

TWELFTH DAY - JANUARY 21, 2005**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****NINETY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****TWELFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, January 21, 2005

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Heidemann.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Brashear presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Foley, Langemeier, and Smith who were excused; and Senator Chambers who was excused until he arrives.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eleventh day was approved.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 19, 2005

President, Speaker Brashear
and Members of the Legislature
State Capitol Building
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Brashear and Senators:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual was appointed as Director of the Department of Banking and Finance.

APPOINTEE:

John Munn, 1177 Cherl Drive, Syracuse NE 68446

The aforementioned name is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Mike Johanns
Governor

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Enclosure

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 20, 2005

Speaker Kermit Brashear
Nebraska Legislature
State Capitol Building – Room 2103
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Speaker Brashear:

Pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat. Section 32-562, I hereby resign my position as Governor of the State of Nebraska, effective today at 3:00 pm.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Mike Johanns
Governor

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COMMUNICATION

January 20, 2005

The Honorable Mike Johanns
Governor, State of Nebraska
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Johanns,

Greetings! On behalf of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature, I hereby accept your resignation as Governor of the State of Nebraska.

Please accept my congratulations on your new position as the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture. Best wishes in your new position.

Cordially,
(Signed) Kermit A. Brashear
Speaker of the Legislature

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB 617	Judiciary
LB 618	Health and Human Services
LB 619	Natural Resources
LB 620	Judiciary
LB 621	Judiciary
LB 622	Education
LB 623	Health and Human Services
LB 624	Education
LB 625	Health and Human Services
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LB 629	Urban Affairs
LB 630	Urban Affairs
LB 631	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 632	Judiciary
LB 633	Judiciary
LB 634	Education
LB 635	Revenue
LB 636	Education
LB 637	Education
LB 638	Natural Resources
LB 639	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 640	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 641	Business and Labor
LB 642	Judiciary
LB 643	Judiciary
LB 644	Revenue
LB 645	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 646	Revenue
LB 647	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 648	Judiciary
LB 649	Judiciary
LB 650	Judiciary
LB 651	Urban Affairs
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LB 653	Judiciary
LB 654	Judiciary
LB 655	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 656	Business and Labor
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LB 658	Natural Resources
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LB 661	Business and Labor
LB 662	Urban Affairs
LB 663	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 664	Health and Human Services
LB 665	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 666	Health and Human Services
LB 667	Revenue
LB 668	General Affairs
LB 669	Judiciary
LB 670	Judiciary
LB 671	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 672	Revenue
LB 673	Agriculture
LB 674	Judiciary
LB 675	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 676	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 677	Judiciary
LB 678	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 679	Appropriations
LB 680	Natural Resources
LB 681	Education
LB 682	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 683	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 684	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 685	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 686	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 687	Revenue
LB 688	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 689	Education
LB 690	Education
LB 691	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB 692	Revenue
LB 693	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 694	Appropriations
LB 695	Revenue
LB 696	Revenue
LB 697	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 698	Urban Affairs
LB 699	Revenue
LB 700	Judiciary
LB 701	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 702	General Affairs
LB 703	Judiciary
LB 704	Education
LB 705	Health and Human Services
LB 706	Agriculture
LB 707	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 708	Natural Resources
LB 709	Health and Human Services

LB 710	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB 711	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB 712	Health and Human Services
LB 713	Judiciary
LB 714	Judiciary
LB 715	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 716	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB 717	Education
LB 718	Education
LB 719	Health and Human Services
LB 720	Revenue
LB 721	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB 723	Revenue
LB 724	Judiciary
LB 725	Health and Human Services
LB 726	Judiciary
LB 727	Judiciary
LB 728	Health and Human Services
LB 729	Judiciary
LB 730	Health and Human Services
LB 731	Natural Resources
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LB 743	Business and Labor
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LB 748	Urban Affairs
LB 749	Business and Labor
LB 750	Judiciary
LB 751	Appropriations
LB 752	Judiciary
LB 753	Revenue
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LB 757	Judiciary
LB 758	Judiciary
LB 759	Judiciary

LB 760	Judiciary
LB 761	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 762	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB 763	Revenue
LR 24CA	Education (rereferred)
LR 26CA	Judiciary
LR 27CA	Executive Board
LR 28CA	Education

(Signed) Pat Engel, Chairperson
Legislative Council, Executive Board

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 52:

AM0021

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 "Sec. 2. Section 75-903.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
4 75-903.02. For each application filed under section
5 75-903 after January 1, 2004, one of the following primary parties
6 shall be subject to fingerprinting and a check of his or her
7 criminal history record information maintained by the Federal
8 Bureau of Investigation through the Nebraska State Patrol: (1) If
9 the applicant is not an individual, the chief executive officer,
10 president, or general manager; or (2) if the applicant is an
11 individual, the individual. If the primary party has been subject
12 to a check of his or her criminal history record information
13 pursuant to this section on a prior application, he or she is not
14 subject to another such check upon a subsequent application. If a
15 primary party has been subject to a check of his or her criminal
16 history record information pursuant to another law, the commission
17 may waive such requirement under this section. A primary party
18 shall furnish to the Nebraska State Patrol a full set of
19 fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be
20 conducted. The primary party shall request that the Nebraska State
21 Patrol submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
22 Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The
23 primary party shall pay the actual cost, if any, of the
24 fingerprinting and check of his or her criminal history record
1 information. The primary party shall authorize release of the
2 national criminal history record check to the commission. The
3 criminal history record information check shall be completed within
4 ninety days after the date the application for a license is
5 received in the commission's office, and if not, the application
6 shall be returned to the applicant. The commission shall deny a
7 grain dealer license to any applicant whose primary party has been

8 convicted of a felony financial crime.
 9 Sec. 5. Section 88-528.01, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 10 2004, is amended to read:
 11 88-528.01. For each application filed under section
 12 88-528 after January 1, 2004, one of the following primary parties
 13 shall be subject to fingerprinting and a check of his or her
 14 criminal history record information maintained by the Federal
 15 Bureau of Investigation through the Nebraska State Patrol: (1) If
 16 the applicant is not an individual, the chief executive officer,
 17 president, or general manager; or (2) if the applicant is an
 18 individual, the individual. If the primary party has been subject
 19 to a check of his or her criminal history record information
 20 pursuant to this section on a prior application, he or she is not
 21 subject to another such check upon a subsequent application. If a
 22 primary party has been subject to a check of his or her criminal
 23 history record information pursuant to another law, the commission
 24 may waive such requirement under this section. A primary party
 25 shall furnish to the Nebraska State Patrol a full set of
 26 fingerprints to enable a criminal background investigation to be
 27 conducted. The primary party shall request that the Nebraska State
 1 Patrol submit the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of
 2 Investigation for a national criminal history record check. The
 3 primary party shall pay the actual cost, if any, of the
 4 fingerprinting and check of his or her criminal history record
 5 information. The primary party shall authorize release of the
 6 national criminal history record check to the commission. The
 7 criminal history record information check shall be completed within
 8 ninety days after the date the application for a license is
 9 received in the commission's office, and if not, the application
 10 shall be returned to the applicant. The commission shall deny a
 11 warehouse license to any applicant whose primary party has been
 12 convicted of a felony financial crime."
 13 2. On page 7, line 16, strike "5 and 8" and insert "7
 14 and 10"; in line 19 before "and" insert ", 75-903.02,"; in line 20
 15 after "88-528" insert ", 88-528.01,"; and in line 21 strike "2003"
 16 and insert "2004".
 17 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

(Signed) Bob Kremer, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 124. Indefinitely postponed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 125. Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Ron Raikes, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 61. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 175. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 176. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 301. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 301:

AM0005

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 "Sec. 44. Section 71-4737, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 4 71-4737. The Legislature recognizes that it is necessary
- 5 to track newborns and infants identified with a potential hearing
- 6 loss or who have been evaluated and have been found to have a
- 7 hearing loss for a period of time in order to render appropriate
- 8 followup care. The Department of Health and Human Services
- 9 Regulation and Licensure shall, ~~on or before December 1, 2000,~~
- 10 determine and implement the most appropriate system for this state
- 11 which is available to track newborns and infants identified with a
- 12 hearing loss. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
- 13 tracking system provide the department and Legislature with the
- 14 information necessary to effectively plan and establish a
- 15 comprehensive system of developmentally appropriate services for
- 16 newborns and infants who have a potential hearing loss or who have
- 17 been found to have a hearing loss and shall reduce the likelihood
- 18 of associated disabling conditions for such newborns and infants.
- 19 Sec. 45. Section 71-4738, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 20 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 21 71-4738. The Department of Health and Human Services
- 22 Regulation and Licensure shall apply for all available federal
- 23 funding to implement the Infant Hearing Act.
- 24 Sec. 46. Section 71-4739, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 1 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 2 71-4739. (1) ~~Beginning December 1, 2000, and annually~~
- 3 ~~thereafter, every~~ Every birthing facility shall annually report to
- 4 the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and
- 5 Licensure the number of:
- 6 (a) Newborns born;
- 7 (b) Newborns and infants recommended for a hearing
- 8 screening test;
- 9 (c) Newborns who received a hearing screening test during
- 10 birth admission;
- 11 (d) Newborns who passed a hearing screening test during
- 12 birth admission if administered;
- 13 (e) Newborns who did not pass a hearing screening test
- 14 during birth admission if administered; and
- 15 (f) Newborns recommended for monitoring, intervention,

16 and followup care.

17 (2) ~~Beginning December 1, 2000, and annually thereafter,~~
 18 ~~every~~ Every confirmatory testing facility shall annually report to
 19 the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and
 20 Licensure the number of:

21 (a) Newborns and infants who return for a followup
 22 hearing test;

23 (b) Newborns and infants who do not have a hearing loss
 24 based upon the followup hearing test; and

25 (c) Newborns and infants who are shown to have a hearing
 26 loss based upon the followup hearing test.

27 Sec. 47. Section 71-4740, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 1 Nebraska, is amended to read:

2 71-4740. (1) ~~Beginning January 1, 2001, every~~ Every
 3 birthing facility shall educate the parents of newborns born in
 4 such facilities of the importance of receiving a hearing screening
 5 test and any necessary followup care. This educational information
 6 shall explain, in lay terms, the hearing screening test, the
 7 likelihood of the newborn having a hearing loss, followup
 8 procedures, and community resources, including referral for early
 9 intervention services under the Early Intervention Act. The
 10 educational information shall also include a description of the
 11 normal auditory, speech, and language developmental process in
 12 children. Education shall not be considered a substitute for the
 13 hearing screening test.

14 (2) If a newborn is not born in a birthing facility, the
 15 Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure
 16 shall educate the parents of such newborns of the importance of
 17 receiving a hearing screening test and any necessary followup care.
 18 The department shall also give parents information to assist them
 19 in having the test performed within three months after the date of
 20 the child's birth.

21 Sec. 48. Section 71-4741, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 22 Nebraska, is amended to read:

23 71-4741. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services
 24 Regulation and Licensure shall determine which birthing facilities
 25 are administering hearing screening tests to newborns and infants
 26 on a voluntary basis and the number of newborns and infants
 27 screened. The department shall annually report to the Legislature
 1 ~~by January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter,~~ the number of:

2 (a) Birthing facilities administering voluntary hearing
 3 screening tests during birth admission;

4 (b) Newborns screened as compared to the total number of
 5 newborns born in such facilities;

6 (c) Newborns who passed a hearing screening test during
 7 birth admission if administered;

8 (d) Newborns who did not pass a hearing screening test
 9 during birth admission if administered; and

10 (e) Newborns recommended for followup care.

11 (2) The department, in consultation with the State
12 Department of Education, birthing facilities, and other providers,
13 shall develop approved screening methods and protocol for statewide
14 hearing screening tests of substantially all newborns and infants,
15 ~~by December 1, 2002.~~

16 (3) Subject to available appropriations, the Department
17 of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure shall make
18 the report described in this section available.

19 Sec. 49. Section 71-4742, Reissue Revised Statutes of
20 Nebraska, is amended to read:

21 71-4742. (1) ~~By December 1, 2003, each~~ Each birthing
22 facility shall include a hearing screening test as part of its
23 standard of care for newborns and shall establish a mechanism for
24 compliance review. ~~By December 1, 2003, a~~ A hearing screening test
25 shall be conducted on no fewer than ninety-five percent of the
26 newborns born in this state.

27 (2) If the number of newborns receiving a hearing
1 screening test does not equal or exceed ninety-five percent of the
2 total number of newborns born in this state on or before December
3 1, 2003, or falls below ninety-five percent at any time thereafter,
4 the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and
5 Licensure shall immediately adopt and promulgate rules and
6 regulations implementing a hearing screening program. The hearing
7 screening program shall provide for a hearing screening test that
8 every newborn born in this state shall undergo and shall provide
9 that the hearing screening test be completed during birth admission
10 or, if that is not possible, no later than three months after
11 birth. Notwithstanding this section, it is the goal of this state
12 to achieve a one-hundred-percent screening rate.

13 Sec. 50. Section 71-4743, Reissue Revised Statutes of
14 Nebraska, is amended to read:

15 71-4743. The Department of Health and Human Services
16 Regulation and Licensure and the State Department of Education
17 shall establish guidelines for when a referral shall be made for
18 early intervention services under the Early Intervention Act. The
19 guidelines shall include a request for an individual evaluation of
20 a child suspected of being deaf or hard of hearing as defined in
21 section 79-1118.01.

22 Sec. 51. Section 71-4744, Reissue Revised Statutes of
23 Nebraska, is amended to read:

24 71-4744. The Department of Health and Human Services
25 Regulation and Licensure shall adopt and promulgate rules and
26 regulations necessary to implement the Infant Hearing Act."

27 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the
1 internal references and repealer so that the sections added by this
2 amendment become operative on July 1, 2005.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 164. Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Jim Jensen, Chairperson

AMENDMENT - Print in Journal

Senator Raikes filed the following amendment to LB 126:

AM0041

1. On page 7, line 9, strike "1" and insert "10".

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS **Nebraska Retirement Systems**

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Denis Blank - Public Employees Retirement Board
Glenn Elwell - Public Employees Retirement Board
Mark Shepard - Public Employees Retirement Board

VOTE: Aye: Senators Bourne, Erdman, D. Pederson, Price, Stuhr, and Synowiecki. Nay: None. Absent: None.

(Signed) Elaine Stuhr, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Richard DeLiberty - Behavioral Health Administrator
Richard P. Nelson - Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support
Richard Raymond - Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure

VOTE: Aye: Senators Jensen, Byars, Cunningham, Erdman, Johnson, Stuthman, and Howard. Nay: None. Absent: None.

(Signed) Jim Jensen, Chairperson

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Charles J. "Tod" Brodersen - Nebraska Ethanol Board
 James J. Jenkins - Nebraska Ethanol Board

VOTE: Aye: Senators Hudkins, Kremer, Kopplin, Loudon, McDonald, Schrock, Stuhr. Nay: None. Absent: Senator Smith.

(Signed) Ed Schrock, Chairperson

REPORTS

The following reports were received by the Legislature:

Criminal Justice, Commission on Law Enforcement and

Crime Victim's Reparations Program, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Annual Report, July 1, 2002-June 30, 2003 and July 1, 2003-June 30, 2004

Health and Human Services System

New Hire Report

Roads, Department of

State Highway Commission Quarterly Report

Rural Development Commission

Annual Report FY 03-04

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 20, 2005, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Patrick J. O'Donnell
 Clerk of the Legislature

Bare, Brad
 Smith Hayes Financial Services

Berryman, Scott
 Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP

Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP
 Seldin Company

Bromm, Curt
 League of Nebraska Municipalities
 Pappio Valley Preservation Association

Brummer, Joni M.
 Nebraska Travel Association

Ferdinand, Betty
 Health Care Association, Nebraska

Gilster, Kyle J.

Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin LLP

Hallstrom, Robert J.

Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Nebraska

Kissel/Erickson & Sederstrom Associates, LLC

Coalition of Rural Water Districts

Families for Effective Autism Treatment (FEAT)

Pappas, James E.

Bellevue Public Schools

NorthWestern Energy

UNO AAUP Faculty

Ruth Mueller Robak LLC

CT Corporation

Service Contract Industry Council

Swertzic, Michelle

Propane Gas Association, Nebraska

Watson, Robert W.

Stop the Violence Domestic Abuse Hotline

Welsch, Mark E.

GASP-Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution

Wesely, Don

City of Hastings

City of Norfolk

Motorola, Inc.

MOTION - Escort Committees

Senator Cudaback moved that a series of committees be appointed to escort the Governor, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the family of the Governor to the Legislative Chamber.

The motion prevailed.

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Chief Justice John Hendry administered the Oath of Office to the Governor.

Governor Dave Heineman delivered the following Inaugural Address:

Mr. Speaker, Members of the Legislature, Special Friends from Fremont,

other Distinguished Guests and Fellow Nebraskans;

Today my remarks will be very brief.

It is only appropriate that I begin by thanking my Mom and Dad, my wife, Sally, and my son, Sam, for their unwavering support throughout my years in public service.

I wouldn't be standing here today if it weren't for your love and encouragement.

I also want to thank this body for allowing me the honor of taking the oath of office in this historic chamber.

Your graciousness is appreciated.

To the citizens of this great state I have this to say:

I stand ready to accept the awesome responsibilities now before me.

I am grateful not only to have had the opportunity to serve as Lieutenant Governor, but to have done so alongside a man of Mike Johanns' caliber.

Today, I am honored to accept a more prominent role in the leadership of this state.

As Nebraska's 39th Governor, I will commit myself to making this state an even greater place to live, work and raise a family.

I intend to reach out from border to border to hear first-hand from our citizens about their thoughts, concerns and ideas for our state.

I look forward to working with you and sharing more about my vision for the future with you next week when I deliver the State of the State Address.

Thank you.

The Governor, Chief Justice, and family of the Governor were escorted from the Chamber.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS **Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 54. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 54:

AM0029

- 1 1. Strike original section 30 and insert the following
- 2 new section:
- 3 "Sec. 30. Section 80-410, Reissue Revised Statutes of

4 Nebraska, is amended to read:

5 80-410. (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs, all
 6 members of the Veterans' Advisory Commission, all state service
 7 officers, all assistant state service officers, all county veterans
 8 service officers, all members of the county veterans service
 9 committees and all personnel, except certain special and clerical
 10 help, of the state and county veterans service offices, shall have
 11 served in the armed forces of the United States during the dates
 12 set forth in section 80-401.01, shall have been honorably
 13 discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of
 14 honorable from such service, and shall have been bona fide
 15 residents of the State of Nebraska continuously for at least five
 16 years immediately prior to their assuming a position in any of the
 17 offices mentioned.

18 (2) All members of the county veterans service committees
 19 and all personnel, except certain special and clerical help, of the
 20 county veterans service offices shall have all of the
 21 qualifications described in subsection (1) of this section, except
 22 that such persons may have been discharged or otherwise separated
 23 with a characterization of general (under honorable conditions)."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 96. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 96:

AM0047

- 1 1. On page 2, line 28, strike "nine hundred thousand",
- 2 show as stricken, and insert "one million four hundred thousand".

(Signed) DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 16. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 17. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 15. Placed on General File as amended.

(Standing Committee amendment, AM0030, is printed separately and available in the Bill Room, Room 1104.)

LEGISLATIVE BILL 18. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 18:

AM0032

- 1 1. On page 2, line 8, strike "shall" and insert "may";
- 2 strike beginning with "at" in line 9 through "or" in line 10; and
- 3 in line 11 after "delinquency" insert "for one year".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 263:

AM0033

- 1 1. On page 10, line 7, strike "or 77-1507" and show as

2 stricken.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 283. Placed on General File as amended.

Standing Committee amendment to LB 283:

AM0031

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 "Sec. 6. Section 77-1510, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 3 Nebraska, is amended to read:
- 4 77-1510. Any action of the county board of equalization
- 5 pursuant to section 77-1502 may be appealed to the Tax Equalization
- 6 and Review Commission in accordance with section 77-5013 on or
- 7 before August 24 or on or before September 10 if the county has
- 8 adopted a resolution to extend the deadline for hearing protests
- 9 under section 77-1502."
- 10 2. On page 4, line 12, strike "unless the county" and
- 11 insert "or on or before August 18 in a county that".
- 12 3. On page 5, line 14, before the period insert "or on
- 13 or before September 30 if the county has adopted a resolution to
- 14 extend the deadline for hearing protests under section 77-1502";
- 15 and in line 17 before the period insert "or on or before October 30
- 16 if the county has adopted a resolution to extend the deadline for
- 17 hearing protests under section 77-1502".
- 18 4. On page 8, line 27, before "and" insert "77-1510,".
- 19 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) David Landis, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 329. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Elaine Stuhr, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING General Affairs Room 1510

LB 209	Monday, January 31, 2005	1:30 p.m.
LB 210	Monday, January 31, 2005	1:30 p.m.
LB 405	Monday, January 31, 2005	1:30 p.m.
LB 733	Monday, January 31, 2005	1:30 p.m.

(Signed) Ray Janssen, Chairperson

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29. Introduced by Schrock, 38; Jensen, 20; Johnson, 37; D. Pederson, 42.

WHEREAS, Harold M. Maurer, M. D., has served the State of Nebraska in the position of Chancellor of the University of Nebraska Medical Center since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maurer has been a leader at the University of Nebraska Medical Center through unprecedented growth during the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Maurer has been recognized as "Midlander of the Year" by the Omaha World Herald.

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

1. That the Legislature commends Harold M. Maurer on his service to the state and congratulates him on his recognition as Midlander of the Year.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Maurer.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Senator Brashear asked unanimous consent to have his name added as cointroducer to LB 47. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Cunningham asked unanimous consent to have his name added as cointroducer to LB 575. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Fischer asked unanimous consent to have her name added as cointroducer to LB 600. No objections. So ordered.

Senators Kruse and Redfield asked unanimous consent to have their names added as cointroducers to LBs 604 and 613. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Fischer asked unanimous consent to have her name added as cointroducer to LB 673. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Flood asked unanimous consent to have his name added as cointroducer to LB 713. No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer

Senator Kremer withdrew his name as cointroducer to LB 748.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association and Dental Hygiene students from Central Community College, Hastings, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs, and University of Nebraska

School of Dentistry, Lincoln; Seref Iba from Turkey; and Jo-Chin Wang and Henry Fan from the Republic of China.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 a.m., on a motion by Senator Cudaback, the Legislature adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 24, 2005.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature