

**NINTH DAY - JANUARY 16, 2007****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****NINTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, January 16, 2007

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Kruse.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 11:00 a.m., President Sheehy presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Christensen, Hudkins, and Mines who were excused; and Senators Dierks, Fischer, Heidemann, Kopplin, and Raikes who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the eighth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

| <b>LB/LR</b> | <b>Committee</b>                          |
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| LB 298       | Government, Military and Veterans Affairs |
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(Signed) Pat Engel, Chairperson  
Legislative Council, Executive Board

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING**  
**Transportation and Telecommunications**  
Room 1113

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| LB 239 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 286 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 287 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |

(Signed) Deb Fischer, Chairperson

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**Opinion 07001

DATE: January 16, 2007

SUBJECT: Constitutionality of audiovisual court appearances conducted without a written waiver.

REQUESTED BY: Senator Lavon Heidemann  
Nebraska State Legislature

WRITTEN BY: Jon Bruning, Attorney General  
J. Kirk Brown, Solicitor General

You inquire whether the Sixth Amendment of our federal constitution would be violated if the mandatory written and oral waiver provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§29-4203 (1) and (2) (2006 Cum.Supp.) were to be repealed. Section 49-4203 is a part of a series of statutes which authorize audiovisual court appearances under certain circumstances. See, §29-4201 et.seq. For the reasons set forth below, we conclude that repeal of the mandatory waiver provisions of §29-4203 (1) and (2) would not violate the Sixth Amendment or its state counterpart, Article I, Section 11 of the Nebraska Constitution.<sup>1</sup>

The Sixth Amendment to the United States Constitution provides: "In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right...to be confronted with the witnesses against him...." This clause, known as the Confrontation Clause, guarantees the defendant a face-to-face meeting with witnesses appearing before the trier of fact." *United States v. Yates*, 438 F.3d 1307, 1312 (2006).

However, audiovisual court appearances are not authorized to occur for trials or any other form of evidentiary hearing in a criminal case. See, §29-4202. By its very definition a criminal defendant would not have the need or opportunity to "confront" witnesses in the course of an appropriate audiovisual court appearance. Therefore, we observe no Sixth Amendment Confrontation Clause issues raised by the audiovisual court appearance process generally. See, *Maryland v. Craig*, 497 U.S. 836 (1990). "We fail to see how Anderson's or Hochstein's absence at a time when their attorneys were arguing matters of law to the court could frustrate the fairness of the proceedings." *State v. Anderson and Hochstein*, 207 Neb. 51, 68-69, 296 N.W.2d 440, 451-452 (1980). In the instance of an audiovisual court appearance, the criminal defendant is not "absent", just not physically present at the same location as the court.

We certainly observe no Sixth Amendment basis for the current requirement of §29-4203(1) and (2) that a written and oral waiver must be obtained from a criminal defendant before conducting an audiovisual court appearance.

Even if a Sixth Amendment right were implicated by the audiovisual court appearance process, waivers of any such right are not required to be reduced to writing or specifically inquired into by the trial court before proceeding. *United States v. Gagnon*, 470 U.S. 522, 105 S.Ct. 1482, 84 L.Ed.2d 486 (1985) (holding that defendant must assert right of confrontation and right to be present at trial and cannot claim those rights for first time on appeal); *State v. Bjorklund* 258 Neb. 432, 469-470, 604 N.W.2d 169, 205 (2000); *State v. Bradley* 236 Neb. 371, 380-381, 461 N.W.2d 524, 533 - 534 (1990).

<sup>1</sup>The analysis for the Nebraska Constitution is the same as the analysis under the federal constitution. *State v. Hembertt*, 269 Neb. 840, 847, 696 N.W.2d 473, 480 (2005).

Sincerely,  
 JON BRUNING  
 Attorney General  
 (Signed) J. Kirk Brown  
 Solicitor General

cc: Patrick O'Donnell  
 Clerk of the Legislature

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee elected Senator Rogert as Vice Chairperson.

### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 9, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is appointed as Director of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Phyllis G. Chambers, 6021 South 74th Street, Lincoln NE 68516

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. A copy of the appointment certificate and personal resume are attached for your review.

Sincerely,  
 (Signed) Dave Heineman

Governor

Enclosures

January 9, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Don Pederson, 4501 Dryden Place, Lincoln NE 68516

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. A copy of the appointment certificate and personal resume are attached for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

Enclosures

January 10, 2007

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

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Flood and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is appointed as a member of the Board of Educational Lands and Funds:

Tom Baker, HC 2, Box 140, Trenton NE 69044

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. A copy of the appointment certificate and application form are attached for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Dave Heineman  
Governor

Enclosures

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 378.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act; to amend sections 44-5223, 44-5225, and 44-5260, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define bona fide association; to provide an exemption; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 379.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to corporations; to amend sections 21-1302, 21-1403, 21-1921, 21-1934, 21-1935, 21-19,148, 21-19,152, 21-19,153, 21-19,161, 21-19,172, 21-2018, 21-2032, 21-20,170, 21-20,175, 21-20,181.01, 21-2304, and 21-2638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 21-301, 21-302, 21-304, 21-305, 21-2216, 21-2601.01, 21-2606, 21-2610, and 21-2632.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change certain reporting, notice, and filing provisions; to eliminate references to professional limited liability companies; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mortgage Bankers Registration and Licensing Act; to amend sections 45-705 and 45-706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change a license application requirement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 381.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to farm product liens; to amend section 52-1316, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate oral requests for information as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to notaries public; to amend section 64-210, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to the ink stamp seal; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Introduced by Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to partnerships; to amend sections 67-236, 67-240, 67-241, 67-281, 67-283, 67-344, and 67-415, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 67-454, 67-456, and 67-458, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to modify provisions relating to the

address of the agent for partnerships under the Nebraska Uniform Limited Partnership Act and the Uniform Partnership Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 384.** Introduced by Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to executions against property; to prohibit certain executions on exempt property as prescribed; and to provide penalties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to advanced practice registered nurses; to amend sections 71-1734, 71-1748, 71-1752, 71-1756, 71-1764, and 71-1765, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-1707, 71-1722, 71-1723, 71-1723.01, 71-1723.02, 71-1724, 71-1724.01, 71-1726.01, 71-1726.02, 71-1729, 71-1730, 71-1731, 71-1735, 71-1737, 71-1749, 71-1755, 71-1757, 71-17,118, 71-17,119, 71-17,121, 71-17,122, 71-17,123, 71-17,124, 71-17,128, 71-17,129, 71-17,134, 71-17,135, 71-17,137, 71-17,138, 71-17,139, and 71-17,140, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change licensure provisions for certified nurse midwives, certified registered nurse anesthetists, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners; to eliminate provisions relating to certificates; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 71-1724.02, 71-1725, 71-1725.01, 71-1726, 71-1736.01, 71-1736.02, 71-1736.03, 71-1758, 71-1761, 71-1762, 71-17,125, 71-17,126, and 71-17,127, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 386.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; and to adopt the Nebraska Security Instrument Satisfaction Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 387.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to building construction; to amend section 71-6401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require plumbing and water meter installation for new construction as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-1201.04, 81-1201.05, and 81-1201.14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change membership and duties of the Economic Development Commission; to eliminate provisions relating to the Nebraska Industrial Competitiveness Alliance; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 389.** Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public records; to amend section 84-712.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to job application materials; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; to amend section 81-15,123, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the adoption and promulgation of additional rules and regulations regarding underground storage tanks; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 391.** Introduced by Mines, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public records and meetings; to amend sections 84-712, 84-1411, and 84-1412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to copies of records and speaking at meetings; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 392.** Introduced by Mines, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipal counties; to amend sections 13-520, 13-2801, 13-2802, 13-2803, 13-2804, 13-2805, 13-2806, 13-2808, 13-2809, 13-2810, 13-2813, 13-2814, 13-2818, and 13-2819, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to municipal counties including those created by merger or consolidation of a city of the metropolitan class; to provide for tax levies; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 393.** Introduced by Mines, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Scholarship Act; to amend sections 85-1903 and 85-1907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to redefine award and eligible student; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 394.** Introduced by Burling, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-616, 32-617, 32-623, 32-627, and 32-710, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to nomination for office; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 395.** Introduced by Johnson, 37; Aguilar, 35; Hansen, 42; Kruse, 13; Pankonin, 2; Preister, 5; Schimek, 27; Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to repeal the current

Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and adopt a new act; to create penalties; to provide severability; and to outright repeal sections 71-5701, 71-5702, 71-5703, 71-5704, 71-5706, 71-5708, 71-5709, 71-5710, 71-5711, 71-5712, and 71-5713, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-5705 and 71-5707, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Board of Landscape Architects; to amend section 81-8,194, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change fee amounts; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the In-home Personal Care Services Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to optometry; to amend sections 71-1,133, 71-1,134, 71-1,135, 71-1,135.02, 71-1,135.04, 71-1,135.06, 71-1,136, 71-1,136.01, and 71-1,136.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to credentialing for optometrists; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 71-1,135.03 and 71-1,135.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Licensing Law; to amend sections 71-101, 71-102, 71-107, 71-110, 71-112, 71-113, 71-116, and 71-162, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to adopt the Perfusion Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to define terms; to require an audit of medicaid drug rebate payments and a report; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 401.** Introduced by Schimek, 27; Fulton, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend sections 60-493, 60-494, 60-4,117, 60-4,151, and 60-4,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-484 and 60-4,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for notation of advance medical directives on motor vehicle operators' licenses and state

identification cards; to provide for distribution of brochures on advance medical directives; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 402.** Introduced by Schimek, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to redistricting; to adopt the Redistricting Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 403.** Introduced by Schimek, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to streets and roads; to amend sections 39-2215, 66-4,100, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change distribution of certain sales and use tax proceeds; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 404.** Introduced by Janssen, 15; Flood, 19; Karpisek, 32; Schimek, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-112, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to salaries of commission members; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 405.** Introduced by Pedersen, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend sections 14-201 and 32-536, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-201.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for additional city council members; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 406.** Introduced by Pedersen, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend section 83-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 83-192 and 83-1,115, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for presumptive parole release dates and objective parole guidelines; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 407.** Introduced by Pedersen, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to driving under the influence; to amend sections 60-498.02 and 60-4,118.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-6,197.01 and 60-6,211.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change eligibility requirements for ignition interlock devices as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 408.** Introduced by Preister, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public contracts for services; to amend sections 73-501, 73-502, 73-504, 73-506, 73-507, and 81-154.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to certain contracts for services; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 73-301, 73-302, 73-303, 73-304, 73-305, 73-306, 73-307, and 73-509, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 409.** Introduced by Preister, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-3442 and 85-1517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change tax levy authority of community colleges; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 410.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to welfare services; to amend section 68-1207, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to child caseload standards; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 411.** Introduced by Howard, 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to require certain training for new employees.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 412.** Introduced by McGill, 26; Preister, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 79-1035.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a renewable portfolio standard; to provide for renewable energy credits; to provide duties for the Nebraska Power Review Board; to provide for penalties and civil actions; to change provisions relating to the permanent school fund; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 413.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children; to amend sections 28-316, 43-104.02, and 43-104.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions governing children born out of wedlock and the offense of violation of custody; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for the transfer of funds for substance abuse services as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Introduced by Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-463 and 60-4,118.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-462, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, and 60-4,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change provisions relating to operator's licenses, provisional operator's permits, school permits, and learner's permits; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 416.** Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to exempt certain public retirement benefits from income taxation as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to childhood immunizations; to amend section 71-1913.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to include invasive pneumococcal disease as an immunization requirement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 418.** Introduced by Erdman, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 37-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership and terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.** Introduced by Erdman, 47; Carlson, 38; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Langemeier, 23; McDonald, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend sections 60-301 and 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to authorize Nebraska Agriculture specialty and personalized message license plates; to create a fund; to direct certain funds as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 420.** Introduced by Erdman, 47; Harms, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to create funds; to provide duties for the Department of Agriculture; to change provisions relating to distribution of the cigarette tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 421.** Introduced by Erdman, 47; Carlson, 38; Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicle registration; to amend section 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to permit the issuance of multiple Purple Heart license plates owned by an applicant; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 422.** Introduced by Erdman, 47; Hansen, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend sections 54-191, 54-192, and 54-194, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the chairperson of the Nebraska Brand Committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 423.** Introduced by Burling, 33; Johnson, 37; Loudon, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2703 and 77-2708, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change the sales and use tax collection fees; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 424.** Introduced by Adams, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-419, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the breathing, inhaling, or drinking of certain compounds as prescribed; to provide a penalty; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 425.** Introduced by Pankonin, 2; Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to create the Nebraska Operational Assistance Act; to create a statewide program to assist high-growth business enterprises to attract private equity; to prescribe duties; to provide funding; and to require reporting.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-1,147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Pharmacy Technician Act; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate provisions relating to pharmacy technicians; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 71-1,147.34, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-1,147.33, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 427.** Introduced by Johnson, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to dental hygienists; to amend sections 71-193.15 and 71-193.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to authorized procedures; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Introduced by Synowiecki, 7; Cornett, 45; McGill, 26; Nantkes, 46; Rogert, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to adopt the Peace Officer Employer-Employee Relations Act; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 429.** Introduced by Synowiecki, 7; Cornett, 45; Johnson, 37; Nelson, 6; Pahls, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701, 77-2701.04, and 77-2704.56, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to exempt purchases by museums and of items for live production of performing arts and museum memberships from sales and use taxes; to define a term; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 430.** Introduced by Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change property tax levies; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 431.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide an income tax credit for certain educational expenses; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 432.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor and employment; to amend sections 20-113, 48-1001, 48-1002, 48-1003, 48-1004, 48-1005, 48-1007, 48-1008, 48-1009, and 48-1010, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to rename and change and eliminate provisions of the Act Prohibiting Unjust Discrimination in Employment Because of Age; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 48-1006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 433.** Introduced by Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential electors; to amend sections 32-710, 32-714, and 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to

change provisions relating to selection and obligations of presidential electors; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 434.** Introduced by Avery, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend sections 49-1478.01 and 49-1483.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-1458 and 49-1479.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change late filing fees as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 435.** Introduced by Raikes, 25; Avery, 28; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Fulton, 29; Hudkins, 21; Karpisek, 32; McDonald, 41; McGill, 26; Nantkes, 46; Schimek, 27; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Fairgrounds; to amend sections 2-106 and 2-111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change funding provisions; to require a Nebraska State Fairgrounds Master Plan; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 436.** Introduced by Raikes, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2715.02, 77-2716.01, and 77-2717, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change income tax calculations; to change income tax rates and schedules; to eliminate certain itemized deductions, the alternative minimum tax, and the added tax; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 77-2716.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 437.** Introduced by Cornett, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend section 43-1906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 39-2215, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,101, 60-3,104, 60-3,118, 60-3,122, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, 60-3,125, 60-3,127, 60-3,128, and 60-3,141, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to authorize additional specialty and personalized license plates; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to direct certain funds as prescribed; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 81-5,157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 438.** Introduced by McDonald, 41; Aguilar, 35; Carlson, 38; Flood, 19; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Kruse, 13; Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 439.** Introduced by Raikes, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways and bridges; to create the Highway Finance Task Force; to provide duties; to require a report; and to provide a termination date.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 440.** Introduced by Preister, 5; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-4,117, 79-4,121, 79-4,122, 79-4,123, 79-4,125, 79-4,126, and 79-4,128, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, and section 79-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, as affected by Referendum 2006, No. 422; to change provisions relating to learning communities; to eliminate provisions relating to division of Class V school districts; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 79-4,130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 441.** Introduced by McDonald, 41; Dierks, 40; Heidemann, 1; Hudkins, 21; Rogert, 16; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to alcoholic liquor; to amend sections 53-123.15 and 53-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to shippers' license fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 442.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.46, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine animal life for sales tax purposes; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 443.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22; Gay, 14; Rogert, 16; Wallman, 30; White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2703.04, 77-2704.31, 77-4105, and 77-4106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2703.01, 77-2711, 77-2712.05, 77-5725, and 77-5726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to authorize creation of transportation development districts; to authorize a local sales tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 444.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to sales and income tax; to amend section 77-27,235, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change

provisions relating to the renewable energy tax credit; to modify terms; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 445.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Act; to amend section 71-8601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-8603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to define terms; to provide qualifications and certification requirements for vocational rehabilitation counselors for the blind as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 446.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22; Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways and bridges; to require the Department of Roads to let contracts for a bridge spanning the Platte River; to provide duties; and to require appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 447.** Introduced by Stuthman, 22; Langemeier, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to highways and bridges; to require the Department of Roads to conduct a feasibility study; and to require appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 448.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to amend sections 13-919 and 13-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change limitation of action provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 449.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend section 25-1285, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to how judicial records are proved; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 450.** Introduced by Ashford, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to employment; to provide immunity for employer disclosure of employment information as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 451.** Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pharmacists; to amend section 71-1,147.36, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to confidentiality; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 452.** Introduced by Burling, 33; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to develop and support drug abuse prevention and education programs through the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Introduced by White, 8; Aguilar, 35; Ashford, 20; Carlson, 38; Cornett, 45; Friend, 10; Gay, 14; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Karpisek, 32; Kruse, 13; Langemeier, 23; Lathrop, 12; McDonald, 41; McGill, 26; Nantkes, 46; Nelson, 6; Pahls, 31; Pankonin, 2; Pedersen, 39; Preister, 5; Rogert, 16; Schimek, 27; Stuthman, 22; Synowiecki, 7; Wallman, 30; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for an income tax credit for property taxes paid; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 454.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-3508 and 77-3513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to change homestead exemption provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 455.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1028, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006, as affected by Referendum 2006, No. 422; to permit school districts to exceed the applicable allowable growth rate as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 456.** Introduced by White, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3807, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide an income tax credit to shareholders of subchapter S financial institutions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Introduced by Hansen, 42; Johnson, 37; Lathrop, 12; McDonald, 41; Pankonin, 2; Schimek, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to foster care; to amend section 43-1314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to require questioning of certain persons at a court review; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 458.** Introduced by Carlson, 38; Avery, 28; Burling,

33; Erdman, 47; Flood, 19; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Langemeier, 23; Loudon, 49; McDonald, 41; Pankonin, 2; Rogert, 16; Wallman, 30; White, 8; Wightman, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water; to amend section 46-701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to require vegetation management in streams as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 459.** Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2006; to provide for a deduction of interest on education loans as allowed under the Internal Revenue Code; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 460.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12; Friend, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political parties; to amend sections 32-221, 32-231, 32-239, 32-401, 32-603, 32-607, 32-620, 32-703, 32-707, 32-709, 32-710, 32-711, 32-809, 32-811, 32-816, 32-912, and 32-1547, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to presidential preference primary elections, county, state, and national political party conventions, delegates to conventions, and political party caucuses; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 32-613, 32-614, 32-701, 32-704, 32-705, and 32-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 461.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; Erdman, 47; Nantkes, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to foster care placements; to provide rights for foster parents; and to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 462.** Introduced by Dubas, 34; McGill, 26; Nantkes, 46; Wallman, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to disability payments during vocational rehabilitation; and to repeal the original section.

## RESOLUTIONS

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 9.** Introduced by Fulton, 29; Flood, 19.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball Team won the 2006 NCAA Division I Women's Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Championship is the third title for the Huskers and the second under head coach John Cook; and

WHEREAS, junior right side/opposite hitter Sarah Pavan was recognized as the 2006 Championship's Most Outstanding Player and the 2006 American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Huskers lead all NCAA Division I teams in assists per game, kills per game, and win-loss percentage; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding teamwork, disciplined training, and inspirational play of the 2006 Championship Women's Volleyball Team embodies the finest ideals of collegiate athletics; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2006 Championship Women's Volleyball Team, by their hard work on the court and in the classroom, provide an excellent example to the youth of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the level of excellence achieved by the 2006 Championship Women's Volleyball Team is a source of great pride for the State of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball Team and Coach John Cook for their achievements.

2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the University of Nebraska.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10.** Introduced by Johnson, 37; Gay, 14; Hansen, 42; Howard, 9; Pankonin, 2.

WHEREAS, the Legislature regards the health of our children to be of paramount importance to families in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature regards poor child health as a threat to the educational achievement and social and psychological well-being of the children of our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers protecting the health of our children to be essential to their well-being and the quality of life in our state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers "Kids Connection", the children's health insurance program of this state which has enrolled 111,919 uninsured children since its inception in 1998, to be an integral part of the arrangements for health benefits for the children of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of "Kids Connection" in preserving child wellness, preventing and treating childhood disease, improving health outcomes, and reducing overall health costs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature considers the federal funding available for "Kids Connection" to be indispensable to providing health benefits for children of modest means.

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

1. The Legislature urges the members of Nebraska's congressional delegation to ensure that Congress timely reauthorizes the State Children Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) to assure federal funding for "Kids Connection".

2. The Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to work with the Nebraska congressional delegation to ensure that SCHIP is reauthorized in a timely manner.

3. The Legislature proclaims that all components of state government should work together with educators, health care providers, social workers, and parents to ensure that all available public and private assistance for providing health benefits to uninsured children in this state be used to the maximum extent possible.

4. The Legislature urges the Governor to use his best efforts to provide meaningful assistance to help identify and enroll children who qualify for medicaid or the "Kids Connection".

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 11CA.** Introduced by Flood, 19.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2008 the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 24:

III-24 (1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time.

(2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature:

(i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund;

(ii) ~~Forty-four~~ Forty-one and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(iii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct;

(iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; ~~and~~

(v) Three percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to a fund to be established by the Legislature for purposes of providing funding to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice for funding grants on the basis of local matching funds for local law enforcement efforts to enforce laws that deal with drug offenses, violent crime, and serious offenders; and

~~(v)~~ (vi) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to reduce the distribution of state lottery proceeds to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund and to provide for distribution of state lottery proceeds to fund local law enforcement.

For

Against.

Referred to the Reference Committee.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARINGS****Education**  
Room 1525

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| LB 58  | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 192 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 238 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 342 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |

(Signed) Ron Raikes, Chairperson

**Urban Affairs**  
Room 1510

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| LB 51  | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 206 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LB 207 | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |
| LR 5CA | Tuesday, January 23, 2007 | 1:30 p.m. |

(Signed) Mike Friend, Chairperson

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers**

Senator Pedersen asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB 6. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Karpisek and Lathrop asked unanimous consent to add their names as cointroducers to LB 235. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Howard asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB 296. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Aguilar asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LBs 335 and 341. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Rogert asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB 341. No objections. So ordered.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer**

Senator Dubas withdrew her name as cointroducer to LB 261.

**VISITORS**

Visitors to the Chamber were Peter Martin Watt, General Secretary, Labour Party, from the United Kingdom and William Toney Seabolt from the U.S. Department of State; and 19 first- through eighth-grade students, teachers, and sponsors from St. Peter's Lutheran School, Davenport.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Al Halls from Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:07 p.m., on a motion by Senator Pedersen, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2007.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature