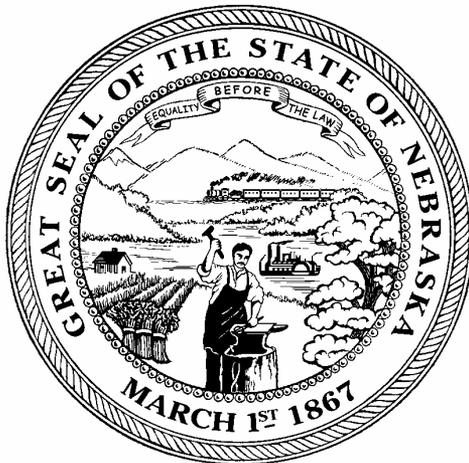


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- B. Resolutions that call for the creation of a select committee will be reviewed by the Executive Board. Depending upon the availability of staff resources, subject matter jurisdiction, and legislator interest, the Executive Board may establish a select committee to undertake the study.
- C. The Executive Board shall retain its traditional prerogatives to consider and refer study proposals arising from extraordinary circumstances after the deadlines.

Committee Action

Legislative rules (Rule 4, Section 3(c)) require study resolutions be prioritized by the chairperson of the committee to which they are referred, and a report on those priorities shall be filed with the Clerk. Each committee may file with the Clerk, his or her committee's study plan for the highest prioritized interim studies referenced to such committee. This prioritization will in no way limit the committee's traditional prerogative to conduct hearings and oversee matters that are within their subject matter jurisdiction.

Rule 4, Section 3(g) of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature requires that on or before December 1 of each year, each standing and select interim committee file a report on the disposition of the study resolutions referred to them.

(The following referral list reflects the committee prioritization of the resolutions referred to them.)

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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Fulton, 29.

PURPOSE: To examine the implementation of a statewide stroke registry to monitor, evaluate, and provide guidance to health care quality improvement efforts for the evaluation, diagnosis, and treatment of acute strokes in hospitals statewide. The study shall include, but not be limited to, examination of:

- (1) The costs associated with implementation and federal funding opportunities through the Cardiovascular Health Program of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- (2) Opportunities for public and private partnership in the recording of data and dissemination of information;
- (3) The ability to diagnose and treat acute strokes in Nebraska hospitals;
- (4) The development and maintenance of a secure data system capable of accurate collection and storage of acute stroke information;
- (5) The methods for case identification and the core data elements to be collected for cases of acute stroke and transient ischemic attack; and
- (6) The best methods for transmitting the information to the hospitals and public in a timely and appropriate manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 275. Introduced by Flood, 19; Engel, 17.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the process of creating legislative task forces, committees, and commissions. In recent years, there has been a proliferation of legislative task forces, committees, and commissions placed in statute. Several issues have been raised regarding composition, function, and constitutionality of some of these entities as an extension of the legislative branch of government.

This study shall examine the advantages and disadvantages of creating task forces, committees, and commissions by legislation rather than by legislative resolution. The entities to be studied shall include task forces, committees, and commissions that have legislative members serving on them and task forces, committees, and commissions which serve a legislative role or function. The study shall examine, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The role of legislative task forces, committees, and commissions;
2. Unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority;

3. The relationship between task forces, committees, and commissions to standing committee subject matter jurisdiction; and
4. Separation of powers concerns in terms of duties, membership, staffing, and funding.

This study shall also examine drafting requirements needed to make a legislative task force, committee, or commission operate effectively, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Funding, including identification of necessary costs, the approval process for spending funds, and determination as to whether a specific appropriation is required, even if only for travel expenses;
2. The appointment process, including whether non-legislators should be included, identification of appropriate appointing authority, effective dates, reporting requirements, and study of gender and regional balance;
3. Leadership and staffing, including the identification of the appropriate chairperson and how the chairperson will be selected, who will call the first meeting, and how staffing decisions will be determined; and
4. Final report requirements and the duration of a task force, committee, or commission.

This study shall also address how the Legislature would implement the findings of this study, including drafting recommended rule changes if determined necessary.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276. Introduced by Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To examine the standards and oversight of death investigations in Nebraska.

The duty of a coroner is to determine cause of death, decide whether a death involved foul play, and determine whether the circumstances of a death require an autopsy.

Since 1917, Nebraska has utilized its county attorneys to serve as coroners. Nebraska remains the only state in the nation using county attorneys as coroners.

Nebraska's county attorneys are not required by law to obtain training in the performance of coroner responsibilities.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Present-day autopsy rates in Nebraska;
- (2) Existing levels of coroner training;
- (3) Apparent quality of death investigations;
- (4) Existing state standards and oversight;
- (5) County rates of solved and unsolved death cases;

- (6) Current variance and effectiveness of death investigations in Nebraska's ninety-three counties;
- (7) Death investigation practices utilized in other states;
- (8) Identifying qualified physicians willing to assist with death investigations;
- (9) Proposed policies to improve Nebraska's medical examiner system; and
- (10) Other related matters.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: Since innovations in energy design principals, technologies, and operations are available to maximize the economic utility of building projects and reduce energy costs while achieving the best environmental performance and reducing adverse impacts on the environment, the purpose of this interim study is to examine whether state-funded building projects should be required to meet high performance green building standards for new construction and major renovation projects.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286. Introduced by Loudon, 49.

PURPOSE: To study return flow issues as they affect surface water irrigation in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 287. Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: To examine Nebraska state forests as potential renewable energy resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 288. Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: To study the effects of water depletion across the State of Nebraska as well as the causes of such depletion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 289. Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: To examine public power issues relating to the generation of power in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 290. Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: To study the possibility of recycling construction waste and deconstruction materials.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 291. Introduced by Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: To examine the application process for obtaining an instream flow right by either a natural resources district or the Game and Parks Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 292. Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: To review Nebraska's current landscape of support for families with children age birth to five years who are at risk of failure in school and to advise on ways in which Nebraska can further support families and the positive development of children in their first five years.

Decades of scientific research demonstrate that the first five years in a child's life is the most crucial time for brain development. What happens in the first five years can set children on a trajectory of success or failure both in school and later in life. Guided by the principles that (1) learning begins at birth, (2) parents are a child's first and best teacher, (3) quality environments make a difference, (4) lack of quality environments can actually be harmful, and (5) a significant number of children arrive at kindergarten ill-prepared to learn, this interim study shall examine Nebraska's current investment in the first five years of a child's life and recommend additional support that will continue to ensure Nebraska's children have the best start in life.

The issues to be addressed by this study shall include the following:

(1) Identify the strengths and gaps in quality services for at-risk children age birth to five years;

(2) Identify the status of current funding invested in at-risk children age birth to five years and potential funding sources that could ensure full funding of age birth to five years services, quality support, and accountability;

(3) An analysis of other states' funding in early childhood; and

(4) Other issues as deemed pertinent by the committee.

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

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

2. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall designate two members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and two members of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature to participate in this study with the Education Committee of the Legislature.

3. 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 for the introduction of legislation in 2009.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293. Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The Legislature finds that a work force well-educated in science and math disciplines is needed to compete in the global market. In order to create an interest and desire for science and math in postsecondary and job skills training, efforts toward development of that interest need to begin in kindergarten and be sustained through grade twelve.

To promote these goals for workforce development in the science, technology, engineering, and math fields, this interim study shall address the following issues:

(1) The consideration of the establishment of pilot projects in both urban and rural Nebraska, with long-term support of ten years or greater;

(2) The development of public and private partnerships with the state and business community of Nebraska to fund math and science projects and programs;

(3) Funding options; and

(4) An assessment of current resources in the state that could be used for this initiative, including the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education, the Strategic Air and Space Museum and facilities, research-based industries, and the Nebraska Math and Science Partnerships Grant Program.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 294. Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: To study alternative salary compensation and funding systems for teachers in Nebraska public schools.

Salaries for Nebraska teachers rank forty-fifth nationally and next-to-last among the states bordering Nebraska. Beginning teacher salaries ranked

forty-eighth for the most recent year for which national data is available. Nebraska schools, which rank high on national assessments such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress and the ACT, are in danger of losing their ability to recruit and retain high-quality teachers. Recently, significant numbers of beginning and experienced Nebraska teachers have left the state to achieve a greater level of economic security for themselves and their families.

Traditionally, teacher salary compensation has been based on what is known as the single index salary schedule with vertical increments for years of experience and horizontal increments for graduate postsecondary education. These locally negotiated salary schedules have resulted in starting and career teacher salaries with disparities of thirty-five to forty percent across the state.

Many states have developed alternative compensation systems which recognize the additional salary schedule compensation indices such as specialized knowledge, advanced teaching skills, and extra teaching assignments, as well as educational and socioeconomic challenges of teaching in low-income schools with at-risk students. Some states have examined and developed additional salary incentives for positive movement of students on assessments of student achievement.

Teacher salaries are funded by local school boards through school district general fund budgets which are derived primarily through property taxes, approximately fifty-two percent, and secondarily through general, unrestricted state aid, approximately thirty-two percent. Both school district property tax levies and school budgets are capped under state law, restricting local school districts' abilities to address teacher salary compensation issues.

A number of states have addressed the issue of how to achieve or maintain competitive teacher salaries through specific state funding for teacher salaries and dedicated state revenue used to fund enhancement in teacher salaries, known as the trust fund concept.

This study shall examine alternative salary schedule systems and alternative funding systems for the enhancement of teacher salary compensation in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 295. Introduced by Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine regional models of delivering education in Nebraska's rural communities, particularly in those communities experiencing population decline. Several potential case studies of regional cooperation exist in the state.

The study may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Analysis of demographic trends in rural communities and rural schools and the impact of those trends on future educational needs;
- (2) Identification of regional education models that would serve to expand rural opportunities, enhance educational quality, and improve cost-effectiveness through distance education, regional cooperation, staff-sharing, and other such strategies;
- (3) Analysis of the applicability and adaptation of the learning community concept or other regional models to rural schools and communities;
- (4) Analysis of current policies that serve as a disincentive to form rural learning communities or other regional education models which may enhance rural educational quality and cost-effectiveness; and
- (5) Consideration of incentives that would encourage school districts to consider such models.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296. Introduced by Avery, 28; Cornett, 45; Gay, 14; Koppin, 3; Pankonin, 2.

PURPOSE: To study the impact on Nebraska's current military installations and missions of a future Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission. The United States Department of Defense routinely examines existing military installations and missions overseas and in the United States to seek ways to increase military efficiency. Once an installation or mission is placed on the commission's list for closure or realignment, it is extremely difficult to have it removed from the list.

The BRAC process may be beneficial to a community by receiving either newly created missions or existing missions from another base. Whether a base gains or loses missions often depends on the determination of the United States Department of Defense as to the base's current and potential value. Nebraska is currently vulnerable to the BRAC process, and losing an installation or mission would likely prove detrimental to the local economy. In order to examine the impact on Nebraska, this interim study shall include the formation of a BRAC Task Force to be established by the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature. The issues to be studied by the BRAC Task Force shall include, but not be limited to, (1) identifying the military installations and missions in Nebraska most vulnerable to the Base Realignment and Closure process, (2) identifying the military installations and missions in Nebraska most likely to benefit from the BRAC process, and (3) reviewing the actions taken by other states to protect their military installations and missions. The task force shall make recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to protect

its military installations and missions and recommendations as to what actions, if any, Nebraska should take to increase the likelihood of benefiting from future base realignment and closure processes. The task force shall issue a written report with the recommendations to the committee.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 297. Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study matters relating to the inspection requirements for Class B swimming pools and the standards, testing, and certification of certified swimming pool operators. The study shall include an examination of the requirements in other states.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 298. Introduced by Aguilar, 35.

PURPOSE: To study issues under the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 299. Introduced by Pankonin, 2; Pahls, 31; Pirsch, 4.

PURPOSE: To examine changes being implemented by insurance companies doing business in Nebraska to reduce private insurance benefits

covering prosthetic limbs as part of necessary medical care and to consider whether or not legislation should be introduced to address the changes. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek the assistance of the Department of Insurance, representatives from the insurance industry, and the Amputee Coalition of Nebraska and 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 HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 300. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: In 2004, LB 826 was passed by the Legislature to clarify the law setting the boundaries of Nebraska game refuges in response to a court action. As passed, the authority to determine the boundaries and to make the initial boundary determination was given to the Department of Natural Resources. Since the implementation of the law, concerns remain about the setting of these boundaries, specifically in Garden County.

The purpose of this resolution is to review the action that led to the introduction and passage of LB 826, any actions taken by the Department of Natural Resources after the passage of the bill, the impact of those actions, and the possible need to review and amend the changes made in LB 826.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 301. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues regarding the Comprehensive Health Insurance Pool (CHIP) and consider whether amendments should be recommended to the CHIP Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 44-4201 to 44-4235. The study should include an examination of: The funding of the net loss of CHIP; the determination of annual premium rates; the extent of CHIP policy coverage; provider reimbursement methodology; eligibility for pool coverage; and cost containment strategies. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee

should seek the assistance of the Department of Insurance and 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 HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 302. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to direct the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to conduct a study on the following issues:

(1) The availability of rooms for school children who visit the State Capitol building to conveniently gather and eat lunch when they visit and the possibility of designating rooms for such purposes;

(2) The availability of rooms for senators to meet with school children and other groups who are visiting the State Capitol building and the possibility of designating rooms for such purposes;

(3) The restrictions on senators who wish to use the Warner Chamber to meet with school children or other groups who are touring the State Capitol building;

(4) Making the State Capitol building and its environs a place where the public feels welcome;

(5) How the experience of visiting the State Capitol building influences the public's perceptions of the Legislature;

(6) The difference in the coordination of tours when the Legislature is in session and when it is not in session;

(7) The coordination of school tours of the State Capitol building conducted by the capitol tour office and senators' offices; and

(8) The needs of the capitol tour office or other agencies affected by guests in the State Capitol building to efficiently and adequately meet the needs and issues identified in this resolution.

The board may study any other issue related to such issues.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 303. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to direct the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to conduct a study on the following issues:

(1) The benefits of establishing a laboratory at the University of Nebraska Medical Center to conduct medical research on umbilical cord blood and tissue as proposed in LB 1003 (2008);

(2) Designating a sustainable funding source for the construction, development, staffing, maintenance, and accreditation of such a laboratory;

(3) Finding a sustainable source of umbilical cord blood and tissue to support a laboratory and medical research;

(4) The relationship between the issues identified in this study and LB 606 (2008); and

(5) Whether a laboratory in Nebraska could cooperate with a laboratory or an umbilical cord blood bank in another state to support the mission of the laboratory in this state.

The committee may study any other issue related to such issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 304. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to direct the Education Committee of the Legislature to conduct a study on the following issues:

(1) Determination of the number of public school teachers who retire early;

(2) Determination of the options for a public school teacher who opts to retire early to obtain affordable health insurance upon retiring;

(3) Determination of the level of responsibility or the role of public school districts to provide health insurance to their retirees until the retirees are eligible for other health care coverage;

(4) Determination of the cost of premiums to the retired teachers and the districts that would offer such coverage; and

(5) Determination of the reasons teachers who retire early are dropped from health care insurance coverage by a public school district.

The committee may study any other issue related to such issues.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 305. Introduced by Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact legislation to require issuers of group health benefit plans to provide the plan sponsor with information regarding claims paid and the amount of premiums by line of coverage. The study should include an examination of issues raised during consideration of LB 1002 (2008) by 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 Department of Insurance and 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 HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 306. Introduced by Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: In recent years, latex allergy has become an emerging issue. As a result, many states have passed legislation that prohibits the use of latex in public places, such as hospitals, schools, and restaurants. The purpose of this resolution is to review the impact of such laws in other states, the prevalence of the use of latex in public places in Nebraska, and efforts made by groups or industries to restrict or eliminate the use of latex.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 307. Introduced by Wightman, 36; Gay, 14; Harms, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine Nebraska's aid to dependent children program, and more specifically, how the state is meeting its federal work participation rate requirements and whether

improvements might be made in the administration of the program so that recipients might be allowed to participate in postsecondary education as their core work activity beyond twelve months.

While it is state policy that higher education is one of the most effective means to help move families permanently out of poverty and participation in postsecondary education is one of the most effective parts of the aid to dependent children program, the Department of Health and Human Services has raised concerns about its ability to meet the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families work participation rate requirements if postsecondary education is defined as a bachelor's degree or an associate's degree.

In order to further this interim study, the Department of Health and Human Services shall provide the committees with the following information:

(1) The actual work participation rate for Nebraska's Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for the previous calendar year and the estimated work participation rate for the current calendar year;

(2) An explanation and supporting documentation of how the department arrived at the work participation estimate;

(3) The number of work-eligible aid to dependent children program recipients who are not counted as meeting the federal work participation rate and the activities in which these persons are involved;

(4) The number of Nebraska's aid to dependent children program recipients who are engaged in a bachelor's degree program as a work activity;

(5) The number of Nebraska's aid to dependent children program recipients who are engaged in an associate's degree program as a work activity;

(6) The percentage of Nebraska's aid to dependent children program recipients, broken down by work activity, who obtained employment paying a wage equal to or exceeding one hundred percent of the federal poverty guideline, one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty guideline, and two hundred percent of the federal poverty guideline; and

(7) The percentage of aid to dependent children program recipients, broken down by work activity, who remain employed after twelve months, twenty-four months, and thirty-six months after leaving Nebraska's aid to dependent children program.

Further, the interim study will:

(1) Examine whether the department should be statutorily required to track and report any of the aforementioned information, especially to the extent that such information is not currently tracked;

(2) Evaluate the impact on the work participation rate requirements of implementing work components that are inconsistent with federal definitions which cannot be counted toward the required performance requirements;

(3) Evaluate the implementation of the four-month transitional grant implemented in Laws 2006, LB 351, and its impact on meeting the work participation rate requirements;

(4) Evaluate how monitoring of private sector Temporary Assistance for Needy Families case management contracts impact meeting mandated federal performance requirements; and

(5) Evaluate how final federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families regulations that go into effect October 1, 2009, will impact the work participation rate requirements.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services and the Appropriations Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 308. Introduced by Nantkes, 46; Fulton, 29; Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: To conduct a comprehensive study that examines the costs associated with the learning community created pursuant to section 79-2102. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Identification of funds appropriated from the General Fund to aid in carrying out the provisions of Laws 2006, LB 1024, including the identification of the amount of such appropriation specific to the learning community;

(2) Identification of funds appropriated from the General Fund to aid in carrying out the provisions of Laws 2007, LB 641, including the identification of the amount of such appropriation specific to the learning community;

(3) Identification of changes in actual and estimated aid expenditures under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act in FY2006-07, FY2007-08, FY2008-09, FY2009-10, and FY2010-11 compared to FY2005-06 and the identification of which changes can be attributed to the enactment of Laws 2006, LB 1024, Laws 2007, LB 641, and LB 988, One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, 2008; and

(4) Identification of the actual and estimated aid distributed pursuant to section 79-2103 to the learning community for FY2008-09 through FY2012-13.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 309. Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether Nebraska should enact the Uniform Limited Partnership Act (2001) as approved and recommended to the states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. This act would replace the current Nebraska Uniform Limited Partnership Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. sections 67-233 to 67-296, which is based on the Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (1976) and (1985). In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the committee should seek and consider the input of the Secretary of State, the practicing bar, and other interested persons as it deems necessary and beneficial.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 310. Introduced by Karpisek, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the mandatory retirement age and lack of purchase of service provisions in the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 311. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Synowiecki, 7, Chairperson; Erdman, 47; Karpisek, 32; Loudon, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the public employee retirement systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, the School Employees' Retirement System, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, and the judges retirement system. The study may also examine the Class V School Employees Retirement System administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

The study will examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and the administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 312. Introduced by Pedersen, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study whether the Legislature should adopt a statewide 24/7 sobriety program and the best means for doing so. Specifically, the committee should study the methods and costs of monitoring alcohol and drug use, including continuous alcohol monitoring devices. The study should include a review of issues raised during consideration of LB 1167 (2008), which is currently pending in the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the study committee should seek and consider the input of the Office of Probation Administration and interested persons as the committee deems necessary and beneficial.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 313. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine and determine the need in Nebraska for a uniform voluntary procedure of dispute resolution between railroads and entities desiring to enter into contractual agreements to construct facilities across railroad tracks for the provision of electric, telecommunications, advanced telecommunications, and cable services.

The study shall include an examination of existing statutory authority for resolving such disputes and consider whether further authority is needed to supplement the existing authority of the Public Service Commission to enable the commission to establish a voluntary uniform procedure to provide for the timely, fair, and efficient resolution of disputes relating to the terms and conditions of crossing agreements between crossing entities and railroads.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 314. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine means to fully cash fund the duties carried out by the Department of Agriculture under the Noxious Weed Control Act. The study shall seek to identify significant emerging and recurring invasive and noxious vegetation management issues, identify beneficiaries of weed control programs, and identify sources of dissemination of invasive and noxious vegetation. The study shall also seek to identify possible efficiencies in the delivery and funding of weed control programs and services.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 315. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the statutory provisions for disease eradication programs authorized in Chapter 54, article 7, and administered by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture. It is a goal of this study to examine such statutes and the activities carried out to provide for consistency in statutory form, in the elements of eradication programs authorized, consistency and uniformity in defining duties and violations, and consistency and uniformity of penalties across eradication programs.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 316. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to continue the examination initiated by Legislative Resolution 140 (2007) and examine activities and staffing of the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Animal Industry funded wholly or in part through federal grant funds under homeland security, livestock disease emergency response, animal identification, or other initiatives of the federal government. It is a goal of this study to identify the need for and feasibility of continuing such activities and staffing if federal funding sources are not continued.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 317. Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: The crime of stalking continues to be a serious and ongoing problem in Nebraska. Stalkers engage in behaviors intended to harass, terrify, and threaten their victims. Studies have demonstrated that stalking is a pattern of behavior linked to a higher risk of homicide and assault. Recent research showed that nine out of ten women killed by formerly intimate partners had been stalked during the previous year. One-third of women stalked by a current or former partner are sexually assaulted according to the National Institute of Justice. Advances in surveillance technology have made it much easier for stalkers to track their victims and monitor their every move. High-tech stalkers utilize global positioning systems, cellular telephone monitoring devices, and computer spyware. The purpose of this resolution is to study the use of electronic surveillance devices and software by an individual to illegally monitor, harass, threaten, or invade the privacy of another individual without their knowledge or consent and to recommend any statutory changes necessary to combat this insidious and dangerous conduct.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318. Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the participation rate of the food stamp program in Nebraska. Currently only sixty-one percent of eligible Nebraskans participate in the food stamp program. This means that as many as sixty thousand eligible Nebraskans may be struggling to feed themselves and their families. In addition, the state forgoes millions of federal dollars available through the food stamp program that could flow into Nebraska's local economies. It is the goal of this study to assess barriers to participation, including simplification of the food stamp application, and provide potential options for increased utilization of the food stamp program in the State of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 319. Introduced by Hudkins, 21.

PURPOSE: To examine the statutes of the State of Nebraska governing the placement of electric transmission lines and determine whether the Public Service Commission should be statutorily required to provide oversight over the process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 321. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: To examine issues relating to the Nebraska expressway system. The study shall include a review of the initial establishment of the expressway system outlined in the 1988 and 1989 Highway Needs Study, an analysis of how the Department of Roads views the expressway system in conjunction with its overall needs, and possible funding methods to complete the unfinished 179 miles of the planned 600-mile system.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 322. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: To study the current and proposed system that the Department of Roads uses to prioritize the needs of Nebraska's highways. An examination of the overall process will be conducted, including the various factors used to prioritize needs, who is involved in determining the needs, and the ultimate authority that makes the final decisions.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 323. Introduced by Raikes, 25.

PURPOSE: On January 1, 2011, the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act, and tiers 1 and 3 of the Nebraska Advantage Act will expire. The purpose of this study is to examine tax incentive programs in Nebraska and other states to assess cost and effectiveness. This study should result in criteria that will be used to determine which of these programs should be retained and how they should be modified to be more effective in developing the Nebraska economy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 324. Introduced by Gay, 14.

PURPOSE: To conduct a comprehensive study on Nebraska's highway development and funding system. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of the state's highway needs, including the maintenance and preservation of the current highway system, rural geometric improvements, urban needs, bridge improvements, railroad crossing improvements, and the completion of the expressway system;

(2) An examination of the long-term sustainability of the current funding mechanism;

(3) An examination of other funding options available to the state and local governing bodies;

(4) An examination of the prioritization methods utilized to determine state highway projects and the expressway system, including the prioritization of projects that stimulate economic development throughout all regions of the state; and

(5) An examination of the funding and prioritization methods utilized in other states with respect to highways.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 326. Introduced by Transportation and Telecommunications Committee: Fischer, 43, Chairperson; Aguilar, 35; Hudkins, 21; Lautenbaugh, 18; Louden, 49; Pedersen, 39; Schimek, 27; Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: To study issues under the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 327. Introduced by Burling, 33; Janssen, 15; Langemeier, 23; Nantkes, 46; Pahls, 31.

PURPOSE: To review the report and recommendations of the Tax Policy Reform Commission and develop specific details of policy proposals and ideas advanced by the commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 328. Introduced by Karpisek, 32; Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: To study, develop, and publish information necessary to implement a method of valuation of agricultural real estate used by neighboring agricultural states. Information shall be gathered on crop production patterns in each county, historical prices and expenditures, and other information on agricultural real estate rents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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 by January 1, 2009.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 329. Introduced by Nantkes, 46.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine state policy changes that should be pursued in order to ensure that state economic development efforts fully leverage the state's public and private research capacity. Research provides the basis for innovation, which will continue to be a vitally important factor for state competitiveness in developing higher wage jobs and a more diversified economic base. Additionally, the University of Nebraska's proven record of success in securing competitive federal grants for research in areas such as biotechnology, bioscience, physics, crop genetics, nanotechnology, computer science, transportation, energy, drought, climate change, and many others hold great potential for economic growth across the state. The general objective of this study is to examine ways to align and enhance tax policies, economic development policies, and state appropriations in order to fully leverage research and strengthen state innovation. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examination of how state investment and job incentives might be utilized to leverage public and private research and build innovation capacity;

(2) Examination of how the state refundable research and development tax credit might be enhanced to assist with public and private research;

(3) Examination of how the state might more fully participate in federal programs for enhancing research and building innovation capacity;

(4) Examination of Nebraska's competitiveness with other states in developing innovation capacity;

(5) Examination of policies that encourage the location, expansion, or creation of "new economy" businesses and technology-based entrepreneurship; and

(6) Examination of any other policy issues under the general objectives of the study.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 330. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: To examine and identify points of diversion for transferring excess water, flood water, and storm water between river basins to increase water management capabilities in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the identification of specific canals, creeks, and streams or other possible means of transferring water.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 331. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: To examine how to simplify and grant authority to a single entity to divert excess water in the Platte River to Johnson and Elwood Reservoirs after stream flows in the Platte River reach a specific level of cubic feet per second above the flows necessary to meet all other obligations. The study shall include, but not be limited to, identifying who would be the single entity to initiate diversion, how the specific cubic-feet-per-second level would be calculated, and identifying the specific cubic-feet-per-second level for initiating diversions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 332. Introduced by Christensen, 44.

PURPOSE: To examine the concept of transferring storm water runoff from cities to the Republican River Basin to help with interstate water compact compliance. The study should include, but not be limited to, identifying potential cities as sources of storm water runoff, identifying potential methods to deliver water to the Republican River, and identifying potential methods of cooperation between political subdivisions to fund such transfer projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 333. Introduced by Synowiecki, 7; Ashford, 20; Kruse, 13; Preister, 5; White, 8.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the crime of destruction of property through the use of graffiti and to make a comprehensive recommendation to combat graffiti-related crimes in communities throughout the state.

This study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examination of the impact of graffiti-related crimes throughout the state;

(2) Examination of the relationship between graffiti-related crimes and gang activity;

(3) Examination of the current penalties for destruction of property using graffiti;

(4) Recommendations for changes to current penalties for the crime, including:

(a) Possible enhanced penalties for the use of graffiti on areas of civic importance such as schools, churches, and monuments; and

(b) Possible enhanced penalties for gang-related graffiti;

(5) Recommendations for parental involvement for crime prevention and restitution; and

(6) Needs of law enforcement to combat graffiti-related crimes.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 334. Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

PURPOSE: To conduct a study of the effect of LB588 (2007) on the premium cost to consumers of workers' compensation insurance in Nebraska and the impact of the workers' compensation Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedules on Nebraska hospitals. LB588 was enacted in 2007 to help contain the premium cost of workers' compensation insurance in Nebraska. The method utilized to help contain those premium cost increases was a statutory workers' compensation Diagnostic Related Group inpatient hospital fee schedule. The Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court was charged with the administration and application of such hospital fee schedule, and the Department of Insurance oversees the rates, forms, and sale of workers' compensation insurance in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 335. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this resolution to examine and identify policies, programs, services, and strategies to encourage and support family farm proprietorship and models of agricultural production and marketing conducive to family farm scale of agricultural production in this state. Such policies, programs, services, and strategies may address, but are not necessarily limited to, the following areas:

- (a) Tax incentives and policy;
- (b) Programs of extension, research, and technical and financial assistance;
- (c) Cooperative formation;
- (d) Government and institutional procurement practices;
- (e) Agricultural products standards, inspection, and certification;
- (f) Direct and local food marketing and development of specialty crops;
- (g) Credit and lending programs;
- (h) Farm succession and beginning farmer programs;

(i) Conservation programs, open space preservation, and environmental services; and

(j) Value-added processing, agro-tourism, and other on-farm entrepreneurial activities.

The study shall seek to involve Nebraska farm and commodity organizations, the Department of Agriculture, the University of Nebraska, the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Service Center Agency, and other entities and individuals with interest and expertise in purposes of this study.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 336. Introduced by Hansen, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study how to better educate parents, school officials, day care providers, and the general public on the importance of the administration of the influenza vaccine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 337. Introduced by Johnson, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the needs of the State of Nebraska for the development of a plan to provide behavioral health workers of all professions, allied professionals, and other specially trained support personnel necessary to support community-based behavioral health services, including the needs of persons with co-occurring developmental disabilities. The study shall examine alternatives to provide adequate funding of the plan.

In 2004, the State of Nebraska passed LB1083 to reform behavioral health services, moving such services from state regional centers to community-based sites and increasing the focus on recovery, thereby requiring providers of behavioral health services to have new competencies. LB1083 requires the state to "promote activities in research and education to improve the quality of behavioral health services, the recruitment and retention of

behavioral health professionals, and the availability of behavioral health services."

The Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of Justice, in a civil rights report titled "CRIPA Investigation of the Beatrice State Developmental Center, Beatrice, Nebraska" and dated March 7, 2008, identified the lack of community behavioral health workers as a significant barrier to community-based placement of persons at the Beatrice State Developmental Center with co-occurring developmental disabilities and behavioral health disabilities. The State of Nebraska must take action to resolve the civil rights violations alleged in the report.

The United States Department of Health and Human Services currently designates over ninety-five percent of Nebraska's counties as Mental Health Professional Shortage Areas. Further, ninety of ninety-three counties are designated as Psychiatric Shortage Areas. These shortages have led to well-documented problems such as hospital and emergency rooms and jails and prisons bearing the brunt of the responsibility of care for patients needing more specialized and appropriate treatment. As the state works toward moving services from institutional to community-based care, there is a recognition that many of the professionals necessary to provide these services are difficult to hire due to this shortage.

In 2003, Senator Jim Jensen and Governor Mike Johanns requested a study of behavioral health service, education, and research issues from the academic medical centers in the state which generated "The Nebraska Academic Health Centers Plan for Excellence in Behavioral Health" which outlined numerous behavioral health issues and recommendations.

In 2004, the Nebraska Health and Human Services System established the Academic Support Workgroup in order to outline a plan to address the shortage and competency issues. The workgroup brought together many stakeholders involved in behavioral health care, including clinicians, educators, researchers, advocates, consumers, and system administrators with a wide range of educational backgrounds and institutional and academic affiliations. In 2005, the Academic Support Workgroup outlined a comprehensive plan to improve the behavioral health workforce in "A Behavioral Health Education and Research System for Nebraska." This plan includes recruitment of talented students into the field, improved undergraduate and graduate training in behavioral health, enhanced training opportunities in rural areas and increased use of telehealth technology, increased focus on recovery competencies, enhanced training in behavioral health for primary care providers, and improved continuing education in behavioral health, especially for providers in rural areas.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a study concerning statewide behavioral health education to address workforce shortage and delineate a range of proposals to "promote activities in research and education to improve the quality of behavioral health services, the recruitment and retention of behavioral health

professionals, and the availability of behavioral health services, including services to those with co-occurring developmental disabilities."

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 338. Introduced by Johnson, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to conduct research and develop recommendations relating to the implementation of the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act. Such recommendations shall relate to, but are not limited to: (a) Consumer involvement as provided in section 71-803; (b) the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services as provided in sections 71-805 and 71-806; (c) regional behavioral health authorities as provided in sections 71-808 and 71-809; (d) regional centers and community-based behavioral health services as provided in section 71-810; (e) funding for behavioral health services as provided in sections 71-811 and 71-812; and (f) the number and function of various legislatively created behavioral health advisory entities as currently established and provided in sections 43-4001 to 43-4003 and 71-814 to 71-818.

The study shall be conducted by a select committee consisting of three members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and three members of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature appointed by the chairpersons of such committees. The select committee shall consult with the Department of Health and Human Services, members of the Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature established in section 71-818, and other interested parties in developing such recommendations.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services and Appropriations Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature on or before December 31, 2008.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 339. Introduced by Johnson, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study issues relating to educational requirements for licensure as an engineer raised by LB 742 (2008).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 340. Introduced by Gay, 14; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Pankonin, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to study transparency in health care pricing and billing, including transparent disclosure of price to consumers and easily understandable and streamlined medical billing within the health care system in Nebraska. In order to carry out the purpose of this resolution, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall consider input from employers, including small businesses, consumer groups, insurers, providers, third-party administrators, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Insurance, and others as the committee deems necessary and beneficial. The issues to consider shall include, but are not limited to: The role of pricing and billing transparency in assisting consumers to make health care decisions; controlling health care costs; how employers, payors, and providers are responding to consumer demand for transparency; and what role state government may play to provide positive incentives and eliminate barriers toward greater pricing and billing transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341. Introduced by Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: To review the costs, impact, and effectiveness associated with requiring that DNA samples be collected for arrestees for felony sex offenses and other specified offenses under murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, manslaughter, stalking, burglary, and robbery.

In addition to this, to review the costs, impact, and effectiveness associated with requiring DNA samples to be collected for assault in the first degree, assault in the second degree, use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony, and any violation relating to explosives.

The intent in providing DNA arrestee testing is to provide comparison evidence in the State DNA Data Base in between the time that the person is arrested and convicted in order to provide a comparison sample for other

crimes he or she may have already committed before the arrest and in between the arrest and a possible conviction.

The issues to be addressed by this study include:

- (1) Identification of the constitutionality of DNA testing and collection prior to conviction;
- (2) Identification of costs associated with DNA testing and collection prior to conviction;
- (3) Identification of laws prohibiting penalties on the misuse of DNA samples in the data base;
- (4) Research of the laws and the subsequent impact in solving crime regarding DNA testing and collection in other states;
- (5) Identification of the collection and expungement processes and procedures currently implemented to acquire a DNA sample from those persons convicted of felony sex offenses and other specified offenses;
- (6) Identification of storage and testing facility adequacies for DNA samples; and
- (7) Exploration of options in requiring DNA testing and collection for certain enumerated crimes or for all those persons convicted or arrested.

Based on these studies, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall recommend any changes necessary to LB 1076 (2008) to better conform to Nebraska's criminal statutes and to address any concerns that may exist in terms of privacy, the presumption of innocence, and the selection of enumerated crimes affecting those persons who would be arrested and hence subject to the collection of a DNA sample.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342. Introduced by Johnson, 37; Louden, 49.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine whether the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Contractors Certification and System Registration Act and the adoption and enforcement of construction standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems in the State of Nebraska generally authorized under the Environmental Protection Act should be transferred for administration to the Department of Health and Human Services from the Department of Environmental Quality.

The onsite wastewater treatment programs for development of construction standards and the enforcement of those standards, including the provisions for registration of wastewater treatment systems and the certification of professionals serving onsite wastewater system businesses, has been administered under the general authority of the Department of Environmental Quality. The Natural Resources Committee of the

Legislature has jurisdiction over the department. The department, because of the inadequacy of staffing, has historically relied extensively upon the field services staff of the Department of Health and Human Services for state enforcement inspections and upon limited volunteer inspection and enforcement by city and county inspectors working as building code administrators or health department administrators.

The Department of Health and Human Services currently provides administration and local inspection for the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Practice Act which makes contact with many of the same contractors involved with onsite wastewater treatment systems. The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature has jurisdiction over the department and local and regional public health departments.

The Department of Health and Human Services currently has contact with and provides administrative guidance to local health departments and to the newly established regional health organizations which provide a direct link to new local health management professionals who could enhance local onsite wastewater treatment system construction and operation and maintenance.

State field services and local health services may provide critical personal connections among wastewater treatment system contractors and system owners necessary to enhance the protection of ground water resources across the state not now possible because of a limitation of Department of Environmental Quality staffing.

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

1. That the Natural Resources and Health and Human Services Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 343. Introduced by Erdman, 47.

PURPOSE: To examine the collection and distribution of municipal aid and equalization to communities in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 344. Introduced by Engel, 17; McDonald, 41.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to study the process and standards used to revise the State Electrical Act. The National Electrical Code is updated every three years in response to an ever-changing electrical industry. When the national code is updated a legislative bill typically follows to update Nebraska's minimum standards for electrical wiring to conform with the latest edition of the National Electrical Code. This study shall examine the process used to update the act and whether there is a more efficient method that could be utilized. This study shall also investigate the consequences of not updating the state code in accordance with the national code and how the Legislature can ensure that the highest safety standards are enacted for the protection of the citizens of Nebraska.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 345. Introduced by McDonald, 41; Aguilar, 35; Janssen, 15; Karpisek, 32; Nantkes, 46; Pedersen, 39; Preister, 5; Rogert, 16; Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine issues relating to the horseracing industry in Nebraska, including the following:

- (1) The history of the horseracing industry in Nebraska;
- (2) An examination of the financial impact the horseracing industry has in communities with live racing;
- (3) An examination of the financial impact the horseracing industry has on the state as a whole;
- (4) An examination of the revenue generated from live horseracing in Nebraska;
- (5) An examination of the revenue generated from parimutuel wagering on horseracing in Nebraska; and
- (6) Any and all other matters of interest relating to the horseracing industry in Nebraska.

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

1. That the General Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 346. Introduced by Rogert, 16; Flood, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to reexamine the effects of changing the age of majority from age nineteen to age eighteen. This study should include, but not be limited to, examining the effects of this change to wards of the state. In 2003 and 2004, interim studies recommended statutory changes relating to the age of majority. The statutes covered were within the jurisdiction of multiple committees of the Legislature. This resolution proposes the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature serve as the lead committee in conducting this study. The legal counsels for the committees with subject matter covered by the study shall participate as staff in the conduct of the interim study.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 347. Introduced by Raikes, 25.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Education Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 348. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: To examine the issue of language access in Nebraska's health care and human services systems. We have a public interest in ensuring that all Nebraskans can effectively access quality health care. A lack of effective plans for translation and interpretation can result in (1) delayed medical treatment until more expensive, emergency care is needed, (2) unnecessary testing and misdiagnoses, and (3) more time-consuming care or even fatal errors. The study should include, but is not limited to, exploring the most effective ways the state can ensure access to quality medical care and reduce

medical errors and costs through legislation relating to medical interpretation and translation, such as prohibiting the use of minors as interpreters, determining whether we are fully utilizing available federal funds to pay for interpretation, and developing a system for credentialing Nebraska interpreters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 349. Introduced by Dubas, 34; Adams, 24.

PURPOSE: To do a comprehensive examination of city and county state aid programs currently in state law. A report shall be developed examining the history of the state aid programs, the impact of the state aid programs on local finances, and the future fiscal needs of cities and counties which may be addressed by local fiscal resources which cities and counties are authorized by law to use. Needs, available local capacity and resources, and future strategies for providing sustainable growth in fiscal resources shall be examined. Alternative policies shall be identified by the study.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 350. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine opportunities in the growth and development of renewable energy, including cellulosic ethanol, biodiesel, and other systems for capturing energy values from agricultural products and waste streams. This study should identify policies, programs, and strategies to optimize economic value realized by production agriculture and related economic sectors in renewable energy development.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 352. Introduced by Dubas, 34.

PURPOSE: To examine a model for wind and solar rights in the State of Nebraska and to make recommendations for an appropriate model for future legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 353. Introduced by Preister, 5; Dierks, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the rural economic development potential of wind energy development in Nebraska and legislation which may advance this goal.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 354. Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to review the statutory provisions of the Adult Protective Services Act. The goal is to study the need to redefine definitions pertaining to the act and the need to revise the penalty provisions under the act.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 355. Introduced by Fulton, 29; Engel, 17; Erdman, 47; Gay, 14; Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Kruse, 13; Lautenbaugh, 18; Nantkes, 46; Nelson, 6; Pankonin, 2; Stuthman, 22; Synowiecki, 7; Wightman, 36.

PURPOSE: To examine the feasibility of the Department of Health and Human Services contracting with other social services agencies for the provision of foster care services. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the examination of:

- (1) The total cost-per-case of providing foster care services through other social services agencies;
- (2) The total cost-per-case of providing foster care services through the department;
- (3) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects the quality of the department's case management;
- (4) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects the general welfare of foster care children;
- (5) How an increased utilization of other social services agencies to provide foster care services affects all outcomes for foster care children; and
- (6) What budget effects would result from ensuring that the rate for services provided by other social services agencies be prevented from exceeding the cost at which the department could provide the same foster care services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 356. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: To examine whether there is a need to adopt additional financing mechanisms relating to taxation and revenue potential for a natural resource district encompassing a city of the metropolitan class in order to implement necessary flood control and water quality projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 357. Introduced by Preister, 5.

PURPOSE: To examine policies relating to livestock friendly county programs in the state.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 358. Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to direct the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature to conduct a study on LB 1073 (2008), a bill that proposed to adopt the Nebraska Construction Prompt Pay Act. The committee may examine any issues related to the bill and may review similar laws or legislation from other states.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 359. Introduced by Raikes, 25.

PURPOSE: To review recent changes to Nebraska's statewide assessment statutes and the Quality Education Accountability Act and to evaluate models for implementing statewide assessment. The Education Committee of the Legislature may conduct a study of the following:

(1) Explore models of statewide assessment from other states;

(2) Review practices of local assessment developed in Nebraska by school districts, educational service units, assessment consortia, or other joint efforts by school districts;

(3) Examine the use of online assessment or other computer-based assessment;

(4) Consider the appropriate use of student assessment data for policy making purposes; and

(5) Study other student assessment-related issues as appropriate.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 360. Introduced by Lautenbaugh, 18.

PURPOSE: To examine the feasibility of including Highway 133 as part of the expressway system in Nebraska.

In 1988, the Legislature initiated the beginnings of the expressway system in order to connect communities north and south of Interstate 80 to further encourage economic growth throughout these communities and the state.

Presently, this system has yet to be fully completed, connecting many of the state's four-lane highways with one another. The Legislature has acknowledged the need for completion of this project and its need to be placed on a higher priority level by the Department of Roads.

Highway 133 is a four-lane divided highway of the sort intended to be connected as part of the expressway system, yet it presently remains unconnected to the system.

The issues addressed by this interim study shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) The total distance of Highway 133 that consists of four lanes;
- (2) The total distance of Highway 133 that consists of two lanes;
- (3) The costs of connecting Highway 133 to the expressway system;
- (4) The availability of funds for the connection of Highway 133 to the system;
- (5) An approximate timeline for when such connection would be completed;
- (6) The economic and physical impact of connecting Highway 133 to the system; and
- (7) What improvements, if any, need to be made to Highway 133 to keep the highway at a level acceptable to be included in the expressway system.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 361. Introduced by Dierks, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine the impact of federal and state bans on the slaughter of horses, the transport of horses for slaughter, and the options available for the disposal of horses. The study shall seek to determine the availability of rendering and the utilization of

land burial as a means of disposal and examine whether states that allow humane slaughter of horses are in conflict with applicable federal law.

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

1. That the Agriculture 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 362. Introduced by Ashford, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to:

(1) Access and utilize all available resources in our state to develop a response to the issues surrounding the increasing population of undocumented persons in Nebraska;

(2) Consult with Nebraska businesses, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and faith-based organizations to identify pragmatic solutions to the problems facing Nebraskans as a result of illegal immigration;

(3) Research what governmental and nongovernmental organizations are doing at the local level to address the growing immigrant population;

(4) Explore the lack of federal response to immigration issues and its impact upon state policy;

(5) Research what other states are doing to address illegal immigration and the impact of such laws; and

(6) Research the naturalization process.

Issues to be examined include, but are not limited to: Public benefits; law enforcement; employment; health care; identification; licensure; human trafficking; legal services; guest workers; and educational opportunities for children of undocumented persons.

Until the 1880s, the federal government maintained a relatively open immigration policy that encouraged migration from Europe. The Naturalization Act of 1790 provided, "Any alien, being a free white person, may be admitted to become a citizen of the United States." The law required the person applying for citizenship to establish residency in the country for two years and one year in the state of residence prior to being naturalized.

The law also provided that children of citizens shall be considered natural born citizens of the United States.

The open border policy was maintained through the 1880s when the United States Government began to enact laws to control the flow of immigration. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, prohibiting Chinese laborers from immigrating to the United States, was the first significant restriction enacted in the wake of a period of mass immigration starting in the 1840s.

The flow of immigrants to the United States reached a peak between the 1890s and the 1920s, which led to the Immigration Act of 1924, limiting the number of visas granted each year and allocating them based on the number

of people from that country already living in the United States in 1890. The 1924 law also placed a ban on all immigration from the Asia-Pacific Triangle. The national quotas established in the 1924 law did not apply to the Western Hemisphere, a policy which allowed the United States Government to recruit thousands of temporary workers from Mexico under the Bracero Program to meet farm labor shortages brought about by World War II. These workers were not eligible for citizenship, but were given temporary work permits which had to be turned in upon their return to Mexico after their contracts expired. The 1942 Bracero Program lasted for twenty years and brought more than three million workers to the United States. However, temporary workers continued to cross our southern border and this program is widely believed to have been the foundation for illegal immigration from Mexico.

The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 created the fundamental structure of today's immigration system. It was enacted shortly after the 1964 Civil Rights Act which prohibited discrimination based on "national origin." Accordingly, the national origin quotas were replaced by hemispheric quotas including the first quotas on immigration from the Western Hemisphere. The 1965 law limited the annual maximum of Eastern Hemisphere immigrants to 170,000, and no more than 20,000 per country. The Western Hemisphere limit was set at 120,000 per year with no per-country limit. Another provision established that visas would be granted on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to family reunification, attracting needed skills to the United States and refugees.

Since 1965, sources of immigration to this country have shifted from Europe to Latin America and Asia.

The last comprehensive immigration reform was passed over twenty years ago when President Reagan supported and signed the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 in an effort to address illegal immigration. The law provided for amnesty to immigrants who entered the United States illegally prior to January 1, 1982, and resided here continuously. The law also made it illegal for employers to knowingly hire or recruit undocumented immigrants. The 1986 law did little to solve the illegal immigration problem due to extensive document fraud and the number of people applying for amnesty far exceeding projections. Furthermore, enforcement of the employer sanction policy proved difficult due to the prevalence of document fraud and a lack of political will to enforce the sanctions. As a result, it is estimated that there are anywhere from eight million to twenty million undocumented persons living in the United States today.

The framework for the current United States immigration quota system stems from the 1986 law and is divided into three primary quota categories: Immediate relative immigrants; family-based immigrants; and employment-based immigrants. Immediate relatives are not numerically limited and are defined as the spouse of an adult United States citizen, unmarried minor child (under 21) of an adult United States citizen, or the parent of a United States citizen. Current law provides for 226,000 lawful admittances into the United States for persons in the family-based category. The family-based category allows for up to 23,400 unmarried sons and daughters of United States citizens, 114,200 dependents of green card holders (includes spouses,

minor children, and unmarried adult children), 23,400 married sons and daughters of United States citizens, and 65,000 brothers and sisters of United States citizens. Finally, 195,000 immigrants receive green cards pursuant to the employment quota category.

Although the quota numbers are modestly adjusted annually, the number of green cards issued as part of the employment category over the past two decades has not kept pace with the demand for immigrant labor within the United States economy. There are 40,000 green cards available for unskilled workers each year. There are 66,000 temporary work visas available for nonagricultural workers each year. Because of the large demand for unskilled labor in the American economy, the overall lack of available unskilled laborers among those in the United States legally, and the enormous demand for unskilled employment by foreign nationals in countries lacking adequate employment opportunities, the number of available visas are grossly inadequate. Furthermore, the number of temporary work visas available for agricultural workers is unlimited and many temporary workers who get into the country on temporary work visas stay here beyond their legal status, adding to the eight to twenty million undocumented people in the United States.

In 2006, Congress considered the Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act to address the enormous population of undocumented persons living and working in this country. The version of the legislation passed by the United States Senate provided for increased border security, a citizenship path for undocumented persons who have been in the United States for a length of time, and expansion of the number of guest workers allowed to enter the United States. The version advanced by the United States House of Representatives solely focused on United States-Mexican border security and penalties for employers, smugglers, and those providing assistance to illegal immigrants, such as churches and charity workers. Further, the House version sought to change illegal presence in the United States from a civil offense to a felony. The varying versions of this legislation were both ultimately stymied as the House and Senate were unable to come to an agreement in conference.

Due to the failure of the federal government to enforce current immigration policies or enact comprehensive immigration reform, states are attempting to address immigration-related issues on their own. In 2007, at least 1,562 immigration bills were introduced among the fifty state legislatures, a three-fold increase from the previous year. Of the 1,562 immigration bills introduced in 2007, 240 bills became law in forty-six states.

Nebraska is a state populated by immigrants. Our history is marked by two significant waves of immigration. The first wave came from Europe in the second half of the Nineteenth century when German, Swedes, Irish, Bohemians from the modern-day Czech Republic, and Mexicans came to this state in search of economic opportunity. The Homestead Act of 1862 promoted early immigration to Nebraska with the availability of cheap land. Additional immigrants were drawn to the state when the Union Pacific Railroad triggered expansion of Nebraska's agricultural and meatpacking industries. In the last twenty years, a new wave of immigrants has come to

Nebraska from Latin America, some documented and some undocumented. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, the undocumented immigrant population in Nebraska grew from 6,000 in 1990 to 24,000 in 2000, faster than any other Midwestern state.

While Nebraska has been economically and culturally enriched throughout its history by immigration, the current influx of undocumented persons has presented the state with a variety of challenges. According to the Pew Hispanic Center, there were between 35,000 and 55,000 undocumented persons in Nebraska in 2005. Because undocumented immigrants typically lack strong English language skills and live on a low income, many communities that have recently experienced a rapid increase in immigrant population find it increasingly difficult to provide access to education, health care, and housing to all residents. The lack of documentation, language barriers, and cultural differences cause many undocumented persons in our state to face a daily struggle for health, safety, and security. Despite the high demand for manual labor, some Nebraskans have expressed concerns regarding the potential unavailability of some employment opportunities for lawful Nebraska residents resulting from the hiring of undocumented persons by some employers. Finally, while state government has experienced increased costs associated with providing undocumented persons with certain public benefits such as health care and public education, there are economic benefits to the state associated with having a large immigrant population, including meeting workforce needs, increased tax revenue, and significant entrepreneurial activity.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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 access community leaders from businesses, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and faith-based organizations across the state to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
3. 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 363. Introduced by Erdman, 47; Gay, 14; Hansen, 42; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Pankonin, 2; Stuthman, 22.

PURPOSE: (1) The Legislature finds that:

- (a) The Department of Health and Human Services has been entrusted by the Legislature with numerous powers and duties relating to the protection and promotion of the health and welfare of persons in Nebraska;
- (b) The department has initiated and expanded numerous programs and services under its administration to carry out such powers and duties;
- (c) The Legislature has appropriated General Funds and other funds for such programs and services, but the amount of such appropriations is often less than the amount identified by the department as being necessary and

appropriate for such purpose, despite repeated legislative action to increase such appropriations;

(d) State budget constraints are inconsistent with increasing budget needs of programs and services administered by the department; and

(e) Further legislative action is necessary and appropriate to identify and prioritize core responsibilities of the department, to adequately fund such priorities, and to identify nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of nonpriority programs and services.

(2) The Department of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, shall:

(a) Identify and categorize the statutory powers and duties of the department and prioritize the programs and services administered by the department to carry out such powers and duties;

(b) Indicate the amount of funding necessary to adequately fund each program or service;

(c) Identify those programs and services which would not be funded if the FY2008-09 budget for the department was first allocated to each program and service in the order of priority at its adequately funded level; and

(d) Recommend nongovernmental alternatives for the administration and funding of such nonpriority programs and services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 364. Introduced by Loudon, 49.

PURPOSE: To investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 365. Introduced by Loudon, 49.

PURPOSE: Nebraskans depend on safe rail transportation through their communities. The purpose of this study is to examine railroads'

responsibilities to the citizens of this state. The study should focus on community safety as it may be affected by using "helper locomotives" to push trains up and over steep grades such as those near Crawford, Nebraska. This study should be conducted by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature which may seek the input of the chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature, the Public Service Commission, representatives of railroads operating in Nebraska, locomotive engineers, elected city officials, volunteer firefighters, and emergency responders.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 366. Introduced by Christensen, 44; Avery, 28; Carlson, 38; White, 8.

PURPOSE: Past efforts to address water shortage have focused on buying water appropriation rights or otherwise limiting production agriculture. Research indicates that significant amounts of water can be saved through more efficient methods of irrigation. Center pivot irrigation uses forty to sixty percent less water than surface irrigation. Low-pressure irrigation systems lose approximately fifty percent less water to evaporation than high-pressure systems. Reducing or eliminating end guns results in significant water savings, while limiting the number of acres removed from production. Educating farmers for improved irrigation scheduling for first and last irrigation is effective and results in significant water savings. The Legislature should investigate the impact that improved irrigation efficiency could have on Nebraska's water shortage. The Legislature should also determine whether improved efficiency can be achieved through education of farmers on the most efficient uses of water, incentives to convert from surface irrigation to low-pressure irrigation systems, tax credits or other incentives to convert from high-pressure irrigation systems to low-pressure irrigation systems, promotion of development of more drought-resistant crop strains, and other methods of improving efficiency of water use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 367. Introduced by Fischer, 43.

PURPOSE: This study shall investigate issues related to the current and future availability and access to telecommunications and information services throughout Nebraska. Study topics shall include, but not be limited to:

- (1) Existing state and federal efforts and programs to ensure quality telecommunications and information services at just, reasonable, and affordable rates throughout the state;
- (2) Results achieved by existing state and federal programs;
- (3) Existing statutory authority of the Public Service Commission to ensure accountability for funding supporting telecommunications and information services throughout the state; and
- (4) Future challenges to the provision of quality telecommunications and information services at just, reasonable, and affordable rates throughout the state.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 368. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: To examine policy changes that should be pursued in order to provide cooperation between governmental agencies and tribal governments when it comes to the discovery and removal or borrowing of paleontological resources from tribal lands. The committee shall conduct a study of the following:

- (1) Current practice when paleontological resources are discovered;
- (2) How other states have provided in statute for dealing with this issue;
- (3) Methods of preventing any governmental agency or private entity or individual from entering tribal lands and removing paleontological resources without tribal permission and cooperation; and
- (4) Potential improvements that can be made statutorily to the process in order to promote cooperation between the governmental agency and the tribes.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 369. Introduced by Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: To examine policy changes that should be pursued in order to provide further guidance and oversight of Nebraska's home schools. The committee shall conduct a study of the following:

(1) Current statutory framework established for the creation of all types of nonaccredited schools in Nebraska and how that relates to original legislative intent;

(2) Potential improvements that can be made to existing statute due to the increased number of home schools, in order to reflect current trends;

(3) Any data that can be drawn from only Nebraska home schools to demonstrate how well the state's home school students are performing;

(4) Existing case law enabling states to provide oversight to home schools; and

(5) Proposals that would enable Nebraska to provide sufficient oversight through the testing of home school students or other mechanisms in order to evaluate home school students.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 370. Introduced by Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: The State of Nebraska has a duty and a keen interest in providing quality care to those individuals who are entrusted to the state's twenty-four-hour care facilities and a duty to provide reasonable working conditions to its citizens who are in the employment of our state. This shall be a joint study between the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to: (1) Study the effect of mandatory overtime at our twenty-four-hour care facilities on the morale of the employees who are forced to repeatedly work mandatory overtime, and the inadequacy of care to the patients; (2) the cost to the state for overtime; (3) how many full-time employees could be hired in lieu of overtime payment; (4) explore and investigate how these vacant positions are covered including use of agency temps and outside temporary pools; and (5) explore methods to decrease staffing shortages, improve retention, and improve the care of individuals in twenty-four-hour state care.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 371. Introduced by Kopplin, 3.

PURPOSE: Energy efficient schools can provide many benefits, such as saving tax dollars, reducing the amount of money expended on imported fuel sources, reducing the need for new power plants because of energy conservation, reducing negative environmental impacts of energy generation and consumption, and improved student performance. It is the goal of this study to determine current energy usage by schools and school districts, document effective energy efficiency methods currently being used by school districts in the state, determine effective energy efficiency measures developed by the state's public power districts, research effective energy efficiency methods being utilized by other states, research methods of providing funding for energy efficient schools, and research any other methods or information necessary for a complete examination of this issue.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 372. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: Under our existing scheme of classification of cities and villages, over the course of time, different provisions and standards have been adopted in statutes regarding the adoption, implementation, and enforcement of municipal ordinances. This study would review those statutes, their application, extent, and use, and would seek to determine which, if any, of these statutes should be updated and whether standardization among the different classes of cities and villages would be appropriate public policy.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 373. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: LB1117 (2008), introduced by Sen. Pedersen and heard by the Urban Affairs Committee, dealt with homeowner's associations in sanitary and improvement districts (SIDs), seeking to address concerns about the mandatory membership requirements of some of the associations, their fee structure, and the voting rights granted to the members. This study would review the use of homeowners associations in SIDs and the functions they serve as well as the issues raised by LB1117. The study would seek to determine the most efficient and appropriate method for informing persons purchasing property in SIDs of the existence of such associations and the duties, rights, and obligations arising from mandatory membership in such associations.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 374. Introduced by Friend, 10.

PURPOSE: This study will provide the opportunity for the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature to investigate and review matters and issues arising during the interim which are within its jurisdiction and which may be the subject of bills to be introduced in the 2009 legislative session.

The study will involve:

(1) A review of any legislation considered by the Urban Affairs Committee during the 2007-08 legislative biennium which failed to advance from committee or to be adopted to determine what further action by the committee might be warranted with regard to the particular subjects of the individual bills;

(2) A review of problems, concerns, or legislation proposed for introduction by senators or other parties for study, technical discussion, or conceptual refinement before the start of the next legislative session; and

(3) The conduct of at least one public hearing to provide an opportunity for public comment and discussion with members of the committee and the public on issues involving matters within the committee's jurisdiction.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 375. Introduced by Friend, 10; Janssen, 15.

PURPOSE: This study would review the issues raised by LB899 (2008), considered by the Urban Affairs Committee, which proposed the establishment of a land reutilization authority within metropolitan-class cities. Currently, under the Land Reutilization Act, such authorities are set up on a county basis, their establishment being discretionary. Land reutilization authorities were first created in 1973 for the purpose of setting up a public authority to take control over tax delinquent property and then exercise its discretion in selling the property or keeping it for future use to encourage housing, new industry, jobs, and increased future tax revenue.

The Urban Affairs Committee's consideration of the legislation revealed that the issues involving land reutilization and tax delinquent property were broader than those addressed by this particular legislation and should be the subject of greater study and scrutiny. Additionally, it was clear that those issues also involved matters within the jurisdiction of the Revenue Committee which shares overlapping concerns regarding tax delinquent property, its treatment under state law, and the impact upon political subdivisions that rely upon property tax revenue.

This study would review those issues through the joint efforts of the Urban Affairs Committee and the Revenue Committee.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature and 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 committees shall upon the conclusion of their study make a report of their findings, together with their recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 377. Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Loudon, 49, Chairperson; Carlson, 38; Christensen, 44; Dubas, 34; Fischer, 43; Hudkins, 21; Kopplin, 3; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: To examine issues relating to the Department of Natural Resources. The study shall include a review of the structure and responsibilities of the department. The study shall also consider the authorities and qualifications of the Director of Natural Resources and other staff and explore the processes by which decisions that affect the state's water and other natural resources are made. The study shall identify funding and resource needs consistent with the responsibilities and mission of the department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRETH 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 385. Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Aguilar, 35, Chairperson; Avery, 28; Friend, 10; Karpisek, 32; Rogert, 16.

PURPOSE: To investigate whether, with respect to government procurement in Nebraska, requiring a certain level of purchasing of goods and services produced in the State of Nebraska, or otherwise provided by Nebraska-based suppliers, would prove beneficial for the state.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 388. Introduced by Education Committee: Raikes, 25, Chairperson; Adams, 24; Avery, 28; Burling, 33; Johnson, 37; Kopplin, 3; Flood, 19; McDonald, 41.

PURPOSE: To review the constitutional references to and the statutory powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education.

The Education Committee of the Legislature shall study the powers and duties granted to the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education by the Constitution of Nebraska and Nebraska statute. The study may include, but need not be limited to, the following:

- (1) Qualifications for the Commissioner of Education;
- (2) Duties of the Commissioner of Education;
- (3) Qualifications for members of the State Board of Education;
- (4) Duties of the State Board of Education;
- (5) Line of authority between the state board and the commissioner, to include powers and duties that are shared by, granted to, or constitutionally established for each;
- (6) The statutory role of the commissioner as "secretary of the board";
- (7) The ability of the state board to meet without the commissioner;

(8) The ability of the commissioner to act in his or her official capacity contrary to board policy;

(9) The rationale for the statutory power of the commissioner to "decide disputed points of school law" granted under section 79-305;

(10) Other powers and duties specifically described in statute or assumed as a matter of practice; and

(11) The role and relationship among the branches of government impacting education policy.

The Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the State Board of Education, the State Department of Education, and other appropriate persons in the study of these issues.

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

1. That the Education 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 389. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: McDonald, 41, Chairperson; Dubas, 34; Erdman, 47; Friend, 10; Janssen, 15; Karpisek, 32; Ashford, 20; Lathrop, 12; McGill, 26; Pedersen, 39; Pirsch, 4; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: To study and develop a plan for implementation of mandatory alcoholic liquor server training for employees of retail liquor licensees in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to: An analysis of the methods available for mandatory training; the standards that should be required for mandatory training; the costs associated with implementation of mandatory training; the duties and preparations the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission must complete to implement mandatory training; the retail licensees for whom training would be required; the time frame necessary to implement mandatory training; the certification and reporting requirements that will be required; and the statutory changes necessary to implement such training.

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

1. That the Judiciary and General Affairs Committees of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct a joint interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

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

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 390. Introduced by Judiciary Committee: Ashford, 20, Chairperson; Chambers, 11; Lathrop, 12; McDonald, 41; McGill, 26; Pedersen, 39; Schimek, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to examine firearm-related violence in Nebraska. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:

- (1) Firearm-related injuries and deaths;
- (2) Illegal firearm sales;
- (3) Illegal firearm trafficking;
- (4) The types of firearms used during the commission of violent crimes;
- (5) Providing access to a person's mental health records, if any, in order for such person to obtain a certificate pursuant to sections 69-2401 to 69-2425;
- (6) Firearm safety;
- (7) Firearm training; and
- (8) Obstacles related to the sharing of information by local, state, and federal agencies about violent offenses involving firearms.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 399. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Cornett, 45, Chairperson; Lathrop, 12; Rogert, 16; White, 8.

PURPOSE: To study how the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 has been implemented in Nebraska both in public and private employment, how pertinent employment policies differ from one employer to another, and how the federal act and employer policies are impacting Nebraska families.

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

1. That the Business and Labor 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 400. Introduced by Agriculture Committee: Erdman, 47, Chairperson; Dierks, 40; Dubas, 34; Karpisek, 32; McDonald, 41; Preister, 5; Wallman, 30.

PURPOSE: It is the purpose of this resolution to monitor activity and examine issues relating to the implementation of the legislative intent stated in subsection (4) of section 2-101 as amended by Legislative Bill 1116, One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, 2008. LB 1116 states legislative intent that the Nebraska State Fair relocate to Fonner Park in Grand Island before the fair to be held in 2010 and that the Nebraska State Fairgrounds be transferred to the University of Nebraska for development as a research and innovation campus. LB 1116 reflects and acknowledges the agreement of pertinent parties for the Nebraska State Fair Board's use of Fonner Park, a plan of capital improvements to upgrade the Fonner Park facility to serve as a state fair exhibition facility, and funding contributions by the University of Nebraska, the city of Grand Island, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and the State of Nebraska. It is a goal of this study to monitor, report on, or make recommendations relating to, but not necessarily limited to:

(1) The performance of financial commitments of the University of Nebraska, the city of Grand Island, and the Nebraska State Fair Board, including incremental benchmarks of funding contributions;

(2) The resolution of any property issues pertaining to interests of third parties held through long-term leasing arrangements and capital improvements made by such entities upon the Nebraska State Fairgrounds;

(3) The future of live and simulcast racing currently conducted at the Nebraska State Fairgrounds and the potential for live racing to be relocated to another site;

(4) The cooperation and coordination between the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Fair Board, and other appropriate entities to perform activities of due diligence associated with the property transfer contemplated by LB 1116;

(5) The completion and execution of those agreements between and among the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, and any other appropriate entities regarding site governance, revenue sharing, and facility utilization;

(6) The completion and execution of a site plan for capital improvements and activities for carrying out such plan of improvements, including the utilization of funds available in the Nebraska State Fair Relocation Cash Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Support and Improvement Cash Fund;

(7) Additional statutory revisions necessitated by or to accommodate the relocation of the Nebraska State Fair; and

(8) Planning and vision for the Nebraska State Fair.

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

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

2. That the chairperson of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature, in consultation with the members of the committee and other members of the

Legislature, shall conduct the study contemplated by this resolution in consultation with the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Hall County Livestock Improvement Association, the city of Grand Island, the city of Lincoln, the Department of Administrative Services, the State Racing Commission, and other appropriate public and private organizations in carrying out the purposes of the study.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 402. Introduced by Appropriations Committee: Heidemann, 1, Chairperson; Fulton, 29; Harms, 48; Nantkes, 46; Nelson, 6; Synowiecki, 7; Wightman, 36; Cornett, 45.

PURPOSE: To examine various state aid to county programs and determine their impact and potential changes in their design. Such programs shall include, but not be limited to, county jail reimbursement assistance, the County Property Tax Relief Program, general aid to counties pursuant to section 77-27,136, and the insurance premium tax paid to counties. The study shall also examine the issue of state assumption of county programs, current spending on county services, county needs, and county property tax capacity. Such study shall be conducted in cooperation with the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and their study pursuant to LR349, One Hundredth Legislature, Second Session, 2008.

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

1. That the Appropriations 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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 403. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Synowiecki, 7, Chairperson; Erdman, 47; Karpisek, 32; White, 8.

PURPOSE: To examine law enforcement throughout Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the development of a plan to address the lack of retirement plans for peace officers employed by cities of the second class and villages. Additionally, the study shall examine the feasibility of moving law enforcement personnel employed by cities of the first class and counties into a new plan limited to law enforcement. These plans could include, but not be limited to, the creation of a new defined-benefit plan, the creation of a new defined-contribution plan, or the possible inclusion of peace officers employed by cities of the second class and villages in the County Employees Retirement Act. In addition, this study shall examine possible sources of funding available to contribute to the plan developed under this study.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

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