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MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

June 4, 2019

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 209 was received in my office on May 30, 2019.

Engrossed Legislative Bills 26 and 221 were received in my office on May 31, 2019.

These bills were signed and delivered to the Secretary of State on June 4, 2019.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

June 4, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning LB 436e without my signature and with my objections.

LB 436e was advanced from committee only ten days before the 106th Legislature, First Session adjourned Sine Die and is unnecessary. As the Department of Commerce notes in the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee Guide, Complete Count Committees (CCC) are volunteer committees. In Nebraska, communities are already coming together to voluntarily create Complete Count Committees. The cities of Grand Island, Lexington, Lincoln, Norfolk, Omaha, and Schuyler, Sarpy County, the Karen Society of Nebraska-Lincoln Chapter and the South Platte United

Chambers of Commerce have each created local Complete Count Committees.

In addition, LB 436e gives inappropriate authority to a single program within the University system to create a statewide Complete Count Committee without any guidance, parameters, duties or goals from the state. Furthermore, the Complete Count activities recommended by the Department of Commerce, such as Census parades and Interfaith breakfasts, are not activities the University should be asked to focus its energy on.

The State of Nebraska is committed to a complete and accurate census, and I will support the Census Bureau in promoting Nebraskans to participate in the 2020 Census. I invite each Nebraska State Senator to join me in encouraging their constituents to participate in the 2020 Census.

(Signed) Sincerely,
Pete Ricketts
Governor

June 4, 2019

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

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am returning LB 470e and LB 470Ae without my signature and with my objections. I consulted with the Nebraska Attorney General on whether LB 470e was unconstitutional under the Nebraska Constitution. Ensuring legislation complies with the limits established by the Constitution is our primary obligation to Nebraskans.

The Attorney General found LB 470, violates Article VIII, section 1 as the bill attempts to redefine real property as tangible personal property. Relying on this opinion, I have vetoed LB 470e and LB 470Ae. While I have no specific objections to the underlying policy contained within LB 470e, I will not sign a bill that the Attorney General has found violates the Nebraska Constitution.

For these reasons, I have vetoed LB 470e and LB 470Ae.

(Signed) Sincerely,
Pete Ricketts
Governor

COMMUNICATION

May 30, 2019

Patrick O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Patrick:

Please be advised that the Rules Committee will be conducting the interim study for LR159 (Interim study to examine the rules of the Legislature regarding information required to be included in records of the committees of the Legislature) and LR217 (Interim study to examine the feasibility of developing a process for the preparation and consideration of racial impact statements on legislation).

Respectfully,
(Signed) Senator Mike Hilgers
Chair, Executive Board

C: Senator Crawford
Chair, Rules Committee

CERTIFICATE

I, Patrick J. O'Donnell, Clerk of the Legislature, hereby certify that the foregoing communications are true and correct copies provided concerning action on bills after adjournment of the One Hundred Sixth Legislature, First Session.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

June 6, 2019
Lincoln, Nebraska

