play production team won the 2015 Class A Play Production Championship with their performance of "Of Floods and Faith"; and

WHEREAS, this is Gretna High School's seventh Class A play production state championship since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School play production team's performance is a wonderful example of successful collaboration between directors, actors, and crew; 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 FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates the Gretna High School play production team for winning the 2015 Class A Play Production State Championship.
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Gretna High School play production team and their director, Carole Carraher.

Laid over.

# **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 406.** Introduced by Gloor, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues surrounding the blending of various fuels in Nebraska and the impact of right to blend laws in other states. The study shall examine the following issues, including, but not limited to:

- (1) Whether a right to blend law in Nebraska would aid in the expansion of renewable fuels and the use of locally produced ethanol;
- (2) What barriers exist for fuel retailers in Nebraska regarding the ability to purchase sub octane fuel from fuel terminals and ethanol blended fuels produced in Nebraska;
- (3) How the Renewable Fuel Standard program, authorized under the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 and expanded under the federal Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, affects retail fuel prices; and
- (4) Whether a right to blend law would affect carbon dioxide emissions and the environment in Nebraska.

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

# NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507

Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB741

LB728

LB876

Friday, January 22, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB677

LB764

(Signed) John Murante, Chairperson

#### Judiciary

#### Room 1113

Friday, January 22, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB744 LB893 LB707

(Signed) Les Seiler, Chairperson

# **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

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

Kuehn, McCollister - LB471 Cook, Friesen, Harr, B., Schnoor, Seiler - LB166 Riepe - LB892

#### **VISITORS**

Visitors to the Chamber were Shirley Lemm from Beemer and Lee Heckman from Wisner; members of Leadership Nebraska Class VIII from across the state; and Nebraska Cattlemen's Convention participants from across the state.

# **RECESS**

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

#### **AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Senator Krist presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Pansing Brooks who was excused; and Senators Bolz, Campbell, Garrett, Kolowski, Mello, Schilz, and Watermeier who were excused until they arrive.

# SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING

# REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB830	Business and Labor (rereferred)
LB873	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB903	Education
LB904	Education
LB905	Health and Human Services
LB906	Education
LB907	Revenue
LB908	Health and Human Services
LB909	Agriculture
LB910	Judiciary
LB911	Appropriations
LB912	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB913	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB914	Natural Resources
LB915	Judiciary
LB916	Judiciary
LB918	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB919	Judiciary
LB920	Judiciary
LB921	Agriculture
LB922	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB923	Appropriations
LB924	Judiciary
LB925	Revenue
LB926	Revenue
LB927	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB928	Business and Labor
LB929	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB930	Education
LB931	Appropriations
LB932	Judiciary
LB933	Business and Labor
LB934	Judiciary
LB935	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB936	Revenue
LB937	Judiciary
LB938	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB939	Health and Human Services
LB940	Revenue
LB941	Revenue
LB942	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB943	Judiciary
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LB946	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB947	Judiciary
LB948	Urban Affairs
LB949	Revenue
LB950	Revenue
LB951	Revenue
LB952	Health and Human Services
LB953	Judiciary
LB954	Executive Board
LR403	Executive Board

Olson, Keith - Nebraska Investment Council - Nebraska Retirement Systems

(Signed) Bob Krist, Chairperson Executive Board

# NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources

Room 1525

Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:30 p.m.

Dan C. Kreitman - Game and Parks Commission Jan Tenbensel - Nebraska Ethanol Board Timothy L. Else - Nebraska Ethanol Board LB672

(Signed) Ken Schilz, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 619.** Senator Chambers reoffered his amendment, FA81, found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Bloomfield Ebke Kintner Schumacher Coash Groene Krist Stinner Crawford Hughes Larson Williams

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 31:

McCollister Baker Fox Harr, B. Seiler Friesen Hilkemann Brasch McCoy Smith Campbell Garrett Johnson Morfeld Sullivan Chambers Gloor Kolowski Murante Haar, K. Kolterman Cook Riepe Craighead Scheer Hadley Kuehn Davis Hansen Lindstrom Schnoor

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bolz Mello Schilz Howard Pansing Brooks Watermeier

The Chambers amendment lost with 12 ayes, 0 nays, 31 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Larson offered the following motion:

MO152

Unanimous consent to bracket until February 15, 2016.

Senator McCoy objected.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO151

Reconsider the vote taken on FA81.

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Crawford Krist Baker Hadley Stinner Bloomfield Davis Sullivan Hansen Larson Campbell Ebke Harr, B. McCollister Williams Chambers Friesen Hilkemann Morfeld Coash Gloor Hughes Riepe Schilz Cook Groene Johnson Craighead Kolowski Schumacher Haar, K.

Voting in the negative, 2:

Kintner Schnoor

Present and not voting, 10:

Brasch Garrett Kuehn McCoy Seiler Fox Kolterman Lindstrom Scheer Smith

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bolz Mello Pansing Brooks Howard Murante Watermeier

The Chambers motion to reconsider prevailed with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Chambers amendment, FA81, found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was reconsidered.

Senator Larson offered the following motion:

MO153

Bracket until February 15, 2016.

Senator Larson offered the following motion:

MO154

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Larson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

Senator Larson requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

Coash Friesen Hughes Morfeld Craighead Garrett Johnson Schilz Schumacher Ebke Groene Larson Fox Hadley Mello Stinner

Voting in the negative, 29:

Baker Crawford Hilkemann Lindstrom Seiler Bloomfield Davis Kintner McCollister Smith Kolowski Sullivan Brasch Gloor McCoy Campbell Haar, K. Kolterman Watermeier Riepe Chambers Scheer Williams Hansen Krist Cook Harr, B. Kuehn Schnoor

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bolz Howard Murante Pansing Brooks

The Larson motion to invoke cloture failed with 16 ayes, 29 nays, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 978.** Introduced by Craighead, 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Administrative Services; to amend sections 81-118.02, 81-1108.15, and 81-1108.43, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the state purchasing card program and facilities construction and administration; to eliminate obsolete provisions relating to a United States Savings Bond withholding program and the selling or leasing of a state building; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-1126, 81-1127, 81-1128, 81-1129, and 90-244, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 979.** Introduced by Kuehn, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drug product selection; to amend section 38-2891, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 71-2445, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 38-2801, 38-2837, 38-28,108, 38-28,109, 38-28,110, 38-28,111, 38-28,112, 38-28,113, 38-28,114, 38-28,115, and 38-28,116, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to provide for selection of interchangeable biological products by pharmacists as prescribed; to define and redefine terms; to rename the Nebraska Drug Product Selection Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 980.** Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-441, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-401.01, and 28-416, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change penalty provisions for certain violations relating to or committed by persons experiencing or witnessing a drug overdose; to provide protection from civil and criminal liability as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 981.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Harr, B., 8, Chairperson; Bloomfield, 17; Chambers, 11; Crawford, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate

funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 982.** Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Harr, B., 8, Chairperson; Bloomfield, 17; Chambers, 11; Crawford, 45; Ebke, 32; Howard, 9.

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

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 983. Introduced by Harr, B., 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act; to amend section 48-1102, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 984. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 29-2221, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, as amended by Laws 2015, LB605, section 6; to change provisions relating to mandatory minimum sentencing and sentencing of habitual criminals; to provide for three-judge panel sentencing hearings as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 985. Introduced by Schumacher, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to behavioral health services; to amend section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014; to provide duties for the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services and the regional governing authorities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 986.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Kolterman, 24, Chairperson; Davis, 43; Groene, 42; Kolowski, 31; Lindstrom, 18; Mello, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Employees Retirement Board; to amend section 84-1503, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change the duties of the board relating to an annual valuation report and experience study; to provide confidentiality and a penalty; and to repeal the original section.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 407.** Introduced by Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, Alyssa Howell was crowned Miss Nebraska 2015; and

WHEREAS, as Nebraska's representative at the 2016 Miss America pageant in Atlantic City, New Jersey, Alyssa placed in the top twelve as a semi-finalist; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa has been awarded over \$15,000 in scholarships from these pageant competitions; and

WHEREAS, Alyssa is a student at Creighton University where she studies elementary education and is a member of the Pi Beta Phi international fraternity for women.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Alyssa Howell on being crowned Miss Nebraska 2015.
  - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Alyssa Howell.

Laid over.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 408.** Introduced by Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, John "Jack" Koraleski was named the 119th King of Aksarben at the 2015 Aksarben Coronation and Scholarship Ball; and

WHEREAS, the coronation celebrates respect for education, the importance of community, and a desire to improve the collective quality of life in the Omaha area; and

WHEREAS, Jack is the retired executive chairman of Union Pacific Railroad and a 1968 recipient of an Aksarben scholarship.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates John "Jack" Koraleski on being named the 119th King of Aksarben at the 2015 Aksarben Coronation and Scholarship Ball.
  - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to John "Jack" Koraleski.

Laid over.

## **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 409.** Introduced by Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, Molly Kroeger was named the 119th Queen of Aksarben at the 2015 Aksarben Coronation and Scholarship Ball; and

WHEREAS, the coronation celebrates respect for education, the importance of community, and a desire to improve the collective quality of life in the Omaha area; and

WHEREAS, Molly is a daughter of Jackie and Terry Kroeger of Omaha. Her father is president and chief executive officer of BH Media Group, a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway, and publisher of the Omaha World-Herald. Her mother is an active community volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Molly will graduate in the spring with a nursing degree from Xavier University.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Molly Kroeger on being named the 119th Queen of Aksarben at the 2015 Aksarben Coronation and Scholarship Ball.
  - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Molly Kroeger.

Laid over.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 410.** Introduced by Craighead, 6.

WHEREAS, Bruce Lauritzen was named the 2015 Midlander of the Year by the Omaha World-Herald; and

WHEREAS, Bruce received this honor for his role in downtown Omaha's rebirth, contributing to the success of First National of Nebraska, one of the nation's largest family-owned banks, and his leadership as head of a family dedicated to Omaha since the city's founding; and

WHEREAS, Bruce, along with other family members, have supported a long list of civic and charitable groups in the city, state, and region, and have been instrumental in Omaha's growth and improvements in its quality of life.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Bruce Lauritzen on being named the 2015 Midlander of the Year by the Omaha World-Herald.
  - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bruce Lauritzen.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 411.** Introduced by Coash, 27; Bolz, 29; Campbell, 25; Haar, K., 21; Hansen, 26; Morfeld, 46.

WHEREAS, Tim Aylward is retiring after 31 seasons as the head football coach for Pius X High School in Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Coach Aylward's win-loss record at Pius X High School is 204-111 and his career win-loss record is 208-133; and

WHEREAS, Coach Aylward's teams have won the State Football Championship in 1995, 1997, 1998, and 2004; and

WHEREAS, Coach Aylward will continue his service at Pius X High School as the athletic director.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Tim Aylward on his retirement from coaching and recognizes his successful career.
  - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Tim Aylward.

Laid over.

# **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary

Room 1113

Friday, January 22, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB833

LB924

Friday, January 22, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB707 (cancel)

(Signed) Les Seiler, Chairperson

**Executive Board** 

Room 2102

Friday, January 22, 2016 12:00 p.m.

LB954

(Signed) Bob Krist, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1525

Monday, January 25, 2016 12:00 p.m.

AM1815 to LB447

(Signed) Mark Kolterman, Chairperson

#### Health and Human Services

#### Room 1510

Thursday, January 21, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB690

LB698

LB746

Friday, January 22, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB721

LB722

LB849

(Signed) Kathy Campbell, Chairperson

#### SENATOR KRIST PRESIDING

#### **GENERAL FILE**

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Title read. Considered.

Committee AM508, found on page 694, First Session, 2015, was offered.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO155

Recommit to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on his motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bloomfield	Campbell	Garrett	Johnson	Morfeld
Bolz	Cook	Haar, K.	Kolowski	Schumacher
Brasch	Crawford	Hansen	Krist	Seiler

# Voting in the negative, 23:

Gloor	Kolterman	Murante	Stinner
Groene	Larson	Riepe	Watermeier
Iadley	Lindstrom	Scheer	Williams
Iilkemann	McCollister	Schilz	
Cintner	McCov	Schnoor	
	Groene Iadley Iilkemann	Froene Larson Iadley Lindstrom Iilkemann McCollister	Froene Larson Riepe Hadley Lindstrom Scheer Hilkemann McCollister Schilz

Present and not voting, 2:

Baker Chambers

Excused and not voting, 9:

Craighead Howard Kuehn Pansing Brooks Sullivan

Harr, B. Hughes Mello Smith

The Chambers motion to recommit to committee failed with 15 ayes, 23 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

Pending.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 987.** Introduced by Morfeld, 46; Mello, 5; Williams, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bioscience; to amend section 50-501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create a committee; to provide for a study and strategic plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 988. Introduced by Cook, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund; to amend section 81-3140, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to change provisions relating to the distribution of the fund; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 989.** Introduced by Murante, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to amend sections 60-168.02, 60-308, 60-3,104.02, 60-3,126, 60-3,222, 60-4,105, 60-4,118, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,130.04, 60-4,148, 75-385, and 75-386, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 37-1282, 60-164, 60-385, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,113.05, 60-3,120, 60-3,121, 60-3,122.02, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,123, 60-3,125, 60-3,128, 60-3,198, 60-3,202, 60-4,112, 60-4,120.02, 60-4,131, 60-4,146, 60-4,149, and 60-4,150, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2014, and sections 60-144, 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,118, 60-3,122, 60-3,124, 60-3,224, 60-462, 60-4,114, and 60-4,124, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015; to authorize electronic changes to names on certificates of title; to provide for the implementation of a voluntary system for licensed dealers to provide registration and titling services and to collect associated fees and taxes; to redefine apportionable

vehicle; to eliminate obsolete provisions relating to cabin trailers, handicapped or disabled parking permits, and trip permits; to change provisions relating to specialty license plates; to change provisions relating to the Motor Vehicle Tax Fund; to change and eliminate provisions relating to motor vehicle taxes and fees; to change provisions relating to unladen-weight registrations; to authorize certain actions and procedures by the Department of Motor Vehicles for invalid financial transactions; to eliminate the Health Advisory Board; to change provisions relating to appeals of denials of operators' licenses; to authorize the electronic transmission of driver test results; to provide procedures for electronic renewal of commercial drivers' licenses and electronic application for replacement commercial drivers' licenses and CLP-commercial learners' permits; to change provisions relating to the administration of the Division of Motor Carrier Services; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 60-4,118.01, 60-4,118.02, 60-4,118.03, and 60-4,118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

# **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to  $\underline{LB619}$ : AM1785

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM115)

- 1 1. On page 9, strike beginning with "within" in line 8 through
- 2 "application" in line 9; in line 11 strike beginning with "during"
- 3 through "application"; and in line 27 strike "within the last ten years".

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to  $\underline{LB619}$ : AM1794

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM115)

- 1 1. Strike sections 1 and 7.
- 2 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "<u>licensee</u>" in line 26 through 3 "a" in line 27.
- 4 3. On page 8, strike beginning with "<u>licensee</u>" in line 24 through 5 the first "<u>or</u>" in line 25.
- 6 4. On page 10, strike beginning with the second "a" in line 15 7 through "or" in line 16.
- 8 5. On page 11, line 2, strike "poker endorsements and".
- 9 6. On page 15, line 31, strike "by licensees with poker endorsements 10 and".
- 11 7. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references 12 and the repealer accordingly.

#### **MOTION - Print in Journal**

Senator Chambers filed the following motion to <u>LB113</u>: MO156

Reconsider the vote taken to recommit to committee.

# **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

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

Morfeld - LB471

The Chair declared the call raised.

# **VISITORS**

Visitors to the Chamber were 107 fourth-grade students, teachers, and sponsors from Waverly Intermediate School.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Susan Evans from Omaha.

# ADJOURNMENT

At 4:32 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lindstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 15, 2016.

Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature

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