

Chairperson:	Lavon Heidemann
Committee:	Appropriations
Date of Hearing:	February 23, 2009

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 312, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

This bill makes appropriations each year of the biennium for the salaries and benefits of the 49 State Senators. This separate appropriation bill is required by the State Constitution and funds the \$12,000 annual salary of each senator and the corresponding employer payroll contribution for social security.

Detailed information regarding Legislators' salaries may be found in the Executive Budget, 2009-2011 Biennium and may be viewed on the Department of Administrative Services Budget Division's website at <u>http://www.budget.ne.gov/das budget/budget09/20092011.htm</u>.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike Flood At the Request of the Governor