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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Monday, March 20, 2017

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Wilson Metz, Word of Hope Lutheran Church, Ashland.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bolz, Groene, Larson, and Murante who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-ninth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 61 and 62 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 61 and 62.

SENATOR HOWARD PRESIDING

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Hughes moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 628:

Nebraska Ethanol Board Scott McPheeters

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Albrecht Craighead Hilkemann McCollister Stinner Crawford Baker Howard McDonnell Walz Blood Ebke Watermeier Hughes Morfeld Bostelman Erdman Kolterman Pansing Brooks Wayne Williams Brasch Friesen Krist Quick Kuehn Riepe Brewer Geist Wishart Briese Halloran Lindstrom Scheer Schumacher Chambers Hansen Linehan Clements Hilgers Smith Lowe

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 3:

Harr Kolowski Vargas

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bolz Groene Larson Murante

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Friesen moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 716:

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Shane Greckel Daniel Spray

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Albrecht Craighead Hilgers Linehan Smith Baker Crawford Hilkemann Lowe Stinner McCollister Blood Ebke Howard Vargas Bostelman Erdman Hughes McDonnell Walz Brasch Friesen Kolowski Morfeld Watermeier Pansing Brooks Williams Brewer Geist Kolterman Briese Halloran Krist Quick Wishart Chambers Hansen Kuehn Scheer Clements Harr Lindstrom Schumacher

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Riepe Wayne

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bolz Groene Larson Murante

The appointments were confirmed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Friesen moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 716:

Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board Stephan Budke

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Albrecht Clements Hansen Lindstrom Schumacher Baker Craighead Harr Linehan Smith Blood Crawford Hilgers Lowe Stinner Bostelman Ebke Hilkemann McCollister Vargas Brasch Erdman Howard McDonnell Walz Kolowski Brewer Friesen Morfeld Williams Briese Geist Kolterman Pansing Brooks Wishart Chambers Halloran Krist Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Hughes Riepe Watermeier Kuehn Scheer Wayne

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bolz Groene Larson Murante

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 640:

Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board Mary Beth Hanus Lisa Knoche

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Albrecht Craighead Hilkemann McCollister Stinner Baker Crawford Howard McDonnell Vargas Hughes Blood Ebke Morfeld Walz Bolz Erdman Kolowski Pansing Brooks Williams Bostelman Friesen Kolterman Quick Wishart Brasch Geist Krist Riepe Lindstrom Brewer Halloran Scheer Chambers Linehan Schumacher Harr Clements Hilgers Lowe Smith

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Briese Hansen Kuehn Watermeier Wayne

Excused and not voting, 3:

Groene Larson Murante

The appointments were confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 640:

Division of Public Health-Department of Health and Human Services Thomas L. Williams, Chief Medical Officer and Director

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Senator Kolterman moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Kolterman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 37 ayes, 10 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a roll call vote on the confirmation report.

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Albrecht Crawford Hilgers Linehan Schumacher Baker Ebke Hilkemann Lowe Smith McCollister Hughes Bostelman Erdman Stinner Brasch Friesen Kolterman McDonnell Walz Brewer Geist Krist Murante Watermeier Williams Briese Groene Kuehn Quick Wishart Clements Halloran Larson Riepe Craighead Harr Lindstrom Scheer

Voting in the negative, 2:

Chambers Morfeld

Present and not voting, 8:

Blood Hansen Kolowski Vargas Bolz Howard Pansing Brooks Wayne

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 2 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Riepe moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 746:

Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

Brian Buhlke April Dexter Martin Fattig Jessye Goertz Benjamin R. Iske

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Linehan Albrecht Craighead Hilkemann Schumacher Baker Ebke Howard Lowe Stinner Erdman Hughes McDonnell Blood Vargas Walz Bolz Friesen Kolowski Morfeld Bostelman Groene Kolterman Murante Watermeier Pansing Brooks Wishart Brasch Halloran Krist Briese Hansen Kuehn Quick Chambers Harr Larson Riepe Clements Hilgers Lindstrom Scheer

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Brewer Geist Smith Williams

Crawford McCollister Wayne

The appointments were confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 75. Introduced by Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was born on March 31, 1927, on a family farm near Yuma, Arizona; and

WHEREAS, after losing the farm during the Great Depression, Cesar Chavez became a migrant farm worker at age 10 in California, and was forced to leave school to help support his family; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez served our nation in the United States Navy before returning to California, where he married Helen Fabela and raised eight children; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, Cesar Chavez began advocating for civil rights and labor rights for farm workers in Delano, California, campaigning for fair wages, better working and living conditions, and fighting against the use of child labor: and

WHEREAS, in 1952, he joined the Community Service Organization, becoming the national director in 1958, where he began his campaign for workers' rights by encouraging the Latinx community to register and exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, Cesar Chavez co-founded the National Farm Workers Association with Dolores Huerta, which later expanded nationally to become the United Farm Workers of America; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez was a leader of non-violent protests, boycotts, and strikes that rallied millions to "La Causa," including a five-year grape-pickers' strike that, in 1970, was successful in gaining fair wages for thousands of workers; and

WHEREAS, the work of Cesar Chavez's national and international campaigns led to the abolishment of the Bracero Program, which resulted in higher wages and improved safety, health, and other working conditions for farm workers, brought attention to discrimination faced by farm workers, and established collective bargaining agreements that covered an estimated 80,000 farm workers across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez held fasts as a peaceful tactic to continue to bring attention to the plight of farm workers in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cesar Chavez passed away on April 23, 1993, at the age of 66 in Arizona and more than 50,000 people attended his funeral at the United Farm Workers of America headquarters in Keene, California; and

WHEREAS, on August 8, 1994, Cesar Chavez was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton, and portraits and artwork depicting Chavez now hang in the National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of Cesar Chavez lives on in the mission of the United Farm Workers of America, the continued work and advocacy of his descendants, and the millions of people around the world who continue his peaceful calls for a more just and equal society and are inspired by his leadership to work for improvements in workers' rights, human rights, and civil rights worldwide.

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

- 1. That the Nebraska Legislature joins numerous states and communities by designating March 31, 2017, as Cesar Chavez Day in Nebraska.
- 2. That the Nebraska Legislature recognizes the accomplishments and service of farm workers in Nebraska and across the country.
- 3. That the Nebraska Legislature encourages Nebraskans to participate in community service projects and events to celebrate Cesar Chavez's life and work.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brewer filed the following amendment to <u>LB576</u>: AM399

- 1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Section 1. Section 77-1301, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 3 2016, is amended to read:
- 4 77-1301 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
- 5 <u>all All</u> real property in this state subject to taxation shall be assessed
- 6 as of January 1 at 12:01 a.m., which assessment shall be used as a basis
- 7 of taxation until the next assessment.
- 8 (2)(a) The assessed value of real property as of January 1, 2019,
- 9 shall be the same as such property's assessed value on January 1, 2018,
- 10 plus the cost of any improvements made to the real property since January
- 11 1, 2018, and minus the assessed value on January 1, 2018, of any
- 12 improvements to the real property that have been destroyed or removed
- 13 since January 1, 2018.
- 14 (b) The assessed value of real property as of January 1, 2020, shall
- 15 be the same as such property's assessed value on January 1, 2019, plus
- 16 the cost of any improvements made to the real property since January 1
- 17 2019, and minus the assessed value on January 1, 2019, of any
- 18 improvements to the real property that have been destroyed or removed
- 19 since January 1, 2019.
- 20 (c) The assessed value of real property as of January 1, 2021, shall
- 21 be the same as such property's assessed value on January 1, 2020, plus
- 22 the cost of any improvements made to the real property since January 1,
- 23 2020, and minus the assessed value on January 1, 2020, of any
- 24 improvements to the real property that have been destroyed or removed
- 25 since January 1, 2020.
- 26 (d) The assessed value of real property as of January 1, 2022, shall
- 27 be the same as such property's assessed value on January 1, 2021, plus

- 1 the cost of any improvements made to the real property since January 1,
- 2 2021, and minus the assessed value on January 1, 2021, of any
- 3 improvements to the real property that have been destroyed or removed 4 since January 1, 2021.
- 5 (3) (2) Beginning January 1, 2014, in any county with a population
- 6 of at least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according to the most
- 7 recent federal decennial census, the county assessor shall provide notice
- 8 of preliminary valuations to real property owners on or before January 15 9 of each year. Such notice shall be (a) mailed to the taxpayer or (b)
- 10 published on a web site maintained by the county assessor or by the
- 12 (4) (3) The county assessor shall complete the assessment of real
- 13 property on or before March 19 of each year, except beginning January 1,
- 14 2014, in any county with a population of at least one hundred fifty
- 15 thousand inhabitants according to the most recent federal decennial
- 16 census, the county assessor shall complete the assessment of real
- 17 property on or before March 25 of each year. 18 Sec. 2. Original section 77-1301, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 19 Supplement, 2016, is repealed.

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 44A. Introduced by Watermeier, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 44, One Hundred Fifth Legislature, First Session, 2017; and to declare an emergency.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 10A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 11. Placed on Final Reading.

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

- 1. In the Krist amendment, AM302, on page 1, lines 7 and 18, the first comma has been struck.
- 2. On page 1, line 3, "and the appeal of such transfers" has been inserted after "cases".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 57. Placed on Final Reading. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 62.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Anna Wishart, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 46A. Considered.

SENATOR LINDSTROM PRESIDING

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO62

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator Chambers moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 3 nays, and 19 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 33:

Albrecht	Craighead	Halloran	Lindstrom	Smith
Blood	Crawford	Hilgers	Linehan	Stinner
Bostelman	Ebke	Hilkemann	Lowe	Watermeier
Brasch	Erdman	Hughes	McDonnell	Wayne
Brewer	Friesen	Kolterman	Murante	Williams
Briese	Geist	Kuehn	Riepe	
Clements	Groene	Larson	Scheer	

Present and not voting, 15:

Baker	Hansen	Kolowski	Morfeld	Schumacher
Bolz	Harr	Krist	Pansing Brooks	Vargas
Chambers	Howard	McCollister	Quick	Walz

Excused and not voting, 1:

Wishart

The Chambers motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 0 ayes, 33 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO63

Reconsider the vote taken to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Senator Chambers asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion, MO63, to reconsider. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Watermeier offered the following motion:

MO64

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Watermeier moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a record vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Albrecht	Craighead	Harr	Linehan	Stinner
Blood	Crawford	Hilgers	Lowe	Walz
Bolz	Ebke	Hilkemann	McDonnell	Watermeier
Bostelman	Erdman	Hughes	Murante	Williams
Brasch	Friesen	Kolterman	Quick	
Brewer	Geist	Kuehn	Riepe	
Briese	Groene	Larson	Scheer	
Clements	Halloran	Lindstrom	Smith	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Chambers

Present and not voting, 11:

Baker Kolowski Morfeld Vargas Hansen Krist Pansing Brooks Wayne

Howard McCollister Schumacher

Excused and not voting, 1:

Wishart

The Watermeier motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Albrecht Clements Groene Kuehn Quick Blood Craighead Halloran Riepe Larson Bolz Crawford Lindstrom Scheer Harr Bostelman Ebke Hilgers Smith Linehan Brasch Erdman Hilkemann Stinner Lowe Brewer Friesen Hughes McDonnell Watermeier Briese Geist Kolterman Williams Murante

Voting in the negative, 3:

Chambers Krist Morfeld

Present and not voting, 10:

Baker Howard McCollister Schumacher Walz Hansen Kolowski Pansing Brooks Vargas Wayne

Excused and not voting, 1:

Wishart

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 3 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 666.** Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Placed on General File with amendment. AM457 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 307. Placed on General File with amendment. AM227

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 33-106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 4 amended to read:
- 5 33-106 (1) In addition to the <u>judges' judges</u> retirement fund fee
- 6 provided in section 24-703 and the fees fee provided in section 33-106.03
- 7 and except as otherwise provided by law, the fees of the clerk of the
- 8 district court shall be as follows: There shall be a docket fee of forty-
- 9 two dollars for each civil and criminal case except (a) a case commenced
- 10 by filing a transcript of judgment as hereinafter provided, (b)
- 11 proceedings under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act and the
- 12 Employment Security Law, when provision is made for the fees that may be

- 13 charged, and (c) a criminal case appealed to the district court from any
- 14 court inferior thereto as hereinafter provided. There shall be a docket
- 15 fee of twenty-five dollars for each case commenced by filing a transcript
- 16 of judgment from another court in this state for the purpose of obtaining
- 17 a lien. There shall be a docket fee of twenty-seven dollars for each
- 18 criminal case appealed to the district court from any court inferior 19 thereto.
- 20 (2) In all cases, other than those appealed from an inferior court
- 21 or original filings which are within jurisdictional limits of an inferior
- 22 court and when a jury is demanded in district court, the docket fee shall
- 23 cover all fees of the clerk, except that the clerk shall be paid for each
- 24 copy or transcript ordered of any pleading, record, or other paper and
- 25 that the clerk shall be entitled to a fee of fifteen dollars for making a 26 complete record of a case.
- 27 (3) The fee for making a complete record of a case shall be taxed as 1 a part of the costs of the case. In all civil cases, except habeas corpus
- 2 cases in which a poverty affidavit is filed and approved by the court,
- 3 and for all other services, the docket fee or other fee shall be paid by 4 the party filing the case or requesting the service at the time the case
- 5 is filed or the service requested.
- 6 (4) For any other service which may be rendered or performed by the 7 clerk but which is not required in the discharge of his or her official
- 8 duties, the fee shall be the same as that of a notary public but in no 9 case less than one dollar.
- 10 Sec. 2. Section 33-106.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 11 amended to read:
- 12 33-106.03 In addition to the fees provided for in sections 33-106
- 13 and 33-123, the clerk of the court shall collect an additional fifty
- 14 seventy-five dollars as a mediation fee and twenty-five dollars as a 15 child abuse prevention fee for each complaint filed in docket fees for
- 16 dissolution of marriage marriages. The fees fee shall be remitted to the
- 17 State Treasurer who shall credit the child abuse prevention fee twenty-
- 18 five dollars to the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the
- 19 mediation fee fifty dollars to the Parenting Act Fund.
- 20 Sec. 3. Section 33-107.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 21 amended to read:
- 22 33-107.02 (1) A mediation docket fee of fifty sixty five dollars and
- 23 <u>a civil legal services fee of fifteen dollars</u> shall be collected by the
- 24 clerk of the county court or the clerk of the district court for each
- 25 paternity determination or parental support proceeding under sections
- 26 43-1401 to 43-1418, for each proceeding complaint or action to modify a
- 27 decree of dissolution or annulment of marriage, and for each complaint or
- 28 action to modify a modification of an award of child support, or a
- 29 modification of child custody, parenting time, visitation, or other
- 30 access as defined in section 43-2922. Such fees shall be remitted to the
- 31 State Treasurer on forms prescribed by the State Treasurer within ten
- 1 days after the close of each month. The civil legal services fee Fifteen
- 2 dollars shall be credited to the Legal Aid and Services Fund, and the
- 3 <u>mediation fee</u> fifty dollars shall be credited to the Parenting Act Fund.

- 4 (2) Any proceeding filed by a county attorney or an authorized
- 5 attorney, as defined in section 43-1704, in a case in which services are
- 6 being provided under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, as
- 7 amended, shall not be subject to the provisions of <u>subsection (1) of this</u> 8 section. In any such proceeding, a mediation fee of fifty dollars and a
- 9 civil legal services fee of fifteen dollars shall be collected by the
- 10 clerk of the county court or the clerk of the district court for any
- 11 pleading in such proceeding filed by any party, other than a county
- 12 attorney or authorized attorney, subsequent to the paternity filing if
- 13 such pleading is to modify an award of child support or to establish or
- 14 modify custody, parenting time, visitation, or other access as defined in
- 15 section 43-2922. Such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer on
- 16 forms prescribed by the State Treasurer within ten days after the close
- 17 of each month. The mediation fee shall be credited to the Parenting Act
- 18 Fund and the civil legal services fee shall be credited to the Legal Aid
- 19 and Services Fund.
- 20 (3) For purposes of this section, authorized attorney has the same
- 21 meaning as in section 43-1704.
- 22 Sec. 4. Section 43-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 23 amended to read:
- 24 43-1906 (1) There is hereby established the Nebraska Child Abuse
- 25 Prevention Fund. The additional child abuse prevention docket fee as
- 26 provided in section 33-106.03, the additional charge for supplying a
- 27 certified copy of the record of any birth as provided in sections 71-612,
- 28 71-617.15, 71-627, and 71-628, and all amounts which may be received from
- 29 grants, gifts, bequests, the federal government, or other sources granted
- 30 or given for the purposes specified in sections 43-1901 to 43-1906 shall
- 31 be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Child Abuse
- 1 Prevention Fund. The fund shall be administered and disbursed by the
- 2 department.
- 3 (2) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 4 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 5 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 6 (3) In any one fiscal year, no more than twenty percent of the
- 7 annually appropriated funds shall be disbursed to any one agency,
- 8 organization, or individual.
- 9 (4) Funds allocated from the fund shall only be used for purposes
- 10 authorized under sections 43-1901 to 43-1906 and shall not be used to
- 11 supplant any existing governmental program or service. No grants may be
- 12 made to any state department or agency.
- 13 Sec. 5. Original sections 33-106, 33-106.03, 33-107.02, and
- 14 43-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 556. Placed on General File with amendment. AM664

- 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:

- 5 28-101 Sections 28-101 to 28-1357, 28-1418.01, 28-1429.03, and
- 6 28-1601 to 28-1603 <u>and section 3 of this act</u> shall be known and may be 7 cited as the Nebraska Criminal Code.
- 8 Sec. 2. Section 28-1201, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 9 amended to read:
- 10 28-1201 For purposes of sections 28-1201 to 28-1212.04 and section 3
- 11 of this act, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 12 (1) Facsimile firearm means any replica, toy, starter pistol, or
- 13 other object that bears a reasonable resemblance to or that reasonably
- 14 can be perceived to be an actual firearm;
- 15 (2) (1) Firearm means any weapon which is designed to or may readily
- 16 be converted to expel any projectile by the action of an explosive or
- 17 frame or receiver of any such weapon;
- 18 (3) (2) Fugitive from justice means any person who has fled or is
- 19 fleeing from any peace officer to avoid prosecution or incarceration for 20 a felony;
- 21 (4) (3) Handgun means any firearm with a barrel less than sixteen
- 22 inches in length or any firearm designed to be held and fired by the use 23 of a single hand;
- 24 (5) (4) Juvenile means any person under the age of eighteen years;
- 25 (6) (5) Knife means any dagger, dirk, knife, or stiletto with a
- 26 blade over three and one-half inches in length or any other dangerous
- 27 instrument capable of inflicting cutting, stabbing, or tearing wounds;
- 1 (7) (6) Knuckles and brass or iron knuckles means any instrument
- 2 that consists of finger rings or guards made of a hard substance and that
- 3 is designed, made, or adapted for the purpose of inflicting serious
- 4 bodily injury or death by striking a person with a fist enclosed in the
- 5 knuckles;
- 6 (8) (7) Machine gun means any firearm, whatever its size and usual
- 7 designation, that shoots automatically more than one shot, without manual
- 8 reloading, by a single function of the trigger;
- 9 (9) (8) School means a public, private, denominational, or parochial
- 10 elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a private postsecondary
- 11 career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community college, a
- 12 public or private college, a junior college, or a university;
- 13 (10) (9) Short rifle means a rifle having a barrel less than sixteen
- 14 inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-six inches; and
- 15 (11) (10) Short shotgun means a shotgun having a barrel or barrels
- 16 less than eighteen inches long or an overall length of less than twenty-17 six inches.
- 18 Sec. 3. (1) Any person who uses a facsimile firearm or
- 19 nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony commits the offense of use of a
- 20 <u>facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a felony.</u>
- 21 (2) Use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a
- 22 <u>felony is a Class IIA felony.</u>
- 23 (3) Use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to commit a
- 24 felony shall be treated as a separate and distinct offense from the
- 25 felony being committed, and a sentence imposed under this section shall
- 26 be consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

- 27 (4) For purposes of this section, use of a facsimile firearm or
- 28 <u>nonfunctioning firearm includes the employment of such firearm or visible</u>
- 29 display of any part of such firearm during, immediately prior to, or
- 30 immediately after the commission of a felony.
- 31 Sec. 4. Section 28-1351, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 1 amended to read:
- 2 28-1351 (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful membership
- 3 recruitment into an organization or association when he or she knowingly
- 4 and intentionally coerces, intimidates, threatens, or inflicts bodily
- 5 harm upon another person in order to entice that other person to join or
- 6 prevent that other person from leaving any organization, group,
- 7 enterprise, or association whose members, individually or collectively,
- 8 engage in or have engaged in any of the following criminal acts for the
- 9 benefit of, at the direction of, or on behalf of the organization, group,
- 10 enterprise, or association or any of its members:
- 11 (a) Robbery under section 28-324;
- 12 (b) Arson in the first, second, or third degree under section
- 13 28-502, 28-503, or 28-504, respectively;
- 14 (c) Burglary under section 28-507;
- 15 (d) Murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, or
- 16 manslaughter under section 28-303, 28-304, or 28-305, respectively;
- 17 (e) Violations of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act that involve
- 18 possession with intent to deliver, distribution, delivery, or manufacture
- 19 of a controlled substance;
- 20 (f) Unlawful use, possession, or discharge of a firearm, facsimile
- 21 <u>firearm</u>, nonfunctioning firearm, or other deadly weapon under sections
- 22 28-1201 to 28-1212.04 and section 3 of this act;
- 23 (g) Assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree
- 24 under section 28-308 or 28-309, respectively;
- 25 (h) Assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state
- 26 correctional employee, a Department of Health and Human Services
- 27 employee, or a health care professional in the first, second, or third
- 28 degree under section 28-929, 28-930, or 28-931, respectively, or assault
- 29 on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a
- 30 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care
- 31 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01;
- 1 (i) Theft by unlawful taking or disposition under section 28-511;
- 2 (j) Theft by receiving stolen property under section 28-517;
- 3 (k) Theft by deception under section 28-512;
- 4 (1) Theft by extortion under section 28-513;
- 5 (m) Kidnapping under section 28-313;
- 6 (n) Any forgery offense under sections 28-602 to 28-605;
- 7 (o) Criminal impersonation under section 28-638;
- 8 (p) Tampering with a publicly exhibited contest under section 9 28-614:
- 10 (q) Unauthorized use of a financial transaction device or criminal
- 11 possession of a financial transaction device under section 28-620 or
- 12 28-621, respectively;
- 13 (r) Pandering under section 28-802;

- 14 (s) Bribery, bribery of a witness, or bribery of a juror under
- 15 section 28-917, 28-918, or 28-920, respectively;
- 16 (t) Tampering with a witness or an informant or jury tampering under 17 section 28-919;
- 18 (u) Unauthorized application of graffiti under section 28-524;
- 19 (v) Dogfighting, cockfighting, bearbaiting, or pitting an animal
- 20 against another under section 28-1005; or
- 21 (w) Promoting gambling in the first degree under section 28-1102.
- 22 (2) Unlawful membership recruitment into an organization or
- 23 association is a Class IV felony.
- 24 Sec. 5. Section 28-1354, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 25 amended to read:
- 26 28-1354 For purposes of the Public Protection Act:
- 27 (1) Enterprise means any individual, sole proprietorship,
- 28 partnership, corporation, trust, association, or any legal entity, union,
- 29 or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity,
- 30 and shall include illicit as well as licit enterprises as well as other 31 entities;
- 1 (2) Pattern of racketeering activity means a cumulative loss for one
- 2 or more victims or gains for the enterprise of not less than one thousand
- 3 five hundred dollars resulting from at least two acts of racketeering
- 4 activity, one of which occurred after August 30, 2009, and the last of
- 5 which occurred within ten years, excluding any period of imprisonment,
- 6 after the commission of a prior act of racketeering activity;
- 7 (3) Until January 1, 2017, person means any individual or entity, as 8 defined in section 21-2014, holding or capable of holding a legal,
- 9 equitable, or beneficial interest in property. Beginning January 1, 2017,
- 10 person means any individual or entity, as defined in section 21-214,
- 11 holding or capable of holding a legal, equitable, or beneficial interest
- 12 in property;
- 13 (4) Prosecutor includes the Attorney General of the State of
- 14 Nebraska, the deputy attorney general, assistant attorneys general, a
- 15 county attorney, a deputy county attorney, or any person so designated by
- 16 the Attorney General, a county attorney, or a court of the state to carry
- 17 out the powers conferred by the act;
- 18 (5) Racketeering activity includes the commission of, criminal
- 19 attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, aiding and abetting in the
- 20 commission of, aiding in the consummation of, acting as an accessory to
- 21 the commission of, or the solicitation, coercion, or intimidation of
- 22 another to commit or aid in the commission of any of the following:
- 23 (a) Offenses against the person which include: Murder in the first
- 24 degree under section 28-303; murder in the second degree under section
- 25 28-304; manslaughter under section 28-305; assault in the first degree
- 26 under section 28-308; assault in the second degree under section 28-309;
- 27 assault in the third degree under section 28-310; terroristic threats
- 28 under section 28-311.01; kidnapping under section 28-313; false
- 29 imprisonment in the first degree under section 28-314; false imprisonment
- 30 in the second degree under section 28-315; sexual assault in the first
- 31 degree under section 28-319; and robbery under section 28-324;

1 (b) Offenses relating to controlled substances which include: To 2 unlawfully manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with 3 intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled 4 substance under subsection (1) of section 28-416; possession of marijuana 5 weighing more than one pound under subsection (12) of section 28-416; 6 possession of money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation 7 of subsection (1) of section 28-416 prohibited under subsection (17) of 8 section 28-416; any violation of section 28-418; to unlawfully 9 manufacture, distribute, deliver, or possess with intent to distribute or 10 deliver an imitation controlled substance under section 28-445; 11 possession of anhydrous ammonia with the intent to manufacture 12 methamphetamine under section 28-451; and possession of ephedrine, 13 pseudoephedrine, or phenylpropanolamine with the intent to manufacture 14 methamphetamine under section 28-452; 15 (c) Offenses against property which include: Arson in the first 16 degree under section 28-502; arson in the second degree under section 17 28-503; arson in the third degree under section 28-504; burglary under 18 section 28-507; theft by unlawful taking or disposition under section 19 28-511; theft by shoplifting under section 28-511.01; theft by deception 20 under section 28-512; theft by extortion under section 28-513; theft of 21 services under section 28-515; theft by receiving stolen property under 22 section 28-517; criminal mischief under section 28-519; and unlawfully 23 depriving or obtaining property or services using a computer under 24 section 28-1344: 25 (d) Offenses involving fraud which include: Burning to defraud an 26 insurer under section 28-505; forgery in the first degree under section 27 28-602; forgery in the second degree under section 28-603; criminal 28 possession of a forged instrument under section 28-604; criminal 29 possession of written instrument forgery devices under section 28-605; 30 criminal impersonation under section 28-638; identity theft under section 31 28-639; identity fraud under section 28-640; false statement or book 1 entry under section 28-612; tampering with a publicly exhibited contest 2 under section 28-614; issuing a false financial statement for purposes of 3 obtaining a financial transaction device under section 28-619: 4 unauthorized use of a financial transaction device under section 28-620: 5 criminal possession of a financial transaction device under section 6 28-621; unlawful circulation of a financial transaction device in the 7 first degree under section 28-622; unlawful circulation of a financial 8 transaction device in the second degree under section 28-623; criminal 9 possession of a blank financial transaction device under section 28-624; 10 criminal sale of a blank financial transaction device under section 11 28-625; criminal possession of a financial transaction forgery device 12 under section 28-626; unlawful manufacture of a financial transaction 13 device under section 28-627; laundering of sales forms under section 14 28-628; unlawful acquisition of sales form processing services under 15 section 28-629; unlawful factoring of a financial transaction device 16 under section 28-630; and fraudulent insurance acts under section 28-631; 17 (e) Offenses involving governmental operations which include: Abuse 18 of public records under section 28-911; perjury or subornation of perjury

19 under section 28-915; bribery under section 28-917; bribery of a witness 20 under section 28-918; tampering with a witness or informant or jury 21 tampering under section 28-919; bribery of a juror under section 28-920; 22 assault on an officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional 23 employee, a Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health 24 care professional in the first degree under section 28-929; assault on an 25 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 26 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 27 professional in the second degree under section 28-930; assault on an 28 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 29 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 30 professional in the third degree under section 28-931; and assault on an 31 officer, an emergency responder, a state correctional employee, a 1 Department of Health and Human Services employee, or a health care 2 professional using a motor vehicle under section 28-931.01; 3 (f) Offenses involving gambling which include: Promoting gambling in 4 the first degree under section 28-1102; possession of gambling records 5 under section 28-1105; gambling debt collection under section 28-1105.01; 6 and possession of a gambling device under section 28-1107; 7 (g) Offenses relating to firearms, weapons, and explosives which 8 include: Carrying a concealed weapon under section 28-1202; 9 transportation or possession of machine guns, short rifles, or short 10 shotguns under section 28-1203; unlawful possession of a handgun under 11 section 28-1204; unlawful transfer of a firearm to a juvenile under 12 section 28-1204.01; using a deadly weapon to commit a felony or 13 possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony under 14 section 28-1205; use of a facsimile firearm or nonfunctioning firearm to 15 commit a felony under section 3 of this act; possession of a deadly 16 weapon by a prohibited person under section 28-1206; possession of a 17 defaced firearm under section 28-1207; defacing a firearm under section 18 28-1208; unlawful discharge of a firearm under section 28-1212.02; 19 possession, receipt, retention, or disposition of a stolen firearm under 20 section 28-1212.03; unlawful possession of explosive materials in the 21 first degree under section 28-1215; unlawful possession of explosive 22 materials in the second degree under section 28-1216; unlawful sale of 23 explosives under section 28-1217; use of explosives without a permit 24 under section 28-1218; obtaining an explosives permit through false 25 representations under section 28-1219; possession of a destructive device 26 under section 28-1220; threatening the use of explosives or placing a 27 false bomb under section 28-1221; using explosives to commit a felony 28 under section 28-1222; using explosives to damage or destroy property 29 under section 28-1223; and using explosives to kill or injure any person 30 under section 28-1224; 31 (h) Any violation of the Securities Act of Nebraska pursuant to 1 section 8-1117;

- 2 (i) Any violation of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 pursuant to 3 section 77-2713;
- 4 (j) Offenses relating to public health and morals which include:
- 5 Prostitution under section 28-801; pandering under section 28-802;

6 keeping a place of prostitution under section 28-804; labor trafficking, 7 sex trafficking, labor trafficking of a minor, or sex trafficking of a 8 minor under section 28-831; a violation of section 28-1005; and any act 9 relating to the visual depiction of sexually explicit conduct prohibited 10 in the Child Pornography Prevention Act; and

11 (k) A violation of the Computer Crimes Act;

12 (6) State means the State of Nebraska or any political subdivision

13 or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof; and

14 (7) Unlawful debt means a debt of at least one thousand five hundred 15 dollars:

16 (a) Incurred or contracted in gambling activity which was in

17 violation of federal law or the law of the state or which is

18 unenforceable under state or federal law in whole or in part as to

19 principal or interest because of the laws relating to usury; or

- 20 (b) Which was incurred in connection with the business of gambling
- 21 in violation of federal law or the law of the state or the business of
- 22 lending money or a thing of value at a rate usurious under state law if
- 23 the usurious rate is at least twice the enforceable rate.
- 24 Sec. 6. Original sections 28-101, 28-1201, 28-1351, and 28-1354,
- 25 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Laura Ebke, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Anna Wishart, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 622. Placed on General File with amendment. AM697 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Laura Ebke, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hilgers filed the following amendment to $\underline{LB257}$: AM502

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, real estate licensee
- 4 means a broker or salesperson who is licensed under the Nebraska Real
- 5 Estate License Act.
- 6 (2) Any action to recover damages based on any act or omission of a
- 7 real estate licensee relating to real estate brokerage services shall be

- 8 commenced within two years after whichever of the following occurs first
- 9 with respect to such brokerage services: (a) A transaction is completed
- 10 or closed; (b) an agency agreement is terminated; or (c) an unconsummated
- 11 transaction is terminated or expires. Such two-year period shall not be
- 12 reduced by agreement and shall not apply to disciplinary actions
- 13 initiated by the State Real Estate Commission.
- 14 (3) If the cause of action described in subsection (2) of this
- 15 section is not discovered and could not be reasonably discovered within
- 16 the two-year period described in such subsection, then the action may be
- 17 commenced within one year from the date of such discovery or from the
- 18 date of discovery of facts which would reasonably lead to such discovery,
- 19 whichever is earlier, except that in no event may any such action be
- 20 commenced more than ten years after the date of rendering or failing to
- 21 render the brokerage services which provide the basis for the cause of
- 22 action.
- 23 Sec. 2. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign section 1 of this act
- 24 to Chapter 25, article 2.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hilkemann name added to LB576.

Senator Clements name added to LR6.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Senator Clements' daughter and grandchildren, Mary, Savannah, and Alex Humphries, from Marysville, KS.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Russ Ebke from Crete.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Brasch, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature