

FORTY-SECOND DAY - MARCH 11, 2009**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 11, 2009

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Janet Goodman Banks, Reach Out Christian Center, Lincoln.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Christensen, Cook, and Cornett who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 356. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER8030

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendment, AM529, on page 1,
- 2 line 10, strike "Partners" and insert "Partner".
- 3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "children" in line
- 4 1 through line 7 and insert "behavioral health services; to
- 5 amend sections 71-804 and 71-808, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2008; to state intent regarding funding for behavioral
- 7 health services for children; to provide for the allocation and
- 8 distribution of the funds; to define children; to exclude such
- 9 funding from the calculation of county matching funds; and to
- 10 repeal the original sections."

LEGISLATIVE BILL 356A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Jeremy Nordquist, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 498. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Russ Karpisek, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator McGill designates LB551 as her priority bill.

The Agriculture Committee designates LB224 and LB241 as its priority bills.

Senator Harms designates LB458 as his priority bill.

Senator Nantkes designates LB206 as her priority bill.

Senator Mello designates LB555 as his priority bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair announced March 10 was Senator Haar's birthday.

GENERAL FILE**LEGISLATIVE BILL 63.** Committee AM212, found on page 629 and considered on page 683, was renewed.

Senator Pirsch renewed his amendment, AM637, found on page 684, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR CARLSON PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 188. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM611

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 7. Section 81-2017, Reissue Revised Statutes of

3 Nebraska, is amended to read:

4 81-2017 (1) Commencing July 1, ~~2005, 2009~~, each officer

5 while in the service of the Nebraska State Patrol shall pay or have

6 paid on his or her behalf a sum equal to ~~thirteen~~-fifteen percent

7 of his or her monthly compensation. Such amounts shall be deducted

8 monthly by the Director of Administrative Services who shall draw

9 a warrant monthly in the amount of the total deductions from the
10 compensation of members of the Nebraska State Patrol in accordance
11 with subsection (4) of this section, and the State Treasurer shall
12 credit the amount of such warrant to the State Patrol Retirement
13 Fund. The director shall cause a detailed report of all monthly
14 deductions to be made each month to the board.

15 (2) In addition, commencing July 1, 2005, there shall
16 be assessed against the appropriation of the Nebraska State Patrol
17 a sum equal to the amount of fifteen percent of each officer's
18 monthly compensation which shall be credited to the State Patrol
19 Retirement Fund.

20 (3) For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2002,
21 and each fiscal year thereafter, the actuary for the board shall
22 perform an actuarial valuation of the system using the entry
23 age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarially
1 required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate, plus
2 the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial
3 accrued liability on a level payment basis. The normal cost under
4 this method shall be determined for each individual member on
5 a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is
6 then summed for all members. Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing
7 unfunded liabilities shall be reinitialized and amortized over a
8 thirty-year period, and during each subsequent actuarial valuation,
9 changes in the funded actuarial accrued liability due to changes
10 in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or
11 actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over
12 a thirty-year period beginning on the valuation date of such
13 change. If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the
14 entry age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on
15 an actuarial valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial
16 accrued liabilities shall be considered fully funded and the
17 unfunded actuarial accrued liability shall be reinitialized and
18 amortized over a thirty-year period as of the actuarial valuation
19 date. If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the
20 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Nebraska State
21 Patrol Retirement Act, there shall be a supplemental appropriation
22 sufficient to pay for the differences between the actuarially
23 required contribution rate and the rate of all contributions
24 required pursuant to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act.
25 Such valuation shall be on the basis of actuarial assumptions
26 recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file
27 with the board.

1 (4) The state shall pick up the member contributions
2 required by this section for all compensation paid on or after
3 January 1, 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall
4 be treated as employer contributions in determining federal tax
5 treatment under the Internal Revenue Code as defined in section
6 49-801.01, except that the state shall continue to withhold federal
7 income taxes based upon these contributions until the Internal

8 Revenue Service or the federal courts rule that, pursuant to
 9 section 414(h) of the code, these contributions shall not be
 10 included as gross income of the member until such time as they
 11 are distributed or made available. The state shall pay these
 12 member contributions from the same source of funds which is used
 13 in paying earnings to the member. The state shall pick up these
 14 contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in
 15 the cash compensation of the member. Member contributions picked
 16 up shall be treated for all purposes of the Nebraska State Patrol
 17 Retirement Act in the same manner and to the extent as member
 18 contributions made prior to the date picked up.

19 Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2009.

20 Sec. 22. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
 21 when passed and approved according to law.

22 2. On page 28, line 23, strike "under section
 23 84-1313.01".

24 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal
 25 references and the repealer accordingly.

(Signed) Dave Pankonin, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 599. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 604. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on General File with amendment.
 AM607

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

3 Section 1. Section 68-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 4 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

5 68-908 (1) The department shall administer the medical
 6 assistance program.

7 (2) The department may (a) enter into contracts and
 8 interagency agreements, (b) adopt and promulgate rules and
 9 regulations, (c) adopt fee schedules, (d) apply for and implement
 10 waivers and managed care plans for eligible recipients, and (e)
 11 perform such other activities as necessary and appropriate to carry
 12 out its duties under the Medical Assistance Act.

13 (3) The department shall maintain the confidentiality
 14 of information regarding applicants for or recipients of medical
 15 assistance and such information shall only be used for purposes
 16 related to administration of the medical assistance program and the
 17 provision of such assistance or as otherwise permitted by federal
 18 law.

19 (4)(a) The department shall prepare ~~a biennial~~ an annual
 20 summary and analysis of the medical assistance program for
 21 legislative and public review, including, but not limited to,

22 a description of eligible recipients, covered services, provider
 23 reimbursement, program trends and projections, program budget and
 1 expenditures, the status of implementation of the Medicaid Reform
 2 Plan, and recommendations for program changes.

3 (b) The department shall provide a draft report of such
 4 summary and analysis to the Medicaid Reform Council no later
 5 than ~~October 1 of each even-numbered~~ September 15 of each year.
 6 The council shall conduct a public meeting no later than October
 7 ~~15-1 of such each~~ year to discuss and receive public comment
 8 regarding such report. The council shall provide any comments and
 9 recommendations regarding such report in writing to the department
 10 ~~and the committee~~ no later than November 1 of ~~such each~~ year. The
 11 department shall submit a final report of such summary and analysis
 12 to the Governor, the Legislature, and the council no later than
 13 December 1 of ~~such year.~~ each year. Such final report shall include
 14 a response to each specific comment provided by the council.

15 Sec. 2. Section 68-948, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 16 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

17 68-948 (1) The Medicaid Reform Council is established.
 18 The council shall consist of ten persons appointed by ~~the~~
 19 ~~chairperson of the committee, in consultation with the committee,~~
 20 the Governor. The chairperson of the Health and Human Services
 21 Committee of the Legislature or his or her designee shall serve
 22 as an ex officio nonvoting member of the council. , and the
 23 ~~department.~~The council shall include, but not be limited to, at
 24 least one representative from each of the following: Providers,
 25 recipients of medical assistance, advocates for such recipients,
 26 business representatives, insurers, and elected officials. The
 27 ~~chairperson of the committee~~ Governor shall appoint the chairperson
 1 of the council. Members of the council may be reimbursed for their
 2 actual and necessary expenses as provided in sections 81-1174 to
 3 81-1177.

4 (2) The council shall (a) oversee and ~~support~~ advise
 5 the department regarding implementation of reforms to the medical
 6 assistance program, including, but not limited to, reforms such as
 7 those contained in the Medicaid Reform Plan, (b) conduct at least
 8 ~~two~~ public meetings annually at least quarterly and other meetings
 9 at the call of the chairperson of the council, in consultation
 10 with the department, ~~and the chairperson of the committee,~~ and (c)
 11 provide comments and recommendations to the department regarding
 12 the administration of the medical assistance program and any
 13 proposed changes to such program.

14 ~~(3) The Medicaid Reform Council and this section~~
 15 ~~terminate on June 30, 2010.~~

16 (3) The department shall provide the council with any
 17 reports, data, analysis, or other such information upon which the
 18 department relied, which provided a basis for the department's
 19 proposed reforms, or which the department otherwise intends to
 20 present to the council at least two weeks prior to the quarterly

21 meeting.

22 (4) Beginning June 30, 2010, the terms of the existing
 23 members of the council shall be extended as follows: One-half
 24 of the members shall serve for two-year terms and one-half of
 25 the members shall serve for four-year terms as determined by the
 26 Governor. Thereafter all members shall serve for four-year terms.
 27 Members may be reappointed at the discretion of the Governor.

1 Appointments to the council occurring as a result of replacement of
 2 an existing member at the expiration of the member's term or due to
 3 resignation of an existing member shall be made by the Governor.

4 Sec. 3. Original sections 68-908 and 68-948, Revised
 5 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2008, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Placed on General File with amendment.
 AM578

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

3 Section 1. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 4 Supplement, 2008, is amended to read:

5 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-956 and section 2 of this
 6 act shall be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.

7 Sec. 2. On or before June 30, 2009, the department
 8 shall submit an application to the Centers for Medicare and
 9 Medicaid Services of the United States Department of Health and
 10 Human Services for a waiver amending the state medicaid plan to
 11 revise the method of reimbursement to provide for a daily rate
 12 for community-based assisted developmental disability services.
 13 No later than sixty days after approval of the waiver, the
 14 department shall provide reimbursement for community-based assisted
 15 developmental disability services on a daily basis rather than an
 16 hourly basis.

17 Sec. 3. Original section 68-901, Revised Statutes
 18 Cumulative Supplement, 2008, is repealed.

19 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect
 20 when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 446. Placed on General File with amendment.
 AM528

1 1. Strike section 3 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. (1) The board may repay qualified educational
 3 debt owed by an eligible graduate. Such repayment shall be made
 4 from the Engineers and Architects Regulation Fund. To be eligible
 5 for loan repayment, a recipient shall be a graduate of (a) a
 6 National Architectural Accrediting Board-accredited architecture
 7 program in Nebraska or (b) an ABET-accredited engineering program
 8 in Nebraska and shall have obtained qualified educational debt.

9 (2) For purposes of this section, qualified educational
 10 debt means government and commercial loans obtained by a student
 11 for postsecondary education tuition, other educational expenses,

12 and reasonable living expenses, as determined by the board.
 13 (3) The board may adopt and promulgate rules and
 14 regulations governing any loan repayment under this section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 451. Placed on General File with amendment.
 AM575

1 1. Strike section 16 and insert the following new
 2 section:
 3 Sec. 16. Section 38-1508, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 4 Nebraska, is amended to read:
 5 38-1508 The board shall consist of five professional
 6 members and one public member appointed pursuant to section
 7 38-158. The members shall meet the requirements of sections
 8 38-164 and 38-165. The professional members shall consist of
 9 three licensed hearing aid-instrument dispensers and fitters,
 10 specialists, one otolaryngologist, and one audiologist until one
 11 licensed hearing instrument specialist vacates his or her office
 12 or his or her term expires, whichever occurs first, at which
 13 time the professional members of the board shall consist of three
 14 licensed hearing instrument specialists, at least one of whom does
 15 not hold a license as an audiologist, one otolaryngologist, and
 16 one audiologist. At the expiration of the four-year terms of the
 17 members serving on December 1, 2008, successors shall be appointed
 18 for five-year terms.
 19 2. On page 16, line 13, after the period insert "A person
 20 holding a license issued under the act prior to the effective date
 21 of this act may continue to practice under such license until it
 22 expires under the terms of the license.".

(Signed) Tim Gay, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Placed on General File with amendment.
 AM648

1 1. On page 2, line 23, after "state" insert "or federal".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 320. Indefinitely postponed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 384. Indefinitely postponed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 543. Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Deb Fischer, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Nordquist designates LB601 as his priority bill.

Senator Avery designates LB136 as his priority bill.

The Revenue Committee designates LB164 and LB213 as its priority bills.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING

Judiciary

Room 1113

Wednesday, March 18, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LB499

LB147

LB285

LB122

LB237

(Signed) Brad Ashford, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 172A. Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 172, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 603A. Introduced by Gay, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 603, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009.

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 48. Introduced by Adams, 24.

WHEREAS, the Seward Bluejays won the 2009 Class B Girls' State Basketball Championship at the Bob Devaney Sports Center; and

WHEREAS, coach Tom Trvdy led his team, the Seward Bluejays, to a perfect unbeaten season of 25-0; and

WHEREAS, the Seward Bluejays beat Pius X 39-35 in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the team and the coach exhibited outstanding talent, athleticism, and determination in finishing a perfect season.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Seward Bluejays on winning the 2009 Class B Girls' State Basketball Championship.

2. That coach Tom Trvdy be congratulated for his efforts in teaching, coaching, and providing guidance to the members of the Seward Bluejays girls' basketball team.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Seward Bluejays and their coach, Tom Trvdy.

Laid over.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

General Affairs

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

Judy Pearl-Lee - Nebraska Arts Council

Aye: 8 Senators Coash, Cook, Dierks, Dubas, Friend, Karpisek, Price, Rogert. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.

(Signed) Russ Karpisek, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

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

Bradley B. Keller - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Rebecca Morris - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Dennis R. Roop - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Gerald Spangrude - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.

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

Mary Jo Pankoke - Foster Care Review Board
 Mario Scalora - Foster Care Review Board
 Dave Schroeder - Foster Care Review Board
 Georgie Scurfield - Foster Care Review Board

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.

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

Clifford Carlson - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Luana Duennerman - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Steven Manning - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 Jan Moore - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.

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

Carol Jenkins - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman. Nay: 0. Absent: 0.

(Signed) Tim Gay, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63. The Pirsch amendment, AM637, found on page 684 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was renewed.

SPEAKER FLOOD PRESIDING

Pending.

RESOLUTIONS

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 40 and 41 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 40 and 41.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63. The Pirsch amendment, AM637, found on page 684 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was renewed.

SENATOR CARLSON PRESIDING

Senator Lautenbaugh moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

Senator Pirsch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting.

The Pirsch amendment was adopted with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Pirsch renewed his amendment, AM638, found on page 684, to the committee amendment.

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

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

The Pirsch amendment lost with 14 ayes, 25 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Lathrop offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

AM675

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM212)

- 1 1. On page 6, line 22, strike "firearm" and insert
- 2 "handgun".
- 3 2. On page 13, line 7, strike "(1)", show as stricken,
- 4 and insert "(1)(a)"; strike beginning with "who" in line 9 through
- 5 the comma in line 10; in line 13 after the comma insert "or (b)
- 6 any person who possesses any firearm or brass or iron knuckles and
- 7 who has been convicted within the past seven years of a misdemeanor
- 8 crime of domestic violence."; in line 18 reinstate the stricken
- 9 "deadly weapon"; and in lines 19 and 20 strike "knife or brass or
- 10 iron knuckles" and insert "which is not a firearm".

SENATOR ROBERT PRESIDING

The Lathrop amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

Committee AM212, found on page 629 and considered on page 683 and in this day's Journal, as amended, was renewed.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 121. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM530, found on page 610, was considered.

Pending.

RESOLUTION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49. Introduced by Wightman, 36.

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Blue Jays won the 2009 Class C-2 Girls' State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna rallied in the second half to claim a 45-40 victory over Aquinas High School; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna's victory capped off a perfect season with a 27-0 record; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ravenna Blue Jays on winning the 2009 Class C-2 Girls' State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Blue Jays and their head coach, Jeff Thober.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee designates LB202 as its priority bill.

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee designates LB426 as its priority bill.

Senator Dierks designates LB463 as his priority bill.

Senator Gay designates LB603 as his priority bill.

AMENDMENTS - Print in Journal

Senator Janssen filed the following amendment to LB121:
AM663

- 1 1. On page 4, lines 8 and 9; and page 23, line 16, strike
- 2 "2011-12, and 2012-13" and insert "through 2013-14".
- 3 2. On page 10, strike beginning with "The" in line 5
- 4 through the period in line 18 and insert "Beginning July 1, 2010,
- 5 the Property Tax Administrator shall bill each county for which
- 6 the Property Tax Administrator has assumed the assessment function
- 7 under this section for the services rendered on a quarterly basis.
- 8 Beginning July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011, the Property Tax
- 9 Administrator shall bill twenty-five percent of the cost of the
- 10 services rendered; beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012,
- 11 the Property Tax Administrator shall bill fifty percent of the cost
- 12 of the services rendered; and beginning July 1, 2012, through June
- 13 30, 2013, the Property Tax Administrator shall bill seventy-five
- 14 percent of the cost of the services rendered. Reimbursements to
- 15 the Department of Revenue shall be credited to the Department of
- 16 Revenue Property Assessment Division Cash Fund.
- 17 (7) The county board of a county may, by resolution,
- 18 reassume the assessment function prior to November 1, 2009, for
- 19 fiscal year 2010-11, prior to September 1, 2010, for fiscal year
- 20 2011-12, and prior to September 1, 2011, for fiscal year 2012-13."
- 21 3. On page 12, lines 14, 19, and 22; page 13, lines 7 and
- 22 8; and page 16, line 6, strike "2012" and insert "2013".
- 23 4. On page 25, line 12, strike "2012" and insert "2013".

- 1 5. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM530, on page
 2 1, line 16, strike "2011-12, and 2012-13" and insert "through
 3 2013-14".

Senator Gay filed the following amendment to LB260:
 AM586

(Amendments to AM545)

- 1 1. On page 2, strike lines 18 and 19 and insert "to
 2 twenty thousand dollars for each year of imprisonment".
 3 2. On page 3, after line 12, insert the following new
 4 subsection:
 5 "(4) Damages awarded under this section shall not exceed
 6 five hundred thousand dollars per claimant.".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING
 Business and Labor

Room 2102

Monday, March 23, 2009 1:30 p.m.

LR10 (cancel)

(Signed) Steve Lathrop, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290A. Introduced by Stuthman, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 290, One Hundred First Legislature, First Session, 2009.

MOTIONS - Print in Journal

Senator Ashford filed the following motion to LB669:
 MO21
 Recommit to Judiciary Committee.

Senator Price filed the following motion to LR10:
 MO22
 Withdraw resolution.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducers

Senator Howard asked unanimous consent to add her name as cointroducer to LB517. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Giese asked unanimous consent to add his name as cointroducer to LB646. No objections. So ordered.

VISITORS

Visitors to the Chamber were Senator Carlson's wife, Margo, from Holdrege and Vicki and Steve Klears from Minnesota; Jonathon Manning from Dallas, Texas; Deb Sorensen-Peery, Wanda Samson, and Crystal Aguilar from Fremont; 67 fourth-grade students and teachers from Bellfield Elementary, Fremont; and Greg Beistler from Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jay Matzke from Gothenburg.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fulton, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 12, 2009.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature

