# FORTY-FOURTH DAY - MARCH 15, 2012

# LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

#### ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

### FORTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, March 15, 2012

#### PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Vern Olsen, Fullerton.

# ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Conrad, Heidemann, and Janssen who were excused until they arrive.

# **CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-third day was approved.

## SELECT FILE

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 902. ER213, found on page 922, was adopted.

Senator B. Harr offered the following amendment: AM2397

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2281)

- 1 1. Strike sections 3, 4, and 5 and insert the following
- 2 new section:
- 3 Sec. 3. Original sections 77-202 and 77-2704.15, Revised
- 4 Statutes Supplement, 2011, are repealed.
- 5 2. On page 7, after line 8 insert the following new
- 6 subsection:
- 7 "(4) The changes made to this section by this legislative
- 8 bill shall apply retrospectively as well as prospectively.".
- 9 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator B. Harr withdrew his amendment.

Senator Schumacher offered the following amendment: AM2461

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2281)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 18, after "<u>thereunder</u>" insert "<u>. If</u>
- 2 the property beneficially owned by the state or a governmental
- 3 subdivision has a cost that exceeds the threshold amount or will
- 4 <u>be used as the site of a public building with a construction cost</u>
- 5 that exceeds the threshold amount, then such property shall qualify
- 6 for an exemption under this section only if the acquisition of
- 7 <u>such property or the construction of the public building has been</u>
- 8 submitted at a primary, general, or special election and has been
- 9 approved by the voters. For purposes of this subdivision, threshold
- 10 amount means four-tenths of one percent of the total actual value
- 11 of real and personal property of the governmental subdivision for
- 12 whom such property is beneficially owned as of the end of the
- 13 governmental subdivision's prior fiscal year.".
- 14 2. On page 6, line 13, after the period insert "If
- 15 such purchases have a cost which exceeds four-tenths of one
- 16 percent of the total actual value of real and personal property
- 17 of the governmental unit to whom title will pass, the purchaser
- 18 shall qualify for an exemption under this section only if the
- 19 question of such purchases has been submitted to the voters at a
- 20 primary, general, or special election and has been approved by such

21 <u>voters.</u>".

Senator Schumacher offered the following amendment to his amendment: FA52

Amend AM2461

On page 1, line 2, strike "the state or".

Senator Schumacher withdrew his amendment, FA52.

Senator Schumacher withdrew his amendment, AM2461.

Senator B. Harr offered the following amendment: AM2466

- (Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2281)
- 1 1. Strike sections 3, 4, and 5 and insert the following
- 2 new section:
- 3 Sec. 3. Original sections 77-202 and 77-2704.15, Revised
- 4 Statutes Supplement, 2011, are repealed.
- 5 2. On page 5, after line 9 insert the following new
- 6 subsection:
- 7 "(10) The changes made to this section by this
- 8 legislative bill are meant to clarify the meaning of this section
- 9 as it existed prior to the effective date of this act.".
- 10 3. On page 7, after line 8 insert the following new
- 11 subsection:
- 12 "(4) The changes made to this section by this legislative

- 13 bill are meant to clarify the meaning of this section as it existed
- 14 prior to the effective date of this act.".
- 15 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

The B. Harr amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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# **GENERAL FILE**

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 824. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM2080, found on page 587, was considered.

Pending.

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enrollment and Review

#### LEGISLATIVE BILL 968. Placed on Select File with amendment. ER209

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2123:
- a. On page 3, lines 26 and 27, strike "Local Civic, 2
- 3 Cultural, and Convention" and insert "Civic and Community";
- b. On page 9, line 23, strike "Lincoln"; 4
- 5 c. On page 10, line 8, after "administrator" insert "of 6
- the budget division";
- d. On page 12, lines 3 and 8; and page 13, line 6, before 7 "Nebraska" insert "of the appropriation of"; 8
- e. On page 12, line 18, after "Health" insert an 9 10 underscored comma;
- 11 f. On page 27, line 13, strike "Fund" and insert "Funds";
- 12 g. On page 50, line 3, strike "3,979,777" and show as
- 13 stricken;
- 14 h. On page 63, strike beginning with "Local" in line 13
- 15 through the comma in line 14 and show as stricken; and
- i. On page 71, lines 21 and 25, strike "FY2010-11" and 16
- insert "FY2012-13"; and in line 26 strike "FY2009-10" and insert 17
- 18 "<u>FY2011-12</u>".
- 19 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "LB" in line 1
- through line 8 and insert "LB374, sections 24, 46, 47, 66, 91, 20
- 92, 93, 94, 98, 100, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 109, 112, 115, 21
- 132, 200, 218, 220, 221, 222, 226, 235, 249, 260, and 267; Laws 22
- 2011, LB376, section 19; Laws 2011, LB377, sections 8 and 38; 23
- and Laws 2011, LB390, section 33; to define terms; to provide, 1
- 2 change, and eliminate provisions relating to appropriations; to
- 3 reduce appropriations; to state intent; to provide for and change

- 4 transfers of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare
- 5 an emergency.".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 131.** Placed on Select File with amendment. ER210

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2098:
- 2 a. On page 3, lines 12, 16, 18, and 24, after
- 3 "administrator" insert "of the budget division of the Department
- 4 of Administrative Services"; and
- 5 b. On page 4, line 10, strike the comma.
- 6 2. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert
- 7 "84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011; to delete obsolete
- 8 transfer provisions; to provide for transfers of funds; to repeal
- 9 the original section; and to declare an emergency.".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 969.** Placed on Select File with amendment. ER211

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM2068:
- 2 a. On page 3, line 27, strike "department", show as
- 3 stricken, and insert "Department of Economic Development";
- 4 b. On page 6, line 16, strike "and" and show as stricken;
- 5 c. On page 12, line 11, strike "the"; and
- 6 d. On page 14, line 2, strike "the effective date of this
- 7 act" and insert "their effective date".
- 8 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "section" in line 1
- 9 through line 7 and insert "sections 68-965, 71-7611, and 71-8805,
- 10 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 82-332, Revised
- 11 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2010, sections 13-2704, 58-703,
- 12 66-1345.04, and 82-331, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2011, and Laws
- 13 2011, LB378, section 14; to state and restate intent; to provide
- 14 for transfers of funds; to change and eliminate provisions relating
- 15 to certain transfers of funds; to create funds; to change the
- 16 source and use of funds; to provide operative dates; to repeal the
- 17 original sections; to outright repeal Laws 2011, LB378, sections 8
- 18 and 10; and to declare an emergency.".

(Signed) Tyson Larson, Chairperson

# RESOLUTIONS

# LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 479. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study Nebraska's laws and regulations on radon gas exposure, particularly the effect of radon gas on Nebraska's children. The study should review the laws and regulations in place to protect children from harmful exposure in child care centers and similar places that children spend their time. The study should include a review of the issues raised during the consideration of LB 945 (Haar), which was introduced in 2012 and referred to the Health and Human Services

Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek out the advice of the Nebraska Radon Program administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and licensed child care providers and the committee should consider the input of interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 480. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study how Nebraska's public power utilities can partner with private energy efficiency companies to offer "On Bill Pay." "On Bill Pay" is a process in which a consumer contracts with an energy service company (ESCO) to audit, finance, and manage energy efficiency. The ESCO retains all the risks, and the contract is paid by energy savings by the end user through his or her utility bill. The utility is the pass-through organization, is paid a fee for the service, and is not responsible for unpaid bills on the energy efficiency project. The committee should look at examples of this practice working in Nebraska and other states and examine ways to make it available to all Nebraskans. In order to carry out the purpose of the resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of interested persons and organizations, including energy efficiency businesses, public power providers, and others.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 481. Introduced by K. Haar, 21.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study funding sources for the United States Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CLCs) Program. CLCs are programs in which public schools participate in a community-based effort to coordinate and integrate educational, developmental, family, health, and other comprehensive services through community-based organizations and public and private partnerships. They also provide access and services during the school year, including before-school and after-school hours and during the summer to students, families, and the community. CLCs are currently partially funded through grants from the federal government, but funding for those grants will end soon. The study should include a review of the issues raised during the consideration of LB 989 (Haar), which was introduced in 2012 and referred to the Revenue Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek out advice from public schools and community-based organizations and review funding approaches from other states. The committee should also consider the input of all interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 482. Introduced by Mello, 5.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the use of eminent domain by political subdivisions for the taking of private land for the development or management of recreational trails or corridors. The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) A review of the eminent domain procedures to be used by natural resources districts for recreational trails or corridors under sections 2-3234 through 2-3234.09;

(2) A review of the eminent domain procedures to be used by other political subdivisions for recreational trails or corridors under sections 76-701 through 76-726; and

(3) An examination of recreational trail projects in Nebraska being undertaken by natural resources districts in partnership with another political subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

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

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

# **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 824.** Senator Karpisek withdrew his amendment, AM2195, found on page 678.

Senator Karpisek renewed his amendment, AM2302, found on page 777, to the committee amendment.

# SENATOR GLOOR PRESIDING

## SENATOR CARLSON PRESIDING

Senator Lautenbaugh moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

The Karpisek amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Committee AM2080, found on page 587 and considered in this day's Journal, as amended, was renewed.

# SPEAKER FLOOD PRESIDING

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Louden renewed his amendment, AM2325, found on page 843.

Senator Larson requested a ruling of the Chair on whether the Louden amendment is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Louden amendment is germane to the bill.

# SENATOR CARLSON PRESIDING

Senator Louden requested a record vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Avery	Krist	McGill	Seiler
Dubas	Louden	Mello	Sullivan
Howard	McCoy	Nelson	Wallman

Voting in the negative, 14:

Adams	Carlson	Haar, K.	Lambert	Schumacher
Bloomfield	Coash	Hansen	Langemeier	Wightman
Campbell	Gloor	Karpisek	Larson	-

Present and not voting, 18:

Brasch	Council	Hadley	Nordquist	Schilz
Christensen	Fischer	Harr, B.	Pahls	Smith
Cook	Flood	Lathrop	Pirsch	
Cornett	Fulton	Lautenbaugh	Price	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Ashford	Conrad	Harms	Heidemann	Janssen
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The Louden amendment lost with 12 ayes, 14 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Pending.

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**LEGISLATIVE BILL** 749. Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050.** Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1080.** Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1128.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 872.** Placed on General File with amendment. AM2317 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Abbie Cornett, Chairperson

#### RESOLUTIONS

# LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 483. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should update and strengthen its statutes, particularly Uniform Commercial Code, article 9, part 5, with regard to rejection or removal of fraudulent or otherwise improper financing statements or other records offered for filing in the office of the Secretary of State. The study should include a review of issues raised during consideration of LB 982 (Harr), which was introduced in 2012 and referenced to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Secretary of State and Nebraska members of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and should consider the input of interested persons, including financial institutions and the practicing bar, as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 484.** Introduced by Cook, 13; B. Harr, 8; Nordquist, 7.

WHEREAS, the Creighton University women's basketball team won the 2012 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament by defeating Drake University 53-38 in the title game; and

WHEREAS, the championship earned the Bluejays their fourth NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament bid and their first since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Bluejays finished the regular season with a record of 20-12, the sixth time in ten seasons that they've won at least twenty games under Coach Jim Flanery; and

WHEREAS, the Bluejays are the winningest women's basketball team in the Missouri Valley Conference over the previous ten seasons; and

WHEREAS, Carli Tritz was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player and made the All-Tournament Team with teammate Sarah Nelson.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Creighton University women's basketball team for their achievements during the season and extends its best wishes for continued success in the NCAA Women's Division I Basketball Tournament.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the team and their coach, Jim Flanery.

Laid over.

#### VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were Congressman Adrian Smith; former Governor David Beasley, South Carolina; Brad Olson and Jeff Edwards, Annapolis, Maryland; Jimmy and Carly Christensen, Hartington; members of the Water Well Industry Leadership Academy from across the state; Senator Hadley's sister-in-law, Kathy Bowen, from Michigan; 15 members of Leadership Nebraska City; 35 fourth-grade students from Fillmore Central School, Geneva; and 40 fourth-grade students from Montclair Elementary, Omaha.

### RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator McGill, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

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

# ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Cook who was excused; and Senators Adams, Christensen, Conrad, Cornett, Janssen, and Larson who were excused until they arrive.

## **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 824.** Senator Karpisek offered the following amendment:

AM2426

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 5. Section 53-103.38, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 4 53-103.38 Spirits means any beverage which contains
- 5 alcohol obtained by distillation, mixed with water or other
- 6 substance in solution. Spirits , and includes brandy, rum, whiskey,
- 7 gin, or other spirituous liquors and such liquors when rectified,
- 8 blended, or otherwise mixed with alcohol or other substances.
- 9 Spirits does not include flavored malt beverages.
- 10 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the
- 11 repealer accordingly.

The Karpisek amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

# **AMENDMENT - Print in Journal**

Senator B. Harr filed the following amendment to <u>LB817</u>: AM2439 is available in the Bill Room.

# **BILL ON FIRST READING**

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

### LEGISLATIVE BILL 787A. Introduced by McGill, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 787, One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session, 2012.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 799.** Title read. Considered.

#### SPEAKER FLOOD PRESIDING

Committee AM2208, found on page 689, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Schilz offered the following motion: MO82 Suspend the rules, Rule 7, Section 3(d), to permit consideration of AM2164.

# SENATOR LANGEMEIER PRESIDING

Senator Schilz withdrew his motion to suspend the rules.

Senator Schilz withdrew his amendment, AM2164, found on page 696.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

Enrollment and Review

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 902.** Placed on Final Reading.

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

1. The E & R amendment, ER213, has been struck.

2. On page 1, lines 5 and 6, "and provide for applicability" has been struck and "; to state intent" inserted.

(Signed) Tyson Larson, Chairperson

#### RESOLUTION

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 485. Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney wrestling team won the 2012 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lopers also won the championship in 2008 and returned seven All-Americans to this year's team; and

WHEREAS, seven out of eight wrestlers advanced out of the first round, six of those seven wrestlers advanced to the semifinals, and the Lopers won all three of their championship matches; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Kearney wrestling team on winning the 2012 NCAA Division II Wrestling Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Lopers and their coach, Marc Bauer.

Laid over.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1104.** Title read. Considered.

#### SENATOR COASH PRESIDING

Committee AM2077, found on page 617, was considered.

Senator Adams renewed his amendment, AM2168, found on page 631, to the committee amendment.

The Adams amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McCoy withdrew his amendment, AM2286, found on page 790.

Senator Adams renewed his amendment, AM2367, found on page 903, to the committee amendment.

The Adams amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 845. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM2146, found on page 687, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

# **AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal**

Senator Ashford filed the following amendment to <u>LB969</u>: AM2453

- (Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2068)
- 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 5. Section 29-3921, Revised Statutes Supplement,
- 3 2011, is amended to read:

- 4 29-3921 (1) The Commission on Public Advocacy Operations
- 5 Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be used for the operations
- 6 of the commission, except that transfers may be made from the fund
- 7 to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature through
- 8 June 30, 2011. The Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash
- 9 Fund shall consist of money remitted pursuant to section 33-156.
- 10 It is the intent of the Legislature that the commission shall
- 11 be funded solely from the fund. Any money in the fund available
- 12 for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer
- 13 pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska
- 14 State Funds Investment Act.
- 15 (2) On July 1, 2011, or as soon thereafter as
- 16 administratively possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer
- 17 one hundred thousand dollars from the Commission on Public
- 18 Advocacy Operations Cash Fund to the Supreme Court Education
- 19 Fund. The State Court Administrator shall use these funds to
- 20 assist the juvenile justice system in providing prefiling and
- 21 diversion programming designed to reduce excessive absenteeism and
- 22 unnecessary involvement with the juvenile justice system.
- 1 (3) The State Treasurer shall transfer the following
- 2 amounts from the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations Cash Fund
- 3 to the Court Appointed Special Advocate Fund:
- 4 (a) On July 1, 2011, or as soon thereafter as
- 5 administratively possible, one hundred thousand dollars; and
- 6 (b) On July 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as
- 7 administratively possible, two hundred thousand dollars.
- 8 (4) On July 1, 2012, or as soon thereafter as
- 9 administratively possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer sixty
- 10 thousand dollars from the Commission on Public Advocacy Operations
- 11 Cash Fund to the Nebraska State Patrol Cash Fund.
- 12 The Nebraska State Patrol shall use such funds to
- 13 contract with the University of Nebraska to study sex offender
- 14 recidivism data before and after the passage of Laws 2009, LB285,

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- 15 which changed the Nebraska sex offender classification system
- 16 from an evaluation of risk assessment system to an offense-based
- 17 assessment system in the attempt by the state to comply with
- 18 federal requirements under the Adam Walsh Child Protection and
- 19 Safety Act of 2006.
- 20 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
- 21 references and the repealer accordingly with the section added by
- 22 this amendment to become operative on the effective date of this
- 23 act.

Senator Dubas filed the following amendment to <u>LB969</u>: AM2452

- (Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2068)
- 1 1. Strike sections 3 and 4.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
- 3 references and the repealer accordingly.

Senators Ashford, Cornett, and Schumacher filed the following amendment to LB357:

AM2447

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments
- 2 thereto and insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 77-27,142, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 5 77-27,142 (1) Any incorporated municipality by ordinance
- 6 of its governing body is hereby authorized to impose a sales and
- 7 use tax of one-half percent, one percent, or one and one-half
- 8 percent, one and three-quarters percent, or two percent upon the
- 9 same transactions that are sourced under the provisions of sections
- 10 77-2703.01 to 77-2703.04 within such incorporated municipality on
- 11 which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax pursuant
- 12 to the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, as amended from time to time.
- 13 No sales and use tax shall be imposed pursuant to this section
- 14 until an election has been held and a majority of the qualified
- 15 electors have approved such tax pursuant to sections 77-27,142.01
- 16 and 77-27,142.02.
- 17 (2)(a) Any incorporated municipality that proposes to
- 18 impose a municipal sales and use tax at a rate greater than one
- 19 and one-half percent or increase a municipal sales and use tax
- 20 to a rate greater than one and one-half percent shall submit the
- 21 <u>question of such tax or increase at the municipality's primary or</u>
- 22 general election.
- 23 (b) Any rate greater than one and one-half percent shall
- 1 terminate no more than ten years after its effective date or, if
- 2 bonds are issued and the local option sales and use tax revenue is
- 3 pledged for payment of such bonds, upon payment of such bonds and
- 4 any refunding bonds, whichever date is later, except as provided in
- 5 subdivision (2)(c) of this section.
- 6 (c) If a portion of the rate greater than one and

7	one-half percent is stated in the ballot question as being imposed
8	for the purpose of property tax relief, the interlocal agreement
9	or joint public agency agreement, or some combination of property
10	tax relief, interlocal agreement, and joint public agency agreement
11	and such portion is at least one-eighth percent, there shall be no
12	termination date for the rate representing such portion rounded to
13	the next higher one-quarter or one-half percent.
14	(d) Sections 13-518 to 13-522 apply to the revenue from
15	any such tax or increase.
16	(3)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (3)(b) of this
17	section, no sales and use tax shall be imposed at a rate greater
18	than one and one-half percent or increased to a rate greater than
19	one and one-half percent unless the municipality is a party to an
20	interlocal agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or
21	a joint public agency agreement pursuant to the Joint Public Agency
22	Act, with a school district within the municipality or the county
23	in which the municipality is located creating a separate legal or
24	administrative entity.
25	(b) For a city of the metropolitan class, no sales and
26	use tax shall be imposed at a rate greater than one and one-half
27	percent or increased to a rate greater than one and one-half
1	percent unless the municipality is a party to an interlocal
2	agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or a joint
3	public agency agreement pursuant to the Joint Public Agency Act
4	with the county in which the municipality is located creating a
5	separate legal or administrative entity.
6	(c) Such interlocal agreement or joint public agency
7	agreement shall contain provisions, including benchmarks,
8	relating to the long-term development of unified governance of
9	transportation, infrastructure, economic development, tourism,
10	public safety services, education, or information technology
11 12	services with respect to the parties. The Legislature may provide
12	additional requirements for such agreements, including benchmarks,
13	but such additional requirements shall not apply to any debt outstanding at the time the Legislature enacts such additional
14	requirements. The separate legal or administrative entity created
16	shall not be one that was in existence for one calendar year
17	preceding the submission of the question of such tax or increase at
18	the municipality's primary or general election.
19	(d) Any other public agency as defined in section 13-803
20	may be a party to such interlocal cooperation agreement or joint
21	public agency agreement.
22	(e) A municipality is not required to use all of the
23	additional revenue generated by a sales and use tax imposed at a
24	rate greater than one and one-half percent or increased to a rate
25	greater than one and one-half percent under this subsection for the
26	purposes of the interlocal cooperation agreement or joint public
27	agency agreement set forth in this subsection.
1	(4) The provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of this

2 section do not apply to the first one and one-half percent of a sales and use tax imposed by a municipality. 3 4 (5) Notwithstanding any provision of any municipal 5 charter, any incorporated municipality or interlocal agency or 6 joint public agency pursuant to an agreement as provided in 7 subsection (3) of this section may issue bonds in one or more 8 series for any municipal purpose and pay the principal of 9 and interest on any such bonds by pledging receipts from the 10 increase in the municipal sales and use taxes authorized by such 11 municipality. Any municipality which has or may issue bonds under 12 this section may dedicate a portion of its property tax levy 13 authority as provided in section 77-3442 to meet debt service 14 obligations under the bonds. For purposes of this subsection, bond 15 means any evidence of indebtedness, including, but not limited to, 16 bonds, notes including notes issued pending long-term financing 17 arrangements, warrants, debentures, obligations under a loan 18 agreement or a lease-purchase agreement, or any similar instrument 19 or obligation. 20 (2) A city of the metropolitan class is hereby authorized 21 to increase any city sales and use tax existing on January 1, 22 1978, imposed pursuant to this section by an amount not to exceed 23 one half of one percent if the question of such tax increase 24 is submitted to the voters of such city and the voters by a 25 majority vote approve such increase. The question of such increase 26 shall be submitted to the voters at the primary or general 27 election in 1980 if the city council shall submit a certified 1 copy of a resolution to that effect to the election commissioner 2 not later than forty one days prior to the primary or general 3 election. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 77 27,143, if 4 the increase is approved by the voters at the primary or general 5 election in 1980, the election commissioner shall file a certified 6 copy of the election results with the Tax Commissioner on or before 7 the last day of the month in which the election is held. If the 8 increase is not approved by the voters at the primary or general 9 election in 1980, no tax increased pursuant to this section shall 10 remain in effect after December 31, 1980. 11 (3) A city of the primary class is hereby authorized 12 to increase any city sales and use tax existing on January 1, 13 1985, imposed pursuant to this section by an amount not to exceed 14 one half of one percent if the question of such tax increase 15 is submitted to the voters of such city and the voters by a majority vote approve such increase. The question of such increase 16 shall be submitted to the voters at the next primary or general 17 18 election or at a special election if the city council shall submit 19 a certified copy of a resolution proposing the tax increase to 20 the election commissioner within a reasonable time prior to the 21 primary, general, or special election. If the increase is approved 22 by the voters at the primary, general, or special election, the

23 election commissioner shall file a certified copy of the election

24 results with the Tax Commissioner on or before the last day of the 25 month in which the election is held. If the voters of a city of 26 the primary class have not approved such an increase by December 27 31, 1987, the question of such an increase shall not be submitted 1 thereafter to the voters and there shall be no increase in the city 2 sales and use tax. 3 (4) A city of the first or second class or village is 4 hereby authorized to increase any city sales and use tax existing 5 on January 1, 1986, imposed pursuant to this section by an amount 6 not to exceed one half of one percent if the question of such tax 7 increase is submitted to the voters of such city or village and 8 the voters by a majority vote approve such increase. The question 9 of such increase shall be submitted to the voters at any primary 10 or general election or at a special election if the city council 11 or village board shall submit a certified copy of a resolution 12 proposing the tax increase to the election commissioner or county 13 clerk within a reasonable time prior to the primary, general, or 14 special election. If the increase is approved by the voters at the 15 primary, general, or special election, the election commissioner 16 shall file a certified copy of the election results with the Tax 17 Commissioner on or before the last day of the month in which the 18 election is held. 19 Sec. 2. Section 77-27,142.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of 20 Nebraska, is amended to read: 21 77-27,142.01 (1) The governing body of any incorporated 22 municipality may submit the question of changing any terms 23 and conditions of a sales and use tax previously authorized 24 under section 77-27,142. Except as otherwise provided by section 25 77-27,142, the The question of modification shall be submitted to 26 the voters at any primary or general election or at a special 27 election if the governing body submits a certified copy of the 1 resolution proposing modification to the election commissioner or 2 county clerk within the time prior to the primary, general, or 3 special election prescribed in section 77-27,142.02. 4 (2) If the change imposes a sales and use tax at a 5 rate greater than one and one-half percent or increases the sales 6 and use tax to a rate greater than one and one-half percent, the 7 question shall include, but not be limited to: 8 (a) The percentage increase of one-quarter percent or 9 one-half percent in the sales and use tax rate; 10 (b) A list of reductions or elimination of other taxes or 11 fees, if any; 12 (c) A description of the projects, programs, or services 13 to be funded, in whole or in part, from the revenue collected, 14 along with any savings or efficiencies resulting from such 15 projects, programs, or services; 16 (d) The year or years within which the revenue will be collected and, if bonds will be issued with some or all of the 17

18 revenue pledged for payment of such bonds, a statement that the

19	revenue will be collected until the payment in full of such bonds
20	and any refunding bonds; and
21	(e)(i) The percentage of revenue collected to be used for
22	the purposes of the interlocal agreement or joint public agency
23	agreement as provided in subsection (3) of section 77-27,142; (ii)
24	a statement of the overall purpose of the agreement which is the
25	long-term development of unified governance of transportation,
26	infrastructure, economic development, tourism, public safety
27	services, education, or information technology services; (iii) the
1	name of the school district or county which is a party to the
2	agreement; and (iv) the name of any other public agency which is
3	a party to the agreement.
4	This subsection does not apply to the first one and
5	one-half percent of a sales and use tax imposed by a municipality.
6	Sec. 3. Section 77-27,142.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
7	Nebraska, is amended to read:
8	77-27,142.02 Except as otherwise provided by <u>subsection</u>
9	(2) of section 77-27,142, after February 14, 1978, the power
10	granted by section 77-27,142 shall not be exercised unless and
11	until the question has been submitted at a primary, general, or
12	special election held within the incorporated municipality and in
13	which all qualified electors shall be entitled to vote on such
14	question. The officials of the incorporated municipality shall
15	order the submission of the question by submitting a certified copy
16	of the resolution proposing the tax to the election commissioner
17 18	or county clerk by March 1 for a primary election, by September 1
18 19	for a general election, or at least fifty days before a special election. The Except as otherwise provided by subsection (2)
20	of section 77-27,142.01, the question may include any terms and
20	conditions set forth in the resolution proposing the tax, such as
21	a termination date or the specific project or program for which
23	the revenue received from such tax will be allocated, and shall
23	include the following language: Shall the governing body of the
25	incorporated municipality impose a sales and use tax upon the
26	same transactions within such municipality on which the State of
27	Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax? If a majority of the votes
1	cast upon such question shall be in favor of such tax, then the
2	governing body of such incorporated municipality shall be empowered
3	as provided by section 77-27,142 and shall forthwith proceed to
4	impose a tax pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. If a
5	majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such
6	tax, then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall
7	not impose such a tax.
8	Sec. 4. Original sections 77-27,142, 77-27,142.01, and
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9 77-27,142.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

# **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1072.** Committee AM2358, found on page 848 and considered on page 924, was renewed.

Senator Bloomfield moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

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

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

# **BILL ON FIRST READING**

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1046A. Introduced by B. Harr, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1046, One Hundred Second Legislature, Second Session, 2012; and to provide an operative date.

# **AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal**

Senator Ashford filed the following amendment to <u>LB968</u>: AM2476

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2123)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 70. The Department of Health and Human Services
- 3 is hereby authorized to renovate the second-floor sleeping areas
- 4 of the Bryant/Creighton living unit at the Youth Rehabilitation
- 5 and Treatment Center-Kearney. The purpose of the renovation is
- 6 to provide the youth with a more private, homelike environment
- 7 and with a climate that is more conducive to treatment and
- 8 rehabilitation programs provided at the facility, including the
- 9 ability to provide space for the separation of juveniles exhibiting
- 10 behavior that is a danger to themselves or others.
- 11 There is hereby appropriated \$906,773 from the State
- 12 Building Fund for FY2012-13 to the Department of Health and
- 13 Human Services, for Program 942, for the renovation of the
- 14 Bryant/Creighton living unit at the Youth Rehabilitation and

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- 15 <u>Treatment Center-Kearney. It is the intent of the Legislature</u>
- 16 that all statutory requirements of the state building division of
- 17 the Department of Administrative Services be met for this project
- 18 before work begins.
- 19 Sec. 71. The Department of Health and Human Services
- 20 is hereby authorized to remodel the second-floor sleeping areas
- 21 of the Lincoln/Washington living unit at the Youth Rehabilitation
- 22 and Treatment Center-Kearney. The purpose of the renovation is
  - 1 to provide the youth with a more private, homelike environment
  - 2 and with a climate that is more conducive to treatment and
  - 3 rehabilitation programs provided at the facility, including the
  - 4 <u>ability to provide space for the separation of juveniles exhibiting</u>
  - 5 <u>behavior that is a danger to themselves or others.</u>
  - 6 There is hereby appropriated \$906,773 from the State
  - 7 Building Fund for FY2013-14 to the Department of Health and
  - 8 Human Services, for Program 942, for the renovation of the
- 9 Lincoln/Washington living unit at the Youth Rehabilitation and
- 10 Treatment Center-Kearney. It is the intent of the Legislature
- 11 that all statutory requirements of the state building division of
- 12 the Department of Administrative Services be met for this project
- 13 before work begins.
- 14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
- 15 references accordingly.

Senator Mello filed the following amendment to <u>LB731</u>: AM2404 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Heidemann filed the following amendment to <u>LB968</u>: AM2449

- (Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2123)
- 1. Purpose: To add an earmark to classify an
- 2 appropriation as state aid.
- 3 Amendment:

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- 4 a. On page 14, in line 9 after the second underscored
- 5 period insert "There is included in the appropriation to this
- 6 program for FY2012-13 \$800,000 for state aid, which shall only be
- 7 used for such purpose.".
- 8 2. Purpose: Reduce general funds for Tax Equity and
- 9 Educational Opportunities Support Act aid by \$212,958 to reflect
- 10 the amount of reorganization incentives included in the aid
- 11 certification that are funded by cash funds.
- 12 Amendment:
- 13 a. On page 18, line 21, strike "<u>1,038,433,125</u>" and insert
- 14 "<u>1,038,220,167</u>"; and in line 25 strike "<u>1,332,776,159</u>" and insert
- 15 "<u>1,332,563,201</u>"; and
- 16 b. On page 19, line 4, strike "<u>\$1,038,433,125</u>" and insert
- 17 "<u>\$1,038,220,167</u>"; and in line 13 strike "<u>\$837,080,043</u>" and insert 18 "\$836,867,085".
- 19 3. Purpose: To correctly place funding for contracted

20	case management in the appropriate program and to clarify
21	additional funding is for personnel and associated operating costs
22	for case managers, supervisors, and support staff.
1	Amendment:
2	a. On page 23, line 20, strike " <u>109,019,447</u> " and insert
3	"106,747,672"; and in line 25 strike "206,015,269" and insert
4	"203,743,494";
5	b. On page 24, line 1, strike " <u>336,059,439</u> " and insert
6	" <u>331,515,889</u> "; and
7	c. On page 27, strike lines 6 through 18 and insert:
8	"It is the intent of the Legislature that the additional
9	\$4,832,075 General Funds provided in FY2011-12 be solely used for
10	personnel related and operating costs for additional case managers,
11	supervisors, and support staff to reduce caseload ratios to 1:16
12	children in out-of-home care and 1:17 families for in-home and
13	family preservation cases and for resource development in the
14	central, northern, and western service areas. It is the intent of
15	the Legislature that the additional \$10,816,782 General Funds and
16	\$2,700,000 federal funds provided in FY2012-13 be solely used for
17	personnel related and operating costs for additional case managers,
18	supervisors, and support staff to reduce caseload ratios to 1:16
19	children in out-of-home care and 1:17 families for in-home and
20	family preservation cases and for resource development in the
21 22	central, northern, and western service areas.".
22	4. Purpose: To harmonize Cash Fund earmarks with the appropriation.
23 24	Amendment:
24	a. On page 31, line 10, strike "\$6,835,700", show as
26	stricken, and insert " <u>\$7,035,700</u> "; in line 16 strike " <u>\$6,835,000</u> "
27	and insert " $\frac{97,035,700}{1}$ ; in line 23 strike " <u>There is included</u> " and
1	insert " <u>Included</u> "; and in line 24 after " <u>FY2012-13</u> " insert " <u>is</u> ".
2	5. Purpose: To change "may" to "shall" per Appropriations
3	Committee intent.
4	Amendment:
5	a. On page 32, line 6, strike "may" and insert "shall".
6	6. Purpose: To correctly place funding for contracted
7	case management in the appropriate program, correct a federal fund
8	number, harmonize earmarks with the appropriation, and designate a
9	fund source.
10	Amendment:
11	a. On page 32, line 18, strike " <u>262,364,883</u> " and insert
12	"264,636,658"; strike line 20, show as stricken, and insert
13	"FEDERAL FUND est. 141,003,570 134,340,412"; and in line 22 strike
14	" <u>400,477,964</u> " and insert " <u>405,021,514</u> ";
15	b. On page 33, line 1, strike " <u>\$262,364,883</u> " and insert
16	" <u>\$264,636,658</u> " and strike "\$132,464,624", show as stricken, and
17	insert " <u>\$134,340,412</u> "; in line 22 after " <u>\$500,000</u> " insert " <u>General</u>

18 Funds"; and in line 24 after "\$750,000" insert "General Funds".

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Senator Langemeier filed the following amendment to <u>LB902</u>: AM2469

### (Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Strike section 3 and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Sec. 3. Sections 2 and 5 of this act become operative on
- 4 July 1, 2012. The other sections of this act become operative on
- 5 their effective date.
- 6 Sec. 4. Original section 77-202, Revised Statutes
- 7 Supplement, 2011, is repealed.
- 8 Sec. 5. Original section 77-2704.15, Revised Statutes
- 9 Supplement, 2011, is repealed.
- 10 2. On page 1, lines 5 and 6, strike "to state intent" and
- 11 insert "to provide operative dates".
- 12 3. On page 6, lines 9 through 11; and page 8, lines 13
- 13 through 15, strike the new matter.
- 14 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Flood filed the following amendment to <u>LB969</u>: AM2470

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2068)

- 1 Purpose: Sections 2 and 6 of Appropriations Committee
- 2 amendments, AM2068, include changes to fund transfer language to
- 3 harmonize statutes providing for the close-out of the Ethanol
- 4 Production Incentive Cash Fund (EPIC). AM2068 authorizes a General
- 5 Fund transfer of up to \$3.8 million on or before December 31,
- 6 2012, to satisfy any remaining obligations of the EPIC fund. It is
- 7 now estimated by the Department of Revenue and the budget division
- 8 that less than \$1.0 million will be needed for this purpose. This
- 9 amendment reduces the authorized General Fund transfer to the EPIC
- 10 fund by \$2.8 million.
- 11 Amendment:
- 12 1. On page 1, line 9, strike "\$3,800,000", show as
- 13 stricken, and insert "<u>\$1,000,000</u>".
- 14 2. On page 5, line 10, strike "\$3,800,000", show as
- 15 stricken, and insert "<u>\$1,000,000</u>".

Senator Flood filed the following amendment to <u>LB131</u>: AM2493

## (Amendments to AM2098)

- 1 PURPOSE: This amendment transfers \$10,000,000 from the
- 2 Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund in FY2012-13 to support an
- 3 amendment offered to LB968 to provide a \$10,000,000 increase in
- 4 General Fund state aid for special education.
- 5 Amendment:
- 6 1. On page 4, after line 11 insert the following new
- 7 subsection:
- 8 "(11) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million
- 9 dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on

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- 10 or before June 30, 2013, on such date as directed by the
- 11 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department
- 12 of Administrative Services.".

Senator Flood filed the following amendment to <u>LB968</u>: AM2481

- (Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2123)
- 1 1. Purpose: Laws 2011, LB 390, eliminated the Community
- 2 Corrections Council and transferred community corrections
- 3 appropriations from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and
- 4 Criminal Justice to the Supreme Court beginning with the current
- 5 2011-13 (FY2011-12 and FY2012-13) budget biennium. This amendment
- 6 eliminates the remaining unobligated Nebraska Commission on Law
- 7 Enforcement and Criminal Justice Community Corrections Council
- 8 General Fund reappropriation of \$424,727 left from FY2010-11 which
- 9 has no continuing purpose.
- 10 Amendment:
- 11 a. Insert the following new section:
- 12 Sec. 70. Laws 2011, LB390, section 34, is amended to
- 13 read:
- 14 Sec. 34. AGENCY NO. 78 NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON LAW
- 15 ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
- 16 Program No. 220 Community Corrections Council Office

17	C C	FY2011-12	FY2012-13
18	GENERAL FUND	281,298	285,298
19	CASH FUND	405,917	406,951
20	PROGRAM TOTAL	687,215	692,249
21	SALARY LIMIT	218,643	223,016

- 22 The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance
  - 1 existing on June 30, 2011, less \$424,727, is hereby reappropriated.
  - 2 b. On page 72, line 10, strike "section 33" and insert
  - 3 "sections 33 and 34"; and

4 c. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal

- 5 references accordingly.
- 6 2. Purpose: The Department of Health and Human Services
- 7 February 23, 2012, letter to the chairpersons of the Appropriations
- 8 Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee requested a
- 9 reallocation of \$20.0 million of current FY2011-12 appropriations,
- 10 including \$3.7 million in General Fund appropriations from
- 11 Behavioral Health Aid Program 38, to finance child welfare
- 12 service changes and costs for the remainder of current FY2011-12.
- 13 An evaluation of year-to-date and estimated expenditures for
- 14 behavioral health aid is less than current appropriations.
- 15 Appropriations Committee amendments, AM2123, includes this change
- 16 for FY2011-12 as explained on pages 24-25 of the Committee report.
- 17 The department has also indicated that estimated expenditures will
- 18 continue to be less than the appropriation for Behavioral Health
- 19 Aid Program 38 in FY2012-13 by as much as \$3.7 million. This
- 20 amendment reduces the FY2012-13 General Fund appropriation for that

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- 21 program by \$1,850,000, one-half of that estimate.
- 22 Amendment:
- 23 a. On page 28, line 4, strike "<u>75,133,219</u>" and
- 24 insert "73,283,219"; in line 8 strike "100,220,470" and insert
- 25 "98,370,470"; and in line 13 strike "\$75,133,219" and insert
- 26 "\$73,283,219".
- 27 3. Purpose: The Governor's mid-biennium recommendations
  - 1 included a reduction of \$5 million in the General Fund
  - 2 appropriations in both the FY2011-12 and FY2012-13 appropriation
  - 3 for Medicaid Program 348 because an evaluation of year-to-date
  - 4 and estimated expenditures is less than the current appropriation.
  - 5 The Appropriations Committee amendments, AM2123, reduced these
  - 6 appropriations by \$3 million for both fiscal years as explained on
  - 7 pages 26 and 27 of the Committee report. This amendment reduces
- 8 the same appropriations by an additional \$2.0 million General Funds
- 9 in both FY2011-12 and FY2012-13.
- 10 Amendment:
- 11 a. On page 34, strike line 6 and insert "<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
- 12 <u>580,313,492 644,573,194</u>"; strike line 11 and insert "<u>PROGRAM TOTAL</u>
- 13 <u>1,599,593,142 1,699,508,714</u>"; in line 13 strike "<u>\$582,313,492</u>" and
- 14 insert "<u>\$580,313,492</u>"; and in line 17 strike "<u>\$646,573,194</u>" and
- 15 insert "<u>\$644,573,194</u>".

### VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were 21 fourth-grade students and teacher from Cedar Elementary, Beatrice; Doug Somer and Regina Rathman from Grand Island; and 28 twelfth-grade students and teachers from Southwest High School, Bartley.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 4:38 p.m., on a motion by Senator Gloor, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 16, 2012.

Patrick J. O'Donnell Clerk of the Legislature