

Nebraska State Senators, 2009

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Greg L. Adams, York.....	District 24.....	January 2011
Brad Ashford, Omaha.....	District 20.....	January 2011
Bill Avery, Lincoln.....	District 28.....	January 2011
Kathy Campbell, Lincoln.....	District 25.....	January 2013
Tom Carlson, Holdrege.....	District 38.....	January 2011
Mark R. Christensen, Imperial.....	District 44.....	January 2011
Colby J. Coash, Lincoln.....	District 27.....	January 2013
Tanya Cook, Omaha.....	District 13.....	January 2013
Abbie Cornett, Bellevue.....	District 45.....	January 2013
Brenda Council, Omaha.....	District 11.....	January 2013
M.L. Dierks, Ewing.....	District 40.....	January 2011
Annette M. Dubas, Fullerton.....	District 34.....	January 2011
Deb Fischer, Valentine.....	District 43.....	January 2013
Mike Flood, Norfolk.....	District 19.....	January 2013
Michael J. Friend, Omaha.....	District 10.....	January 2011
Tony Fulton, Lincoln.....	District 29.....	January 2013
Tim Gay, Papillion.....	District 14.....	January 2011
Robert J. Giese, South Sioux City.....	District 17.....	January 2013
Mike Gloor, Grand Island.....	District 35.....	January 2013
Ken Haar, Malcolm.....	District 21.....	January 2013
Galen Hadley, Kearney.....	District 37.....	January 2013
Tom Hansen, North Platte.....	District 42.....	January 2011
John N. Harms, Scottsbluff.....	District 48.....	January 2011
Lavon L. Heidemann, Elk Creek.....	District 1.....	January 2013
Gwen E. Howard, Omaha.....	District 9.....	January 2013
Charlie Janssen, Fremont.....	District 15.....	January 2013
Russ Karpisek, Wilber.....	District 32.....	January 2011
Chris Langemeier, Schuyler.....	District 23.....	January 2013
Steve Lathrop, Omaha.....	District 12.....	January 2011
Scott Lautenbaugh, Omaha.....	District 18.....	January 2013
LeRoy J. Loudon, Ellsworth.....	District 49.....	January 2013
Beau R. McCoy, Omaha.....	District 39.....	January 2013
Amanda McGill, Lincoln.....	District 26.....	January 2011
Heath Mello, Omaha.....	District 5.....	January 2013
Danielle Nantkes, Lincoln.....	District 46.....	January 2011
John E. Nelson, Omaha.....	District 6.....	January 2011
Jeremy J. Nordquist, Omaha.....	District 7.....	January 2013
Rich Pahls, Omaha.....	District 31.....	January 2013
Dave Pankonin, Louisville.....	District 2.....	January 2011
Pete Pirsch, Omaha.....	District 4.....	January 2011
Scott Price, Bellevue.....	District 3.....	January 2013
Kent Rogert, Tekamah.....	District 16.....	January 2011
Ken Schilz, Ogallala.....	District 47.....	January 2013
Arnie Stuthman, Platte Center.....	District 22.....	January 2011
Kate Sullivan, Cedar Rapids.....	District 41.....	January 2013
Dennis Utter, Hastings.....	District 33.....	January 2013
Norm Wallman, Cortland.....	District 30.....	January 2011
Tom White, Omaha.....	District 8.....	January 2011
John M. Wightman, Lexington.....	District 36.....	January 2011

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Appropriations (chairperson); Nebraska Retirement Systems; Building Maintenance; Executive Board (ex officio); Legislative Performance Audit; Reference (ex officio);

Biography: Born Oct. 24, 1958, in Pawnee City. Graduate of Elk Creek High School, 1977. Married Robin Heidemann, May 6, 1995; three children: Jared, Mikayla and Bryan. Farmer. Former: general foreman, CBC Drilling, Anchorage, Alaska. **Member:** Fire District Board; St. Peter's Lutheran Church; Pawnee County Farm Bureau; Southeast Nebraska Feeders and Breeders; Nebraska Cattlemen; 2006 Midwest

Council of State Governments Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska Boundary Commission. **Former member:** Elk Creek School Board. Republican.

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DISTRICT 2

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Health and Human Services (vice chairperson); Nebraska Retirement Systems (chairperson); Committee on Committees

Biography: Born Dec. 1, 1951, in Lincoln. Graduate of Louisville High School, 1970; University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration, 1974; attended M.B.A. program at Northwestern University, 1974-75. Married Lori Pankonin, July 12, 1975; two children: Paul and Stephanie. Owner and president, Pankonin's, Inc. (farm equipment dealership). Former: Louisville mayor. **Member:** board of directors, Home State Bank, Louisville; board of directors, Cass County Historical Society. **Former member:** Louisville City Council (president); Louisville Public School Board; UNL College of Business Administration Alumni Board (president); board of directors, Nebraska United Methodist Foundation; Nebraska United Methodist Church Council on Finance and Administration (chair). **Honors and awards:** UNL Innocents Society, 1973; UNL College of Business Administration Alumni Leadership Award, 1985; UNL Alumni Association Young Alumnus Award, 1987. Republican.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born Aug. 5, 1962, at White Sands Missile Range, N.M. Graduate of Peru State College, 2004; Community College of the Air Force (weather technology, A.A.S.), 2002. Military service: U.S. Air Force, non-commissioned officer (retired). Married to Jacqueline Price; three children: Ashley, Benjamin and Matthew. Business development manager, Computer Sciences Corporation, Bellevue. **Member:** Life Spring Church; Sarpy County Chamber of Commerce; ambassador, Bellevue Chamber of Commerce; American Legion; Fraternal Order of Eagles; lifetime member, National Rifle Association. Republican.

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce; American Legion; Fraternal Order of Eagles; lifetime member, National Rifle Association. Republican.

PETE PIRSCH

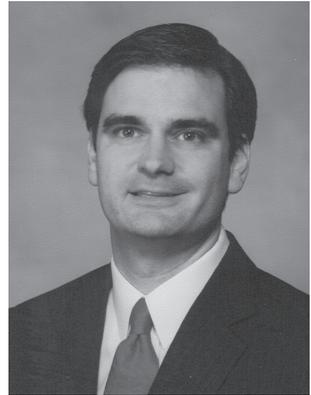
DISTRICT 4

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance (vice chairperson); Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (vice chairperson)

Biography: Born Oct. 28, 1969, in Omaha. Graduate of Omaha Central High School, 1988; University of Virginia, (B.A. in government), 1992; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1997; University of Nebraska-Omaha College of Business (M.B.A.), 2005. Married Lori Pirsch, Sept. 17, 2004. Criminal prosecutor, city of Omaha. Former: vice-president, PBC, Inc. **Member:** Board of the Nebraska Crime Commission (appointed by Governor Mike Johanns); board of trustees, S.I.D. 337; St. Vincent de Paul Church; Boy Scouts of America; Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Midlands; public service committee, Omaha Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Jaycees; Omaha Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Council; Rotary Club; Knights of Columbus. Republican.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Appropriations; Nebraska Retirement Systems

Biography: Born Aug. 2, 1979, in Omaha. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A. in political science), 2002. Resource development specialist. Former: senior aide to U.S. Senator Ben Nelson; assistant coordinator, Nebraska Community Improvement Program. **Member:** St. Thomas More Parish; South Omaha Business Association; Q Merchants Association; South Omaha Optimists; South Omaha Development Project; South Omaha Neighborhood Alliance; Association of Fundraising Professionals; Knights of Columbus. Democrat.

JOHN E. NELSON

DISTRICT 6

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Appropriations; Executive Board (vice chairperson); Reference (vice chairperson)

Biography: Born Dec. 29, 1935, in Geneva. Graduate of Geneva High School; University of Nebraska - Lincoln (B.A.), 1957; Creighton Law School, (J.D.), 1964. Military Service: U.S. Navy, 1957-1960; Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve (retired). Married Judy Nelson, June 7, 1975; three children: Martha H. Hultgren, Andrew E. and J. Braden Nelson. Attorney. Former: U.S. Naval Officer; disbursing and supply officer, U.S.S. Shelton (DD790); supply officer, Olathe Naval Air Station. **Member:** board of advisors, Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation (president); Historic Chelsea Township Cemetery, Fillmore County (president); Omaha Toastmasters Club 229; Kiwanis Club of Omaha, Inc. (president 2001-02); First Presbyterian Church, Omaha (elder); chancel choir and trustee (six terms); Nebraska State and Omaha Bar Associations; General Practice Section Committee (chairperson); Omaha Lawyer Referral Committee since 1972 (chairperson). **Former member:** senior honorary, Innocents Society; chief deputy election commissioner, Douglas County, 1972-80; Omaha Central High School Parent-Educator-Pupil organization (co-president); Central High School Foundation (board member); administrative law judge, Nebraska Department of Labor; Douglas County and State Republican Central Committees; B.S.F. International (1995-2001). Republican.



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DISTRICT 7

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Appropriations; Nebraska Retirement Systems (vice chairperson); Building Maintenance; Enrollment and Review (chairperson); State-Tribal Relations

Biography: Born Nov. 10, 1981, in Sioux Falls, S.D. Graduate of Beresford High School, Beresford, S.D., 2000; Creighton University (B.A.), 2004. Married Shannon C. Riley, Dec. 30, 2006. Former: legislative aide, Nebraska Legislature, 2004-06; research analyst, Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee, Nebraska Legislature, 2007-08. **Member:** St. Frances Cabrini Parish; Knights of Columbus Council 3019; Dahlman Neighborhood Association; Old Market South Neighborhood Association; Downtown Omaha, Inc.; South Omaha Business Association. Democrat.

TOM WHITE

DISTRICT 8

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Business and Labor; Revenue; Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born Oct. 26, 1956, in Columbus. Graduate of Creighton University Law School (J.D.), 1983; Regis University (B.A. in philosophy and history), 1979. Married Barbara White, Aug. 17, 1984; two children: Logan and Reilly. Attorney. Former: truck driver; painter; construction worker. **Member:** St. Cecilia's Cathedral Parish; Ancient Order of Hibernians; Nebraska Horse Council; 4-H; board of directors, Field Club of Omaha (president). Democrat.



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GWEN E. HOWARD **DISTRICT 9**

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Education (vice chairperson); Health and Human Services

Biography: Born Gwen E. Middaugh, June 24, 1945, in Douglas County. Graduate of Omaha Benson High School, 1963; Midland Lutheran College (sociology and psychology), 1967; University of Nebraska (master's degree in social work), 1974. Married David Howard (deceased); two children: Carrie Howard and Sara Howard. Social worker and adoption specialist. **Member:** accredited by the National Association of Social Workers; accredited by the Academy of Certified Social Workers; Nebraska Association of Public Employees; American Federation of State, County and Municipal Em-

ployees (vice president). Democrat.

MICHAEL J. FRIEND **DISTRICT 10**

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2002; re-elected 2006

Committees: General Affairs; Revenue; Urban Affairs (chairperson); Legislative Performance Audit

Biography: Born Oct. 4, 1961, in Omaha. Graduate of Millard Senior High School, 1980; attended Kearney State College, 1980-82; graduate of Creighton University (B.A. in journalism), 1985; attended Creighton University School of Law for one year. Married Jacqueline K. Williams, July 10, 1992; four children: Megan, Andrew, Elizabeth and Caroline. Writer/editor, First National Bank of Omaha. Former: writer/editor, *Nebraska City News-Press*, *Grand Island Independent*, *PC Novice* and *Smart Computing*; technical writer, First Data Resources.

Member: administrative committee, St. James Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus. Republican.



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BRENDA COUNCIL

DISTRICT 11

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor (vice chairperson); Judiciary

Biography: Born Brenda Warren, Oct. 3, 1955, in Omaha. Graduate of Omaha Central High School, 1971; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in secondary education, with distinction), 1974; Creighton University (J.D.), 1977. Married to Otha Council: two children; five grandchildren. Attorney. Former: judge, Nebraska Commission of Industrial Relations (2001-05); faculty, Railroad and Airline Labor Law Section, American Bar Association American Legal Institute. **Member:** board of directors, Boys and Girls Club of Omaha; board of directors, Charles Drew Health Center Foundation; board of directors, Latino Center of the Midlands; Creighton University Law School Advisory Board; Minority Economic Development Council, Omaha Chamber of Commerce; executive committee,

North Omaha Development Project. **Former Member:** Omaha Board of Education (1982-93, past president); Nebraska School Boards Association; Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds; Nebraska Commission on Post Secondary Education; president, National Caucus of Black School Board Members; Omaha City Council; Douglas County Land Reutilization Commission; board of directors, National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials; American Council of Young Political Leaders; board, Community Bank of Nebraska; board, Creighton University Medical Center; board, United Way of the Midlands; Urban League of Nebraska; New Community Development Corporation; Nebraska Community Foundation; Salvation Army; Susan A. Buffett Foundation; Nebraska Aids Project; North Branch (now Butler-Gast); YMCA; Norwest Bank Advisory Board; UNMC Institutional Review Board. **Honors and awards:** Professionalism Award, Nebraska State Bar Association; Elizabeth Pittman Award, Creighton University Law School and Black American Law Students Association; National Prominence Award, Urban League of Nebraska; Alumni Association Award, University of Nebraska; Outstanding Young Omahan and Nebraskan; A+ Award, Omaha Public Schools. Democrat.

STEVE LATHROP

DISTRICT 12

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Business and Labor (chairperson); Judiciary (vice chairperson); Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee; Rules

Biography: Born April 1, 1957, in Omaha. Graduate of Creighton University (B.S., B.A.), 1979 and (J.D.) 1981. Four children: Alison, Rachel, Maureen and Nicole. Attorney. Democrat.



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TANYA D. COOK DISTRICT 13

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: General Affairs; Natural Resources; Urban Affairs; State-Tribal Relations

Biography: Born Nov. 19, 1964, in Agana, Guam. Graduate of Georgetown University (B.A. in business administration and international business), 1986; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (M.A. in training and development), 1994. President, City Girl Communications. Former: director of urban affairs, Nebraska governor's office (1999-2006); school-to-career facilitator, Metropolitan Community College. **Member:** board of trustees/executive committee, Girls Incorporated of Omaha; Pilgrim Baptist Church; American Council of Young Political Leaders; Leadership Omaha Alumni Association. Democrat.

TIM GAY

DISTRICT 14

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Health and Human Services (chairperson); Transportation and Telecommunications; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

Biography: Born July 9, 1964, in Columbus. Graduate of Columbus High School, 1983; University of Nebraska - Lincoln (B.S. in business administration), 1987. Married Tonee Gay; three children: Matt, Kathryn and Nicholas. Vice president of investment services, American National Bank. Former: grain trader. **Member:** Council of State Governments Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force; Health Capacity Task Force; Associates Advisory Committee; Midwestern Legislative Conference Health and Human Services Committee; National Conference of State Legislatures Health Committee; Human Services and Welfare Committee; Communication, Financial Services and Interstate Commerce Committee; Nebraska Supreme Court Commission on Children in the Courts. **Former member:** Sarpy County Board of Commissioners (1995-2006, chairman; vice-chairman); Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency (president); Nebraska Association of County Officials Southeast District (vice-president). Republican.



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CHARLIE JANSSEN

DISTRICT 15

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Transportation and Telecommunications; Intergovernmental Cooperation (chairperson)

Biography: Born Jan. 15, 1971, in Fremont. Graduate of Logan View High School, 1989; Wayne State College (B.S.), 1997. Military service: U.S. Navy (1989-93). Two children: Charlie, Jr. and Betsy Anne. Chairman and CEO, RTG Medical. Former: U.S. Navy search and rescue swimmer. **Member:** St. Patrick's Catholic Church; Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce; board of directors, Fremont Area United Way; board of directors, Greater Fremont Development Council; Fremont City Council; senior vice-commander, VFW. **Former member:** Fremont Veterans Club (president). Republican.

City Council; senior vice-commander, VFW. **Former member:** Fremont Veterans Club (president). Republican.

KENT ROBERT

DISTRICT 16

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: General Affairs (vice chairperson); Judiciary; Urban Affairs; Rules; State-Tribal Relations (vice chairperson)

Biography: Born Sept. 15, 1972, in Blair. Graduate of Tekamah-Herman High School, 1991; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (agricultural economics), 1995. Farm business consultant. Former: sales representative. **Member:** Tekamah Lodge 31 A.F. and A.M.; Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tekamah; Northridge Country Club; Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity House Corporation. Democrat.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Education; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; State-Tribal Relations

Biography: Born July 6, 1955, in Sioux City, Iowa. Graduate of South Sioux City High School, 1973. Married Nancy Ann Muff, May 10, 1980; four children: Jonathon R., Robert J., Jr., Benjamin A. and Season A. Giese. Produce manager, Hy-Vee; mayor, South Sioux City. **Member:** St. Michaels Parish Council; Knights of Columbus. **Former member:** board, Teammates; Dakota County Jail Advisory Board; executive board, Simpcio; Siouxland Paramedics Board. Democrat.

SCOTT LAUTENBAUGH

DISTRICT 18

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Nov. 2, 2007, to replace Mick Mines, who resigned; elected to Legislature 2008

Committees: Judiciary; Transportation and Telecommunications; Rules (chairperson)

Biography: Born Nov. 11, 1964, in Sioux City, I.A. Graduate of Omaha South High School, 1983; Creighton University (B.A.), 1987 and (J.D.), 1991. Married Shelly Lautenbaugh, June 3, 1995; three children: Spencer, Kyle and Nathan. Attorney. Former: Douglas County Election Commissioner (2000-03); Douglas County Chief Deputy Election Commissioner (1996-2000). **Member:** Omaha Barristers (president, 2000-01); St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. **Former member:** Sanitary and Improvement District 379 (chairman). Republican.



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SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Committee on Committees; Executive Board; Intergovernmental Cooperation (nonvoting ex officio); Legislative Performance Audit; Reference; Rules (ex officio)

Biography: Born Feb. 23, 1975. Graduate of University of Notre Dame (B.A.), 1997; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (J.D.), 2001. Married Mandi Guernsey, Dec. 6, 2003. Broadcaster/lawyer. Former: broadcast journalist. **Member:** board member, Lavitsef Inc.; board member, Norfolk Rotary Club (president); sponsor, Norfolk Youth Leadership Council; legal counsel, Madison County Agricultural Society; board member, Nebraska Broadcasters Association; board member, Norfolk

Community Healthcare Clinic; board member, Madison Community Club; board member, Nebraska/Madison County Bar Association; admitted to practice, U.S. District Court – District of Nebraska. **Former member:** Madison County Red Cross. Republican.

BRAD ASHFORD

DISTRICT 20

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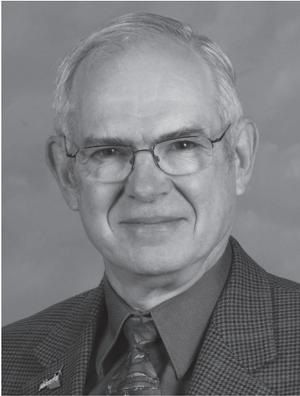
Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1986; 1990; 2006

Committees: Education; Judiciary (chairperson); Committee on Committees

Biography: Born Nov. 10, 1949, in Omaha. Attended Westside High School; Gustavus Adolphus College; Colgate University (B.A.), 1971; Creighton University School of Law, (J.D.), 1974. Married Ann Ferlic, Aug. 27, 1993; three children: John, Ellie and Tom. Attorney, businessman. Former: director, Omaha Housing Authority; judge, Commission of Industrial Relations. **Member:** Senior fellow, Creighton University School of Law Werner Institute for Negotiation and Dispute Resolution; chair, Werner Institute Public Issues Collaboration Initiative; Nebraska Bar Association; Minnesota Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Foundation; Omaha Suburban Rotary. **Former member:** Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority (founding member); Omaha Housing Authority Board of Directors (chair); Salvation Army Advisory Board. Republican.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Education; Natural Resources

Biography: Born March 10, 1943, in Freeman, S.D. Graduate of Lincoln High School (co-valedictorian), 1961; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in education with high distinction), 1965 and (M.S. in educational administration), 1973. Married Christine Funk, Dec. 30, 2000; two children: Paul and Michael. President and CEO, Compliance at a Glance, Inc. Former: teacher and computer programmer/analyst. **Member:** executive committee, Nebraska Sierra Club; Nebraska Farmers Union; Lancaster Rural Association, Advocates for Sustaining Country Living. **Former member:** Lincoln City Council (1989-97); Lincoln/Lancaster County Board of Health; Lincoln

Mediation Center Board. Democrat.

ARNIE STUTHMAN

DISTRICT 22

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2002; re-elected 2006

Committees: Health and Human Services; Transportation and Telecommunications (vice chairperson); Committee on Committees; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee; Legislative Performance Audit; Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

Biography: Born June 25, 1941, in Colfax County. Graduate of Columbus High School, 1959. Military service: Air National Guard. Married Nancy Sanley, June 30, 1962; four children: Jeff, Todd, Amy and Eric. Farmer, volunteer firefighter. **Member:** Beverly Health Care Advisory Board; Christ Lutheran Church. **Former member:** Platte County Supervisors (chairman); board of directors, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; Nebraska Workforce Development Board; Region IV Mental Health Board; East Central District Health Department; Nebraska Pork Producers (chairman); Platte County Ag Society (chairman); County Extension Board (chairman); 4-H Council (chairman); National Young Farmer (chairman); Nebraska Pork Producers (president); National Pork Board (chairman); board of directors, Columbus Hospital Board. Republican.



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DISTRICT 23

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Elected to the Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Natural Resources (chairperson); Executive Board; Intergovernmental Cooperation; Reference

Biography: Born in Schuyler. Graduate of Schuyler Central High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married to Kerri (Saner) Langemeier; two children: Jakob and Aaron. Owner of Land Mark Management and Realty Inc.; real estate broker; certified general real estate appraiser. **Member:** Schuyler Chamber of Commerce (president, 2002); American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers; Schuyler Rotary Club (president, 2004); volunteer, Colfax County Recycling Facility;

St. Augustine's Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus, fourth degree (community director). **Former member:** director at large, Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (two terms); treasurer, Lower Platte North NRD (projects committee chairman, 2004); representative of Lower Platte North NRD, Nebraska Association of Natural Resources Districts (2003-04); Colfax County 4-H Council, Colfax County 4-H (10 years). Republican.

GREG L. ADAMS

DISTRICT 24

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Education (chairperson); Revenue; Committee on Committees; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee; Education Commission of the States; Midwestern Higher Education Commission

Biography: Born Feb. 6, 1952, in Columbus. Graduate of Wayne State College (B.A. in education), 1974 and (master's degree in education) 1975. Married Julie A. Epke, Oct. 8, 1992; three children: Heather Loveless, Shawn Levitt and Sarah Adams. Former: York High School teacher, American government and economics (retired); York mayor. **Former member:** York City Council; Nebraska Information and Technology Commission; executive board, League of Nebraska Municipalities; Nebraska Council of Social Studies Teachers (president). Republican.



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KATHY CAMPBELL

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Health and Human Services; Transportation and Telecommunications

Biography: Born Kathy Kuester, Dec. 1, 1946, in Norfolk. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S.), 1969 and (M.Ed.) 1970. Married Richard B. Campbell, Dec. 28, 1968; two children: Andrew J. Campbell and Caroline C. Grimes. Executive vice president, CEDARS Home for Children Foundation. Former: Owner/manager, Campbells Nurseries; teacher, Lincoln Public Schools and Sierra Vista Arizona Public Schools. **Member:** administrative board, Lincoln Electric System; board of trustees, BryanLGH Medical Center; board of directors, Leadership Lincoln; Nebraska Medicaid Reform Council; Southern Heights Presbyterian

Church; Junior League of Lincoln; University of Nebraska-Lincoln Cather Circle; Independent Business Association; Association of Fundraising Professionals. **Former member:** Lancaster County Board of Commissioners; board of directors, Nebraska Association of County Officials; board of directors, Food Bank of Lincoln; board of directors, United Way of Lincoln/Lancaster County; UNMC Board of Counselors (chair). **Honors and awards:** Community Builder Award, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Grace Abbott Award, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation; A Woman of Distinction Award, Nebraska Women's Commission. Republican.

AMANDA MCGILL

DISTRICT 26

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Business and Labor; Judiciary; Urban Affairs (vice chairperson)

Biography: Born March 21, 1980, in Omaha. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (degrees in broadcasting and political science), 2002. Account executive, Clark Creative Group. Former: television reporter at KOLN/KGIN in Lincoln and KCAU in Sioux City. **Member:** Lincoln YWCA Board. Democrat.



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COLBY J. COASH DISTRICT 27

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: General Affairs; Judiciary; Urban Affairs; State-Tribal Relations

Biography: Born Oct. 29, 1975, in Bassett. Graduate of Rock County High School, 1994; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A.), 1998. Married Rhonda Niewohner, July 27, 2002. Director of staff development, Collaborative Industries, Inc. **Member:** Blessed Sacrament Church; board member, Association of Community Professionals. Republican.

BILL AVERY

DISTRICT 28

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Education; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (chairperson)

Biography: Born Feb. 7, 1942, in Harnett County, N.C. Graduate of University of Tennessee (B.S. in political science), 1968, and (M.A. in political science) 1971; Tulane University (Ph.D. in political science), 1975. Military Service: U.S. Air Force, Strategic Air Command. Married Ann Harrell, May 20, 1989; three children: Kevin, Amanda and Alex. Professor emeritus, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; international trade consultant. **Former:** circulation promotions manager, Knoxville News Sentinel, Knoxville, Tenn.; political science instructor, Tulane University. **Member:** First Plymouth Congregational Church; American Academy of Political Science; International Studies Association, international political economy section; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce. **Former member:** Lincoln Public Schools Needs Committee; Lincoln Public Schools Bond Committee; Common Cause Nebraska (chair); Common Cause National Governing Board; Democratic National Committee; Vote Nebraska Initiative Task Force; Habitat for Humanity; Boy Scouts of America. **Honors and awards:** Who's Who Among America's Teachers; several awards for outstanding teaching. Democrat.



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TONY FULTON

DISTRICT 29

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Jan. 3, 2007, to replace Mike Foley, who resigned; elected to Legislature 2008

Committees: Appropriations; Gender and Minority Equity

Biography: Born Sept. 29, 1972, in Auburn. Graduate of Auburn Senior High, 1990; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in mechanical engineering), 1997; attended Kansas Newman University, Wichita, Kan. (philosophy); attended Mount St. Mary's University, Emmittsburg, M.D. (theology). Married Judy Vandewalle, June 13, 1998; five children: Thomas, Augustine, Bede, Bernadette and Basil. CEO, Guardian Angels Homecare; professional engineer. Former: consultant, Alvine Engineering; director of sales, Johnston Boiler Company; application engineer, Energy Recovery International. **Member:** Public

Policy Committee, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; founding committee, Lincoln Caregiver Education Group; Better Business Bureau; Lincoln Independent Business Association; St. Peter's Catholic Church (director, Godparent Catechesis; Youth Ministry Board; Godparent weekly youth group leader); Knights of Columbus (first degree member); American Society of Mechanical Engineers. **Former member:** Nebraska delegate, 2005 White House Conference on Aging; Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion (chair, Legislative Review Committee; president); advisory board member, Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Senior Companion Program; Lancaster County Republican Party (chair, platform committee); elected delegate, Nebraska State Republican Party Convention; University of Nebraska Students for Life (treasurer). Republican.

NORMAN T. WALLMAN

DISTRICT 30

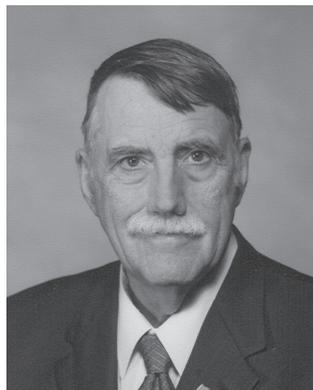
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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor; Health and Human Services; Building Maintenance; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

Biography: Born Feb. 6, 1938, in Gage County. Graduate of Cortland High School. Military service: Nebraska National Guard, eight years. Married Pat Wallman, Jan. 20, 1973; two children: David and Amy. Farmer, agribusinessman. Formerly involved in construction, retailing and trucking. **Member:** Norris School Board; American Legion Post 253; Lutheran Church; Norris Forest Committee. **Former member:** Highland Township Board (chair); Pickerill Coop (president); Norris School Board (treasurer). Democrat.



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RICH PAHLS

DISTRICT 31

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance (chairperson); Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Education Commission of the States; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born Aug. 7, 1943. Graduate of Fort Hays State University (B.A.), 1966 and (M.A.) 1967; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Ed.D.), 1979. Married Lyn Weckmuller, July 19, 1987; two children: Morgan and Jake. Republican.

RUSS KARPISEK

DISTRICT 32

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs (chairperson); Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Nebraska Retirement Systems; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born July 20, 1966, in Friend. Graduate of Wilber-Clatonia High School, 1984; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in business administration), 1989. Married Jill Chaloupka, June 30, 1990; two children: Tyler and Stephanie. Former: Owner, Karpisek's Meat Market; Wilber mayor (1994-2006). **Member:** Wilber Lions Club; Wilber Sportsman Club; Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band; Wilber Area Community Foundation; Wilber United Methodist Church; Wilber Czech Cemetery Board. **Former member:** Nebraska Association of Meat Processors (president). Democrat.



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DENNIS UTTER

DISTRICT 33

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Revenue; Rules

Biography: Born Feb. 21, 1939, in Wheatland, Wyo. Graduate of University of Wyoming (B.S. in agriculture), 1961 and (M.S. in agricultural economics) 1964. Married Kathryn Preuit, Aug. 31, 1958; three children: Mark Utter, Ward Utter and Denise Ott. Chairman, board of directors, Adams County Bank, Kenesaw (semi-retired). Former: McCook mayor.

Member: First Presbyterian Church, Hastings; Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce; Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation; board of directors, Adams County Senior Services, Inc.; board of directors, Mary Laning HealthCare Foundation. **Former**

member: board of councilors, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Nebraska Bankers Association (president); councilman and vice mayor, McCook. Republican.

ANNETTE M. DUBAS

DISTRICT 34

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Agriculture (vice chairperson); General Affairs; Natural Resources (vice chairperson); Rules; State-Tribal Relations

Biography: Born Feb. 5, 1956, in Omaha. Graduate of Fullerton Public High School, 1974; Columbus Beauty College, 1975. Married Ronald Dubas, Nov. 15, 1975; four children: Ronald David, Daryl, Clint and Deanna Dubas Ebmeier. Farmer/rancher. **Member:** District 2 Farmers Union (president); CCD teacher; Eucharist minister; lector; Community Bible School. **Former member:** Fullerton Public School Board; Nance County Planning and Zoning. Democrat.



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MIKE GLOOR

DISTRICT 35

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Health and Human Services; Building Maintenance

Biography: Born Nov. 27, 1950, in Alliance. Graduate of Hastings College (B.A.), 1972; University of Utah (M.S.), 1976; University of Minnesota (M.H.A.), 1987. Military service: U.S. Air Force (1972-76). Married Chris Hinde, June 21, 1974; two children: Marnie and Brock. Retired hospital CEO. Former: president and CEO, Saint Francis Medical Center, Grand Island.

Member: Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; chair, Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation Board; chair, Mid-Plains Community Mental Health Center Board; chair, Nebraska Hospital Association; co-chair, Heartland United

Way Campaign; strategic policy committee, American Hospital Association; regional policy committee, American Hospital Association; deacon, Presbyterian Church; Grand Island Rotary. Republican.

JOHN M. WIGHTMAN

DISTRICT 36

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Appropriations; Executive Board (chairperson); Legislative Performance Audit; Reference (chairperson)

Biography: Born Oct. 2, 1938, in North Platte. Graduate of Sumner High School, 1956; Kearney State College, (B.S.), 1959; University of Nebraska (J.D.), 1963. Married Janet L. Hyde, June 14, 1964; three children: John, Jr., Jeffrey and Jill. Attorney, Wightman & Wightman Law Office. **Member:** Dawson Area Development Board of Directors; Lexington Community Foundation (director); United Methodist Church (lay leader, financial chairman); Dawson County Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Foundation; Lexington Chamber of Commerce. **Former member:** Lexington Planning Commission; Lexington City Council; Lexington mayor; Lexington Council of Economic Development (director). Republican.



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GALEN HADLEY

DISTRICT 37

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Revenue; Transportation and Telecommunications; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born March 9, 1942, in Lincoln. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S., B.A.), 1964; University of Colorado (M.B.A.), 1969; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Ph.D.), 1975. Military service: U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1960-66). Married Marilyn Bowen, June 1, 1974. Professor emeritus, University of Nebraska at Kearney. Former: professor; higher education administrator; Kearney mayor. **Member:** vice chair, Catholic Healthcare Audit Network; co-chair, Library Capital Campaign. **Former member:** Kearney City Council; Good Samaritan Hospital Board; Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce; Buffalo County Economic Development Board. Republican.

Chamber of Commerce; Buffalo County Economic Development Board. Republican.

TOM CARLSON

DISTRICT 38

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Agriculture (chairperson); Business and Labor; Natural Resources

Biography: Born Dec. 9, 1941, in Holdrege. Graduate of University of Northern Colorado (B.S.), 1963 and (M.S.) 1964; University of Iowa (Ph.D.), 1967. Married Margo Carlson, Aug. 24, 1963; three children: Chad, Erin and Nathan. Financial advisor. Former: college professor; football and baseball coach. **Member:** Nebraska and National Associations of Insurance and Financial Advisors; Christian Homes Board; Rotary; Chamber of Commerce. **Former member:** Holdrege District 44 School Board (1986-94); church board. Republican.



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BEAU R. MCCOY

DISTRICT 39

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Natural Resources; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born Nov. 12, 1980, in Burlington, Colo. Graduate of Bellevue University (B.A.), 2007. Married Shauna Smagacz, April 20, 2002; three children: Nora, Ryan and Audrey. Home improvement contractor, business owner. Former: project coordinator. **Member:** Young Republicans of Omaha; Nebraska Federation of Young Republicans (national committeeman); Westside Church. Republican.

MERTON L. "CAP" DIERKS DISTRICT 40

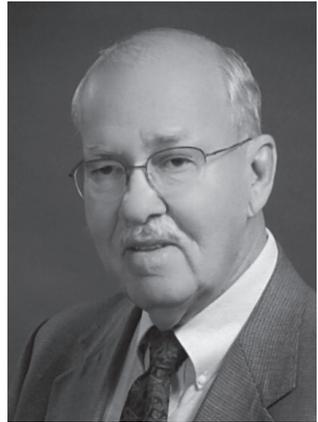
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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1986; re-elected 1990, 1994 and 1998; 2006

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs; Revenue (vice chairperson); Committee on Committees (vice chairperson); State-Tribal Relations (chairperson)

Biography: Born July 2, 1932, in O'Neill. Graduate of Ewing High School, 1950; University of Nebraska, College of Agriculture, 1954; Kansas State University, College of Veterinary Medicine (doctor of veterinary medicine), 1961. Military service: U.S. Air Force (1954-56). Married Gloria L. Zoeller, Dec. 27, 1958; four children: Jon M., Thomas L., Christopher J. and Stephanie (Dierks) Upp. Rancher; retired veterinarian. **Member:** Knights of Columbus; Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association (president); American Veterinary Medical Association. **Former member:** Ewing Public School Board of Education (1969-84; 2004-06); board of directors, St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill. Republican.



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KATE SULLIVAN DISTRICT 41

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Education; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Biography: Born Kate Kokes, March 1, 1950, in Burwell. Graduate of Ord High School, 1967; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S.), 1971 and (M.S.) 1975. Married Mike Sullivan, June 26, 1971; two children: Jill and Mollie. Banker, board of directors, Cedar Rapids State Bank; president, Kokes Corporation family farm; vice president, Bluestem Beef, Inc. Former: home economist, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension Service. **Member:** board member, Cedar Rapids Senior Center; president, Cedar Rapids Legion Auxiliary; Cedar Rapids Community Foundation; executive

board, Nebraska Children & Families Foundation; life member, Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association; St. Anthony's Catholic Church and Altar Society; University of Nebraska Family, Youth & Community Partners; Albion Country Club; Cedar Rapids Community Club; Nebraska Bankers Association; Nebraska Independent Community Bankers; Nebraska AgRelations Council; Nebraska Agriculture Builders, Inc. (board member). **Former member:** Cedar Rapids School Board (treasurer). Democrat.

TOM HANSEN DISTRICT 42

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Appropriations; Building Maintenance (vice chairperson); Committee on Committees (chairperson)

Biography: Born Nov. 8, 1946, in North Platte. Graduate of North Platte High School, 1965; University of Nebraska (B.S.), 1970. Married Linda Hansen, June 3, 1967; two children: Marshall and Eric. Secretary/treasurer, Hansen 77 Ranch, LLC. **Member:** Nebraska Land Days; Messiah Lutheran Church; Mid Nebraska Community Foundation; Nebraska State Historical Foundation; Nebraska Cattlemen Education and Research Foundation. **Former member:** Twin Platte NRD; Lincoln County Cattlemen; Lincoln County Republicans; Nebraska Cattleman (president). Republican.



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DEB FISCHER

DISTRICT 43

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Natural Resources; Transportation and Telecommunications (chairperson); Committee on Committees; Executive Board; Midwestern Higher Education Commission; Reference

Biography: Born Debra Strobel, March 1, 1951, in Lincoln. Graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in education), 1988. Married Bruce Fischer, Feb. 5, 1972; three children: Adam Carl, Morgan Thomas and Luke Christopher. Rancher, Sunny Slope Ranch. **Member:** Executive committee, National Conference of State Legislators; co-chairperson,

energy committee, Midwestern Legislative Conference (MLC); executive committee, MLC; Midwestern AgBuilders of Nebraska; Sandhills Cattle Association; Nebraska Cattlemen; Nebraska Cattlewomen; National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Society for Range Management; Sandhills Area Foundation; Nebraska Farm Bureau; UNL Chancellor's Club; life member, UNL Alumni Association; American Legion Auxiliary; PEO; Gamma Phi Beta; life member, Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association. **Former member:** Valentine Rural High School Board of Education; commissioner, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education; Valentine Rural High School Foundation (president); University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council; UNL Chancellor's Committee of Visitors; Nebraska Association of School Boards (president, board of directors); Nebraska School Finance Review Committee (two terms); Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council (board of directors); Governor's Ag Advisory Council; Cherry County Visitor Promotion Committee; Cub Scouts and 4-H club leader. **Honors and awards:** BILLD Fellow, Midwest Council of State Governments Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership, 2005; NRD Farm and Ranch Conservation Award, 1999; Nebraska Association of School Boards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Outstanding Board Member Award, 1998-99; Nebraska Cattlemen Environmental Stewardship Award, 1995; Rangeman's Award, Nebraska Section Society for Range Management, 1994; NRD State Grasslands Conservation Award, 1993; Holism Action Award, Nebraska Branch Holistic Resource Management, 1991; Kellogg Fellow, National Center for Food and Policy Research, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C., 1991; LEAD VIII Fellow, Nebraska Leadership Program, 1988-90.

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MARK R. CHRISTENSEN DISTRICT 44

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Judiciary; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born July 1, 1962, in Holdrege. Graduate of Arapahoe High School, 1980; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (agricultural economics), 1984. Married Kathy, April 15, 1995; seven children: Erica Fish, Emilee Fish, Steven Fish, Isaiah Christensen, Rylee Christensen, Brooklyn Christensen and Malachi Christensen. Commodity broker, landowner. Former: farmer/rancher. **Member:** Wesleyan Church (lay leader, board member); Rotary; NRA; National and Nebraska Corn Growers; WaterClaim; Nebraskans First; Pheasants Forever; Quails Forever; Wild Turkey Federation; Izaak Walton League. Republican.

ABBIE CORNETT

DISTRICT 45

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2004; re-elected 2008

Committees: Education; Revenue (chairperson); Committee on Committees; Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee; Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact

Biography: Born Aug. 22, 1966, in Omaha. Attended University of Nebraska at Omaha. Graduate of Nebraska Law Enforcement Academy, 1993; Bellevue University (B.S. in criminal justice), 2003. Married Mark G. Stranglen, Sept. 13, 1997; three children: Victoria, Madison and Cameron Stranglen. Retired. Former: police officer. **Member:** Bellevue Kiwanis Club; Bellevue Chamber of Commerce; Altrusa; retired status, Fraternal Order of Police; state chair, ALEC; Hanns-Seidel Fellow, NCSL Executive Committee Task Force on Immigration and the States. Republican.



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DISTRICT 46

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Appropriations; Committee on Committees; Legislative Performance Audit (vice chairperson)

Biography: Born Aug. 5, 1977, in Seward. Graduate of University of Nebraska (B.A.), 2000; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 2003. Attorney. **Member:** Nebraska Bar Association; Lincoln Bar Association; Volunteer Lawyers Project. Democrat.

KEN SCHILZ

DISTRICT 47

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2008

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor; Natural Resources

Biography: Born Jan. 17, 1969, in Ogallala. Graduate of Ogallala High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in business administration). Married Debra Clark, May 23, 1992; two children: Jacob and Elizabeth. Cattle feeder, farmer. **Member:** Keith County Foundation Board; Nebraska Cattleman; Ogallala City Planning and Zoning Commission; Nebraska Water Policy Task Force; board of directors, Nebraska Water Users (president); Governor's Platte River Advisory Group; president, Keith County Area Development; St. Luke's Catholic Church. Republican.



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JOHN N. HARMS DISTRICT 48

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2006

Committees: Appropriations (vice chairperson); Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee; Education Commission of the States; Legislative Performance Audit (chairperson)

Biography: Born Feb. 17, 1940, in Bayard. Graduate of Morrill Public School, 1958; Chadron State College (B.S. and M.S. in secondary education), 1966 and (Ed.D. in higher education administration) 1975. Married Patricia A. Harms, July 6, 1963; three children: Stacy Moore, Nick Harms and Suzette Luster. Retired. Former: president, Western Nebraska Community College (1976-2006); president, McCook Community College (1973-76); dean of instruction, Northeast Technical College (1972-73); dean of instruction, Northeastern Nebraska College (1970-72); dean of students, Northeastern Nebraska College (1968-70); director of housing and financial aid, Chadron State College (1966-68); graduate assistant, Chadron State College (1966); high school teacher, Gering Public School (1962-65). **Member:** Regional West Medical Center Board; Twin City Development Board; Community Christian Foundation Board; Nebraska Children and Families Foundation Board; Monument Bible Church (teacher); Scottsbluff and Gering Rotary Club; American Vocational Association; American Association of Community Colleges; Association of Community College Trustees. **Former member:** Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Board; Nebraska Rural Development Commission; Combined Health Agencies of Nebraska Leadership Council; Nebraska Educational Television Council for Higher Education; UNL Arts and Basic Advisory Board; National League for Nursing Council; Nebraska Foundations for the Humanities. Republican.

LEROY J. LOUDEN DISTRICT 49

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 2002, by petition to finish term vacated by the resignation of Sen. Bob Wickersham; re-elected 2004 and 2008

Committees: Nebraska Retirement Systems; Revenue; Transportation and Telecommunications; Building Maintenance (chairperson); Committee on Committees;

Biography: Born Oct. 12, 1936, in Alliance. Graduate of St. Agnes Academy; attended Nebraska State Trade School. Married SharonAnn Green, March 27, 1999; six children: Lynn, Bryan, Dalene, Jon, David and Jennifer. Rancher, National Weather Service observer for more than 35 years.

Member: Nebraska Cattlemen; Elks Club; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Ellsworth Bowling Club; president and organizer, Sandhills Independent Collection Membership Association. **Former member:** District 3 Board of Directors (nine years), Panhandle Rural Electric Membership Association; legislative committee, Nebraska Rural Electric Association (six years); Sheridan County School Reorganization Board; secretary, District 119 School Board (30 years); president, Area 11 Nebraska Stockgrowers Association (1986); organized Ellsworth Bowling Club (1962). Republican.

