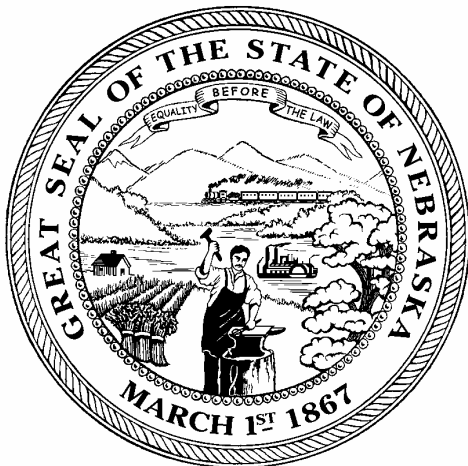


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EXECUTIVE BOARD POLICY

Executive Board Referral

- A. As a general practice, the Executive Board will refer interim study resolutions to the appropriate committees based upon subject matter jurisdiction.
- B. Resolutions that call for the creation of a select committee will be reviewed by the Executive Board. Depending upon the availability of staff resources, subject matter jurisdiction, and legislator interest, the Executive Board may establish a select committee to undertake the study.
- C. The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

Committee Action

Legislative rules (Rule 4, Section 3(c)) require study resolutions be prioritized by the chairperson of the committee to which they are referred, and a report on those priorities shall be filed with the Clerk. Each committee shall file with the Clerk, his or her committee's study plan for the highest prioritized interim studies referenced to such committee. This prioritization will in no way limit the committee's traditional prerogative to conduct hearings and oversee matters that are within their subject matter jurisdiction.

Rule 4, Section 3(g) of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature requires that on or before December 1 of each year, each standing and select interim committee file a report on the disposition of the study resolutions referred to them.

(The following referral list reflects the committee prioritization of the resolutions referred to them.)

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- LR 355* Interim study of the issue of unlicensed and uninsured drivers
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- LR 381 Interim study to examine procedures to be followed by the
Department of Motor Vehicles when motor vehicle liability
insurance is canceled or terminated
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR 366 Interim study to examine issues relating to uninsured motorists
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR 418 Interim study to examine ways to support and develop the
vehicle service and towing industry
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR 419 Interim study to examine issues involved with seeking a federal
exemption extending the length of combination vehicles for
purposes of hauling grain
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR 325 Interim study to examine the legislative intent in enacting the
Nebraska Public Transportation Act and the appropriation of
funds
Transportation and Telecommunications
- LR 324 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the
Transportation and Telecommunications Committee
Transportation and Telecommunications
- Urban Affairs:** Friend (C), Connealy (VC), Combs, Cornett, Janssen,
Landis, Schimek
- LR 407 Interim study to review options available to cities and villages to
conduct economic development activities on their own initiative
Urban Affairs
- LR 439* Interim study to examine constitutional issues raised in LB 1249
relating to natural gas regulation
Judiciary/Urban Affairs
- LR 408 Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the
Urban Affairs Committee
Urban Affairs

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 303. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review issues relating to the salary structure of the Commission of Industrial Relations. Current law, section 48-806, provides the following compensation to judges of the commission:

"As soon as such compensation may be legally paid under the Constitution of Nebraska, the compensation of judges of the Commission of Industrial Relations shall be two hundred fifty dollars per day for each day's time actually engaged in the performance of the duties of their office. Each judge shall also be paid his or her necessary traveling expenses incurred while away from his or her place of residence upon business of the commission in accordance with sections 81-1174 to 81-1177."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 307. Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the insurance laws of this state should be amended in order to allow insurance producers to charge fees for services they perform, subject to regulation by the Department of Insurance. The study should include a review of the issues raised by LB 980, introduced by Senator Langemeier in 2006. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature should seek and consider the input of the Department of Insurance and interested persons, including insurance producers and organizations which represent them, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 308. Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: To examine the funding mechanisms and financial situation of Nebraska's two tribally-controlled community colleges. The study should

examine the current funding of the two schools relative to state aid, the ramifications of additional state aid, and alternative or potential methods of funding including, but not limited to, the possibility of enhanced cooperative agreements with the Nebraska community college system, the Nebraska state college system, or the University of Nebraska. The study should also investigate how other states fund tribal postsecondary schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 310. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the fairness of the property tax valuation system in the State of Nebraska on residential, commercial, and agricultural property, while also analyzing its uniformity among counties and classes of properties. The study also should include recommendations on how the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation can promote predictability in any increases in property assessments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 313. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to explore policy options to promote increased employer-provided health insurance benefits for Nebraska's workforce.

The study will include, but not be limited to:

1. Examination of the current number or percentage of Nebraska employers that make health insurance benefits available to their employees;
2. Examination of the number of employed persons currently eligible for and participating in state-subsidized medical care programs;
3. Examination of the policy strategies implemented in other states to increase employer-provided health insurance benefits, particularly those states similar in population and socioeconomic distribution to Nebraska; and
4. Examination of the potential cost savings that would be recognized by the State of Nebraska as a result of an increase in the percentage of employers who provide insurance benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 314. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to explore policy options that help families succeed in the transition from public assistance to work.

The study will include, but not be limited to:

1. Examination of the current percentage of a family's earnings that is disregarded in the calculation of a family's cash benefits while the family is receiving cash assistance in Nebraska;

2. Examination of the effectiveness of earned income disregards in motivating sustained transition from public assistance to work;

3. Examination of the levels of earned income disregards in other states, particularly those states similar in population and socioeconomic distribution to Nebraska; and

4. Examination of the potential costs that would be incurred as a result of an increase in the percentage of earned income disregards.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the threat of voter fraud in Nebraska. Voter confidence is paramount in a free democratic society. The State of Nebraska allows its citizens to use a variety of methods to vote. As the state has increased the number of alternatives its citizens utilize to exercise their voting rights, citizens have become concerned about the potential increases for voter fraud. One method adopted by some states to reduce the threat of voter fraud is the requirement for voters to provide some form of voter identification.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall review the methods other states and the federal government have considered or adopted to thwart voter fraud and instill voter confidence. Specifically, the committee shall focus on voter identification requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319. Introduced by Kremer, 34.

PURPOSE: To examine the resources and other requirements necessary to implement state mandatory livestock price reporting and other duties assigned to the Department of Agriculture under the Competitive Livestock Markets Act in the event Congress fails to timely reauthorize federal mandatory price reporting. The study shall further examine other clarifications and revisions necessary and desirable to conform the act with relevant caselaw and with experience learned from the federal program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 320. Introduced by Kremer, 34.

PURPOSE: To review the benefits and criticisms of the livestock friendly county program, to explore means to enhance the value of the program for participating counties, and to provide counties with additional tools to facilitate livestock development in a manner consistent with local planning objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 321. Introduced by McDonald, 41; Aguilar, 35; Baker, 44; Bourne, 8; Combs, 32; Cunningham, 40; Flood, 19; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Kremer, 34; Kruse, 13; Price, 26; Smith, 48; Stuthman, 22; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the overall impact of Area Health Education Center (AHEC) programs on the health of the citizens of Nebraska through their mission of career awareness and recruitment and retention of medical professionals to underserved areas.

AHEC's are cooperative ventures between a medical school and community centers. They are administered in Nebraska by the University of

Nebraska Medical Center. Nebraska has five AHEC's across the state. AHEC's partner with the Rural Health Education Network which is funded by the Legislature, but AHEC's are federally funded through Title VII of the Public Health Service Act for a maximum of twelve years. The twelve-year period for federal funding for Nebraska's AHEC's will begin to expire in September of 2007 and all AHEC's will be off of federal funding in September of 2011.

This study shall determine the importance of AHEC's in maintaining easily accessible health services in underserved areas of Nebraska, recruitment and training of health professionals, continuing education for health professionals, and partnerships with other agencies with similar goals.

In addition, the study should determine whether AHEC services in Nebraska should be funded by the Legislature as federal funding expires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: On May 11, 2005, the President of the United States signed House Bill 1268, which became Public Law 109-13, commonly referred to as the REAL ID Act. The REAL ID Act requires certain state standards, procedures, and requirements for issuing state driver's licenses and state identification cards if such documents are to be accepted as identity documents by the federal government. It is anticipated that the REAL ID Act will have an impact on all of the approximately 1.3 million state driver's license and state identification card holders in Nebraska. The purpose of this study is to analyze the REAL ID Act and all duly promulgated rules and regulations associated with the REAL ID Act.

The study shall consider how the REAL ID Act may alter the business practices of the Department of Motor Vehicles, how the REAL ID Act may affect the staffing, facilities, training, and equipment currently used in the manufacturing and issuance of state driver's licenses and state identification cards, how the federal government intends to implement the development, expansion, and deployment of the five verification systems required by the REAL ID Act, an estimate of the costs associated with complying with the REAL ID Act, and any other federal requirements related to this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 323. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to evaluate the locations of Game and Parks Commission offices and the location of commission headquarters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 324. Introduced by Baker, 44.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine matters and issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 325. Introduced by Kruse, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the legislative intent in the enactment of the Nebraska Public Transportation Act and the appropriation of funds under the act. The study shall determine whether current transportation needs are adequately met and shall propose statutory changes to and administration of the act to best serve the transportation needs of the disabled and elderly population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 327. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: (1) The purpose of this study is to examine the potential utilization by municipalities or counties of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) programs in the State of Nebraska.

(2) In 2006, LB 979 was introduced and which allowed county boards to regulate and restrict the density of population including, but not limited to, the establishment, transfer, and exercise of development rights.

(3) This study will include, but not be limited to, defining and understanding the mechanics of TDR programs, compiling the advantages and challenges of TDR programs, and measuring the success rate of TDR programs as governing tools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 328. Introduced by Combs, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the issues raised by LB 1030 (2006), as heard by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Ninety-ninth Legislature, Second Session. Issues addressed by this interim study may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Determination of current procedures for inspection of public park buildings;

(2) Identification of essential inspection requirements for public park buildings;

(3) Examination of possible inspection exemptions for some public entities;

(4) The potential liability issues for cities; and

(5) The relationship, if any, of Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 37-729 to 37-736 to the issues addressed by this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 329. Introduced by Stuthman, 22; Kremer, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and evaluate statutes regarding the movement and transfer of cattle into and out of a

brand commission area. The committee should examine and evaluate the practices and procedures of the Nebraska Brand Commission as they implement these statutes, including, but not limited to, document inspection and proof of ownership requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 330. Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine statutory rape statutes and the deterrent effect of such statutes. The committee should examine the gender discrepancies in the application of the law and look to other states' statutory rape statutes and how such states handle gender issues and age distinctions with respect to the severity of the crime.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 331. Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and evaluate the process by which determinations are made regarding custodial placement of children during divorce proceedings. The committee should examine the process the court uses to determine which parent is awarded custody, including how a parent's testimony and character factor into the decision, as well as whether there is a judicial preference towards awarding custody to the mother of the child.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 332. Introduced by Combs, 32.

PURPOSE: To study the topic of statutory rape, as defined in section 28-319, and whether or not the current statute is adequate to prosecute or defend an individual charged with this category of first degree sexual

assault.

Issues addressed by this interim study may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Graduated penalties based on the age of the involved parties;
- (2) Use of proven misrepresentations, provided by the victim, as a basis for a defense; and
- (3) Consideration of aggravating and mitigating circumstances when determining penalties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 333. Introduced by Landis, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Uniform Debt-Management Services Act as promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2005. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of the Secretary of State and other interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 334. Introduced by Mines, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to continue the study in Nebraska of issues relating to the Uniform Trust Code which was promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2000 and recommended to the states as the first comprehensive nationwide codification of the law of trusts. This ongoing study process has been previously conducted pursuant to study resolutions LR 94 (2001), LR 367 (2002), LR 84 (2003), LR 342 (2004), and LR 101 (2005), and has led to the enactment of the Nebraska Uniform Trust Code in 2003 and the adoption of amendments to the code in 2004 and 2005. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee's review should include, as it deems necessary and beneficial, the input and assistance of interested persons, legal and scholarly commentary nationwide on the Uniform Trust Code, and legislation on this subject in other jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 336. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: To study the structure of educational service units in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) An examination of the legislative intent with respect to the initial creation of educational service units;
- (2) An examination and comparison of the services provided by the different educational service units;
- (3) An examination of the educational service unit boundaries relative to the school districts that are served by each educational service unit;
- (4) An examination and comparison of the property taxes levied by each educational service unit; and
- (5) An examination of the efficiencies that may be realized by the creation of one, statewide educational service unit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 337. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the concepts proposed under LB 1153 (2006), which is a bill that allows for the development of a health information technology network to be utilized for the secure exchange of health care information. The bill was heard by the Judiciary Committee during the Ninety-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2006. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) The examination of the viability of developing a statewide, nonprofit health information network;
- (2) The examination of the cost-savings potential of sharing patient information among various health-care providers;
- (3) The examination of the potential improvements to patient care through the timely sharing of information;
- (4) The examination of the safeguards necessary to ensure patient information is shared securely; and
- (5) The examination of the proper penalties for a violation of any law that provides for the secure exchange of patient information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 338. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the public employee retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, the School Employees' Retirement System, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the judges retirement system. The study may also examine the Class V School Employees Retirement System administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The study will examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and the administration of each retirement system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review and update the General Principles of Sound Retirement Planning. The General Principles of Sound Retirement Planning are utilized by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee as a guide to evaluate proposed legislation and issues regarding Nebraska's public retirement systems. The General Principles are also used by the Legislature as a guide on each of the retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board and those systems not administered by the board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the actuarial assumptions used to perform the annual actuarial valuation for the retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board. The actuarial assumptions reviewed by this study shall include, but not be limited to, investment return, inflation, salary increase, interest on employee contributions, increases on compensation and benefit limits, mortality, retirement, and disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42; Price, 26; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the treatment of compensation for the purposes of calculating retirement benefits under both the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act and to determine whether such provisions are appropriate in order to ensure uniformity among all school employees.

The study will examine additional technical corrections and clarification of statutory language for the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. Modifications to benefits and contributions may also be considered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the minimum benefit for the purchasing power of the original benefit received upon retirement for members of the School Employees' Retirement System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 343. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Stuhr, 24, Chairperson; Bourne, 8; Erdman, 47; D. Pederson, 42; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the need for the State of Nebraska to make an additional contribution to the School Employees' Retirement System administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, if an actuarial contribution is required to be made by the State of Nebraska for the School Employees' Retirement System administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

The study may review and compare the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and the administration of the systems under both the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 344. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine matters and issues relating to the licensing and regulating of electronic systems technicians.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345. Introduced by Synowiecki, 7;

Bourne, 8; Connealy, 16; Friend, 10; Kopplin, 3; Kruse, 13; Mines, 18; Pahls, 31; Dw. Pedersen, 39; Preister, 5; Thompson, 14; Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review Nebraska's existing community college funding statutes to identify changes that would advance quality postsecondary educational opportunities which best serve the State of Nebraska and the constituents of each community college area.

The study should consider the intent of LB 1251 (2006), including the following:

- (1) Allocating state aid to the community colleges based on students served and not other noneducational factors;
- (2) Reducing Nebraska taxpayer support of students who do not reside or work in Nebraska;
- (3) Returning property tax control to the locally elected community college area board of governors, thereby giving area constituents more local control of service and funding decisions;
- (4) Establishing a simplified formula that is more easily explained and justified to constituents; and
- (5) Encouraging effective and efficient operations, by making each community college more accountable to the area they serve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 347. Introduced by Price, 26.

PURPOSE: To study issues raised by LB 906, introduced in the Ninety-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2006, which would require all Nebraska contractors to register with the Department of Labor and provide a surety bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars per project. The study shall include, but not be limited to, general contractors, subcontractors, licensed tradespersons, consumers, financial institutions, bonding companies, and the Department of Labor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 348. Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the administrative

license revocation process as administered by the Department of Motor Vehicles. The study shall address, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The effectiveness of administrative license revocations in reducing drunk drivers on Nebraska roadways;
2. Possible changes in the law to encourage peace officers to increase use of administrative license revocations; and
3. Concerns peace officers and county attorneys have regarding the administrative license revocation process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 349. Introduced by Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine matters and issues related to the governance of municipal libraries, especially those in cities of the second class and villages. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the relationship between the library board and municipal governing body regarding liability, personnel, and finances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 350. Introduced by Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine a possible requirement for significant purchasers of grain who are not required by law to be licensed or bonded to disclose that fact to grain sellers on scale tickets or contracts.

Over the past three years, the grain industry has engaged with private and public entities to explore whether the current scope of regulatory protection available to owners, depositors, and sellers of grain was adequate. The grain industry has been and continues to be concerned that transactions that are lawfully exempt from licensing and regulatory requirements could potentially lead sellers of grain to mistakenly believe that they are fully protected by current state regulation and bond coverage. For example, in 2005, more than fifty-five percent of first purchasers were exempt from Public Service Commission licensing and bonding authority. This study would examine the feasibility of requiring these purchasers to issue a statement to sellers that they are not required under Nebraska law to be

licensed or bonded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 351. Introduced by Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the feasibility of transferring the operations of the Grain Warehouse Division of the Public Service Commission to the Budget, Finance and Personnel Division of the Department of Agriculture or another appropriate division for the administration of the Grain Warehouse Act and the Grain Dealer Act. The reasons for the study are as follows:

(1) The Grain Warehouse Division of the Public Service Commission (PSC) is charged with regulating the state-licensed grain warehouse and grain dealer laws. While the PSC conducted a series of hearings with producers, grain industry representatives, and other stakeholders over the last three years to review the grain laws and explore whether the current scope of regulatory protection available to owners, depositors, and sellers of grain is adequate, the PSC has admitted that staffing restrictions and budget considerations make it less likely that state-licensed warehouse inspections or grain dealer investigations can be conducted every nine months, or in a timely manner. The Nebraska grain warehouse industry and grain dealers have actively participated over the past two years in these hearings and supported a number of important and positive changes to the state grain laws in LB 735, Ninety-eighth Legislature, First Session, 2003, that offer substantially greater safeguards for producers and depositors at state-licensed warehouses;

(2) The Budget, Finance and Personnel Division of the Department of Agriculture is already charged with collecting, randomly monitoring, and auditing the mandatory commodity or ethanol check-off programs from all first purchasers of Nebraska grain. In addition to random check-off audits by the Budget, Finance and Personnel Division, the Division of Weights and Measures, the Bureau of Plant Industry, and the Agriculture Laboratories Division of the Department of Agriculture also conduct annual inspections for and at state-licensed grain warehouses; and

(3) Administrators, lawmakers, and private industry representatives have continually encouraged a dialogue for making government more efficient by combining similar regulatory activities under the same agency, and to explore streamlining or better coordination of existing services provided by various state agencies such as agriculture and agribusiness through personnel cross-utilization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 352. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: To study issues relevant to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, and to review matters concerning liquor licenses and whether additional license categories, such as a bed and breakfast category, are needed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: To study the cemetery statutes, to evaluate the cemetery laws and identify those that need to be clarified or deleted, and to advise the General Affairs Committee of the study's findings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 354. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: To study the process of micro-distillation, to research statutes in other states that have passed or considered legislation relating to micro-distilleries, and to determine the necessity and feasibility of developing legislation concerning micro-distillation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 355. Introduced by Aguilar, 35; Baker,

44; Bourne, 8; Kruse, 13; Preister, 5; Schimek, 27; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: To study the issue of unlicensed and uninsured drivers in this state and to examine the effect limited-use driving certificates would have with respect to this issue. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the fiscal impact of uninsured drivers on the insurance industry and on other insured drivers;
- (2) A comparison of other state's laws that permit limited-use driving certificates or similar instruments as alternatives to drivers' licenses;
- (3) An examination of the types of identification permitted with respect to the issuance of limited-use drivers certificates;
- (4) An examination of the economic impact on individuals, including insurance premiums, who would be issued limited-use driving certificates;
- (5) The proper amount of time a limited-use driving certificate should be valid;
- (6) An examination of what limits should be placed on the activities for which a limited-use driving certificate can be considered valid; and
- (7) An examination of the extent of the state's authority to issue limited-use driving certificates under federal law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee and the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of the study make a report of the findings, together with any recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 356. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: To study the School Employees Retirement Act and to determine the feasibility of amending the act to make participation in the School Employees' Retirement System voluntary. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of other states' school employees retirement systems to determine how many states provide for compulsory participation and how many school employees in Nebraska, on average, participating in the School Employees' Retirement System, leave the system after five years or less of service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 357. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: To study construction and safety standards and enforcement

regulations related to modular housing. The study shall include research on both the state and federal levels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 359. Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether there is merit to the creation of a process outside the scope of the current county board of equalization processes to address situations and concerns raised during the Revenue Committee's consideration of LB 1242 in 2006. In particular, the study shall consider whether individuals who have missed the county board of equalization deadlines due to an illness requiring hospitalization or due to deployment pursuant to a military order should be granted some relief. In addition, the study should examine the issues raised by changes to the homestead exemption program included in LB 1242 and amendments offered to the Revenue Committee to clarify these provisions.

In carrying out this study, there does not need to be a public hearing. However, there should be discussion between staff of the Revenue Committee, members of the Revenue Committee, the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation, the Tax Equalization and Review Commission, representatives of the Nebraska Association of County Officials, and representatives of Douglas, Sarpy, and Lancaster Counties. It is the intent that the study produce, in sufficient time before the convening of the One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, draft legislation for introduction during that session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 360. Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the current sales tax structure relative to its impact on both self-serve and fully-automated car washes throughout the state. The study will examine the possibility of providing for an exemption from the sales tax. The study should seek to determine the amount collected by both the state and local political subdivisions and recommend a fee structure that will hold both parties harmless.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 361. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: To examine the programs administered by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) which use agricultural inspectors to conduct inspections and respond to potential violations of state and federal environmental acts and regulations administered by NDEQ. The examination shall include, but is not limited to, an analysis of the costs related to training NDEQ's agriculture inspectors to collect water samples.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 362. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: To study possible amendments to current statutory provisions which require the completion of a cost-benefit analysis before state agencies may enter into a contract for services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 363. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine recycling of electronic waste and to draft legislation to establish a program in Nebraska regarding electronic waste.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 364. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study includes, but is not limited to, an examination of automobile insurance rates which are based on the occupation of the insurance applicant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 365. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine renewable energy development in Nebraska as well as energy conservation and energy efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 366. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study includes, but is not limited to, an examination of uninsured motorists.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 367. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the Workplace Safety Consultation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 368. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to develop legislation to encourage Nebraska businesses to use recyclable materials in their manufacturing processes. The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of:

- (1) Economic development opportunities;
- (2) Possible tax incentives;
- (3) Establishment of in-state end markets for solid waste able to be disposed of in a landfill and reduction of landfill costs for political subdivisions; and
- (4) Job creation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369. Introduced by Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine valuation and taxation of mineral interests for property tax purposes in Nebraska. For purposes of this study, mineral interests shall include oil, gas, rock, sand, and gravel interests. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Constitutional and statutory limitations on alternative methods of valuation or taxation of mineral interests;
- (2) Valuation and taxation of these interests in other states;
- (3) Alternative methods of taxation including, but not limited to, severance or extraction taxation; and
- (4) Tax distribution alternatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 370. Introduced by Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to continue the study conducted pursuant to LR 105, Ninety-ninth Legislature, First Session, 2005, of rural economic development issues in Nebraska. This study shall continue to examine rural economic development programs available to Nebraska residents and recommend the most effective way to deliver these programs across the state. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) An examination of the success of state-funded programs and any recommendations for changes to the programs which could include elimination, consolidation, or changes in funding levels;
- (2) Producing a compilation of a history of rural economic development policy in Nebraska to be made available to incoming senators; and
- (3) An examination of ways to collaborate with other states to receive federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the members of the committee appointed in 2005 by the Executive Board of the Legislature pursuant to LR 105 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 371. Introduced by Janssen, 15; Kremer, 34.

PURPOSE: To study winemaking in Nebraska, including issues relating to research and market development, promotion of the grape and wine industries, funding for such promotion, the duties of the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board, and any regulatory matters involving farm wineries.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs and Agriculture Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372. Introduced by McDonald, 41; Connealy, 16; Erdman, 47; Fischer, 43; Flood, 19; Loudon, 49; Preister, 5; Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: Renewable energy provides a number of new and significant economic development opportunities for Nebraska's rural residents. Nebraska is uniquely positioned to be a leader in providing renewable energy. Nebraska's wind energy production potential is ranked sixth nationally. Solar energy generation potential is ranked ninth nationally. Nebraska has been among the leaders in developing biofuels, including

ethanol, biodiesel, and biomass. Renewable energy development can provide additional income and economic opportunities for farmers and rural residents. This study shall examine policies and programs to maximize the public benefits of these new market opportunities and help Nebraska become competitive with other Midwestern states that are aggressively pursuing energy development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 373. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to determine the feasibility of implementing a court screening process statewide to determine eligibility for indigent defense. The committee, along with interested parties, should determine what the screening process would entail.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 374. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the current coroner system in which county attorneys are designated as county coroners. The committee should determine whether autopsies performed in Nebraska are adequately addressing prosecution and public health needs. The committee should also determine the feasibility, including cost, of creating a state coroner's office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 375. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the state's employee health insurance program. For years, the state has provided free health

insurance to state employees who are married to each other because it saved the state money. In 2006, LB 973 was introduced to prohibit the state from contributing the total cost of a health insurance plan for two employees who are married to each other unless certain conditions were met.

During the public hearing on LB 973, additional concerns regarding the inequity of the employee health insurance plan were raised, including the issue of the state contributing a different dollar amount for employees depending on which health care plan they select. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but are not limited to:

1. Identifying the inequities of the current employee health insurance program;
2. Studying other states' employee health insurance plans;
3. Identifying possible solutions to any inequities;
4. Determining how the collective bargaining process can be utilized to address any inequities; and
5. Exploring what role, if any, the Legislature should take in addressing employee health insurance benefits.

Representatives from the Department of Administrative Services, the state employees' union, and other interested parties shall be invited to participate in this study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 376. Introduced by D. Pederson, 42.

PURPOSE: The Public Employees Retirement Board has fiduciary responsibility with respect to the administration of retirement systems with a market value in excess of \$7.2 billion and a membership of over 96,000 active, inactive, and retired public employees. The purpose of this study is to examine the composition, qualifications, terms of service, and duties and responsibilities of the Public Employees Retirement Board as defined in law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 377. Introduced by Mines, 18; Brashear, 4; Brown, 6; Friend, 10; Jensen, 20; Pahls, 31; Redfield, 12; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the advantages, barriers, and opportunities to housing diversification in a metropolitan city with special focus on how inclusionary zones, development fees, housing tax credits, tax abatement, housing trust funds, and gap financing can help the community meet its affordable income housing needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. In order to accomplish this, the Executive Board shall create a task force comprised of the following members:

- (1) One member designated by the Omaha Housing Authority;
- (2) One member designated by the Douglas County Housing Authority;
- (3) One member designated by the Omaha Economic Development Corporation;
- (4) One member designated by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority;
- (5) One member designated by the Holy Name Housing Corporation;
- (6) One member designated by the Metro Omaha Builders Association;
- (7) One member designated by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature;
- (8) One member designated by the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature;
- (9) One member designated by the Douglas County Board of Commissioners;
- (10) One member designated by the Mayor of the City of Omaha; and
- (11) One member designated by the Affordable Housing Management Association of Nebraska and Iowa.

2. That the task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Executive Board of the Legislature before December 31, 2006.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 378. Introduced by Raikes, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study resolution is to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 379. Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to address the issues surrounding long-term residential treatment resources for chemical

dependency. The interim study should reflect the need to provide assistance in making the transition from incarceration to living in the community, including assistance with employment, housing, treatment, education, and parenting skills. While there are many ideas on how this can be done, funding resources are few. The study should also look at funding options as well as the relationships between state and private funding with an emphasis in finding ways to utilize both in our efforts to provide meaningful treatment and transitional opportunities for alcohol and drug offenders in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 380. Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study parole issues, including, but not limited to, consideration of correctional programs, community programs, decisionmaking by the Board of Parole, administrative performance of the Office of Parole Administration, and the role of the Board of Parole in the pardon process. Some of the areas to be considered are:

(1) The adequacy of preparation for release by the Department of Correctional Services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, education, and job skills;

(2) A survey of community programs that are available and/or needed to address the needs of community custody inmates, parolees, and inmates who have completed their incarceration;

(3) A review of the decisionmaking processes of the Board of Parole, including a review of the numbers of inmates paroled, the criminal histories of the inmates paroled, and the length of parole;

(4) A review of the administrative performance of the Office of Parole Administration, including the case loads of parole officers, the statewide distribution of parole administration staff, and the budget of the Office of Parole Administration;

(5) The pardon process with particular attention devoted to the question of the recommendations from the Board of Parole to the Board of Pardons regarding commutation of sentences; and

(6) Review of the use of medical or hardship parole in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution. The committee shall utilize the energies and expertise of legislative staff,

Department of Correctional Services staff, the Board of Parole and the Office of Parole Administration, any community resources, and other interested parties. This study shall be completed before December 31, 2006.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 381. Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the issues raised by LB 1071, introduced in 2006. The committee should study the procedures to be followed by the Department of Motor Vehicles when motor vehicle liability insurance is canceled or terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 382. Introduced by Synowiecki, 7; Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the implementation of the new Nebraska Liquor Control Commission rule regarding acceptable forms or means of payment between retail licensees and wholesale licensees for purchases of alcoholic beverages (Title 237, Chapter 6, 015.05). The new rule, effective November 28, 2005, allows a wholesale licensee to accept credit cards as a form of payment from a retail licensee. The study should consider the following:

- (1) Overall evaluation of the implementation of the new rule;
- (2) Reported abuses of the new rule by wholesale licensees or retail licensees; and
- (3) The number of wholesale licensees accepting credit cards as a form of payment and the ability of retail licensees to use credit cards as a form of payment for alcoholic beverages.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 383. Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39; Redfield, 12.

PURPOSE: To study issues surrounding the use of ignition interlock devices for persons who have been convicted of driving under the influence as proposed in LB 1169 (2006). Some of the items to be studied should include:

- (1) Study federal revocation period requirements for driving under the influence (DUI) necessary for state compliance with federal grant programs;
- (2) Study the feasibility of a graduated system of "hard time" revocation periods before ignition interlock devices can be installed;
- (3) Study the current statutes regarding fifteen-year and life suspensions and study the feasibility of installing ignition interlock devices during that period of time, including what would be the optimum "hard revocation" time before a person with a fifteen-year license on life suspension can be considered for approval of an ignition interlock device and how long that device must remain installed in their vehicle. Study the proper period of "hard time" revocation if a person refuses to submit to a chemical test;
- (4) Study the electronic abstracting process for DUI cases to determine if the Department of Motor Vehicles is receiving adequate information to allow probation orders for ignition interlock devices to be correctly enforced;
- (5) Study the courts' probation orders for ignition interlock devices and oversight of persons on probation with ignition interlock device orders to see if there are better ways for probationers to comply with such orders;
- (6) Study whether or not ignition interlock device orders should be mandatory in DUI sentences;
- (7) Study DUI employment permit statutes to see if uses of employment permits should be expanded, including, but not limited to, allowing drivers with revoked licenses to travel to court-mandated treatment programs and community service; and
- (8) Study the need for subsidized access to ignition interlock devices and determine who should manage such a program if it is deemed to be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 384. Introduced by Loudon, 49; Engel, 17; Erdman, 47; Fischer, 43; Heidemann, 1; Howard, 9; Hudkins, 21; Kopplin, 3; Kruse, 13; Landis, 46; Langemeier, 23; McDonald, 41; Dw. Pedersen, 39; Stuthman, 22; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the use of tax-deferred exchanges in Nebraska, also known as Starker exchanges, like-kind exchanges, tax-free exchanges, real estate exchanges, delayed exchanges, nontaxable exchanges, and real property exchanges, under section 1031 of

the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 386. Introduced by Stuthman, 22; Louden, 49; Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine and evaluate the economic impact of net metering on private renewable energy production. The committee should focus on the impact on the producer, the public power industry, and other energy consumers, and study whether the effort will need to be subsidized. The committee should also determine whether net metering efforts would provide incentives to citizens to invest in renewable energy production.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 387. Introduced by Mines, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act as promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2005. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 388. Introduced by Mines, 18.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Uniform Residential Mortgage Satisfaction Act as

promulgated by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws in 2004. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 389. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of interbasin transfers during water-short years to assist the state in complying with any interstate compact, decree, or agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the exemption of certain individuals from the requirements of the Geologists Regulation Act. Current statute states that persons performing geological work for which state approval or permitting is required are exempted from the requirements of obtaining licensure as a professional geologist. The study will examine the effect of eliminating or modifying this exemption and review options for assuring that the practice of geology in Nebraska is performed by qualified individuals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 391. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility

for the elimination of park entry permit fees and possible replacement dollars for this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 392. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the Livestock Waste Management Act provisions regarding permit application rejection and disciplinary actions and the filing of unsubstantiated or frivolous complaints against livestock feeding operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 393. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the effects of conservation practices on water quantity in Nebraska's rivers and streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 394. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the Nebraska Resources Development Fund in the Department of Natural Resources. The fund was created in 1974 to provide loans or grants to political subdivisions for projects that provide land and water resource benefits to the citizens of Nebraska. The study may include, but not be limited to, historical data regarding the use of the fund, an analysis of ongoing funding requirements, the effect of federal funding and state matching fund requirements upon project funding requests, the use of a financial cap to control the amount of

funding that may be allocated to approved projects, and whether statutory and budgetary adjustments may be necessary to better address the effectiveness of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 395. Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine school district boundary issues, adequacy or lack thereof of financial resources both state and local, racial diversity, and other educational issues in the Douglas County metropolitan area as deemed pertinent by the Education Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 397. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: Consumer demand for organic foods is rapidly increasing. Nebraska farmers have an opportunity to become leaders in the growth and marketing of organic foods as farmers markets, grocery stores, restaurants, and other businesses continue to add more organic products in response. Organic foods provide economic development opportunities for Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and businesses. Organic products must maintain certain standards in order to be granted organic certification. This study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of the following:

- (1) Methods of increasing organic food production;
- (2) Whether tax credits or other incentives are an effective means of supporting organic food production;
- (3) Whether there are barriers to developing organic food production;
- (4) Methods of protecting organic foods from contamination by non-organic products; and
- (5) Methods of protecting, developing, and expanding markets for organic foods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 398. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to explore the issue of fees which are collected and retained by public officials and employees. The Legislature passed LB 823, Ninety-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2006, which prohibited clerks of the district court from retaining fees from passport applications for their personal use. During the discussion on the bill, the issue was raised as to other instances where fees are being collected and retained by public officials or employees.

The issues addressed by this interim study will include, but are not limited to, identifying the situations in which fees are retained by a public official or employee for personal use and exploring whether retaining the fees is appropriate under those situations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399. Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to compare and contrast Nebraska statutes pertaining to dissolution of marriage, child custody, child visitation, and protection orders with California statutes pertaining to the same issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to work with interested parties.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and provide recommendations relating to the Welfare Reform Act and state-funded public assistance programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 401. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and provide recommendations relating to the development of a comprehensive plan and implementation strategy for the integration, coordination, and funding of publicly funded services and supports on behalf of persons with traumatic brain injury and their families.

The Community-Based Neurobehavioral Action Plan Act was adopted in LB 519, Ninety-sixth Legislature, First Session, 1999. The act was subsequently repealed in LB 667, Ninety-eighth Legislature, First Session, 2003. Pursuant to the act, a state plan for the provision of services for persons with brain injury and their families was completed in 2002 and a statewide services needs assessment was completed in 2004.

Further consideration of the state plan and the statewide services needs assessment is necessary for the development and implementation of additional plans and activities to address the needs of persons with traumatic brain injury and their families. Further integration and coordination of publicly and privately funded services and supports for persons with traumatic brain injury and their families is necessary for the more effective and efficient provision of such services and supports on behalf of such persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and address various health and human services issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, including, but not limited to: Health and human services planning and evaluation; the statewide behavioral health system; the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act; health insurance availability and affordability; prescription drug access and policy; the medical assistance program established in section 68-1018; the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act; public health law and policy; the Nebraska Health and Human Services System; the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act; the Uniform Licensing Law; the regional administrative structure for the delivery of state developmental disability programs and services, mental health programs and services, and aging programs and services;

marriage and family preservation; children in out-of-home care; the Welfare Reform Act; and state public assistance programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 403. Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to follow-up on the recommendations made in the report "Moving Past the Era of Good Intentions: Methamphetamine Treatment Study" conducted by the University of Nebraska at Omaha. One of the recommendations called for the establishment of "a centralized substance abuse treatment facility for medium and low-risk offenders committed to the custody of the Department of Correctional Services" to be located in Norfolk. It is incumbent upon the Legislature to monitor and continue the work of this study and to prepare legislation for introduction in the 2007 Legislative Session to address the treatment of substance abuse among offenders in Nebraska correctional facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 404. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

(a) The Nebraska Health and Human Services System has been entrusted by the Legislature with numerous powers and duties relating to the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of persons in Nebraska;

(b) The system has initiated and expanded numerous programs and services under its administration to carry out such powers and duties;

(c) The Legislature has appropriated General Funds and other funds for such programs and services, but the amount of such appropriations is often less than the amount identified by the system as being necessary and appropriate for such purpose, despite repeated legislative action to increase such appropriations;

(d) State budget constraints are inconsistent with increasing budget needs of programs and services administered by the system; and

(e) Further legislative action is necessary and appropriate to identify and prioritize core responsibilities of the system, to adequately fund such

priorities, and to identify nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of nonpriority programs and services.

(2) The Nebraska Health and Human Services System, in consultation with the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, shall:

(a) Identify and categorize the statutory powers and duties of the system and prioritize the programs and services administered by the system to carry out such powers and duties;

(b) Indicate the amount of funding necessary to adequately fund each program or service;

(c) Identify those programs and services which would not be funded if the FY2005-06 budget for the system was first allocated to each program and service in the order of priority at its adequately funded level; and

(d) Recommend nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of such nonpriority programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 405. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and provide recommendations relating to the provision of state-funded assistance to low-income women for the provision of pap smears, colposcopy, cervical biopsy, cryotherapy, loop electrosurgical excision procedure (LEEP), and such other treatments and procedures as may be developed for the follow-up of abnormal pap smears, the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, including, but not limited to, chlamydia, gonorrhea, HPV (genital warts), and herpes, and associated laboratory and equipment costs and staff training costs relating to the use of colposcopy equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 406. Introduced by Jensen, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and provide recommendations relating to the development and funding of a statewide immunization registry in the State of Nebraska.

The registry shall be accessible to public and private immunization

providers and shall comply with all applicable national standards and federal and state law and rules and regulations.

The purpose of a statewide immunization registry shall be to (1) collect, store, analyze, release, and report immunization data, (2) assure that necessary immunizations are provided and overimmunization is avoided, (3) assess immunization coverage rates, (4) determine areas of underimmunization and other epidemiological research for disease control purposes, (5) document that required immunizations have been provided as required for school or child care admission, and (6) accomplish other public health purposes as determined by the department.

Costs associated with administration of the statewide immunization registry shall be paid from cash funds, contract receipts, gifts, and grants. No general funds shall be used to pay such costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 407. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: This study would permit the Urban Affairs Committee to review and analyze the current options available to cities and villages to conduct economic development activities and programs on their own initiative and under their own control under current law. The study would review current statutes as well as examining how programs are being developed, organized, and conducted by cities and villages now.

The study would review how similarly situated cities and villages in other states are pursuing economic development under different statutory authorization schemes and with what levels of relative success.

It is the goal of the study to determine what changes in our statutes, whether modifications of existing programs or new proposals, would best serve municipal economic development efforts in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 408. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: This study will provide the opportunity for the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within its jurisdiction and which may be

the subject of bills to be introduced in the 2007 legislative session. This would provide the opportunity for a careful review of proposed legislation and the drafting of such legislation before time constraints and the pace of legislative activity makes studied review more problematic. This process has, in the past, served to facilitate review of bills during the regular session and has helped the committee avoid the need for committee amendments which slow down the consideration of bills by the full legislature.

The study will involve:

(1) A review of any legislation considered by the Urban Affairs Committee during the 2005-06 biennium which was either killed by the committee, failed to advance to final reading, or held in committee to determine what other further action by the committee might be warranted with regard to the particular subjects of the individual bills, the subjects to include, but not be limited to, handicapped parking, the formation and administration of municipal improvement districts, SID's annexation, and planning and zoning;

(2) A review of problems, concerns, or legislation proposed for introduction by senators or other parties for study, technical discussion, or conceptual refinement before the start of the next legislative session; and

(3) The conduct of at least one public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment and discussion with members of the committee and the public on issues involving matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 409. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of fines issued and other actions taken by the Department of Environmental Quality for violations of program statutes and regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Natural Resource 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 conduct a hearing and make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 410. Introduced by Howard, 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to evaluate the variables affecting the incidence of suicide in county and city jail facilities throughout Nebraska.

The study will include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Examination of similarities among facilities with high suicide rates;
- (2) Examination of similarities among facilities with low suicide rates;
- (3) Examination of potential solutions to decreasing suicide rates; and
- (4) Examination of the potential costs and resources for funding of suggested solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 411. Introduced by Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to determine how the State of Nebraska can encourage private landowners to allow the general public to hunt, fish, and trap on their land.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 412. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether the benefits of a unicameral system of state government set forth by George W. Norris and other advocates of unicameralism have been realized.

Unicameral advocates often state:

(1) There is no reason for people to vote for representatives to two separate houses, both on the basis of population. The concept of "one person, one vote" has negated the original intent of having each house elected on a different basis;

(2) The unicameral form simplifies bill passage. The process is more direct since the conference committee is eliminated. Bills are more subject to scrutiny by legislators and the public;

(3) Lobbyists are less influential in the unicameral legislature because the lawmaking process is more public;

(4) In a unicameral system, it is easier to achieve cooperation between executive and legislative branches;

(5) A unicameral system is more economical;

(6) A unicameral system provides greater responsibility to legislators; and

(7) Legislators are more accountable to the public and their constituency because their position is a matter of public record and they are not able to urge opposite positions within the other house.

Alternatively, bicameral advocates often state:

(1) A bicameral legislature provides for more careful and deliberate consideration of legislation. Action of the two houses required for passage prevents bills from being quickly passed under the sway of emotion;

(2) Many of the charges of shifting responsibility are exaggerated and ill-founded. A legislator who continually fails to accept responsibility would not be reelected;

(3) Objectionable lobbying is not the major problem in the bicameral legislature that it is often assumed to be. Lobbyists can more easily promote desired legislation where control is needed in only one house;

(4) Although bicameral state legislatures are not perfect, it would be easier to correct their flaws than to change their structure; and

(5) Further consideration of legislation by another duly-elected body would assure more thoughtful action in passing bills.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, determining the advantages and disadvantages of a unicameral legislature compared to a bicameral legislature regarding such issues as efficiency, economy, effectiveness, organization, accountability, and responsiveness to voters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 413. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Beutler, 28; Brashear, 4; Foley, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the creation of lump-sum staff salary budgets for state senators. The study will compare the current practice of determining the eligible starting salary with allowing senators the discretion to determine their staff salaries within an allocated budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the executive board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 414. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Johnson, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the status of public higher

education in Nebraska by examining the following specific questions to be answered by this study rather than focusing only on increasing student enrollment at these institutions:

(1) What is the long-term sustainability of our current public higher education system in Nebraska?

(2) How do the missions of our community colleges, state colleges, and university system link and what can be done to improve efficiencies within the Nebraska public higher education system?

(3) How many colleges and university campuses should the state support based on present and future demographics of the state?

(4) How should state public higher education institutions be coordinated and governed?

(5) What proportion of tuition, private support, and tax dollars should be used to finance public higher education in Nebraska?

(6) What should be the focus of legislation in the next decade regarding public higher education other than increasing student enrollment?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Education Committee of the legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 415. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Fischer, 43; Kremer, 34; Schrock, 38; Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and address issues associated with implementation of an animal identification program. The study shall specifically seek to identify the current level of voluntary participation of livestock owners in existing animal identification programs, to examine current and future options to increase livestock owners' participation in identification programs, to monitor the progress of the United States Department of Agriculture in developing a national animal identification program as well as to quantify the resource needs of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to carry out any state components of such a program, and to identify costs to producers, markets, and other segments of the livestock industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 416. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to reexamine the effects of changing the age of majority from age 19 to age 18. This study should include, but not be limited to, examining the effects of this change to wards of the state. In 2003 and 2004, interim studies recommended statutory changes relating to the age of majority. The statutes covered by the committee amendment fell within the jurisdiction of multiple committees of the Legislature. This resolution proposes the Judiciary Committee serve as the lead committee in conducting this study. The legal counsels for the committees with subject matter covered by the study shall participate as staff in the conduct of the interim study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 417. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the retirement system in place throughout Nebraska for peace officers. The study will compare the plans offered to peace officers employed in the political subdivisions of this state and to make a recommendation to the Legislature on the development of a plan to address the lack of retirement plans for peace officers employed by cities of the second class and villages and any shortfalls in peace officer retirement plans currently in place within the state. These plans could include, but not be limited to, the creation of a new defined benefit plan, the creation of a new defined contribution plan, or the possible inclusion of peace officers employed by cities and villages in the County Employees Retirement Act currently administered by the state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 418. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The Legislature recognizes the importance of and economic impact that Interstate 80 has on the State of Nebraska, both to bring goods to the citizens of Nebraska and by providing goods and services to travelers from other states. The Legislature further recognizes that the vehicle towing and salvage industry plays an important role in providing services to travelers and for the safe operation of vehicles on the interstate.

The purpose of this study is to consider the steps that can be taken to

support and develop the vehicle service and towing industry in Nebraska. This study shall include, but not be limited to, reviewing Nebraska laws and the laws of other states relating to abandoned vehicles and salvage of vehicles and gathering information on the number of and the procedures for clearing damaged and abandoned vehicles. Input shall be solicited from the Nebraska State Patrol, academic professionals, the towing industry, the trucking industry, automobile associations, and any other government agencies, groups, or individuals with relevant information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 419. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: In 1991, under the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), Nebraska's length law for combination vehicles was frozen at 65 feet. This issue has not been one that the grain warehouse industry or grain dealers have been concerned with until recently.

Today, grain elevators and producers alike are faced with serious transportation challenges, including sustained record fuel prices, hauling longer distances to terminal markets or processing facilities that offer better margins, and the lack of interest or capacity by Class One Railroads to efficiently haul grain by rail. In Nebraska, as well as nationally, well over fifty percent of all grain transported is hauled by truck instead of rail. The increasing truck traffic is adding a tremendous burden on our roads, challenging local and state government's ability to pay for and maintain adequate repairs, as well as making it more difficult to keep our highways safe.

States to the north and west of Nebraska maintained their longer truck lengths under the 1991 act. Each state varies on their laws and rules and regulations on operating these longer vehicles, however most have adopted the standards of 81 feet 6 inches on non-interstate roads to 110 feet on interstate highways. These extended lengths have added a major boost in the efficient transportation of grain, because these trucks can haul over one and one-half times the load of grain on the same tank of fuel.

Nebraska Beet Growers have benefitted for some time under a federal exemption that allows beet trucks to run at the 81 feet 6 inches length. In 2006, the custom harvesters obtained a federal exemption to allow the State of Nebraska the option, subject to a change in state law, to allow the operation of commercial vehicle combinations not exceeding 81 feet 6 inches for custom harvesters operating in Nebraska.

Therefor, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature should conduct an interim study that invites the grain warehouse and feed industry, trucking industry, farm commodity organizations, and

state and local government representatives to review all issues involved with, and the practicality for seeking a federal exemption extending the length of combination vehicles in Nebraska for the purposes of hauling corn, wheat, soybeans, sorghum, millet, dry beans, and any other grain as defined by law.

The interim study should also invite representatives from the Nebraska Department of Roads, the State Patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Agriculture, and the Highway Safety Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles to examine all practical issues surrounding any combination vehicle extension in Nebraska and to examine applicable laws and rules and regulations in states already permitting extended lengths.

The interim study must place particular emphasis on public safety considerations. These safety considerations must include, but are not limited to, highway classification, road and weather conditions, speed limitations, and any other restrictions necessary for the safe and practical operation of extended combination vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 421. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the study is to review child custody proceedings and determinations. The study shall include an examination of the methods employed by the courts of this state in determining custody including, but not limited to, the option of joint custody and the utilization of mediation and family courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 422. Introduced by Loudon, 49; Baker, 44; Connealy, 16; Cudaback, 36; Fischer, 43; Heidemann, 1; D. Pederson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study Nebraska's hospital districts' access to property tax revenue in the years since the statutorily-imposed limits on property tax levies took effect in 1998.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 423. Introduced by Landis, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to continue and improve work done by the Revenue Committee of the Legislature during past interims to inform the Legislature and other interested parties of Nebraska's tax structure compared with the past and with other states. Carrying out the purposes of this study does not involve conducting public hearings, but should result in one or more reports to the Legislature detailing Nebraska's tax structure. Examples of reports conducted pursuant to this study would include the base and rates of Nebraska's sales, income, property, excise, and miscellaneous taxes in comparison to the past or to other states; spending by the state and local governments compared to that of governments in other states; the effectiveness of tax reform legislation enacted in the past; and financial and tax policy implications of tax reform or restructuring proposals that have been proposed during recent legislative sessions or arise during this interim. This study shall be directed toward gathering information that will assist the Legislature in training new members of the Legislature and their staff, and in evaluating the State of Nebraska's tax structure in future years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the staff of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature conduct research and coordinate research conducted by other employees of the Legislative Council or other parts of state government to carry out the purposes of this study.

2. That the legislative staff issue one or more reports pursuant to this study that will assist the Legislature in making decisions in future sessions.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 424. Introduced by Landis, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the possibility of negotiating a fuel tax agreement between the state and the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska that would be similar to the agreements negotiated with other Nebraska tribes with motor vehicle fuel stations in the state. The study should discuss issues including, but not limited to, the location of any such motor vehicle fuel station and the appropriate use of any revenue that would be returned to the Ponca Tribe under such an agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

2. That the study produce a legislative bill that could be introduced into the 2007 Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 425. Introduced by Landis, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the tax sale certificate process in Chapter 77, article 18, to determine if there are ways to assure collection of delinquent property taxes that are more fair to counties, taxpayers, and investors than the current process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Revenue 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 426. Introduced by Thompson, 14.

PURPOSE: Identity theft is one of the fastest growing financial crimes. Many states have enacted legislation to allow consumers to place a security freeze on their credit files so that other persons are barred from being issued new credit in the name of the consumer. The purpose of this study is to review the action taken in other states and on the national level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 428. Introduced by Landis, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine current safety requirements and to determine whether or not tornado shelters should be required in mobile home parks.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 429. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: Article III, section 24, of the Constitution of Nebraska directs forty-four and one-half percent of state lottery proceeds to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be distributed as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act. The Legislature, exercising its oversight function, should study procedures utilized by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. The

study shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following: (1) Comparison of Nebraska's environmental grant programs to those of other states; (2) duplication of grant funding by other state agencies; (3) compliance with restrictions contained in section 81-15,176; (4) accountability of grant recipients for funds received from the trust; (5) whether grants have been used primarily for private benefit; and (6) whether funds available for grants exceed the need for funding quality grant proposals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 430. Introduced by Schrock, 38.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine conflicts or the potential of conflicts between and among the Livestock Waste Management Act, Title 130 of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Livestock Waste Control Regulations, the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, and Title 118 of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Groundwater Quality Standards and Use Classifications Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 431. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study shall include, but is not limited to, examination of reporting requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act of contributions, expenditures, and services by businesses and organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 432. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cunningham, 40; Chairperson; Combs, 32; Kremer, 34; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether providers of medical services should have standing in the workers' compensation court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 433. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cunningham, 40; Chairperson; Combs, 32; Kremer, 34; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study overpayments made under the Employment Security Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 434. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cunningham, 40; Chairperson; Combs, 32; Kremer, 34; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine specific issues under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 435. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cunningham, 40; Chairperson; Combs, 32; Kremer, 34; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study the State Tort Claims Act and the State Miscellaneous Claims Act and the policies, procedures, and authority in processing claims under such acts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee and the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to jointly conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 436. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cunningham, 40; Chairperson; Combs, 32; Kremer, 34; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine LB 1218, introduced in 2006, and the effects of the bill if it had passed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 437. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine matters and issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 438. Introduced by Dw. Pedersen, 39; Synowiecki, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine personnel issues surrounding a proposed merger of the offices of probation and parole administration under the executive branch or under the Supreme Court. The study should include the following:

(1) Evaluation of Supreme Court employees' lack of collective bargaining rights under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act and possible alternatives to collective bargaining to provide equitable employment rights to Supreme Court employees;

(2) Analysis of Supreme Court employee salaries with similarly situated positions in neighboring states, including a comparative ranking of judges and probation officer salaries to judges and probation officer salaries in nearby states;

(3) Evaluation of the collective bargaining rights granted to parole officers under the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act; and

(4) Evaluation of any potential impact a Supreme Court merger may have on parole officer collective bargaining rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 439. Introduced by Bourne, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the constitutional issues raised by provisions of LB 1249 introduced in the Ninety-ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2006, including:

(1) Does the awarding of exclusive service territories to natural gas providers at retail constitute the granting of a franchise in violation of Article III, section 18, of the Constitution of Nebraska?

(2) Does the awarding of exclusive service territories without compensation to the State of Nebraska constitute the granting of a special or exclusive privilege prohibited by Article III, section 18, of the Constitution of Nebraska?

(3) Does the granting of exclusive service territories without providing a mechanism for revocation, suspension, or lapse, constitute an irrevocable grant of special privileges in violation of Article I, section 16, of the Constitution of Nebraska?

(4) Does the establishment of exclusive service territories prohibit municipalities from enforcing current or future contractual rights, arising from existing franchises, in violation of Article I, section 16, of the Constitution of Nebraska, dealing with impairment of contracts?

(5) Does the forced transfer by the Public Service Commission of property as between public and private utilities without a mechanism to determine value or compensation violation the due process clause of Article I, section 3, of the Constitution of Nebraska?

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee and the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to jointly conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 442. Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Schimek, 27, Chairperson; Brown, 6; Burling, 33; Fischer, 43; Langemeier, 23; Mines, 18; Pahls, 31; Wehrbein, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the legislative confirmation process of gubernatorial appointees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 450. Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Schrock, 38, Chairperson; Hudkins, 21; Kremer, 34; Loudon, 49; McDonald, 41; Smith, 48; Stuhr, 24.

PURPOSE: The Nebraska Environmental Trust was created by statute in 1992, and following the authorization of the state lottery by the voters of Nebraska, affirmed by passage of an identical statute in 1993.

Periodically since 2002, the Legislature has appropriated funds from the trust for other purposes. This study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of the following:

(1) The interests and desires of the public on this issue, including the history of enactment of the State Lottery Act;

(2) Allocation of state lottery and other revenue for natural resources conservation and reclamation in other states; and

(3) Any other matters necessary or appropriate for a complete examination of this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 452. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Jensen, 20, Chairperson; Byars, 30; Cunningham, 40; Erdman, 47; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine and provide recommendations relating to the development and utilization of voluntary emergency medical personnel to assist in responding to natural disasters and other public emergencies. Such study and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following:

- (1) Training and competency of volunteer physicians and other medical personnel;
- (2) Liability of voluntary medical personnel;
- (3) Planning for sufficient numbers of emergency personnel to adequately respond to major public emergencies; and
- (4) Coordinating and integrating volunteer medical reserve corps with the other related federal and state programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services 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.

