

**TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY - FEBRUARY 17, 2016****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Michael Thompson, New Life Baptist Church, Bellevue.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Foley presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators McCoy and Schilz who were excused; and Senators Davis, Groene, K. Haar, Schumacher, and Sullivan who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-sixth day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Senator Chambers designates LB1056 as his priority bill.

Senator Hadley designates LB857 as his priority bill.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 437.** Introduced by Hadley, 37.

WHEREAS, the NEBRASKAland Foundation on Saturday, February 27, 2016, will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award to the honorees at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Keith and Norma Heuermann from Phillips who have been leaders in the agricultural community for decades. As a college student, Keith convinced his father to send him \$12 to plant two acres of seed corn production, then built a multimillion dollar business which pioneered hybrid seed corn

development, as well as sorghum, wheat, and soybean hybrids. After selling his original business to Stauffer Chemical (now Syngenta) in 1978, Keith developed hybrid popping corn. BKH popcorn was marketed locally and nationally for 11 years and some new hybrids were marketed internationally. Keith and Norma created a family foundation to return benefits to farmers and rural communities and have established the Heuermann Lecture series at the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Jim and Rhonda Seacrest who have been community and philanthropic leaders in Lincoln, North Platte, and elsewhere across Nebraska. Jim served as president and chairperson of the board of Western Publishing Company in North Platte from 1968 to 2000. In addition to holding leadership positions on dozens of nonprofit boards, Jim and Rhonda have chaired several major fundraising campaigns, raising millions of dollars for the University of Nebraska, Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET), the Great Plains Medical Center, and other organizations. Their love of the arts, humanities, and education has benefited many of the state's cultural institutions and created a lasting impact for future generations; and

WHEREAS, a Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award will be presented to Bill and Evonne Williams from Omaha who are founders of Patriotic Productions which honors United States military veterans and their families. Bill and Evonne have organized honor flights taking more than 2,000 World War II and Korean War veterans from Nebraska and western Iowa to the monuments and memorials in Washington, D.C. In 2010, Bill and Evonne created "Remembering Our Fallen," a traveling exhibit with photos of Nebraska's military personnel who have died in the War on Terror since September 11, 2001. The exhibit is still traveling the state and Bill and Evonne are working with other states on similar projects. In November of 2015, they organized the Nebraska Gold Star Kids Honor Flight for the children and spouses of Nebraska's fallen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the recipients of the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be given to Keith and Norma Heuermann, Jim and Rhonda Seacrest, and Bill and Evonne Williams.

Laid over.

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**Opinion 16-003

SUBJECT: Whether Certain Nebraska State Fair Contracts Are Exempt from the Disclosure Requirements Under the Taxpayer Transparency Act, as Amended by LB 851?

REQUESTED BY: Senator John McCollister  
Nebraska State Legislature

WRITTEN BY: Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General  
Leslie S. Donley, Assistant Attorney General

In your opinion request letter, you indicate that you have introduced LB 851, which would amend the Taxpayer Transparency Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-602, 84-602.01-602.02 (2014, Supp. 2015) ("Act"). Specifically, LB 851 would require any "quasi government agency," defined as a "state entity" in section 2 of the bill, to provide financial information to the State Treasurer for inclusion on the state's transparency website.<sup>1</sup> Your bill also requires quasi government agencies to provide copies of their contracts to the Department of Administrative Services ("DAS") for posting on its website.<sup>2</sup>

You state that the Nebraska State Fair, as "a quasi-public agency," is covered under the provisions of LB 851. The State Fair Board has conveyed to you its general support of your proposed legislation, but has concerns that disclosing its midway contract and contracts for "national acts," "would reveal proprietary and commercial information that would be damaging to the operations of the State Fair and hence detrimental to the public purpose of having a top quality State Fair."<sup>3</sup> You indicate in your letter that some members of the Legislature may seek to exclude the State Fair contracts from the disclosure requirements of the Act. However, you question whether express exemption is necessary in light of current statutory language, retained by LB 851, which states:

Nothing in this section requires the disclosure of information which is considered confidential under state or federal law or is not a public record under section 84-712.05.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-602.02; LB 851, section 3, page 8, ll. 5-7. You also refer us to the exception to disclosure set out in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3) of the Nebraska Public Records Statutes, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 84-712 to 84-712.09 (2014) ("NPRS"), relating to proprietary and commercial information.

Your specific question to us is as follows:

Considering these provisions of existing law, would the State Fair

contracts described in the email be records which may be withheld from the public as proprietary and commercial information which would give advantage to business competitors and hence be exempt from the requirements of LB 851?

### DISCUSSION

The NPRS generally allow Nebraska citizens and other interested persons the right to examine public records in the possession of public agencies during normal agency business hours, to make memoranda and abstracts from those records, and to obtain copies of records in certain circumstances. Although the NPRS provide for access to public documents, they are not absolute. The NPRS also provide for exceptions to disclosure by express and special provisions. *Orr v. Knowles*, 215 Neb. 49, 337 N.W.2d 699 (1983). Section § 84-712.05 of the NPRS is comprised of eighteen categories of records which may be kept confidential from the public at the discretion of the custodian of the public records. The burden of showing that a statutory exception applies to disclosure of particular records rests upon the custodian of those records. *State ex rel. Nebraska Health Care Association v. Dept. of Health and Human Services Finance and Support*, 255 Neb. 784, 587 N.W.2d 100 (1998).

You have specifically inquired as to the exception set out in subsection (3), which provides, in pertinent part:

The following records, unless publicly disclosed in an open court, open administrative proceeding, or open meeting or disclosed by a public entity pursuant to its duties, may be withheld from the public by the lawful custodian of the records:

\* \* \*

(3) Trade secrets, academic and scientific research work which is in progress and unpublished, and other proprietary or commercial information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose; . . . .

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3) (2014) (emphasis added).

We are aware of no Nebraska cases which discuss the proprietary or commercial information exception provided in § 84-712.05(3). However, in Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92068 (May 7, 1992), we addressed whether certain information provided to the State Tax Commissioner by public service entities for property tax valuation purposes was a public record which must be disclosed under the NPRS. The opinion request was precipitated by a taxpayer's request for a declaratory ruling from the Nebraska Department of Revenue, in which it asserted "that 'financial and operational information required to be submitted by [the taxpayer] is proprietary commercial information which if released would give advantage to business competitors and would serve no public purpose.'" *Id.* at 1. The taxpayer sought a

declaration that the information was not otherwise a matter of public record, and would be kept confidential and not disclosed to the public by department employees. *Id.*

We indicated that the exceptions set out in § 84-712.05 merely allow the custodian of public records to withhold records, but do not require it, and that the Department of Revenue must determine, as a matter of policy, whether to elect to withhold records that fall within any of the exceptions. We concluded that even if the department determined that the submitted information fell within the exception in § 84-712.05(3), it was under no obligation to decline any request to produce those records. We further distinguished records which could be withheld under the exceptions in § 84-712.05 from those records "which fall within specific statutory exceptions to public disclosure which mandate confidentiality." *Id.* at 2.

We concluded that the department, and not this office, must make the decision whether to disclose records which fell within the exception. However, we fashioned the following standards to assist the department in assessing whether the exception applied to the information supplied by the taxpayer:

- (a) Section 84-712.05(3) does not impose any requirement of "substantial" competitive injury or advantage to make the exception from disclosure available;
- (b) A bare assertion by the provider of commercial information that such information is confidential is insufficient to justify nondisclosure; and
- (c) Nondisclosure must be based upon a showing that a specified competitor may gain a demonstrated advantage by disclosure rather than a mere assertion that some unknown business competitor may gain some unspecified advantage.

*Id.* at 4.

In Op. Att'y Gen. No. 97033 (June 9, 1997), we addressed, *inter alia*, whether certain data generated by an HMO under contract with the Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS"), and contained in records belonging to DHHS, fell within the proprietary or commercial information exception. We reaffirmed the standards set out in Op. Att'y Gen. No. 92068, and indicated that in our enforcement capacity under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03, we have required governmental bodies which rely on § 84-712.05(3) to withhold records to name specific competitors who might gain advantage and the nature of the advantage which would result from disclosure of the withheld records. We have also required governmental bodies under these circumstances to provide to the public "[a]ny reasonably segregable public portion of a record . . . upon request after deletion of the portions which may be withheld." Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.06 (2014).

However, in response to the question as to whether the records at issue fell within the proprietary and commercial information exception, we stated:

[I]t is apparent that we have insufficient information from you at this juncture to determine if any records belonging to the Department as a result of the [HMO] contract are subject to the proprietary or commercial information exemption from disclosure set out in § 84-712.05(3). To make that determination with respect to particular records, we would need the names of specific competitors of [the HMO] which could gain competitive advantage from access to the records at issue, and we would need some description of the nature of the commercial advantage which would could [*sic*] be gained from that access. Should you wish to provide us with such information regarding particular records from the [HMO] contract, we will provide you with our views as to whether and to what extent § 84-712.05(3) allows those records to be kept confidential.

*Id.* at 5.

In the present instance, we believe that it is more likely than not that the contracts referenced by Mr. McDermott contain proprietary or commercial information which may be lawfully withheld or redacted under the exception in § 84-712.05(3). However, we have insufficient information to make a determination as to whether particular information within such contracts fall within the exception. Any decision to withhold and/or redact any contract based on the proprietary or commercial information exception must be made by the entity required under the Act to provide a copy of the contract to the DAS database. In making this determination, our prior opinions provide guidance and the standards to be met to justify reliance on the exception.

Finally, we would make the following observations about two current provisions of § 84-602.02. First, we note that § 84-602.02(5) states, in part, that "[n]othing in this section requires the disclosure of information which is . . . not a public record under section 84-712.05." As already noted above, § 84-712.05 describes records which may be withheld from the public by their governmental custodian unless disclosed in open court, in an open administrative proceeding, an open meeting, or pursuant to the duties of the public body. However, the records that may be withheld are still public records. *Burlington Northern Railroad Company v. Omaha Public Power District*, 703 F. Supp. 826 (D. Neb. 1988); *aff'd*, 888 F.2d 1228 (8th Cir. 1989).

Second, § 84-602.02(3)(b) provides, in pertinent part, that

(b) The following shall be redacted or withheld from any contract before such contract is included in a data base pursuant to subdivision (3)(a) of this section:

\* \* \*

(iii) Any information which may be withheld from the public under section 84-712.05; . . . .

We question the incongruity of requiring the redaction or withholding of any contract premised on a statute which is permissive in nature. As stated by the court in *Burlington Northern*:

Nothing suggests that these statutory provisions are intended to set any standard for prohibiting disclosure. Section 49-802, Nebraska Revised Statutes, passed in 1947, declares:

"Unless such construction would be inconsistent with a manifest intent of the Legislature, rules for construction of the statutes of Nebraska hereafter shall be as follows:

(1) When the word may appears, permissive or discretionary action is presumed. When the word shall appears, mandatory or ministerial action is presumed."

The manifest intent of the Legislature would not be violated if the word "may" in § 84-712.05 were interpreted to give the public entity, here OPPD, discretion to withhold from the public specific records. There is no indication that "may" means "shall" in this statute.

703 F. Supp. at 829-830.

**CONCLUSION**

In conclusion, LB 851 keeps in place current provisions in the Act that would allow the Nebraska State Fair to withhold or redact any contract which contains proprietary or commercial information, the disclosure of which would give advantage to business competitors and serve no public purpose. The determination as to whether withholding and/or redaction is appropriate is left to the discretion of the State Fair staff. However, it is incumbent on the part of the Nebraska State Fair, as well as any other "state entity" that wishes to withhold information pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(3), to engage in an analysis consistent with the standards set out in the Attorney General opinions referenced above.

<sup>1</sup> See <http://www.statespending.nebraska.gov/>.

<sup>2</sup> See <https://statecontracts.nebraska.gov/>, referred to as the "Nebraska State Contracts Database."

<sup>3</sup> Your opinion request includes an email from Joseph McDermott, Executive Director of the Nebraska State Fair, addressed to you and State Treasurer Stenberg, dated January 4, 2016, in which Mr. McDermott set outs his specific concerns with respect to the disclosure of the above referenced contracts.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS J. PETERSON  
 Attorney General  
 (Signed) Leslie S. Donley  
 Assistant Attorney General

pc. Patrick J. O'Donnell  
 Clerk of the Nebraska Legislature

49-1523-29

### COMMUNICATION(S)

Received a copy of House Joint Resolution 92 from the state of Tennessee relating to the federal transfer of public lands to certain western states and urging Congress to engage in good faith communication and cooperation concerning the coordination of the transfer title to those western states.

### MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Scheer moved the adoption of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 540:

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission  
 Patrick Booth

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Baker	Crawford	Kintner	Mello	Stinner
Bloomfield	Fox	Kolowski	Morfeld	Watermeier
Bolz	Friesen	Kolterman	Pansing Brooks	Williams
Brasch	Gloor	Kuehn	Scheer	
Campbell	Hilkemann	Larson	Schnoor	
Chambers	Hughes	Lindstrom	Seiler	
Craighead	Johnson	McCollister	Smith	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Coash	Ebke	Hadley	Harr, B.	Murante
Cook	Garrett	Hansen	Howard	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 8:

Davis	Haar, K.	McCoy	Schumacher
Groene	Krist	Schilz	Sullivan

The appointment was confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.



Senator Scheer moved the adoption of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 541:

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission  
Shari Flowers

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Baker	Crawford	Hilkemann	McCollister	Schumacher
Bloomfield	Davis	Howard	Mello	Smith
Bolz	Fox	Kolowski	Morfeld	Stinner
Brasch	Friesen	Kolterman	Pansing Brooks	Watermeier
Campbell	Garrett	Kuehn	Riepe	Williams
Chambers	Gloor	Larson	Scheer	
Craighead	Hadley	Lindstrom	Schnoor	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Coash	Ebke	Harr, B.	Johnson	Murante
Cook	Hansen	Hughes	Kintner	Seiler

Excused and not voting, 6:

Groene	Krist	Schilz
Haar, K.	McCoy	Sullivan

The appointment was confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Scheer moved the adoption of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 541:

Nebraska Exchange Stakeholder Commission  
Edward (Ed) Rieker

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Baker	Crawford	Hilkemann	Kuehn	Scheer
Bloomfield	Davis	Howard	Larson	Schnoor
Bolz	Fox	Hughes	Lindstrom	Schumacher
Brasch	Friesen	Johnson	McCollister	Seiler
Campbell	Garrett	Kintner	Mello	Stinner
Chambers	Gloor	Kolowski	Pansing Brooks	Watermeier
Craighead	Hadley	Kolterman	Riepe	Williams

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:

Coash	Ebke	Harr, B.	Murante
Cook	Hansen	Morfeld	Smith

Excused and not voting, 6:

Groene	Krist	Schilz
Haar, K.	McCoy	Sullivan

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Johnson moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 554:

Nebraska State Fair Board  
Christopher P. Kircher  
Lowell Minert

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Baker	Davis	Hilkemann	Kuehn	Schnoor
Bloomfield	Ebke	Howard	Lindstrom	Schumacher
Bolz	Friesen	Hughes	Mello	Seiler
Campbell	Garrett	Johnson	Morfeld	Stinner
Chambers	Gloor	Kolowski	Pansing Brooks	Watermeier
Crawford	Hadley	Kolterman	Riepe	Williams

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 13:

Brasch	Craighead	Harr, B.	McCollister	Smith
Coash	Fox	Kintner	Murante	
Cook	Hansen	Larson	Scheer	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Groene	Krist	Schilz
Haar, K.	McCoy	Sullivan

The appointments were confirmed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Campbell moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 564:

Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board  
Shelly K. McQuillan

Division of Developmental Disabilities - Department of Health and Human Services  
 Courtney L. Miller, Director  
 Division of Children and Family Services - Department of Health and Human Services  
 Douglas J. Weinberg, Director

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Baker	Crawford	Hilkemann	Murante	Stinner
Bloomfield	Ebke	Howard	Pansing Brooks	Watermeier
Bolz	Friesen	Johnson	Riepe	Williams
Brasch	Garrett	Kolowski	Scheer	
Campbell	Haar, K.	Kolterman	Schnoor	
Chambers	Hadley	Lindstrom	Schumacher	
Craighead	Hansen	McCollister	Seiler	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Coash	Fox	Hughes	Larson	Smith
Cook	Gloor	Kintner	Mello	Sullivan
Davis	Harr, B.	Kuehn	Morfeld	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Groene	Krist	McCoy	Schilz
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The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 26CA.** Senator Chambers offered the following motion:  
 MO181  
 Bracket until April 20, 2016.

Pending.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Health and Human Services Committee designates LB698 and LB1032 as its priority bills.

Senator Williams designates LB919 as his priority bill.

Senator Fox designates LB1009 as her priority bill.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Appropriations

Room 1003

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:30 p.m.

UNO Request to use Revenue Bond Surplus Funds

(Signed) Heath Mello, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)****LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 438.** Introduced by Kolowski, 31.

WHEREAS, Abby Gilreath, a sixth grade student at George Russell Middle School in Millard, was named Nebraska's winner of "Doodle 4 Google," a nationwide competition where K-12 students design artwork to appear on Google's search engine page; and

WHEREAS, the theme for this year's competition was "What makes me . . . me." Abby's doodle reflects her interests and hobbies, including playing the violin, softball, biking, dancing, and drawing; and

WHEREAS, Abby was selected as one of forty-eight State and Territory Winners from over 100,000 entries, and is now competing to be one of five national finalists; and

WHEREAS, in honor of Abby, Google donated microphones, sound mixers, and other equipment to Russell Middle School's music department; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Abby Gilreath on being named Nebraska's winner of the Doodle 4 Google contest and wishes her luck in the national finals.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Abby Gilreath.

Laid over.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1069.** Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Mark Kolterman, Chairperson

## Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 983.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 830.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
AM2082 is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 855.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
AM2063

- 1 1. On page 4, line 10, strike "down" and before the period insert "
- 2 with amounts ending in fifty cents or more rounded to the next highest
- 3 whole dollar amount".

(Signed) Burke Harr, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 798.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER165

- 1 1. On page 1, line 9, strike "packing" and insert "packaging".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 778.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER163

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendment, AM1874, on page 1, line 6,
- 2 strike the semicolon and insert an underscored comma.
- 3 2. On page 1, line 8, strike "Statues" and insert "Statutes".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 864.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER164

- 1 1. On page 4, line 28, strike "19-2402," and insert "section
- 2 19-2402".
- 3 2. On page 6, line 13, strike the comma.

(Signed) Matt Hansen, Chairperson

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 26CA.** The Chambers motion, MO181,  
found in this day's Journal, to bracket until April 20, 2016, was renewed.

**SPEAKER HADLEY PRESIDING**

Senator Hansen moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator McCollister moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 0 nays, and 27 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 3 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Chambers requested a record vote on the motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

Bloomfield	Gloor	Krist	Schnoor	Sullivan
Brasch	Haar, K.	McCollister	Schumacher	Williams
Friesen	Kolowski	Pansing Brooks	Seiler	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Campbell	Groene	Johnson	Lindstrom	Stinner
Ebke	Hadley	Kintner	Mello	
Fox	Hansen	Kuehn	Morfeld	
Garrett	Hughes	Larson	Murante	

Present and not voting, 13:

Baker	Coash	Davis	Riepe	Watermeier
Bolz	Cook	Howard	Scheer	
Chambers	Crawford	Kolterman	Smith	

Absent and not voting, 1:

Harr, B.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Craighead	Hilkemann	McCoy	Schilz
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The Chambers motion to bracket failed with 14 ayes, 17 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

#### **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB1032:  
AM2163

1 1. On page 9, line 25, strike "opt to" and insert "shall".

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB1032:

AM2164

1 1. On page 7, line 14, strike "may" and insert "shall".

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB1032:

AM2166

1 1. Strike original section 2.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB1032:

AM2168

1 1. Strike original section 3.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB1032:

AM2169

1 1. Strike original section 5.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB472:

AM2153

1 1. Strike section 3.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB472:

AM2154

1 1. Strike original sections 7 and 8.

2 2. On page 10, lines 7 and 20; page 11, line 7; and page 12, lines

3 15 and 16, strike "sections 7 and" and insert "section".

4 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

5 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB472:

AM2155

1 1. Strike original section 12.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB472:

AM2156

1 1. Strike original section 14.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

Senator McCoy filed the following amendment to LB472:

AM2158

- 1 1. Strike original section 15.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 3 accordingly.

Senator Schumacher filed the following amendment to LB188:

AM2140

- 1 1. On page 3, strike lines 22 through 31 and all amendments thereto
- 2 and insert the following new subsection:
- 3 "(5) For purposes of this section, a passenger in or on the fleeing
- 4 vehicle shall not be considered an innocent third party if the political
- 5 subdivision sustains the burden of proof that such passenger:
- 6 (a) Promoted, provoked, or persuaded the driver to engage in flight
- 7 from law enforcement personnel; or
- 8 (b) Is subject to arrest pursuant to an arrest warrant or for a
- 9 felony which is the proximate cause of the pursuit and, prior to the
- 10 termination of the pursuit, the pursuing law enforcement officer
- 11 generally identifies the passenger and the existence of the warrant or
- 12 such underlying felony to a supervising law enforcement officer or the
- 13 Nebraska State Patrol dispatch system."
- 14 2. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 3 and all amendments thereto.
- 15 3. On page 5, strike lines 24 through 31 and all amendments thereto
- 16 and insert the following new subsection:
- 17 "(5) For purposes of this section, a passenger in or on the fleeing
- 18 vehicle shall not be considered an innocent third party if the state
- 19 sustains the burden of proof that such passenger:
- 20 (a) Promoted, provoked, or persuaded the driver to engage in flight
- 21 from law enforcement personnel; or
- 22 (b) Is subject to arrest pursuant to an arrest warrant or for a
- 23 felony which is the proximate cause of the pursuit and, prior to the
- 24 termination of the pursuit, the pursuing law enforcement officer
- 25 generally identifies the passenger and the existence of the warrant or
- 26 such underlying felony to a supervising law enforcement officer or the
- 27 Nebraska State Patrol dispatch system."
- 1 4. On page 6, strike lines 1 through 5 and all amendments thereto.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB788  
LB1040  
LB1107



Thursday, February 25, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB792  
LB1078  
LB1024  
LB1057

Wednesday, March 2, 2016 1:30 p.m.

LB779  
LB871

(Signed) John Murante, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 823.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1109.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) John Murante, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 865.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1059.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
AM2067

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 18-2119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 18-2119 (1) An authority shall, by public notice by publication once  
6 each week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper having a general  
7 circulation in the city, prior to the consideration of any redevelopment  
8 contract proposal relating to real estate owned or to be owned by the  
9 authority, invite proposals from, and make available all pertinent  
10 information to, private redevelopers or any persons interested in  
11 undertaking the redevelopment of an area, or any part thereof, which the  
12 governing body has declared to be in need of redevelopment. Such notice  
13 shall identify the area, and shall state that such further information as  
14 is available may be obtained at the office of the authority. The  
15 authority shall consider all redevelopment proposals and the financial  
16 and legal ability of the prospective redevelopers to carry out their  
17 proposals and may negotiate with any redevelopers for proposals for the  
18 purchase or lease of any real property in the redevelopment project area.  
19 The authority may accept such redevelopment contract proposal as it deems  
20 to be in the public interest and in furtherance of the purposes of the  
21 Community Development Law if the authority has, not less than thirty days

22 prior thereto, notified the governing body in writing of its intention to  
23 accept such redevelopment contract proposal. Thereafter, the authority  
24 may execute such redevelopment contract in accordance with the provisions  
25 of section 18-2118 and deliver deeds, leases, and other instruments and  
26 take all steps necessary to effectuate such redevelopment contract. In  
27 its discretion, the authority may, without regard to the foregoing  
1 provisions of this section, dispose of real property in a redevelopment  
2 project area to private redevelopers for redevelopment under such  
3 reasonable competitive bidding procedures as it shall prescribe, subject  
4 to the provisions of section 18-2118.

5 (2) In the case of any real estate owned by a redeveloper, the  
6 authority may enter into a redevelopment contract providing for such  
7 undertakings as the authority shall determine appropriate. Any such  
8 redevelopment contract relating to real estate within an enhanced  
9 employment area shall include a statement of the redeveloper's consent  
10 with respect to the designation of the area as an enhanced employment  
11 area, shall be recorded with respect to the real estate owned by the  
12 redeveloper, and shall be binding upon all future owners of such real  
13 estate.

14 (3)(a) Prior to entering into a redevelopment contract pursuant to  
15 this section for a redevelopment plan that includes the use of tax-  
16 increment financing as provided in section 18-2147, the authority shall  
17 require the redeveloper to certify the following to the authority:  
18 (i) Whether the redeveloper has filed or intends to file an  
19 application with the Department of Revenue to receive tax incentives  
20 under the Nebraska Advantage Act for a project located or to be located  
21 within the redevelopment project area;

22 (ii) Whether such application includes or will include, as one of  
23 the tax incentives, a refund of the city's local option sales tax  
24 revenue;

25 (iii) A good faith estimate of the total amount of tax incentives  
26 the redeveloper expects to receive under the Nebraska Advantage Act for  
27 any such application; and

28 (iv) Whether such application has been approved under the Nebraska  
29 Advantage Act.

30 (b) The authority may consider the information provided under  
31 subdivision (3)(a) of this section in determining whether to enter into  
1 the redevelopment contract.

2 Sec. 2. Section 18-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 18-2701 Sections 18-2701 to 18-2739 and sections 5, 6, and 8 of this  
5 act shall be known and may be cited as the Local Option Municipal  
6 Economic Development Act.

7 Sec. 3. Section 18-2703, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 18-2703 For purposes of the Local Option Municipal Economic  
10 Development Act, the definitions found in sections 18-2703.01 to 18-2709  
11 and section 5 of this act shall be used.

12 Sec. 4. Section 18-2705, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2015, is

13 amended to read:

14 18-2705 (1) Economic development program means any project or  
15 program utilizing funds derived from local sources of revenue for the  
16 purpose of providing direct or indirect financial assistance to a  
17 qualifying business or the payment of related costs and expenses or both,  
18 without regard to whether that business is identified at the time the  
19 project or program is initiated or is to be determined by specified means  
20 at some time in the future.

21 (2) An economic development program may include, but shall not be  
22 limited to, the following activities: Direct loans or grants to  
23 qualifying businesses for fixed assets or working capital or both; loan  
24 guarantees for qualifying businesses; grants for public works  
25 improvements which are essential to the location or expansion of, or the  
26 provision of new services by, a qualifying business; grants or loans to  
27 qualifying businesses for job training; the purchase of real estate,  
28 options for such purchases, and the renewal or extension of such options;  
29 grants or loans to qualifying businesses to provide relocation incentives  
30 for new residents; the issuance of bonds as provided for in the Local  
31 Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and payments for salaries and  
1 support of city staff to implement the economic development program or  
2 the contracting of such to an outside entity.

3 (3) For cities of the first and second class and villages, an  
4 economic development program may also include grants or loans for the  
5 construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease of housing for persons  
6 of low or moderate income.

7 (4) For cities of the first and second class and villages, an  
8 economic development program may also include grants, loans, or funds for  
9 rural infrastructure development as defined in section 66-2102.

10 (5) For cities of the first and second class and villages, an  
11 economic development program may also include grants or loans for the  
12 construction or rehabilitation for sale or lease of housing as part of a  
13 workforce housing plan.

14 ~~(6)~~ (5) An economic development program may be conducted jointly by  
15 two or more cities after the approval of the program by the voters of  
16 each participating city.

17 Sec. 5. Workforce housing plan means a program to construct or  
18 rehabilitate single-family housing or market rate multi-family housing  
19 which is designed to address a housing shortage that impairs the ability  
20 of the city to attract new businesses or impairs the ability of existing  
21 businesses to recruit new employees.

22 Sec. 6. If the proposed economic development program involves the  
23 making of grants or loans for the construction or rehabilitation for sale  
24 or lease of housing as part of a workforce housing plan, the proposed  
25 plan shall include:

26 (1) An assessment of current housing stock in the city, including  
27 both single-family and market rate multi-family housing;

28 (2) Whether the plan will also include housing for persons of low or  
29 moderate income under section 18-2710.01;

30 (3) Such other factors, as determined by the city, which are

31 particularly relevant in assessing the conditions faced by existing  
1 businesses in recruiting new employees; and  
2 (4) Such other factors, as determined by the city, which are  
3 particularly relevant in assessing the conditions faced by persons  
4 seeking new or rehabilitated housing in the city.

5 Sec. 7. Section 18-2714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 18-2714 (1) After approval by the voters of an economic development  
8 program, the governing body of the city shall, within forty-five days  
9 after such approval, establish the economic development program by  
10 ordinance in conformity with the terms of such program as set out in the  
11 original enabling resolution.

12 (2) After the adoption of the ordinance establishing the economic  
13 development program, such ordinance shall only be amended ~~(a) to conform~~  
14 ~~to the provisions of any existing or future state or federal law or (b)~~  
15 after the governing body of the city (a) gives notice of and holds ; at  
16 least one public hearing on the proposed changes, (b) approves the  
17 proposed changes by and a two-thirds vote of the members of such the  
18 governing body, and (c) except as provided in subsection (3) of this  
19 section, submits the proposed changes to a new vote of the registered  
20 voters of the city in the manner provided in section 18-2713 of the city,  
21 when necessary to accomplish the purposes of the original enabling  
22 resolution.

23 (3) A ~~The governing body of a city shall not amend the economic~~  
24 ~~development program so as to fundamentally alter its basic structure or~~  
25 ~~goals, either with regard to the qualifying businesses that are eligible~~  
26 ~~to participate, the local sources of revenue used to fund the program,~~  
27 ~~the uses of the funds collected, or the basic terms set out in the~~  
28 ~~original enabling resolution, without submitting the proposed changes to~~  
29 ~~a new vote of the registered voters of the city is not required for the~~  
30 following types of amendments to an economic development program: in the  
31 manner provided for in section 18-2713.

1 (a) An amendment adding a type of qualifying business to those that  
2 are eligible to participate in the economic development program or  
3 removing a type of qualifying business from those that are eligible to  
4 participate in such program if such addition or removal is recommended by  
5 the citizen advisory review committee established under section 18-2715;

6 (b) An amendment making corrective changes to comply with the Local  
7 Option Municipal Economic Development Act; or

8 (c) An amendment making corrective changes to comply with any other  
9 existing or future state or federal law.

10 (4) The governing body of a city may, at any time after the adoption  
11 of the ordinance establishing the economic development program, by a two-  
12 thirds vote of the members of the governing body, repeal the ordinance in  
13 its entirety and end the economic development program, subject only to  
14 the provisions of any existing contracts relating to such program and the  
15 rights of any third parties arising from those contracts. Prior to such  
16 vote by the governing body, it shall publish notice of its intent to  
17 consider the repeal and hold a public hearing on the issue. Any funds in

18 the custody of the city for such economic development program which are  
19 not spent or committed at the time of the repeal and any funds to be  
20 received in the future from the prior operation of the economic  
21 development program shall be placed into the general fund of the city.  
22 Sec. 8. (1) At the time that a qualifying business applies to a  
23 city to participate in an economic development program, the qualifying  
24 business shall certify the following to the city:  
25 (a) Whether the qualifying business has filed or intends to file an  
26 application with the Department of Revenue to receive tax incentives  
27 under the Nebraska Advantage Act for the same project for which the  
28 qualifying business is seeking financial assistance under the Local  
29 Option Municipal Economic Development Act;  
30 (b) Whether such application includes or will include, as one of the  
31 tax incentives, a refund of the city's local option sales tax revenue;  
1 (c) A good faith estimate of the total amount of tax incentives the  
2 qualifying business expects to receive under the Nebraska Advantage Act  
3 for any such application; and  
4 (d) Whether such application has been approved under the Nebraska  
5 Advantage Act.  
6 (2) The city may consider the information provided under this  
7 section in determining whether to provide financial assistance to the  
8 qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development  
9 Act.  
10 Sec. 9. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
11 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
12 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.  
13 Sec. 10. Original sections 18-2119, 18-2701, 18-2703, and 18-2714,  
14 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2705, Revised  
15 Statutes Supplement, 2015, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1042.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 394CA.** Indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399CA.** Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Sue Crawford, Chairperson

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1002.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 906.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2118

1 1. On page 3, line 13, after "degree" insert "that relates to a  
2 career in law enforcement".

(Signed) Kate Sullivan, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Senator Kolowski designates LB344 as his priority bill.

The Appropriations Committee designates LB1092 and LB1093 as its priority bills.

Senator Cook designates LB83 as her priority bill.

The Judiciary Committee designates LB894 and LB910 as its priority bills.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 26CA.** Senator Chambers offered the following motion:

MO182

Reconsider the vote taken to bracket.

Pending.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** ER158, found on page 501, was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 53.** ER159, found on page 504, was adopted.

Senator Kintner withdrew his amendment, AM1991, found on page 574.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** ER161, found on page 509, was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400A.** ER160, found on page 509, was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 378.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 328.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 19.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services

Room 1510

Wednesday, February 24, 2016 1:30 p.m.

Mark M. Bulger - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
LB750  
LB952  
LB998

Thursday, February 25, 2016 1:30 p.m.

Laeth Nasir - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission  
LB1011  
LB1061

(Signed) Kathy Campbell, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 818.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 962.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 963.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 567.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM1899

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 38-2871, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2014, is amended to read:

5 38-2871 (1) Original prescription information for any controlled

6 substances listed in Schedule III, IV, or V of section 28-405 and other

7 prescription drugs or devices not listed in section 28-405 may be

8 transferred between pharmacies for the purpose of refill dispensing on a

9 one-time basis, except that pharmacies electronically ~~sharing~~ ~~accessing~~ a

10 real-time, online data base may transfer up to the maximum refills

11 permitted by law and as authorized by the prescribing practitioner on the

12 prescription. Transfers are subject to the following:

13 (a) The transfer is communicated directly between two pharmacists

14 or pharmacist interns except when the pharmacies can use a real-time,

15 online data base;

16 (b) The transferring pharmacist or pharmacist intern indicates

17 void on the record of the prescription;

18 (c) The transferring pharmacist or pharmacist intern indicates on

19 the record of the prescription the name, the address, and, if a

20 controlled substance, the Drug Enforcement Administration number of the

21 pharmacy to which the information was transferred, the name of the  
 22 pharmacist or pharmacist intern receiving the information, the date of  
 23 transfer, and the name of the transferring pharmacist or pharmacist  
 24 intern;  
 25 (d 4) The receiving pharmacist or pharmacist intern indicates on the  
 26 record of the transferred prescription that the prescription is  
 27 transferred;  
 1 (e 5) The transferred prescription includes the following  
 2 information:  
 3 (i a) The date of issuance of the original prescription;  
 4 (ii b) The original number of refills authorized;  
 5 (iii e) The date of original dispensing;  
 6 (iv d) The number of valid refills remaining;  
 7 (v e) The date and location of last refill; and  
 8 (vi f) The name, the address, and, if a controlled substance, the  
 9 Drug Enforcement Administration number of the pharmacy from which the  
 10 transfer was made, the name of the pharmacist or pharmacist intern  
 11 transferring the information, the original prescription number, and the  
 12 date of transfer; and  
 13 (f 6) Both the original and transferred prescriptions must be  
 14 maintained by the transferring and receiving pharmacy for a period of  
 15 five years from the date of transfer.  
 16 (2) Nothing in this section shall prevent a pharmacist from  
 17 forwarding an original prescription for a noncontrolled substance to  
 18 another pharmacy at the request of the patient or the patient's  
 19 caregiver. An original prescription for a controlled substance shall not  
 20 be forwarded to another pharmacy unless permitted under 21 C.F.R.  
 21 1306.25.  
 22 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2871, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 23 Supplement, 2014, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 684.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
 AM1985

1 1. On page 2, lines 27 through 29, strike the new language; and in  
 2 line 30 strike ", except that for", show as stricken, and insert "An  
 3 adoptive home study may be waived by the court upon a showing of good  
 4 cause by the petitioner when the petitioner is a biological grandparent  
 5 or a step-grandparent who is married to the biological grandparent at the  
 6 time of the adoption if both are adopting the child. For all".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 721.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
 AM2057

1 1. Strike sections 12 and 17 and insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 12. (1) An applicant for licensure under the Surgical First  
 3 Assistant Practice Act shall:  
 4 (a) Be certified as a surgical first assistant by an approved  
 5 certifying body;  
 6 (b) Have successfully completed an approved surgical first assistant  
 7 education program approved by the board or other experiential or training



- 8 program as approved by the board;  
 9 (c) Have passed a nationally recognized surgical first assistant  
 10 examination adopted by the board; and  
 11 (d) Have a high school diploma or the equivalent as determined by  
 12 the board.  
 13 (2) The department may waive the education and examination  
 14 requirements under the Surgical First Assistant Practice Act for an  
 15 applicant who:  
 16 (a) By January 1, 2017, submits demonstrated evidence satisfactory  
 17 to the board that he or she has been functioning as a surgical first  
 18 assistant as his or her primary function in a licensed health care  
 19 facility within the last five years prior to September 1, 2016;  
 20 (b) By January 1, 2017, submits evidence of holding a current  
 21 certification as a surgical first assistant issued by an approved  
 22 certifying body; or  
 23 (c) Submits evidence of holding a credential as a surgical first  
 24 assistant issued by another state or territory of the United States or  
 25 the District of Columbia which has standards substantially equivalent to  
 26 those of this state.  
 27 Sec. 17. (1) The board shall, pursuant to section 38-126: (a)  
 1 Recommend to the department the issuance of licenses to practice surgical  
 2 assisting under the Surgical First Assistant Practice Act; (b)  
 3 investigate and adopt standards based on national standards for surgical  
 4 assisting and implement changes as needed to carry out the act; and (c)  
 5 provide for distribution of information regarding practice of licensed  
 6 surgical first assistants.  
 7 (2) The department shall: (a) Receive and investigate complaints,  
 8 conduct hearings, and impose disciplinary actions in relation to  
 9 complaints against licensed surgical assistants under the Uniform  
 10 Credentialing Act; and (b) perform other duties as required under the  
 11 Surgical First Assistant Practice Act and Uniform Credentialing Act.  
 12 Sec. 21. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2017.  
 13 2. On page 3, line 12, strike "the surgical team"; in lines 17 and  
 14 18 strike "Utilizing" through "assist" and insert "Assisting"; in line 20  
 15 strike "Utilizing" and insert "Inserting"; in line 23 after the semicolon  
 16 insert "and"; in line 25 strike "and"; and strike lines 26 and 27.  
 17 3. On page 4, line 24, strike "licensed" and insert "holding an  
 18 active license".  
 19 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1033.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
 AM2048

- 1 1. On page 2, lines 24 and 30, strike "placing" and insert  
 2 "providing services to"; and in lines 25 and 31 strike "service".  
 3 2. On page 3, line 11, after the second comma insert "the Division  
 4 of Rehabilitation Services in the State Department of Education,"; and in  
 5 line 20 after the first comma insert "and including two persons with  
 6 disabilities representing self-advocacy organizations."

(Signed) Kathy Campbell, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 700.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
ER167

1 1. On page 3, line 9, strike the comma.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 703.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 729.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 758.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 840.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Matt Hansen, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Morfeld filed the following amendment to LR26CA:  
AM2179

(Amendments to Morfeld amendments, AM2043)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with the first comma in line 20  
2 through "law" in line 21; and strike beginning with the first comma in  
3 line 23 through "law" in line 24.

**UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Johnson - LR35

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were 22 members of Leadership York; 9 members of Beatrice Leadership Group; Nathan Johnson from Northeast High School; 45 twelfth-grade students and teachers from Syracuse; Jayann Sepich from Carlsbad, NM; 25 members of Leadership Fremont; and Senator Bloomfield's wife, Dee, from Hoskins, and daughter-in-law, Becky Bloomfield, from Wayne.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Michelle Sell from Central City.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator McCollister, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 18, 2016.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature