

**FIFTY-FOURTH DAY - MARCH 29, 2007****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIFTY-FOURTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, March 29, 2007

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Burkhardt, First United Methodist Church and Garden Prairie United Methodist Church, Curtis.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Langemeier presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Schimek who was excused; and Senators Cornett, Dubas, Heidemann, and Karpisek who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-third day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS****Enrollment and Review****Correctly Engrossed**

The following bills were correctly engrossed: LBs 304, 425, 425A, 636, and 677.

(Signed) Amanda McGill, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT****Revenue**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 272.** Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Ray Janssen, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Title read. Considered.

Committee AM514, found on page 718, was considered.

Senator Hudkins renewed her amendment, AM865, found on page 963, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hudkins moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 not voting.

Senator Hudkins requested a roll call vote on her amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Dierks	Fulton	Hudkins	Nelson
Erdman	Hansen	Langemeier	Stuthman
Fischer	Harms	Louden	

Voting in the negative, 30:

Adams	Chambers	Howard	McGill	Preister
Aguilar	Christensen	Janssen	Mines	Raikes
Ashford	Cornett	Johnson	Nantkes	Rogert
Avery	Engel	Kopplin	Pahls	Synowiecki
Burling	Flood	Kruse	Pankonin	Wallman
Carlson	Gay	Lathrop	Pirsch	White

Present and not voting, 6:

Dubas	Heidemann	Pedersen
Friend	McDonald	Wightman

Excused and not voting, 2:

Karpisek	Schimek
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The Hudkins amendment lost with 11 ayes, 30 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

**AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal**

Senator Synowiecki filed the following amendment to LB 204:  
AM845

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 2. Section 48-2103, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

- 4 48-2103 For purposes of the Contractor Registration Act:  
 5 (1) Commissioner ~~shall mean~~ means the Commissioner of  
 6 Labor;  
 7 (2) Construction ~~shall mean~~ means work on real property  
 8 and annexations, including new work, additions, alterations,  
 9 reconstruction, installations, and repairs performed at one or more  
 10 different sites which may be dispersed geographically, but does not  
 11 include the construction of water wells or installation of septic  
 12 systems;  
 13 (3) Contractor ~~shall mean~~ means a person who engages  
 14 in the business of construction and ~~shall include~~ includes a  
 15 subcontractor, a general contractor, and any other person arranging  
 16 for the performance of construction. A person who earns less than  
 17 one thousand dollars annually or who performs work or has work  
 18 performed on ~~the person's~~ his or her own property, is not ~~shall not~~  
 19 ~~be~~ a contractor for purposes of the act;  
 20 (4) Department ~~shall mean~~ means the Department of Labor;  
 21 and  
 22 (5) Working days ~~shall mean~~ means Mondays through Fridays  
 23 but ~~shall~~ does not include Saturdays, Sundays, or federal or state  
 1 holidays. In computing fifteen working days, the day of receipt of  
 2 any notice ~~shall not be~~ is not included and the last day of the  
 3 fifteen working days ~~shall be~~ is included.  
 4 2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM167, on page  
 5 1, line 10, after "2008," insert the following new subsection:  
 6 "(5) In any civil action to enforce the Contractor  
 7 Registration Act, the commissioner and the state may be represented  
 8 by any qualified attorney who is employed by the commissioner  
 9 and is designated by him or her for this purpose or at the  
 10 commissioner's request by the Attorney General."  
 11 3. On page 2, line 20, strike "one hundred" and all  
 12 amendments thereto and insert "forty"; in line 25, reinstate the  
 13 stricken "and does not pay more than", after the stricken "one"  
 14 insert "three", and reinstate the stricken "thousand dollars"; and  
 15 in lines 26 and 27 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken  
 16 matter.  
 17 4. On page 3, lines 20 and 21, strike the new matter and  
 18 reinstate the stricken matter.  
 19 5. On page 4, line 11, after "48-2102," insert  
 20 "48-2103,".  
 21 6. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Johnson filed the following amendment to LB 395A:  
 AM878

- 1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new  
 2 section:  
 3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$20,000 from  
 4 the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund for FY2007-08 and  
 5 (2) \$20,000 from the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund

6 for FY2008-09 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for  
 7 Program 177, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative  
 8 Bill 395, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.  
 9 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and  
 10 per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated  
 11 in this section.

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400A.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 400, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245A.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 245, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 417A.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 417, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** **Enrollment and Review**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 338.** Placed on Select File - ER8058.  
ER8058

1 1. On page 9, line 14, strike the second "on".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 405.** Placed on Select File - ER8059.  
ER8059

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 14-201, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:  
 5 14-201 In any city of the metropolitan class, seven  
 6 council members shall be elected to the city council as provided  
 7 in section 32-536. The general city election for the election of  
 8 elective officers of cities of the metropolitan class shall be held  
 9 on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in May 1993 and every  
 10 four years thereafter. The terms of office of such council members  
 11 shall commence on the fourth Monday after such election, except

12 that the initial terms of office after the effective date of this  
 13 act of the eighth and ninth council members shall commence upon  
 14 their appointment as provided in section 32-536.

15 Sec. 2. Section 14-201.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 16 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

17 ~~14-201.03 -The election commissioner in any county in~~  
 18 ~~which is situated a city of the metropolitan class shall divide the~~  
 19 ~~city into seven city council districts of compact and contiguous~~  
 20 ~~territory. Such districts shall be numbered consecutively from one~~  
 21 ~~to seven. One council member shall be elected from each district.~~  
 22 ~~The city council shall be responsible for redrawing the city~~  
 23 ~~council district boundaries pursuant to section 32-553.~~

1 Within ninety days after the effective date of this act,  
 2 the city council of a city of the metropolitan class shall divide  
 3 the city into nine city council districts of compact and contiguous  
 4 territory. Such districts shall be numbered consecutively from one  
 5 to nine. One council member shall be elected from each district  
 6 except as provided in section 32-536. The city council shall be  
 7 responsible for redrawing the city council district boundaries  
 8 pursuant to section 32-553.

9 Sec. 3. Section 32-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 10 Nebraska, is amended to read:

11 32-536 (1) In a city of the metropolitan class in  
 12 existence on the effective date of this act, seven council members  
 13 shall be elected to the city council for terms of four years at  
 14 the general city election in 1993 pursuant to section 14-201. One  
 15 Within ninety days after the effective date of this act, an eighth  
 16 and a ninth council member shall be appointed by a majority vote  
 17 of the council members serving on such date and shall serve until  
 18 their successors are elected at the general city election in May  
 19 2009 and qualified.

20 (2) In any city of the metropolitan class which becomes  
 21 a city of such class on or after the effective date of this act,  
 22 nine council members shall be elected to the city council pursuant  
 23 to section 14-201 for terms of four years at the first general city  
 24 election after such city becomes a city of the metropolitan class  
 25 and each four years thereafter.

26 (3) In each city of the metropolitan class, one council  
 27 member shall be nominated and elected from each of the districts  
 1 into which the city is divided pursuant to section 14-201.03. The  
 2 council members shall meet the qualifications found in sections  
 3 14-204 and 14-230.

4 Sec. 4. Original sections 14-201 and 32-536, Reissue  
 5 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-201.03, Revised  
 6 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 328A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 395A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Amanda McGill, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Senator Hudkins renewed her amendment, AM866, found on page 964, to the committee amendment.

The Hudkins amendment lost with 7 ayes, 17 nays, 23 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hudkins renewed her amendment, AM867, found on page 964, to the committee amendment.

The Hudkins amendment lost with 4 ayes, 14 nays, 28 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Committee AM514, found on page 718 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Harms renewed his amendment, AM860, found on page 961.

### SENATOR ERDMAN PRESIDING

### SENATOR LANGEMEIER PRESIDING

Senator Raikes offered the following amendment to the Harms amendment:  
FA55

Amend AM860 Line 2 strike "thirty" and insert "fifty"

The Raikes amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 4 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Harms amendment, as amended, was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Louden withdrew his amendment, AM857, found on page 961.

Senator Louden asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment, AM859, found on page 961, and replace it with his substitute amendment, FA56. No objections. So ordered.  
FA56

On page 8, lines 21 and 22, strike "the registered voters of such Class I school district" and insert "those voting in the special election".

The Louden amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and

not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Pending.

## RESOLUTION

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67.** Introduced by Transportation and Telecommunications Committee: Fischer, 43, Chairperson; Aguilar, 35; Hudkins, 21; Louden, 49; Mines, 18; Pedersen, 39; Schimek, 27; Stuthman, 22; and Dubas, 34.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to examine issues relating to public and private highway and rail crossings. Current inventory and train movement information indicates the following:

(1) At the present time there exists in this state three thousand three hundred thirty-one public and two thousand five hundred forty private crossings. There also exists a total of three thousand three hundred ninety miles of railroad trackage; and

(2) At the present time, approximately three hundred twenty trains per day operate within or through the state on high-density Class 1 railroad lines.

The issues to be specifically examined by the study shall include crossing safety and preventing the blockage of crossings by parked trains. Such study shall consider the appropriate public policy balance between the efficient movement of commerce by rail and the promotion and preservation of public convenience and safety upon public streets and highways.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.

Referred to the Executive Board.

## BILL ON FIRST READING

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 475A.** Introduced by Chambers, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 475, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.

**AMENDMENT - Print in Journal**

Senator Dierks filed the following amendment to LB 658:  
AM826

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments  
2 thereof and insert the following new sections:  
3 Section 1. On the effective date of this act, the Class  
4 I, II, III, IV, V, and VI school districts which were organized  
5 as such immediately before December 1, 2005, shall be reorganized  
6 according to the boundaries on file with the State Department of  
7 Education on November 30, 2005.

8 Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act does not apply to any  
9 school district which was reorganized by means other than Laws  
10 2005, LB 126, so long as the reorganization order was entered on  
11 or before November 30, 2005, notwithstanding the effective date of  
12 boundary changes of any such order.

13 Sec. 3. The school board or board of education of each  
14 school district reorganized pursuant to section 1 of this act  
15 shall consist of the persons who were serving in that capacity  
16 on November 30, 2005. If any member is unable to serve due to  
17 death, illness, or change of residence, the remaining members shall  
18 appoint a legal voter of the school district to fill the vacancy  
19 on such board. Members of the school boards or boards of education  
20 -serving pursuant to this section shall serve terms of two years and  
21 until their successors are elected and qualified.

22 Sec. 4. Within sixty days after the effective date of  
23 this act, each Class I district referred to in section 1 of this  
1 act shall call a special meeting of the board of education and  
2 the legal voters of each such Class I district for purposes of  
3 ascertaining whether such legal voters desire such Class I district  
4 to remain in existence. In the absence of an affirmative vote by  
5 fifty-five percent of the legal voters of such district who are in  
6 attendance and voting on the matter at such special meeting to the  
7 contrary, the Class I district shall be legally presumed to be in  
8 existence and duly constituted.

9 The special meeting referred to in this section shall  
10 be called by posting notice in three public places within the  
11 boundaries of the Class I district at least five days before the  
12 meeting. The notice shall state the purpose of the meeting and  
13 shall contain the agenda of the meeting.

14 Sec. 5. If, at the special meeting described in section  
15 4 of this act the legal voters of the Class I district, by a  
16 fifty-five percent majority vote of those present and voting, vote  
17 to dissolve the district, the secretary of the Class I school  
18 district school board shall forward to the State Committee for  
19 the Reorganization of School Districts, within ten days after such  
20 special meeting, a copy of the notice of the call of such special  
21 meeting including the agenda items, the names of the persons moving  
22 and seconding the issue of dissolution of the district, the number

23 of votes cast in favor of the motion, the number of votes cast  
24 against the motion, the number of legal voters present and voting  
25 at such meeting, and the number of legal voters present and not  
26 voting, if any.

27 Sec. 6. For school fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09,  
1 each Class I school district which is reestablished pursuant to  
2 sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be entitled to a budget at least  
3 equal to the budget it had for school fiscal year 2005-06. Such  
4 budget may include cash reserves not to exceed forty-five percent  
5 of the general fund budget. In addition to the general fund budget  
6 referred to in this section, each school district reestablished  
7 under sections 1 to 4 of this act shall be entitled to exceed the  
8 levy limitations set forth in sections 77-3442 to 77-3444, without  
9 a vote of the people, for the purpose of paying for any costs  
10 incurred as a result of the enactment of Laws 2005, LB 126, and its  
11 subsequent repeal.

12 Sec. 7. Nothing in sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be  
13 construed to prevent any such district from availing itself of any  
14 other levy limit exemptions provided by law.

15 Sec. 8. Any school district or local system affected by  
16 the enactment of Laws 2005, LB 126, and its subsequent repeal may,  
17 in addition to the budget authority set forth in the Tax Equity  
18 and Educational Opportunities Support Act, exceed the budget limits  
19 contained in the act for school fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09  
20 to pay for additional costs, expenses, salaries, transportation  
21 equipment, excess staff, or any other cost or expense resulting  
22 from the enactment of Laws 2005, LB 126, and its subsequent repeal.

23 Exceptions to levy limitations and budget limitations  
24 described in this section and section 6 of this act shall  
25 be identified to the appropriate county clerks, and the levy  
26 identified by the affected school boards shall be levied.

27 Sec. 9. Section 32-1206, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
1 Nebraska, is amended to read:

2 32-1206 ~~Any~~ Except as provided in section 4 of this act,  
3 any election not otherwise provided for in sections 32-1203 to  
4 32-1205 which is conducted by the election commissioner or county  
5 clerk shall be paid for by the entity holding the election.

6 Sec. 10. Section 79-403, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
7 Supplement, 2006, as affected by Referendum 2006, No. 422, is  
8 amended to read:

9 79-403 (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3)  
10 of this section, no new school district shall be created unless  
11 such district provides instruction in kindergarten through grade  
12 twelve.

13 (2) A new Class VI school district may be created if:

14 (a) Such Class VI school district will include at least  
15 two or more previously existing Class II or Class III school  
16 districts, except that if a reorganization petition for formation  
17 of a Class VI school district is initiated by a petition signed by

18 fifty-five percent of the legal voters of a Class II or III school  
 19 district, then such Class VI school district may include only one  
 20 Class II or III school district; and

21 (b) The enrollment of the new Class VI school district  
 22 is (i) at least one hundred twenty-five pupils if the district  
 23 offers instruction in grades nine through twelve, (ii) at least one  
 24 hundred seventy-five pupils if the district offers instruction in  
 25 grades seven through twelve, or (iii) at least two hundred students  
 26 if the district offers instruction in grades six through twelve,  
 27 except that if such district will have population density of less  
 1 than three persons per square mile, then the enrollment shall be  
 2 at least seventy-five students if the district offers instruction  
 3 in grades nine through twelve, at least one hundred students if  
 4 the district offers instruction in grades seven through twelve, or  
 5 at least one hundred twenty-five students if the district offers  
 6 instruction in grades six through twelve.

7 (3) One or more new Class I districts may be created  
 8 as provided in sections 1 to 8 of this act or as a part of a  
 9 reorganization petition pursuant to subsection (2) of this section.

10 Sec. 11. Section 79-415, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 11 Supplement, 2006, as affected by Referendum 2006, No. 422, is  
 12 amended to read:

13 79-415 (1) In addition to the petitions of legal voters  
 14 pursuant to section 79-413 and the method provided in sections 1  
 15 to 8 of this act, changes in boundaries and the creation of a new  
 16 school district from other districts may be initiated and accepted  
 17 by the school board or board of education of any district that is  
 18 not a member of a learning community.

19 (2) In addition to the petitions of legal voters pursuant  
 20 to section 79-413, the affiliation of a Class I district or portion  
 21 thereof with one or more Class II, III, IV, or V districts may be  
 22 initiated and accepted by:

23 (a) The board of education of any Class II, III, IV, or V  
 24 district; and

25 (b) The school board of any Class I district in which is  
 26 located a city or incorporated village.

27 Sec. 12. Section 79-479, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 1 Supplement, 2006, as affected by Referendum 2006, No. 422, is  
 2 amended to read:

3 79-479 (1)(a) Beginning January 1, 1992, any school  
 4 district boundaries changed by the means provided by Nebraska law,  
 5 but excluding the method provided by sections 79-407, ~~and~~ 79-473  
 6 to 79-475, or sections 1 to 8 of this act, shall be made only  
 7 upon an order issued by the State Committee for the Reorganization  
 8 of School Districts or county clerk. The state committee shall  
 9 not issue an order changing boundaries relating to affiliation of  
 10 school districts if twenty percent or more of any tract of land  
 11 under common ownership which is proposing to affiliate is not  
 12 contiguous to the high school district with which affiliation is

13 proposed unless (i) one or more resident students of the tract of  
14 land under common ownership has attended the high school program of  
15 the high school district within the immediately preceding ten-year  
16 period or (ii) approval of the petition or plan would allow  
17 siblings of such resident students to attend the same school as the  
18 resident student attended.

19 (b) The order issued by the state committee shall be  
20 certified to the county clerk of each county in which boundaries  
21 are changed and shall also be certified to the State Department of  
22 Education. Whenever the order changes the boundaries of a school  
23 district due to the transfer of land, the county assessor, the  
24 Property Tax Administrator, and the State Department of Education  
25 shall be provided with the legal description and a map of the  
26 parcel of land which is transferred. Such order shall be issued  
27 no later than June 1 and shall have an effective date no later  
1 than August 1 of the same year. For purposes of determining  
2 school district counts pursuant to sections 79-524 and 79-578  
3 and calculating state aid allocations pursuant to the Tax Equity  
4 and Educational Opportunities Support Act, any change in school  
5 district boundaries with an effective date between June 1 and  
6 August 1 of any year shall be considered effective July 1 of such  
7 year.

8 (2) Unless otherwise provided by sections 1 to 8 of  
9 this act or other state law or by the terms of an affiliation  
10 or reorganization plan or petition which is consistent with state  
11 law, all assets, including budget authority as provided in sections  
12 79-1023 to 79-1030, and liabilities, except bonded obligations, of  
13 school districts merged, dissolved, or annexed shall be transferred  
14 to the receiving district or districts on the basis of the  
15 proportionate share of assessed valuation received at the time of  
16 reorganization. When a Class II, III, IV, or V school district  
17 becomes a Class I school district:

18 (a) Which becomes part of a Class VI district which  
19 offers instruction in grades six through twelve, 37.9310 percent of  
20 the Class II, III, IV, or V district's assets and liabilities shall  
21 be transferred to the new Class I district and the remainder shall  
22 be transferred to the Class VI district or districts of which the  
23 Class I district becomes a part on the basis of the proportionate  
24 share of assessed valuation each high school district received at  
25 the time of such change in class of district;

26 (b) Which becomes part of a Class VI district which  
27 offers instruction in grades seven through twelve, 44.8276 percent  
1 of the Class II, III, IV, or V district's assets and liabilities  
2 shall be transferred to the new Class I district and the remainder  
3 shall be transferred to the Class VI district or districts of  
4 which the Class I district becomes a part on the basis of the  
5 proportionate share of assessed valuation each high school district  
6 received at the time of such change in class of district; or

7 (c) Which is affiliated or becomes part of a Class VI

8 district which offers instruction in grades nine through twelve,  
9 61.3793 percent of the Class II, III, IV, or V school district's  
10 assets and liabilities shall be transferred to the new Class I  
11 district and the remainder shall be transferred to the Class VI  
12 district or districts of which the Class I district becomes a part  
13 and to the high school district or districts with which the Class I  
14 district is affiliated on the basis of the proportionate share of  
15 assessed valuation each high school district received at the time  
16 of such change in class of district.

17 Sec. 13. Any certificated employee, as defined in  
18 subsection (1) of section 79-824, who as a result of the enactment  
19 of Laws 2005, LB 126, became employed by a Class II, III, IV, V, or  
20 VI school district and who was under an employment contract with a  
21 Class I school district on June 14, 2006, shall be reassigned and  
22 reallocated to the Class I district to which he or she was under  
23 contract on such date and shall remain employed by the Class I  
24 district under the terms and conditions of the employment contract  
25 between such certificated employee and the Class II, III, IV, V, or  
26 VI district at the time he or she is reassigned and reallocated to  
27 the Class I district. Such employment contract shall remain in full  
1 force and effect until nonrenewed, terminated, canceled, or amended  
2 pursuant to sections 79-824 to 79-842 or other applicable law.

3 Sec. 14. Any cost in addition to the cost that would  
4 have been incurred by any Class II, III, IV, V, or VI district  
5 as a result of the enactment of Laws 2005, LB 126, relating to  
6 the compensation such certificated employee may be accounted for in  
7 the budget of the applicable Class II, III, IV, V, or VI district,  
8 or the Class I district, as appropriate, and may constitute an  
9 exemption to applicable allowable budget growth rate and applicable  
10 levy limitations placed upon such districts. Such exceptions shall  
11 be allowable for school fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09.

12 Sec. 15. Any Class I district reestablished as a result  
13 of sections 1 to 8 of this act shall have levy authority and  
14 budget authority separate and distinct from the budget and levy  
15 authority of its principal Class II, III, IV, V, or VI district  
16 for purposes of reconciling any lost revenue and assets as a result  
17 of the enactment of Laws 2005, LB 126, as well as any increased  
18 liabilities resulting from its reestablishment under such sections.  
19 Such budget and levy authority shall exist for school fiscal years  
20 2007-08 and 2008-09, after which the budget and levy authority of  
21 any Class I reestablished as a result of the repeal of Laws 2005,  
22 LB 126, shall be as provided by section 79-1027.

23 Sec. 16. Any Class I district reestablished and remaining  
24 established for school fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 shall  
25 have the authority to borrow up to one hundred percent of  
26 its established budget for purposes of funding its budgets as  
27 established by section 15 of this act.

1 Sec. 17. Any Class I district reestablished and remaining  
2 established for school fiscal years 2007-08 and 2008-09 shall have

3 returned to it all of its physical assets within ninety days  
4 after the effective date of this act, except that any Class I  
5 district which by a special vote of its legal voters has received  
6 authority to dispose of its building and physical assets as excess  
7 property may be dissolved by order of the State Committee for  
8 the Reorganization of School Districts upon the forwarding by such  
9 Class I district to the state committee of notice, agenda, minutes,  
10 and recorded vote relating to such vote to dispose of its buildings  
11 and physical assets.

12 For purposes of this section, physical assets means the  
13 schoolhouse, equipment, supplies, books, audio-visual equipment,  
14 computers, desks, furniture, and tangible property of any kind  
15 which belonged to the Class I district on June 14, 2006.

16 Sec. 18. The Revisor of Statutes shall assign sections 1  
17 to 8 of this act within Chapter 79.

18 Sec. 19. If any section in this act or any part of any  
19 section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration  
20 shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining  
21 portions.

22 Sec. 20. Original section 32-1206, Reissue Revised  
23 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-403, 79-415, and 79-479,  
24 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, as affected by  
25 Referendum 2006, No. 422, are repealed.

26 Sec. 21. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
27 when passed and approved according to law.

## VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were 18 high school students, teacher, and sponsors from Hyannis; Danette Hudson from Hemingford; Glenn Spangler from Murray and Kent Netzman from Nehawka; Catherine Hughes from Omaha; 46 fourth-grade students and teachers from St. Mary St. Matthew, Bellevue; 4 eleventh-grade students from Howells; Anton, Ernestine, and Daniel Warta from Wilbur; 46 fourth-grade students from Hayward Elementary, Nebraska City; and 40 fourth-grade students and teachers from Lincoln Elementary, Beatrice.

## RECESS

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dierks, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

## AFTER RECESS

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

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Schimek who was excused; and Senators Kruse and Mines who were excused until they arrive.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Senator Hudkins renewed her amendment, AM724, printed separately and referred to on page 961.

Senator Hudkins withdrew her amendment.

Senator Hudkins withdrew her amendment, AM870, found on page 964.

Senator Hudkins offered the following amendment:  
AM881

1 1. On page 4, lines 3 and 4, strike "on or before January  
2 15 of any even-numbered year"; in lines 8 and 9 strike "on or  
3 before April 1 of such year" and insert "within sixty days after  
4 receipt of the plan"; in lines 17 and 18 strike "on or before April  
5 15 of such year"; and in lines 18 and 19 strike "on or before June  
6 15 in such year" and insert "within seventy-five days after the  
7 appeal is filed".

8 2. On page 5, line 4, strike "on or before July 15" and  
9 insert "within sixty days"; in lines 12 and 24 after "statewide"  
10 insert "primary or"; and in lines 20 and 21 strike "on or before  
11 the immediately following August 15" and insert "for a primary  
12 election on or before February 15 immediately preceding the primary  
13 election and for a general election on or before August 15  
14 immediately preceding the general election".

15 3. On page 6, line 6, after "statewide" insert "primary  
16 or"; and in lines 23 and 24 strike "on or before December 31 of the  
17 same year" and insert "not more than forty days following a primary  
18 election or before December 31 following a general election".

19 4. On page 108, line 12, after the period insert "For  
20 new Class I school districts created after a primary election,  
21 the minimum budget authority shall be certified by the department  
22 within forty days following the primary election".

The Hudkins amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to E & R for review with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**PRESIDENT SHEEHY PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 562.** Title read. Considered.

Committee AM689, printed separately and referred to on page 863, was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to E & R for review with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Flood offered the following amendment:

AM792

- 1 1. On page 2, line 21, after the second comma insert
- 2 "guardian"; and in line 25 strike "parent" and insert "foster
- 3 parent, preadoptive parent, guardian."

Senator Chambers offered the following motion:  
Bracket until May 15, 2007.

Pending.

### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 426A.** Introduced by Pankonin, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 426, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** **Enrollment and Review**

#### **Correctly Engrossed**

The following bill was correctly engrossed: LB 395.

ST9020

Enrollment and Review Change to LB 395

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

1. The E & R Amendments, ER8041, have been struck.
2. In the Johnson amendment, AM585:
  - a. On page 2, line 6, "guestrooms" has been struck and "guestroom" inserted; and
  - b. On page 6, lines 11 though 13 have been struck and "71-5709, and 71-5712, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 71-5705, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, sections 71-5710, 71-5711, and

71-5713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by sections 630, 631, and 632, respectively, Legislative Bill 296, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007, and section 71-5707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, as amended by section 629, Legislative Bill 296, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007." inserted.

3. On page 1, lines 3 through 8 have been struck and "to provide penalties; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; and to outright repeal sections 71-5701, 71-5702, 71-5703, 71-5704, 71-5706, 71-5708, 71-5709, and 71-5712, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 71-5705, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, sections 71-5710, 71-5711, and 71-5713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended by sections 630, 631, and 632, respectively, Legislative Bill 296, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007, and section 71-5707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, as amended by section 629, Legislative Bill 296, One Hundredth Legislature, First Session, 2007." inserted.

(Signed) Amanda McGill, Chairperson

## COMMITTEE REPORT

### Appropriations

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 33.** Placed on General File - Com AM876.  
AM876

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
- 2 new sections:
- 3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated \$3,000,000 from
- 4 the General Fund for FY2006-07 to the Department of Natural
- 5 Resources, for Program 310, to aid in carrying out the provisions
- 6 of this legislative bill.
- 7 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and
- 8 per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated
- 9 in this section.
- 10 Sec. 2. (1) The Water Resources Cash Fund is created. The
- 11 fund shall be administered by the Department of Natural Resources.
- 12 Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested
- 13 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
- 14 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
- 15 (2) The State Treasurer shall credit to the fund such
- 16 money as is (a) transferred to the fund by the Legislature, (b)
- 17 paid to the state as fees, deposits, payments, and repayments
- 18 relating to the fund, both principal and interest, (c) donated as
- 19 gifts, bequests, or other contributions to such fund from public or
- 20 private entities, (d) made available by any department or agency of
- 21 the United States if so directed by such department or agency, and
- 22 (e) credited to the fund from the excise taxes imposed by section
- 23 66-1345.01 beginning January 1, 2013.
- 1 (3) The fund shall be expended by the department to aid
- 2 compliance efforts regarding the reduction of consumptive uses of
- 3 water in regard to programs dealing with those natural resources

4 districts which are deemed overappropriated by the department  
 5 pursuant to section 46-713 or are bound by an interstate compact  
 6 or decree. The fund shall not be used to pay for administrative  
 7 expenses or any salaries for the department or any political  
 8 subdivision.

9 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature that two million  
 10 seven hundred thousand dollars be transferred each fiscal year from  
 11 the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund for FY2009-10  
 12 through FY2018-19.

13 Sec. 3. Section 61-210, Revised Statutes Supplement,  
 14 2006, is amended to read:

15 61-210 The Department of Natural Resources Cash Fund  
 16 is created. The State Treasurer shall credit to such fund such  
 17 money as is specifically appropriated or reappropriated by the  
 18 Legislature. The State Treasurer shall also credit such fund with  
 19 payments, if any, accepted for services rendered by the department  
 20 and fees collected pursuant to subsection (6) of section 46-606  
 21 and section 61-209. The funds made available to the Department  
 22 of Natural Resources by the United States, through the Natural  
 23 Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture or  
 24 through any other agencies, shall be credited to the fund by the  
 25 State Treasurer. Any money in the fund available for investment  
 26 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to  
 27 the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds  
 1 Investment Act. The Department of Natural Resources shall allocate  
 2 money from the fund to pay costs of the programs or activities  
 3 of the department. The Director of Administrative Services, upon  
 4 receipt of proper vouchers approved by the department, shall issue  
 5 warrants on the fund, and the State Treasurer shall countersign  
 6 and pay from, but never in excess of, the amounts to the credit  
 7 of the fund. ~~The State Treasurer shall transfer any money in the~~  
 8 ~~Department of Water Resources Cash Fund and in the Nebraska Natural~~  
 9 ~~Resources Commission Cash Fund on July 1, 2000, to the Department~~  
 10 ~~of Natural Resources Cash Fund.~~

11 Sec. 4. Section 66-1345, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 12 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

13 66-1345 (1) There is hereby created the Ethanol  
 14 Production Incentive Cash Fund which shall be used by the board  
 15 to pay the credits created in section 66-1344 to the extent  
 16 provided in this section. Any money in the fund available for  
 17 investment shall be invested by the state investment officer  
 18 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
 19 State Funds Investment Act. The State Treasurer shall transfer to  
 20 the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund such money as shall be  
 21 (a) appropriated to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund by  
 22 the Legislature, (b) given as gifts, bequests, grants, or other  
 23 contributions to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund from  
 24 public or private sources, (c) made available due to failure to  
 25 fulfill conditional requirements pursuant to investment agreements

26 entered into prior to April 30, 1992, (d) received as return on  
27 investment of the Ethanol Authority and Development Cash Fund, (e)  
1 credited to the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund from the  
2 excise taxes imposed by section 66-1345.01, and (f) credited to the  
3 Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund pursuant to sections 66-489,  
4 ~~66-4,134~~, 66-726, 66-1345.04, and 66-1519.

5 (2) The Department of Revenue shall, at the end of each  
6 calendar month, notify the State Treasurer of the amount of motor  
7 fuel tax that was not collected in the preceding calendar month  
8 due to the credits provided in section 66-1344. The State Treasurer  
9 shall transfer from the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund to  
10 the Highway Trust Fund an amount equal to such credits less the  
11 following amounts:

12 (a) For 1993, 1994, and 1995, the amount generated during  
13 the calendar quarter by a one-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to  
14 sections 66-489 and 66-6,107;

15 (b) For 1996, the amount generated during the calendar  
16 quarter by a three-quarters-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to such  
17 sections;

18 (c) For 1997, the amount generated during the calendar  
19 quarter by a one-half-cent tax on motor fuel pursuant to such  
20 sections; and

21 (d) For 1998 and each year thereafter, no reduction.

22 For 1993 through 1997, if the amount generated pursuant  
23 to subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of this subsection and the  
24 amount transferred pursuant to subsection (1) of this section are  
25 not sufficient to fund the credits provided in section 66-1344,  
26 then the credits shall be funded through the Ethanol Production  
27 Incentive Cash Fund but shall not be funded through either the  
1 Highway Cash Fund or the Highway Trust Fund. For 1998 and each year  
2 thereafter, the credits provided in such section shall be funded  
3 through the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund but shall not be  
4 funded through either the Highway Cash Fund or the Highway Trust  
5 Fund.

6 If, during any month, the amount of money in the Ethanol  
7 Production Incentive Cash Fund is not sufficient to reimburse the  
8 Highway Trust Fund for credits earned pursuant to section 66-1344,  
9 the Department of Revenue shall suspend the transfer of credits by  
10 ethanol producers until such time as additional funds are available  
11 in the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash Fund for transfer to the  
12 Highway Trust Fund. Thereafter, the Department of Revenue shall, at  
13 the end of each month, allow transfer of accumulated credits earned  
14 by each ethanol producer on a prorated basis derived by dividing  
15 the amount in the fund by the aggregate amount of accumulated  
16 credits earned by all ethanol producers.

17 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer from the Ethanol  
18 Production Incentive Cash Fund to the Management Services Expense  
19 Revolving Fund the amount reported under subsection (4) of section  
20 66-1345.02 for each calendar month of the fiscal year as provided

21 in such subsection.

22 (4) On December 31, 2012, the State Treasurer shall  
23 transfer ~~one half of the unexpended and unobligated funds,~~  
24 ~~including all subsequent investment interest,~~ from the Ethanol  
25 Production Incentive Cash Fund to the ~~Nebraska Corn Development,~~  
26 ~~Utilization, and Marketing Fund and Grain Sorghum Development,~~  
27 ~~Utilization, and Marketing Fund in the same proportion as funds~~  
1 ~~were collected pursuant to section 66-1345.01 from corn and grain~~  
2 ~~sorghum. The Department of Agriculture shall assist the State~~  
3 ~~Treasurer in determining the amounts to be transferred to the~~  
4 ~~funds. The remaining one half of the unexpended and unobligated~~  
5 ~~funds shall be transferred to the General Fund. Water Resources~~  
6 Cash Fund.

7 (5) Whenever the unobligated balance in the Ethanol  
8 Production Incentive Cash Fund exceeds twenty million dollars, the  
9 Department of Revenue shall notify the Department of Agriculture at  
10 which time the Department of Agriculture shall suspend collection  
11 of the excise tax levied pursuant to section 66-1345.01. If, after  
12 suspension of the collection of such excise tax, the balance of  
13 the fund falls below ten million dollars, the Department of Revenue  
14 shall notify the Department of Agriculture which shall resume  
15 collection of the excise tax.

16 (6) On or before December 1, 2003, and each December  
17 1 thereafter, the Department of Revenue and the Nebraska Ethanol  
18 Board shall jointly submit a report to the Legislature which shall  
19 project the anticipated revenue and expenditures from the Ethanol  
20 Production Incentive Cash Fund through the termination of the  
21 ethanol production incentive programs pursuant to section 66-1344.  
22 The initial report shall include a projection of the amount  
23 of ethanol production for which the Department of Revenue has  
24 entered agreements to provide ethanol production credits pursuant  
25 to section 66-1344.01 and any additional ethanol production which  
26 the Department of Revenue and the Nebraska Ethanol Board reasonably  
27 anticipate may qualify for credits pursuant to section 66-1344.

1 Sec. 5. Section 66-1345.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2006, is amended to read:

3 66-1345.01 An excise tax is levied upon all corn and  
4 grain sorghum sold through commercial channels in Nebraska or  
5 delivered in Nebraska. For any sale or delivery of corn or grain  
6 sorghum occurring on or after July 1, 1995, and before January  
7 1, 2000, the tax is three-fourths cent per bushel for corn and  
8 three-fourths cent per hundredweight for grain sorghum. For any  
9 sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum occurring on or after  
10 January 1, 2000, and before January 1, 2001, the tax is one-half  
11 cent per bushel for corn and one-half cent per hundredweight for  
12 grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum  
13 occurring on or after October 1, 2001, and before October 1, 2004,  
14 the tax is one-half cent per bushel for corn and one-half cent per  
15 hundredweight for grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn

16 or grain sorghum occurring on or after October 1, 2004, and before  
 17 October 1, 2005, the tax is three-fourths cent per bushel for  
 18 corn and three-fourths cent per hundredweight for grain sorghum.  
 19 For any sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum occurring on  
 20 or after October 1, 2005, and before October 1, 2010, the tax is  
 21 seven-eighths cent per bushel for corn and seven-eighths cent per  
 22 hundredweight for grain sorghum. For any sale or delivery of corn  
 23 or grain sorghum occurring on or after October 1, 2012, and before  
 24 October 1, 2019, the tax is one-half cent per bushel for corn and  
 25 one-half cent per hundredweight for grain sorghum. The tax shall  
 26 be in addition to any fee imposed pursuant to sections 2-3623 and  
 27 2-4012.

1 The excise tax shall be imposed at the time of sale or  
 2 delivery and shall be collected by the first purchaser. The tax  
 3 shall be collected, administered, and enforced in conjunction with  
 4 the fees imposed pursuant to sections 2-3623 and 2-4012. The tax  
 5 shall be collected, administered, and enforced by the Department of  
 6 Agriculture. No corn or grain sorghum shall be subject to the tax  
 7 imposed by this section more than once.

8 In the case of a pledge or mortgage of corn or grain  
 9 sorghum as security for a loan under the federal price support  
 10 program, the excise tax shall be deducted from the proceeds of such  
 11 loan at the time the loan is made. If, within the life of the loan  
 12 plus thirty days after the collection of the excise tax for corn  
 13 or grain sorghum that is mortgaged as security for a loan under  
 14 the federal price support program, the grower of the corn or grain  
 15 sorghum so mortgaged decides to purchase the corn or grain sorghum  
 16 and use it as feed, the grower shall be entitled to a refund of  
 17 the excise tax previously paid. The refund shall be payable by the  
 18 department upon the grower's written application for a refund. The  
 19 application shall have attached proof of the tax deducted.

20 The excise tax shall be deducted whether the corn or  
 21 grain sorghum is stored in this or any other state. The excise  
 22 tax shall not apply to the sale of corn or grain sorghum to the  
 23 federal government for ultimate use or consumption by the people  
 24 of the United States when the State of Nebraska is prohibited from  
 25 imposing such tax by the Constitution of the United States and laws  
 26 enacted pursuant thereto.

27 Sec. 6. Section 66-1345.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 1 Nebraska, is amended to read:

2 66-1345.02 (1) The first purchaser, at the time of sale  
 3 or delivery, shall retain the excise tax as provided in section  
 4 66-1345.01 and shall maintain the necessary records of the excise  
 5 tax for each sale or delivery of corn or grain sorghum. Records  
 6 maintained by the first purchaser shall provide (a) the name and  
 7 address of the seller or deliverer, (b) the date of the sale or  
 8 delivery, (c) the number of bushels of corn or hundredweight of  
 9 grain sorghum sold or delivered, and (d) the amount of excise  
 10 tax retained on each sale or delivery. The records shall be open

11 for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the  
12 Department of Agriculture during normal business hours observed by  
13 the first purchaser.

14 (2) The first purchaser shall render and have on file  
15 with the department by the last day of each January, April, July,  
16 and October on forms prescribed by the department a statement of  
17 the number of bushels of corn and hundredweight of grain sorghum  
18 sold or delivered in Nebraska. At the time the statement is filed,  
19 the first purchaser shall pay and remit to the department the  
20 excise tax.

21 (3) The department shall remit the excise tax collected  
22 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Ethanol Production  
23 Incentive Cash Fund within thirty days after the end of each  
24 quarter through December 31, 2010. Beginning January 1, 2013,  
25 the department shall remit the excise tax collected to the State  
26 Treasurer for credit to the Water Resources Cash Fund within thirty  
27 days after the end of each quarter.

1 (4) The department shall calculate its costs in  
2 collecting and enforcing the excise tax imposed by section  
3 66-1345.01 and shall report such costs to the budget division of  
4 the Department of Administrative Services within thirty days after  
5 the end of the fiscal year. Sufficient funds to cover such costs  
6 shall be transferred from the Ethanol Production Incentive Cash  
7 Fund to the Management Services Expense Revolving Fund at the end  
8 of each calendar month, with such transfers ending December 31,  
9 2010. Beginning January 1, 2013, the department shall calculate its  
10 costs in collecting and enforcing the excise tax imposed by section  
11 66-1345.01 and shall report such costs to the budget division  
12 of the Department of Administrative Services within thirty days  
13 after the end of the fiscal year. Sufficient funds to cover such  
14 costs shall be transferred from the Water Resources Cash Fund to  
15 the Management Services Expense Revolving Fund at the end of each  
16 calendar month. Funds shall be transferred upon the receipt of  
17 a report of costs incurred by the Department of Agriculture for  
18 the previous calendar month by the Department of Administrative  
19 Services.

20 Sec. 7. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,700,000  
21 from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund, on  
22 or before June 30, 2008, on such date as directed by the  
23 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department  
24 of Administrative Services.

25 Sec. 8. The State Treasurer shall transfer \$2,700,000  
26 from the General Fund to the Water Resources Cash Fund, on  
27 or before June 30, 2009, on such date as directed by the  
1 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department  
2 of Administrative Services.

3 Sec. 9. Original sections 61-210, 66-1345, 66-1345.01,  
4 and 66-1345.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, are  
5 repealed.

6 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect  
7 when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson

### **AMENDMENT - Print in Journal**

Senator Louden filed the following amendment to LB 701:  
(Amendment, AM872, is printed separately and available in the Bill Room,  
Room 1104.)

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING** **Natural Resources** Room 1525

Wednesday, April 4, 2007  
LB 701 AM872 (Louden) - Water Legislation

12:00 p.m.

(Signed) LeRoy Louden, Chairperson

### **COMMITTEE REPORT** **Business and Labor**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 588.** Placed on General File - Com AM862.  
(Amendment is printed separately and available in the Bill Room, Room  
1104.)

(Signed) Abbie Cornett, Chairperson

### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers**

Senator Dubas asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to  
LB 564. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Cornett, Pankonin, and Stuthman asked unanimous consent to add  
their names as cointroducers to LB 565. No objections. So ordered.

### **VISITORS**

Visitors to the Chamber were Social Work students from across the state;  
Lori Rodriguez, Rachel Blausey, and Jessica Curtis from Chadron; Brandon  
Davis and Jessica Shiveley from Lincoln; 45 fourth-grade students from  
Holy Name Elementary, Omaha; Speaker Flood's family from Fremont; and  
9 twelfth-grade students and teacher from Sutherland.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Anthony Montegut from Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:29 p.m., on a motion by Speaker Flood, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 30, 2007.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature

