TWENTY-FOURTH DAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2020

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 13, 2020

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Chris Jorgensen, Hanscom Park United Methodist Church, Omaha.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bolz who was excused; and Senators B. Hansen, Hunt, and Morfeld who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-third day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 944. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER168
1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 17
2 and insert "transportation; to amend sections 18-1214, 38-129, 60-142.01,
3 60-3,137, 60-3,203, 60-3,212, 66-1406.02, 66-1424, 75-362, 75-369.03,
4 75-386, 75-398, and 75-399; Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
5 sections 4-111, 60-192, 60-3,205, 60-484.04, 60-484.05, 60-4,113,
6 60-4,114, 60-4,138, 60-4,141, 60-4,168, 60-6,294, 60-6,297, and 60-6,356,
7 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, and sections 60-107,
8 60-119.01, 60-144, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-395, 60-3,113.04,
9 60-3,193.01, 60-3,198, 60-3,238, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-462.01,
10 60-479.01, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,132, 60-4,134, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,182,
11 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265, 60-6,290, 60-2705, 60-2909.01, 75-363,
12 75-364, 75-366, 75-392, and 75-393, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to
13 change provisions relating to the federal REAL ID Act of 2005 and certain
14 motor vehicle fees imposed by cities and villages; to update certain
15 federal references; to change provisions relating to a certificate of
16 title for a junked vehicle and odometer statements; to provide for a
17 refund or credit of fees for a loss of possession due to natural
disaster; to update a reference to the International Registration Plan;
19 to eliminate provisions relating to certain replacement permanent plates;
20 to authorize temporary license stickers as prescribed; to provide for
21 electronic delivery of an operator's license or state identification card
22 and for a remote knowledge inquiry; to change provisions relating to
23 restrictions to a commercial driver's license and a commercial learner's
24 permit, lifetime disqualifications from operating a commercial motor
25 vehicle, the point system for traffic violations, and vehicle length and
26 weight limits; to provide for the crossing of a controlled-access highway
27 by an all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle as prescribed; to
1 change provisions relating to the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act;
2 to define and redefine terms; to change certain civil penalties; to
3 change provisions relating to the unified carrier registration plan and
4 agreement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
5 sections.”.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 329. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER165
1. On page 1, strike beginning with "child" in line 1 through line 5
2 and insert "social services; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes
3 Supplement, 2019; to change the eligibility level for transitional child
4 care assistance under the federal Child Care Subsidy program; and to
5 repeal the original section.”.

(Signed) Julie Slama, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 12, 2020

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 4, 4A, 30, 68, 76, 93, 107, 148, 230, 236, 582,
731, 740, 741, and 880 were received in my office on February 6, 2020.
These bills were signed and delivered to the Secretary of State on

Sincerely,
(Signed) Pete Ricketts
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 996. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 961. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2324

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

Section 1. Sections 1 to 15 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act.

Section 2. For purposes of the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. Agreement means an agreement established through a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program that serves as a contract between a program, an owner, and a driver and describes the specific terms and conditions of the agreement that govern the use of a vehicle through such program, including the sharing period and location or locations for transfer of control of vehicle. Agreement does not mean a rental agreement as defined in section 44-4067.

2. Delivery period means the period of time during which a vehicle is being delivered to the location at which the start time begins, if applicable, as documented by the agreement.

3. Driver means an individual who has been authorized to drive a vehicle by an owner under an agreement.

4. Owner means the registered owner, or a person or entity designated by the registered owner, of a vehicle made available for sharing through a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program.

5. Peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program or program means a business platform that connects vehicle owners with drivers to enable the sharing of vehicles for financial consideration. A program is not a transportation network company as defined in section 75-323 or a rental car company as defined in section 44-4067.

6. Sharing means the authorized use of a vehicle by an individual other than an owner through a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program.

7. Sharing period means the period of time that commences with the start time and, in either case, ends at the termination time.

8. Start time means the time when a vehicle becomes subject to the control of a driver at or after the time the reservation is scheduled to begin as documented in the records of a program.

9. Termination time means the earliest of the following events:
   a. The expiration of the agreed upon period of time established for the use of a vehicle according to the terms of the agreement, if the vehicle is delivered to the location agreed upon in the agreement;
   b. When a vehicle is returned to a location as alternatively agreed upon by the owner and driver as communicated through the peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program;
   c. When an owner, or his or her authorized designee, takes possession and control of a vehicle; and
   d. Vehicle means a personal motor vehicle that is available for use through a peer-to-peer vehicle sharing program. Vehicle does not mean a rental vehicle as defined in section 44-4067.

10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law or any provision in an owner's policy of motor vehicle liability insurance, in the event of a loss or injury that occurs during a sharing period, a program shall:
   a. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, assume the liability of the owner for bodily injury or property damage to third parties, uninsured and underinsured motorist benefits, and personal injury protection losses during the sharing period in an amount stated in the agreement, and which amount may not be less than that set forth in section 60-310; and
   b. Retain such liability regardless of a lapse in, or otherwise absence of, any coverage under which a program is insured.
1 (2) Notwithstanding the definition of termination time, a program
2 shall not be liable when an owner:
3 (a) Makes a material, intentional, or fraudulent misrepresentation,
4 or a material, intentional, or fraudulent omission to a program before
5 the sharing period in which the loss occurred; or
6 (b) Acts in concert with a driver who fails to return a vehicle
7 pursuant to the terms of an agreement.
8 Sec. 4. (1) A program shall ensure that, during each sharing
9 period, financial responsibility for a vehicle is provided in amounts no
10 less than the minimum amounts set forth in section 60-310 that
11 (a) Recognizes that the vehicle is made available and used through
12 the program; or
13 (b) Does not exclude use of the vehicle by a driver through the
14 program.
15 (2) The financial responsibility required under subsection (1) of
16 this section may be satisfied by motor vehicle liability insurance or
17 other acceptable means of demonstrating financial responsibility in this
18 state, voluntarily maintained by:
19 (a) The owner;
20 (b) The driver;
21 (c) The program; or
22 (d) Any combination of owner, driver, and program.
23 (3) The financial responsibility required in subsection (1) of this
24 section and satisfied pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall be
25 the primary responsibility for losses during the sharing period.
26 (4) A program shall:
27 (a) Assume primary financial responsibility for a claim when it is
28 in whole or in part providing the financial responsibility required under
29 section 3 of this act if:
30 (i) A dispute exists as to who was in control of the vehicle at the
31 time of the loss; and
1 (ii) The program does not have available, did not retain, or fails
2 to provide the information required by section 7 of this act; and
3 (b) Be indemnified by the owner's personal policy of motor vehicle
4 liability insurance to the extent of such policy's obligation, if any, if
5 it is determined that the owner was in control of the vehicle at the time
6 of the loss.
7 (5) If insurance maintained by the owner or the driver in accordance
8 with subsection (2) of this section has lapsed or does not provide the
9 required financial responsibility, the program or its insurer shall
10 provide the coverage required by subsection (1) of this section beginning
11 with the first dollar of a claim and have the duty to defend such claim
12 except under circumstances as set forth in subsection (2) of section 3 of
13 this act.
14 (6) Financial responsibility maintained by the program shall not be
15 dependent on another automobile insurer first denying a claim, nor shall
16 another automobile insurance policy be required to first deny a claim.
17 (7) Nothing in the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act
18 (a) Limits the liability of a program for any act or omission of the
19 program itself that results in injury to any person as a result of the
20 use of a vehicle through the program; or
21 (b) Limits the ability of a program, by contract, to seek
22 indemnification from an owner or a driver for economic loss sustained by
23 the program resulting from a breach of the terms and conditions of an
24 agreement.
25 Sec. 5. At the time an owner registers a vehicle for use through
26 the program and again prior to the time such owner makes such vehicle
27 available for use through such program, the program shall notify the
28 owner that if the vehicle has a lien against it, the use of the vehicle
29 through the program, including use without physical damage coverage, may
violates the terms of the contract with the lienholder.

Sec. 6. (1) An authorized insurer that writes motor vehicle
liability insurance in this state may exclude any and all coverage and
the duty to defend or indemnify for any claim afforded the owner's
motor vehicle liability insurance policy, including, but not limited to:
(a) Liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage;
(b) Personal injury protection coverage as defined;
(c) Uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage;
(d) Medical payments coverage;
(e) Comprehensive physical damage coverage; and
(f) Collision physical damage coverage.

10 (2) Nothing in the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act
invalidates or limits an exclusion contained in a motor vehicle liability
insurance policy, including any insurance policy in use or approved for
use that excludes coverage for motor vehicles made available for rent,
hire, or for any business use, including sharing.

Sec. 7. (1) A program shall collect and verify records pertaining
the use of a vehicle, including, but not limited to, sharing periods,
sharing period pick-up and drop-off locations, fees paid by a driver, and
revenue received by an owner.

(2) A program shall provide the information collected pursuant to
subsection (1) of this section upon request to the owner, the owner's
insurer, and the driver's insurer to facilitate a claim coverage
investigation.

(3) A program shall retain the records required in this section for
a time period not less than four years.

Sec. 8. A motor vehicle insurer that defends or indemnifies a claim
arising from the operation of a vehicle that is excluded under the terms
of its policy shall have the right to seek contribution against a program
if the claim is made against the owner or driver for loss or injury that
occurs during the sharing period.

Sec. 9. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a program
shall have an insurable interest in a vehicle during the sharing period.

Nothing in this section shall impose liability on a program to
maintain the coverage required by section 3 of this act.

(3) A program may own and maintain as the named insured one or more
policies of motor vehicle liability insurance that provides coverage for:
(a) Liabilities assumed by the program under the agreement;
(b) Liability of an owner;
(c) Damage or loss to a vehicle; or
(d) Liability of a driver.

Sec. 10. A program and an owner shall be exempt from vicarious
liability in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 30106(a) and under any state or
local law that imposes liability solely based on vehicle ownership.

Sec. 11. (1) Each agreement made in this state shall disclose to
each owner and driver:

(a) Any right of the program to seek indemnification from an owner
or a driver for economic loss sustained by the program resulting from a
breach of the terms and conditions of the agreement;
(b) That a motor vehicle liability insurance policy issued to an
owner for the vehicle, or to a driver, may not provide a defense or
indemnity for any claim asserted by the program;
(c) That a program's financial responsibility afforded to each owner
and driver is available only during the sharing period;
(d) That any use of a vehicle by a driver after the termination
time, a driver or owner may not have coverage;
(e) The daily rate, fees, costs, and, if applicable, any insurance
or protection package costs that are charged to an owner or a driver; and
(f) That an owner's motor vehicle liability insurance may not
provide coverage for the vehicle.
28 (2) Each agreement made in this state shall disclose to each driver:
29 (a) An emergency telephone number to personnel capable of fielding
30 roadside assistance and other customer service inquiries; and
31 (b) Any conditions under which a driver must maintain a personal
32 automobile insurance policy and any required coverage limits on a primary
33 basis in order to use a vehicle through the program;
34 Sec. 12. A program shall have sole responsibility for any
35 equipment, such as a global positioning system or other special
36 equipment, that is put in or on a vehicle to monitor or facilitate
37 sharing and shall agree to indemnify and hold harmless the owner for any
38 damage to or theft of such equipment during the sharing period not caused
39 by the owner. A program has the right to seek indemnity from a driver for
40 any loss or damage to such equipment that occurs during the sharing
41 period.
42 Sec. 13. (1) At the time an owner registers a vehicle for use by a
43 program, and prior to the time when the owner makes a vehicle available
44 for use by such program, the program shall:
45 (a) Verify that the vehicle does not have any safety recalls for
46 which the repairs have not been made; and
47 (b) Notify the owner of the requirements under subsection (2) of
48 this section.
49 Sec. 14. (1) A program shall not enter into an agreement with any
50 driver unless such driver:
51 (a) Holds a driver's license issued in this state authorizing the
52 driver to operate vehicles of the class of vehicle used by the program;
53 or
54 (b) Is a nonresident who;
55 (i) Holds a driver's license issued by the state or country of the
56 driver's residence that authorizes the driver in that state or country to
57 drive vehicles of the class of vehicle used by the program; and
58 (ii) Is at least the same age as that required of a resident to
59 drive in this state.
60 (2) A program shall keep a record of:
61 (a) The name and address of each driver; and
62 (b) The driver's license number and place of issuance for each
63 driver who operates a vehicle under the agreement.
64 Sec. 15. Nothing in the Peer-to-Peer Vehicle Sharing Program Act
65 shall be construed to limit the powers of an airport authority under
66 Nebraska law.
67 Sec. 16. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2021.

(Signed) Curt Friesen, Chairperson
ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Geist - LB814
Kolowski - LB1188

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 12, 2020, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

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

Beasley, Daniel
  Home School Legal Defense Association
Bugel, Madeleine
  National Electrical Manufacturers Association
Kelley Plucker, LLC
  Anthem, Inc. and Its Affiliates
Kline, Audrey
  National Vote at Home Institute
Lautenbaugh, Scott
  K12, Inc.
  Nebraska Vape Vendors Association
Peetz & Company
  Friends of Knox County
Potter, Cara E.
  Anthem, Inc. and Its Affiliates
  WellCare Health Plans, Inc. and Its Subsidiaries (Withdrawn 02/06/2020)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 518A. Title read. Considered.

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.
Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB287 with 33 ayes, 4 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend sections 37-317, 37-407, 37-409, 37-415, 37-426, 37-438, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-4,111, 37-527, 37-1215, and 37-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-201, 37-202, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to define terms; to provide and change powers of the Game and Parks Commission relating to dissemination of promotional materials, reduced-rate permits and stamps, and replacement permit fees; to change provisions relating to lifetime, multiple-year, and annual permits, stamps, and fees; to change annual and temporary motor vehicle permit fee provisions; to provide for resident and nonresident fees for preference points or bonus points in lieu of applying for certain permits or entering certain random drawings; to provide for rules and regulations relating to hunter orange; to change motorboat registration fees as prescribed; to change and eliminate provisions relating to fees for the Aquatic Invasive Species Program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?'"

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:
A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 310.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019; to provide deadlines for the determination of tax credits, change provisions relating to appeals, and provide a fee under the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act; to authorize the use of certain fees for revenue enforcement; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?'"

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 3:

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A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was
declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 310A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 310, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, Second Session, 2020.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Albrecht  Crawford  Hilgers  Linehan  Slama  
Arch  DeBoer  Hilkemann  Lowe  Vargas  
Blood  Dorn  Howard  McCollister  Walz  
Bostelman  Erdman  Hughes  McDonnell  Wayne  
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Cavanaugh  Halloran  La Grone  Pansing Brooks  
Chambers  Hansen, B.  Lathrop  Quick  
Clements  Hansen, M.  Lindstrom  Scheer  

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Groene  

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz  Stinner  

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB381 with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 381.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 1-110, 2-1201, 2-1803, 2-2306, 2-3405, 2-3619, 2-3751, 2-4008, 2-4208, 2-4901,
Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?'"

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Albrecht    Crawford    Hansen, M.    Lindstrom    Scheer
Arch        DeBoer      Hilgers      Linehan      Slama
Blood       Dorn        Hilkemann   Lowe         Vargas
Bostelman   Erdman      Howard      McCollister  Walz
Brandt      Friesen     Hughes      McDonnell    Wayne
Brewer      Geist       Hunt        Morfeld      Williams
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Cavanaugh   Groene      Kolterman  Murman
Chambers    Halloran    La Grone    Fansing       Brooks
Clements    Hansen, B.  Lathrop     Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz        Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.
Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB387 with 35 ayes, 8 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 387.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juries; to amend sections 25-412.04, 25-1107.01, 25-1108, 25-1313, 25-1601, 25-1601.03, 25-1602, 25-1603, 25-1606, 25-1607, 25-1611, 25-1612, 25-1625, 25-1626, 25-1627, 25-1628, 25-1629, 25-1629.01, 25-1629.02, 25-1630, 25-1631, 25-1631.03, 25-1632, 25-1632.01, 25-1633, 25-1634, 25-1634.01, 25-1634.02, 25-1636, 25-1637, 25-1639, 25-1640, 25-1641, 28-916, 29-1201, 29-2003, 29-2011, 29-2017, and 33-138, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-1635 and 29-2023, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to name the Jury Selection Act; to define terms; to change terminology relating to juries; to transfer, change, and eliminate provisions relating to jury commissioners, juror qualifications, exemptions and excuses from jury service, jury lists and summoning juries, initial and subsequent jury panels, excess jurors, special jury panels in criminal cases, extra jurors, tales jurors, grand juries, jurors' notes, jurors viewing property or a place material to litigation, and compensation for jurors; to provide duties for clerk magistrates; to change terminology relating to verdicts and court proceedings; to change penalty provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 25-1609, 25-1626.02, 25-1627.01, 25-1629.03, 25-1629.04, 25-1633.01, 25-1634.03, 25-1642, and 25-1643, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?" "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Albrecht  Crawford  Hansen, M.  Lindstrom  Scheer
Arch  DeBoer  Hilgers  Linehan  Slama
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Clements  Hansen, B.  Lathrop  Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.
Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz       Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 541.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to anatomical gifts; to amend section 71-4819, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to public education regarding bone marrow donors; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to authorize the providing of bone marrow registry information to patients by physicians as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?'

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Albrecht  Crawford  Hansen, M.  Lindstrom  Scheer
Arch      DeBoer     Hilgers  Linehan  Slama
Blood     Dorn       Hilkemann  Lowe  Vargas
Bostelman Erdman     Howard  McCollister  Walz
Brandt    Friesen    Hughes  McDonnell  Wayne
Brewer    Geist      Hunt  Morfeld  Williams
Briese    Gragert    Kolowski  Moser  Wishart
Cavanaugh Groene    Koltermann  Murman
Chambers  Halloran  La Grone  Pansing  Brooks
Clements  Hansen, B.  Lathrop  Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz       Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 643.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to emergency response personnel; to amend section 35-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to death or disability prima facie evidence requirements
for a firefighter or firefighter-paramedic as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Albrecht  Crawford  Hansen, M.  Lindstrom  Scheer
Arch  DeBoer  Hilgers  Linehan  Slama
Blood  Dorn  Hilkenmann  Lowe  Vargas
Bostelman  Erdman  Howard  McCollister  Walz
Brandt  Friesen  Hughes  McDonnell  Wayne
Brewer  Geist  Hunt  Morfeld  Williams
Briese  Gragert  Kolowski  Moser  Wishart
Cavanaugh  Groene  Kolterman  Murman
Chambers  Halloran  La Grone  Pansing Brooks
Clements  Hansen, B.  Lathrop  Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz  Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Section 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB734 with 34 ayes, 8 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 734.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-101, 53-116.01, 53-117, 53-117.07, 53-123, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-125, and 53-130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018; to provide for the regulation of charter bus services and the licensure of special party buses; to provide for procedures and fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:
Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Albrecht  Bostelman  Geist  Lindstrom  Slama

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz  Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 734A.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 734, One Hundred Sixth Legislature, Second Session, 2020.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?'"

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Arch  Crawford  Hilgers  Lathrop  Quick
Blood  DeBoer  Hilkemann  Linehan  Scheer
Brandt  Dorn  Howard  McCollister  Walz
Brewer  Friesen  Hughes  McDonnell  Wayne
Briese  Gragert  Hunt  Morfeld  Williams
Cavanaugh  Groene  Kolowski  Moser  Wishart
Chambers  Halloran  Koltermann  Murman
Clements  Hansen, B.  La Grone  Pansing Brooks
Crawford  Hansen, M.  Lathrop  Quick

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:
Excused and not voting, 2:

Bolz  Stinner

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 287, 310, 310A, 381, 387, 541, 643, 734, and 734A.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. ER159, found on page 483, was adopted.
Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. ER160, found on page 484, was adopted.
Senator Hughes offered his amendment, AM2380, found on page 581.
The Hughes amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 3 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.
Senator Bostelman requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.
Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 6 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 238. Title read. Considered.
Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1199. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 886. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2276
11. Strike original sections 2 and 4.
2. On page 3, strike lines 19 through 22 and insert the following:

4. "(d) A facility may advertise or hold itself out as a network provider if the facility is a network provider of the health insurer, in any signage or marketing materials if the facility is not a network provider for the health insurer;", and in line 23 strike "(5)" and insert "(6)."

3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

(Signed) Matt Williams, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 788. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 962. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1016. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2350

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

2. Section 1. Section 48-622.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is amended to read:

6. Board. The board shall consist of seven members appointed and serving for seven terms determined by the Governor as follows:

8. (a) A representative of employers in Nebraska;

9. (b) A representative of employees in Nebraska;

(c) A representative of the public;

(d) The Commissioner of Labor or a designee;

(e) The Director of Economic Development or a designee;

(f) The Commissioner of Education or a designee; and

(g) The chairperson of the governing board of the Nebraska Community College Association or a designee.

16. (2) The chairperson of the Nebraska Worker Training Board shall be the representative of the employers in Nebraska.

18. (3) By July 1 of each year, the board shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal year containing guidelines for the program financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers, criteria for evaluating requests for the use of money under section 48-622.02, and guidelines for requiring employers to provide matching funds. The guidelines shall give priority to training that contributes to the expansion of the Nebraska workforce and increasing the pool of highly skilled workers in Nebraska.

27. (4) By December 31 of each year, the Department of Labor shall provide a report to the Governor covering the activities of the program financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Cash Fund for the previous fiscal year. The report shall contain an assessment of the effectiveness of the program and its administration.

5. Sec. 2. Section 48-1228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2018, is amended to read:

7. (3) Any employer shall not retaliate or discriminate against an employee because the employee:

11. Files a suit or complaint under the Nebraska Wage Payment and
13 Collection Act; or
14 (2) Testifies, assists, or participates in an investigation.
15 proceeding, or action concerning a violation of the act.
16 Sec. 4, Section 48-1231, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
17 2018, is amended to read:
18 48-1231 (1) An employee having a claim for wages which are not paid
19 within thirty days of the regular payday designated or agreed upon may
20 institute suit for such unpaid wages in the proper court. If an employee
21 establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee
22 shall be entitled to recover (a) the full amount of the judgment and all
23 costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees and (b) if such
24 employee has employed an attorney in the case, an amount for attorney's
25 fees assessed by the court, which fees shall not be less than twenty-five
26 percent of the unpaid wages. If the case is taken to an appellate court
27 and the employee prevails in such judgment, the appellate court shall
28 award reasonable attorney's fees to the employee tax at costs in the
29 action, to be paid to the plaintiff, an additional amount for attorney's
30 fees in such appellate court, which fees shall not be less than twentyfive
31 percent of the unpaid wages. If the employee fails to recover a
32 judgment in excess of the amount that may have been tendered within
33 thirty days of the regular payday by an employer, such employee shall not
34 recover the attorney's fees provided by this subsection. If the
35 court finds that no reasonable dispute existed as to the fact that wages
36 were owed or as to the amount of such wages, the court may order the
37 employee to pay the employee's attorney's fees and costs of the action as
38 assessed by the court.
39 (2) If an employee works for an employer that is not subject to the
40 Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act and such employee is aggrieved by a
41 violation of section 3 of this act, the employee may bring a suit against
42 such employer in the proper court to recover the damages sustained by
43 reason of such violation. If an employee prevails in a suit brought
44 pursuant to this subsection, such employee shall be entitled to recover
45 the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including
46 reasonable attorney's fees. If the case is taken to an appellate court
47 and the employee recovers a judgment, the appellate court shall award
48 reasonable attorney's fees to the employee.
49 (3) (2) An employer who fails to furnish a wage statement under
50 subsection (2) of section 48-1230 shall be guilty of an infraction as
51 defined in section 29-431 and shall be subject to a fine pursuant to
52 section 29-436.
53 (4) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under
54 subsection (1) or (2) of this section, any citation that is issued
55 against such employer under section 48-1234 and that relates directly to
56 the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically
57 excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in
58 subsection (3) of section 48-1234, it shall not be admitted into evidence
59 under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.
60 Sec. 5, Section 48-1234, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2019, is
61 amended to read:
62 48-1234 (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an
63 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have
64 violated the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act, other than a
65 violation of subsection (2) of section 48-1230.
66 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the
67 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified
68 mail or any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal
69 Service can verify delivery or by any method of service recognized under
70 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall be not more than
71 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than
72 ten five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
11 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the
12 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of
13 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in
14 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
15 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the
16 Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act shall be barred from contracting
17 with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid.
18 If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this
19 section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this
20 subsection until after such contest has been resolved.
21 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers
22 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public
23 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any
24 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this
25 section.
26 Sec. 6. No later than December 1 of each year, the Department of
27 Labor shall post information on its web site regarding compliance with
28 and enforcement of the Nebraska Wage Payment and Collection Act and shall
29 provide notice to the Legislature that the information was posted. The
30 information shall include, but not be limited to, (1) the total number of
31 reports of unpaid wages filed with the department in the prior calendar
32 year, (2) the total number of reports investigated in the prior calendar
33 year, (3) the results of all investigations completed in the prior
34 calendar year, including, but not limited to, the number of cases in
35 which wages were found to be owed to an employee, the number of cases in
36 which the employer paid wages owed to the employee during the course of
37 the investigation, and the number of cases in which it was found that no
38 wages were owed to an employee, (4) the number of citations issued
39 pursuant to section 48-1234 in the prior calendar year, (5) the total
40 amount of wages owed to employees according to the citations issued in
41 the prior calendar year, (6) the number of employers with more than two
42 citations in the previous five years, and (7) the number and names of
43 employers with at least one unpaid citation from the previous five years.
44 Sec. 7. Section 48-2107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
45 2018, is amended to read:
46 48-2107 (1) Each application or renewal under section 48-2105 shall
47 be signed by the applicant and accompanied by a fee not to exceed of
48 forty dollars. The commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and
49 regulations to establish the criteria for acceptability of filing
50 documents and making payments electronically. The criteria may include
51 requirements for electronic signatures. The commissioner may refuse to
52 accept any electronic filings or payments that do not meet the criteria
53 established. The fee shall not be required when an amendment to an
54 application is submitted. The commissioner shall remit the fees collected
55 under this subsection to the State Treasurer for credit to the Contractor
56 and Professional Employer Organization Registration Cash Fund.
57 (2) A contractor shall not be required to pay the fee under
58 subsection (1) of this section if (a) the contractor is self-employed and
59 does not pay more than three thousand dollars annually to employ other
60 persons in the business and the application contains a statement made
61 under oath or equivalent affirmation setting forth such information or
62 (b) the contractor only engages in the construction of water wells or
63 installation of septic systems. At any time that a contractor no longer
64 qualifies for exemption from the fee, the fee shall be paid to the
65 department. Any false statement made under subdivision (2)(a) of this
66 section shall be a violation of section 28-915.01.
67 (3) The commissioner shall charge an additional fee of twenty-five
68 dollars for the registration of each nonresident contractor and a fee of
69 twenty-five dollars for the registration of each contract to which a
70 nonresident contractor is a party if the total contract price or
9 compensation to be received is more than ten thousand dollars. The
10 commissioner shall remit the fees collected under this subsection to the
11 State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.
12 Sec. 8. Section 48-2907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
13 2018, is amended to read:
14 48-2907 (1) In addition to any other fines or penalties provided by
15 law, if the commissioner may issue a citation to a contractor when an
16 investigation reveals finds, after notice and hearing, that a contractor
17 has violated the Employee Classification Act, the contractor shall be
18 assessed by the commissioner a five-hundred-dollar fine
19 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the
20 contractor of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified
21 mail or any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal
22 Service can verify delivery or by any method of service recognized under
23 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall be not more than
24 five hundred dollars per each misclassified individual for the first
25 offense and not more than five thousand dollars a fine thousand dollar
26 fine per each misclassified individual for each second or and subsequent
27 offense.
28 (3) The contractor has fifteen working days after the date of the
29 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of
30 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in
31 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
32 (4) A contractor who is assessed an administrative penalty for a
33 violation of the Employee Classification Act shall pay such
34 administrative penalty no later than ten days after the date the penalty
35 becomes final and not subject to further appeal. A (2) Any contractor who
36 has an unpaid administrative penalty in violation of this subsection
37 fines, for a violation of the Employee Classification Act shall be barred
38 from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such
39 administrative penalty is fines are paid.
40 Sec. 9. Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 11 of this act become operative
41 on October 1, 2020. The other sections of this act become operative on
42 their effective date.
43 Sec. 10. Original sections 48-2107 and 48-2907, Revised Statutes
44 Cumulative Supplement, 2018, and section 48-622.03, Revised Statutes
45 Supplement, 2019, are repealed.
46 Sec. 11. Original sections 48-1228 and 48-1231, Revised Statutes
47 Cumulative Supplement, 2018, and section 48-1234, Revised Statutes
48 Supplement, 2019, are repealed.
49 Sec. 12. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections
50 48-209, 48-210, 48-211, 48-440, 48-501.01, 48-503, 48-504, 48-505,
51 48-506, 48-507, 48-508, 48-510, 48-511, 48-512, 48-513, 48-514, 48-515,
52 48-516, 48-517, 48-518, 48-519, 48-520, 48-521, 48-523, and 48-524,
53 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.
54 Sec. 13. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
55 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Matt Hansen, Chairperson
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 858. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM2346 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson
ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Health and Human Services - LB1140
Business and Labor - LB1016

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525

Monday, February 24, 2020 1:30 p.m.
LB1206
LB1023
LB1177

(Signed) Mike Groene, Chairperson

General Affairs
Room 1510

Monday, February 24, 2020 1:30 p.m.
David Hunter - State Electrical Board
James S. Brummer - State Electrical Board
Janelle Beveridge - State Racing Commission
Kelly J. Lambert - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling
Mark Laughlin - Nebraska Arts Council

(Signed) Tom Briese, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524

Thursday, February 20, 2020 1:30 p.m.
LB1025
LB1034
LB1045
LB1179

Friday, February 21, 2020 1:30 p.m.
LB829
LB812
LB930
LR284CA

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson
LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

Natural Resources
Room 1525

Thursday, February 20, 2020 1:30 p.m.
Seth B. Harder - Environmental Quality Council
LR294
LB845

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on February 13, 2020, at 9:46 a.m. were the following: LBs 287, 310, 310A, 381, 387, 541, 643, 734, and 734A.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 238. Considered.
Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 7 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 131. Title read. Considered.
Committee AM1549, found on page 1793, First Session, 2019, was offered.

SENATOR HILGERS PRESIDING

SPEAKER SCHEER PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 803. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 972. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Steve Halloran, Chairperson
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 974. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM2433 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson
RESOLUTION(S)


PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review the most recent experience study required under section 84-1503. The Public Employees Retirement Board is required to obtain such experience study at least every four years for all retirement systems administered by the board. The board administers the retirement systems provided for in the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act. The next experience study is scheduled for 2020.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 315. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review a separate compliance audit obtained by the Public Employees Retirement Board, as required under section 84-1503, of the state-administered retirement systems. The compliance audit includes, but is not limited to, an examination of records, files, and other documents and an evaluation of all policies and procedures to determine compliance with all state and federal laws.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 316. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this study is to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board as provided in the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retire Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act. The study may also examine the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 317. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to carry out section 13-2402 which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature to monitor defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions. The study committee shall conduct a public hearing for the presentation of reports by all political subdivisions with defined benefit plans that are underfunded.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 318. Introduced by Kolterman, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to review progress in complying with sections 79-9,120 to 79-9,123, which require the Public Employees Retirement Board, in consultation with the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature, the Omaha School Employees
Retirement System, the Omaha Public Schools, and other stakeholders, to prepare a work plan that identifies the tasks, process, costs, and timeline involved in transferring management and actuarial services of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System to the Public Employees Retirement Board. The work plan is required to be completed and submitted to the Legislature by June 30, 2020, and shall include:

1. A comparison of the annual administration costs of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System to the estimated cost for the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System to manage the Omaha School Employees Retirement System plan;
2. The identification of the necessary tasks and costs to transfer management from the Omaha School Employees Retirement System to the Public Employees Retirement Board, including assessment of the following categories:
   a. Administration;
   b. Actuarial service;
   c. Accounting;
   d. Computer infrastructure;
   e. Information technology;
   f. Member data and record transfer;
   g. Necessary statutory changes;
   h. Staff training and assessment of staffing needs; and
   i. Educational and communication plans to fully inform all system stakeholders and affected governmental entities regarding management changes; and
3. Establishment of timelines for completion of identified tasks.

The management transfer is not to include a merger or consolidation of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System with the School Employees Retirement System nor is it to include assumption of liability for the unfunded balance by the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems, or the Public Employees Retirement Board.

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

Referred to the Executive Board.


WHEREAS, Tom Sieck served on the Seward County Public Power District Board of Directors for 38 years before serving on the Norris Public Power District Board of Directors for the past two years; and
WHEREAS, Nebraska is unique in that it is the only state in the country served entirely by public electric utilities; and
WHEREAS, in 1933, the Legislature passed Senate File 310, which provided for the creation of public power and irrigation districts to provide electric service in areas which had previously been denied central station electric power; and
WHEREAS, the Nebraska Power Review Board approved the merger of the Seward County Public Power District and the Norris Public Power District effective May 1, 2017; and
WHEREAS, the Norris Public Power District's mission is to safely provide electricity and related services to customers at competitive prices, in the most reliable, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner; and
WHEREAS, Tom Sieck has served for forty years on public power district boards to further the mission of public power.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:
1. That the Legislature recognizes and thanks Tom Sieck for his forty years of service on public power district boards.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Tom Sieck.

Laid over.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

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

Jillian Chance - Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board
David J. Hansen - Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board
Shelly K. McQuillan - Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Sara Howard, Chairperson

Agriculture

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

Britt D. Anderson - Beginning Farmer Board
Bradley D. Lubben - Beginning Farmer Board
Dave W. Nielsen - Beginning Farmer Board
Wade E. Thornburg - Beginning Farmer Board

(Signed) Steve Halloran, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Revenue - LB974
Morfeld - LB997

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeBoer name added to LB786.
Senator DeBoer name added to LB1208.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Steve Louder Back from Ashland; students, teacher, and sponsors from South Sioux City; and students and teachers from the Nebraska Civic Leadership Program from Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Rob Rhodes from Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

Patrick J. O'Donnell
Clerk of the Legislature