

**SEVENTH DAY - JANUARY 14, 2021****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 14, 2021

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Blood.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:30 a.m., Speaker Hilgers presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator M. Hansen who was excused; and Senators Friesen, Hilkemann, and Lindstrom who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB50	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB160	Judiciary (rereferred)
LB236	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB264	Appropriations
LB265	Urban Affairs
LB266	Natural Resources
LB267	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB268	Judiciary
LB269	Judiciary
LB270	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB271	Judiciary
LB272	Revenue
LB273	Judiciary

LB274 General Affairs  
LB275 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB276 Judiciary  
LB277 Judiciary  
LB278 Judiciary  
LB279 Appropriations  
LB280 Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
LB281 Education  
LB282 Judiciary  
LB283 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB284 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB285 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB286 Education  
LB287 Education  
LB288 Education  
LB289 Education  
LB290 Business and Labor  
LB291 Revenue  
LB292 Revenue  
LB293 Transportation and Telecommunications  
LB294 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB295 General Affairs  
LB296 Health and Human Services  
LB297 Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
LB298 Business and Labor  
LB299 Revenue  
LB300 Judiciary  
LB301 Judiciary  
LB302 Transportation and Telecommunications  
LB303 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB304 Appropriations  
LB305 Natural Resources  
LB306 Health and Human Services  
LB307 Judiciary  
LB308 Judiciary  
LB309 Judiciary  
LB310 Revenue  
LB311 General Affairs  
LB312 General Affairs  
LB313 Revenue

(Signed) Dan Hughes, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

January 12, 2021

Mr. President, Speaker Hilgers  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Hilgers and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:

Kendall (Ken) B. Curry, 3780 30th Avenue, Columbus, NE 68601

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Pete Ricketts  
Governor

Enclosures

January 13, 2021

Mr. President, Speaker Hilgers  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Hilgers and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed to the Nebraska Environmental Trust:

Joshua N. Andersen, 2060 Road 307, Edgar, NE 68935

Also, contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed to the Nebraska Environmental Trust:

Rodney R. Christen, 71850 617 Avenue, Steinauer, NE 68441  
Jim Hellbusch, 2106 Maple Road, Columbus, NE 68601

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Pete Ricketts  
Governor

Enclosures

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Appropriations Committee elected Senator Wishart as Vice Chairperson.

The Natural Resources Committee elected Senator Moser as Vice Chairperson.

### PRESIDENT FOLEY PRESIDING

#### MOTION - Escort Governor

Senator Halloran moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators DeBoer, Albrecht, Wishart, Brewer, and Sanders to serve on said committee.

### STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

“Even as we’ve had to overcome the challenge of the pandemic, the work of Nebraskans everywhere has kept the state of the state strong.”

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President Foley, Speaker Hilgers, Members of the Legislature, Tribal Chairmen, and Fellow Nebraskans — good morning!

Congratulations on the commencement of the First Session of the 107th Nebraska Legislature. I want to welcome each of you to Lincoln.

Congratulations Speaker Hilgers on your election. I look forward to working together with you and all the newly elected chairs.

Please also recognize the newest members of the Unicameral: Senators Aguilar, Bostar, Cavanaugh, Day, Flood, McKinney, Pahls, and Sanders. Each of you brings unique perspective and experiences to the body. I look

forward to working with you as well.

As this session begins, I know that many are excited to turn the page on 2020; however, I believe that when we look back on the last year we will see a year that brought out the best in Nebraskans.

We began with high hopes of moving forward as we recovered from the historic floods of 2019. But 2020 was interrupted by a new and unforeseen challenge: the coronavirus pandemic. Nebraskans took on this new challenge in the same spirit we have for generations: We rolled up our sleeves and put our grit, tenacity, and determination to work the Nebraska Way.

Through it all, Nebraskans have been using our tools to slow the spread of the virus such as social distancing, wearing a mask to the store, washing our hands often, and staying home when sick. As we all do our part, the State has followed our North Star: protecting our hospital capacity. Over the last ten months, we've pursued this goal by using our six pillars: testing, contact tracing, providing PPE, making quarantine space available, protecting at-risk populations, and using directed health measures.

Time and again, history shows Nebraskans respond by doing the right thing, and the pandemic has been no different. Our healthcare workers have stepped up heroically to keep Nebraskans healthy. Data shows that Nebraskans stayed home when we asked them to last spring. And now, Nebraskans are embracing the coronavirus vaccine.

Thanks to the individual contributions of countless Nebraskans and our six pillars, our state has successfully ensured that everyone that needs a hospital bed, ICU bed, or ventilator has had access to one. This approach has helped us strike that balance between slowing the spread of the virus and allowing people to live a more normal life.

Even as we've had to overcome the challenge of the pandemic, the work of Nebraskans everywhere has kept the state of the state strong.

While protecting hospital capacity, we have also been working to help Nebraskans recover. The federal government has invested over \$10 billion in aid into our state. The State steered federal coronavirus relief towards \$411 million in grants for Nebraska's businesses and family farms. We also provided over \$80 million to aid non-profit and community-based organizations ranging from food banks to childcare providers.

While battling coronavirus, we have kept building on our efforts to grow Nebraska even in the midst of tough circumstances.

We've seen new opportunities in developing our workforce, with the creation of 2,280 Career Scholarships at our state's colleges and universities to help train the next generation of leaders.

We've made it easier to do business in Nebraska by continuing to improve the effectiveness and the efficiency of state government services. This has helped attract major investments from companies like Becton Dickinson in Holdrege to Hormel in Papillion—just to name a couple. Throughout the pandemic, we've been cutting red tape to keep Nebraskans working. From giving licensed professionals more flexibility to allowing restaurants to offer carryout alcohol, we looked for ways to grow our healthcare workforce and help small businesses survive. The jobs being created across our state have helped Nebraska achieve an unemployment rate that is the lowest in the nation. At 3.1 percent, our unemployment rate for November 2020 is only one tenth of a percent above where it stood one year ago.

This body is to be congratulated for the work it accomplished in the 2020 session despite the circumstances of the pandemic. Even with these challenges, you were able to pass property tax relief, incentive renewal and reform, veterans tax relief, flood relief, pandemic relief, relief for the tunnel collapse in the Panhandle, career scholarships, and the most significant pro-life bill in a decade.

As the pandemic continues, we have an opportunity to keep moving our state forward. This legislative session, we will do this the Nebraska Way: by working together for the best interests of the people we serve.

The next two-year budget I am proposing controls spending to a growth rate of 1.5 percent. In this context, we can achieve several important priorities.

First, property tax relief. This budget delivers on the promise of property tax relief by delivering \$1.36 billion in relief over the biennium. This includes \$550 million in direct property tax relief through the State's Property Tax Credit Relief Fund, and over \$596 million from the newly enacted LB 1107 refundable property tax credit. I am also proposing roughly \$214 million to provide for property tax payments under the current homestead exemption program.

But there's more we must do to keep Nebraska on the road to realizing property tax relief. That is why Senator Linehan and I are proposing to limit the growth of local government property taxes to 3 percent. New local spending constraints are critical to ensuring the relief we provide goes into people's pockets and to maintain local control in future years. Property taxes have grown by 4.46 percent annually on average for the last 10 years for an overall increase of 54.65 percent.

Taxes are growing at a rate that Nebraskans cannot manage within their family budgets. It is my belief that if the Legislature fails to enact spending constraints, the people of Nebraska will take matters into their own hands and strip local governments of their property tax authority. It's happened before in the 1960s when the voters stripped the State of its authority to levy a property tax, and it will happen again. The limits we are proposing here

are reasonable, and will help ensure that local control of the institutions we cherish endures for years to come.

As we consider these limits, I also want to note that we can continue to support strong public schools. As I have done every year as Governor, my budget proposes to fully fund state aid to the K-12 education formula with an additional \$42.7 million over the biennium. We must continue to invest in the next generation of Nebraskans so they can access educational opportunities that can help them achieve their dreams.

Next, I am proposing three initiatives to help Nebraska continue its journey to become the best state in the nation for military families and veterans. First, Nebraska is still working to bring Space Command to the Heartland. Senator Stinner and I are recommending the State invest \$50 million towards establishing a public-private partnership to locate this important mission at Offutt Air Force Base. Second, Senator Brewer and I are proposing that Nebraska exempt 100 percent of military retirement income for military retirees. This would complete the work on veterans tax relief we began last year. And third, military spouses continue to face challenges taking jobs in Nebraska in licensed professions on a temporary basis. In recent years, Nebraska has made great strides in helping military spouses, who hold a teaching license in another state, to teach while their families are deployed here. Senator Sanders and I are working together to take new steps recommended by the Department of Defense to cut more red tape in this area.

Additionally, Senator Murman and I are proposing that we use our experience gained during the pandemic to expand our healthcare workforce. Early in the pandemic, I issued an executive order allowing licensed healthcare professionals from other states to work here in Nebraska. By allowing universal reciprocity for out-of-state healthcare workers to continue, we can encourage more skilled healthcare professionals to choose the Good Life to help meet our state's needs.

This budget also helps us take important steps to protect public safety. Nebraska's corrections system has been underbuilt for 40 years, and our infrastructure is aging. Working together, we've been able to make significant strides over the last six years, investing in sentencing reform, rehabilitation, and the physical plant of our system. But more must be done to modernize and rightsize our prisons. By 2025, Nebraska's corrections system is forecasted to house over 6,400 inmates. Today, we have an operational capacity of over 5,300 inmates, and the Nebraska State Penitentiary is decaying. To help protect public safety and to replace the State Penitentiary, I am proposing that we build a new, modern correctional facility. This facility will require an initial investment of \$115 million in this budget for a total of \$230 million by the time it is completed and operational in 2025.

Finally, we must continue to invest in better community connectivity

through broadband internet. It's no secret that many Nebraskans still do not have access to broadband. Over 80,000 Nebraska households lack broadband speeds of at least 25/3. The pandemic revealed how impossible work from home or remote education can be for those on the wrong side of the digital divide. Over the last several months, we were able to use CARES Act money to begin connecting 17,600 households with broadband. Additional households are expected to receive broadband using existing resources over the next two years. Senator Friesen, Speaker Hilgers, and I are proposing that we invest \$20 million in each of the next two years to help another 30,000 households get broadband connectivity. This will move Nebraska closer to bringing broadband coverage to every corner of the state.

Property tax relief. Our veterans and military. Licensing reform. Public safety. Broadband access. These are all critical priorities for us to work on this year. As the session gets underway, I'm confident that we can achieve each of these in the coming days by working together for the people – the Nebraska Way.

Once again, congratulations on the start of this new session. I want to thank each of you for your service to the people of Nebraska. Together, we can achieve great things for Nebraskans in the coming days.

God bless you all and God bless the great State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pete Ricketts from the Chamber.

#### **SENATOR HUGHES PRESIDING**

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 379.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend Laws 2019, LB294, sections 93, 96, 108, 159, 181, 182, and 261; and Laws 2020, LB1008, sections 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, and 55; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change fund transfers; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2023; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 381.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to define terms; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to state intent; to require program statements and a request for funding; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 384.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend sections 61-222 and 86-1103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide and change uses and transfers of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.** Introduced by Speaker Hilgers, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to authorize transfers; to state intent; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 386.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judges' salaries; to amend section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change judges' salaries; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 387.** Introduced by Brewer, 43; at the request of the Governor; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Clements, 2; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Linehan, 39; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to income taxes; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to the taxation of military retirement benefits; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Introduced by Friesen, 34; at the request of the Governor; Hilgers, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to adopt the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 389.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; at the request of the Governor; Blood, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to amend section 79-813, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the issuance of certificates and permits to military spouses as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Introduced by Murman, 38; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend sections 38-101 and 38-129.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide for additional credentials; to change requirements for credentials; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22CA.** Introduced by Linehan, 39; at the request of the Governor.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2022, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 14 to Article VIII:

VIII-14 (1) Notwithstanding Article VIII, section 1 or 5, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary, the total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year shall not be more than three percent greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(2) The total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in a fiscal year may exceed the limitation in subsection (1) of

this section by an amount approved by a majority of legal voters voting on the issue at an election called for such purpose upon the recommendation of a majority of the governing body of the political subdivision. Such recommendation shall include the amount by which the property tax revenue would exceed the limitation in subsection (1) of this section for the fiscal year. All costs of the election shall be paid by the political subdivision seeking to exceed such limitation.

(3) The limitation in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the amount of property tax revenue needed to pay the principal and interest on bonded indebtedness that has been approved according to law.

(4) The limitation in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to the amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year on any real growth value within the political subdivision.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) Property tax revenue means revenue raised from a tax that is assessed annually upon the value of real property; and

(b) Real growth value means the increase in real property valuation due to (i) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (ii) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, and (iii) annexation of property by the political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that the total amount of property tax revenue raised by a political subdivision in any fiscal year shall not be more than three percent greater than the amount raised in the prior fiscal year, except for amounts approved by voters, amounts needed to pay bonded indebtedness, and amounts raised on real growth value.

For

Against.

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 391.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Aguilar, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Customized Job Training Cash Fund.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 392.** Introduced by Stinner, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to psychologists; to amend sections 38-2838, 38-2850, 38-3112, 71-2445, and 71-2473, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-401, 38-3101, and 38-3111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to adopt the Prescribing Psychologist Practice Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for the use of certain terms; to change the membership of the Board of Psychology;

to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 393.** Introduced by Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to eliminate the Next Generation Business Growth Act; and to outright repeal sections 50-301, 50-302, 50-303, 50-304, 50-305, and 50-306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 394.** Introduced by Morfeld, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to housing; to amend sections 25-21,223 and 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Public Health Emergency Housing Protection Act; to change provisions relating to deadlines for trials in actions for possession and forcible entry and detainer; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 395.** Introduced by Gragert, 40; Hughes, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend sections 37-448 and 37-456, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 37-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to special deer depredation season and provide for antelope and elk depredation seasons and permits; to change and provide fees; to change limits on limited antelope or elk permits; to provide for a free-earned landowner elk permit as prescribed; to provide duties for the Game and Parks Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; McCollister, 20; McKinney, 11; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; and to adopt the Nebraska Farm-To-School Program Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-301 and 60-2907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to prohibit certain causes of action by motorists without insurance or financial responsibility or motorists convicted of driving under the influence or refusal to test; to require the Department of Motor Vehicles to establish and maintain an online verification system for accessing certain private passenger motor vehicle insurance information; to authorize a disclosure under the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications and technology; to amend section 86-103.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 86-324, 86-577, 86-1101, and 86-1102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine terms; to change Public Service Commission powers relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund; to restate legislative intent relating to access to broadband service; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to regulation of water; to amend section 46-1011, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to clarify a statutory reference relating to rural water districts; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telehealth; to amend sections 71-8503 and 71-8505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 44-312 and 44-7,107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to change requirements for insurers and telehealth consultations under the medical assistance program; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 401.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state institutions; to amend sections 83-305 and 83-363, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate designation of the Hastings Regional Center as a state hospital for the mentally ill; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 402.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to require a report by the Supreme Court regarding eviction proceedings; and to define terms.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 403.** Introduced by Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change a provision relating to recovery of medical assistance debt involving property transferred by deed with retention of a life estate; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 404.** Introduced by Lowe, 37; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Hansen, B., 16; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; to amend section 69-2436, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change permit and renewal time periods; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 405.** Introduced by Lowe, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to village boards of trustees; to amend section 17-209.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to officers and employees of villages; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 406.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to amend section 61-224, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to create the Lower Platte River Infrastructure Task Force; to provide for a fund transfer; to change provisions relating to use of the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 407.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-101.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to include certain county correctional employees within provisions concerning mental injuries and mental illness; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 408.** Introduced by Briese, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1601 and 77-1776, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-1601.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to adopt the Property Tax Request Act; to change provisions relating to property tax requests; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 409.** Introduced by Brewer, 43; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-1012, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to construction and unauthorized construction of electric transmission lines; to

provide a moratorium on the construction of certain electric transmission lines as prescribed; to create the Electric Transmission Line Study Committee of the Legislature; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 410.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions relating to itemized deductions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 411.** Introduced by Lathrop, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the designated health information exchange; to amend section 81-6,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to require provision of clinical information by health care facilities and health care payors; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 412.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend section 71-1590, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a tax and assessment provision; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 413.** Introduced by Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to define terms; to require coverage of medications for substance use disorder treatment and addiction medicine services as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Introduced by Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Construction Alternatives Act; to amend sections 13-2903 and 13-2904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-2914, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to redefine a term; to require a determination statement in a resolution adopted by the governing body of a political subdivision as prescribed; to change provisions relating to projects included or excluded under the act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Introduced by Groene, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-103.22, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 53-123.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to

redefine a term; to increase the annual gallon limit for microdistilleries; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 416.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Day, 49; Hunt, 8; McKinney, 11; Vargas, 7; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-101, 38-129, 68-901, and 68-915, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to define terms; to require implicit bias training for applicants and credential holders under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a federal waiver to provide postpartum care; to state intent; to provide for instruction regarding health screenings; to change provisions relating to eligibility for medical assistance for postpartum women; to provide for reimbursement for the services of a doula; to create a fund; to state legislative intent regarding appropriations; to create a grant program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 417.** Introduced by Halloran, 33; Aguilar, 35; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Briese, 41; Clements, 2; Erdman, 47; Gragert, 40; Hansen, B., 16; Lowe, 37; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to amend section 28-1204.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to authorize possession of a firearm on school grounds by a full-time, off-duty law enforcement officer; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 418.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Blood, 3; Bostar, 29; Briese, 41; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Day, 49; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Flood, 19; Geist, 25; Gragert, 40; Halloran, 33; Lowe, 37; Pansing Brooks, 28; Slama, 1; Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to adopt the Solemn Covenant of the States to Award Prizes for Curing Diseases compact.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 25-21,223, 76-1442, and 76-1450, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require appointment of counsel at county expense in eviction proceedings; to define terms; to provide a duty for the Supreme Court; to require notice of the right to counsel in summonses as prescribed; to provide for a fee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23.** Introduced by Erdman, 47; Briese, 41.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to study the progress of natural resources districts in fulfilling their originally intended purpose relating to flood control, soil erosion, irrigation run-off, and ground water quantity and quality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST 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.

Referred to the Executive Board.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Business and Labor Committee elected Senator Blood as Vice Chairperson.

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

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

Senator Cavanaugh, J. name added to LB12.

Senator Cavanaugh, J. name added to LB20.

Senator Hunt name added to LB56.

Senator Sanders name added to LB241.

Senator Groene name added to LB300.

Senator McCollister name added to LB310.

Senator Williams name added to LB311.

Senator Brewer name added to LB327.

Senator Brewer name added to LB362.

Senator Groene name added to LR3CA.

Senator Murman name added to LR21CA.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:27 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clements, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 15, 2021.

Patrick J. O'Donnell  
Clerk of the Legislature