

Nebraska State Senators, 1997

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Chris Abboud, Omaha	District 12	January 1999
Chris Beutler, Lincoln	District 28	January 1999
Ardyce L. Bohlke, Hastings	District 33	January 2001
Kermit A. Brashear, Omaha	District 4	January 1999
Curt Bromm, Wahoo	District 23	January 2001
Pam Brown, Omaha	District 6	January 1999
Jon Cumberland Bruning, Omaha	District 3	January 2001
Ernie Chambers, Omaha	District 11	January 2001
George Coordsen, Hebron	District 32	January 1999
LaVon K. Crosby, Lincoln	District 29	January 2001
Jim D. Cudaback, Riverdale	District 36	January 1999
Merton L. "Cap" Dierks, Ewing	District 40	January 1999
W. Owen Elmer, Indianola	District 44	January 1999
L. Patrick Engel, South Sioux City	District 17	January 2001
D. Paul Hartnett, Bellevue	District 45	January 2001
John Hilgert, Omaha	District 7	January 2001
Joyce Hillman, Gering	District 48	January 1999
Carol L. Hudkins, Malcolm	District 21	January 2001
Ramon E. Janssen, Nickerson	District 15	January 2001
Jim Jensen, Omaha	District 20	January 1999
Jim Jones, Eddyville	District 43	January 2001
Shelley Kiel, Omaha	District 9	January 2001
Douglas A. Kristensen, Minden	District 37	January 2001
David M. Landis, Lincoln	District 46	January 1999
Daniel C. Lynch, Omaha	District 13	January 2001
Gerald E. Matzke, Sidney	District 47	January 2001
David I. Maurstad, Beatrice	District 30	January 1999
Janis Johnson McKenzie, Harvard	District 34	January 1999
Dwite A. Pedersen, Elkhorn	District 39	January 2001
Donald W. Pederson, North Platte	District 42	January 1999
Chris Peterson, Grand Island	District 35	January 2001
Donald G. Preister, Omaha	District 5	January 2001
Jennie Robak, Columbus	District 22	January 1999
C.N. "Bud" Robinson, Blair	District 16	January 1999
Stan Schellpeper, Stanton	District 18	January 1999
DiAnna R. Schimek, Lincoln	District 27	January 2001
Jerry W. Schmitt, Ord	District 41	January 2001
Ed Schrock, Elm Creek	District 38	January 1999
Elaine R. Stuhr, Bradshaw	District 24	January 1999
Deborah S. Suttle, Omaha	District 10	January 1999
Gene Tyson, Norfolk	District 19	January 2001
Floyd P. Vrtiska, Table Rock	District 1	January 2001
Jerome Warner, Waverly	District 25	January 2001
Roger R. Wehrbein, Plattsmouth	District 2	January 1999
Don Wesely, Lincoln	District 26	January 1999
William R. Wickersham, Harrison	District 49	January 2001
Eric J. Will, Omaha	District 8	January 1999
Kate E. Witek, Omaha	District 31	January 2001
Ron Withem, Papillion	District 14	January 1999

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Floyd P. Vrtiska

District 1

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs; Executive Board (vice chairman); Reference (vice chairman); Building Maintenance

Biography: Born Oct. 12, 1926. Graduated from Table Rock High School. Wife, Doris; children: Dr. Terri Jo, Lori Ann and Kim R. Farm and cattle operation manager. Pawnee County commissioner, 24 years (19 as chairman); president, Southeast Nebraska Development District; president, Southeast Nebraska 5-County Solid

Waste Management Committee; president, Blue Rivers Agency on Aging; president, Table Rock Historical Society; president, Southeast Nebraska Community Action Council; vice president, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association; chairman, Senior Center Remodeling Committee; Village of Table Rock clerk-treasurer; secretary, Table Rock Development Corporation. Member: Table Rock Volunteer Ambulance (certified emergency medical technician); Southeast Nebraska Emergency Medical Advisory Committee; Southeast Community College Customized Training Program; Peru State College Foundation Executive Board; Nebraska Association of County Officials Insurance Committee; Table Rock Community Club (past president); Table Rock United Methodist Church; Table Rock Masonic Lodge, Valley of Lincoln, 32nd Degree (past master). Former: mayor, Village of Table Rock; chairman, Southeast Nebraska Council of Government; president, Southeast Nebraska Health Systems Agency; president, Nebraska Association of County Officials; president, Statewide Health Coordinating Council; chairman, Community Improvement Committee; coordinating officer, Pawnee County Civil Defense; chairman, Big Nemaha Watershed Planning Board; chairman, Region 7 Planning Commission; vice president, 208 Planning Commission Natural Resources Commission; president, Nebraska Ad Valorem Advisory Committee; vice president, Nebraska Environmental Control Council. Former member: Blue Valley Mental Health Board; University Rural Development Committee; Nebraska Environmental Protection Agency; Lincoln Medical Center Association Inc.; Citizens Advisory Committee, Low-Level Waste. Awards: Ak-Sar-Ben Agriculture Achievement Award; outstanding community service award and service appreciation award, Peru State College; community improvement, Village of Table Rock; Ak-Sar-Ben Nebraska Farm Award; appreciation award, Table Rock Development Corporation; Nebraska Association of County Officials County Official of the Year and President's Award; special service award, Table Rock Volunteer Fire Department. Republican.

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Roger R. Wehrbein

District 2

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

Committees: Appropriations (chairman); Nebraska Retirement Systems; Executive Board (ex officio); Reference (ex officio); Building Maintenance; Legislative Program Evaluation

Biography: Born Aug. 18, 1938, in Lincoln. Graduate of Plattsmouth High School; University of Nebraska College of Agriculture. Married Jeanene Markussen. Oct. 7, 1961; two children: Douglas and David. U.S. Army (USAR Commission), 1961-62; former U.S. Army Reserves company commander. Farmer. Regional director, Farm Credit Services. Former: Cass County commissioner; Cass County Fair Board member; Plattsmouth Rotary Club member; Nebraska Livestock Feeders Association president; Southeast Nebraska Economic Development Committee member; Agricultural Land Valuation Advisory Committee member. Member: Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council board of directors; Nebraska Council on Economic Education; Mayor's Committee for International Friendship Advisory Board; Alpha Gamma Rho; Alpha Zeta honorary; Plattsmouth Masonic Lodge No. 6; Order of Eastern Star; Missouri River Boundary Commission and Project Advisory Committee; Cancer Control Program; American Legion; First Presbyterian Church, Plattsmouth (elder); Capital Pork Producers; Nebraska Agricultural Council; Plattsmouth Chamber of Commerce; Toastmasters; Ag Builders of Nebraska; Farm Bureau; 4-H leader. Nebraska Agribusiness Club honoree, 1980; Alpha Gamma Rho outstanding alumnus, 1976, 1981; Omaha Area Kiwanis Farm Family of the Year, 1984; UNL Block and Bridle Club honoree, 1993. Republican.



Jon Cumberland Bruning

District 3

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Office: Room 1518, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2627

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1996

Committees: Natural Resources; Transportation; Enrollment and Review (chairman)

Biography: Born April 30, 1969, in Lincoln. Graduate of Lincoln Southeast High School, 1987; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A. with high distinction), 1990; UNL College of Law (J.D. with distinction), 1994. Married Deonne Niemack, July 8, 1995. Lawyer. Member: Greta United Methodist Church; Greta Jaycees; Nebraska State Bar Association; UNL Innocents Society; Phi Beta Kappa. Class agent, University of Nebraska Foundation. Former second vice president of



UNL student government and executive editor of Nebraska Law Review. Won Robert G. Simmons Law Practice Award. Republican.

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Kermit A. Brashear District 4

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1994

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Judiciary (chairman)

Biography: Born March 16, 1944, in Chadron. Graduate of Crawford High School, 1962; University of Nebraska (B.A.), 1966; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1969. Married Kathleen K. Wellman, Aug. 7, 1971; three children: Kermit A. III, Kurth A. and Kord A. Lawyer. Member: Omaha Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association; Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys; Association of Trial Lawyers of America; Delta Theta Phi Fraternity; board of trustees, Brownell-Talbot School; president, board of directors,

Lutheran Ministry Foundation. Former: state chairman, Nebraska Republican Party, 1983-85; member, Republican National Committee, 1983-85; second place finisher, 1986 Republican primary election for governor of Nebraska; special assistant Nebraska attorney general, 1977-90; president, board of directors, Lutheran Tape Ministry, 1971-81; national chairman, Library Funding Campaign, Concordia College, 1977-80; secretary, Task Force II on Constitution, By-Laws and Structure, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1979-81; member, Commission on Constitutional Matters, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1982-83; board of directors, Nebraska District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1979-94. Admitted to practice: Nebraska Supreme Court, 1969; U.S. District Court, District of Nebraska, 1969; U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, 1976; U.S. Court of Appeals, 10th Circuit, 1982; U.S. Supreme Court, 1982; U.S. Tax Court, 1982; U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, 1987; Texas Supreme Court, 1994; Colorado Supreme Court, 1996. Selected a Fellow of Nebraska State Bar Foundation, 1989. Republican.

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Donald G. Preister

District 5

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Business and Labor; Natural Resources; Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees (vice chairman)

Biography: Born Dec. 23, 1946, in Columbus. Graduate: St. Francis Elementary and South High School in Omaha; University of Nebraska at Omaha (B.S.), 1977. Greeting card manufacturer, Joy Creations. Former City of Omaha deputy clerk; director, South Omaha Boys Club. U.S. Army medic, 1966-68; commendation and Bronze Star awarded in Vietnam. Member: Optimist Club (former president, board member); Q Street Merchants; The Nature Conservancy; Veterans for Peace; Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society; American Legion; South Omaha Environmental Task Force. Former: Scout and Explorer post leader; Keep Omaha Beautiful volunteer; Metropolitan Community College instructor. Democrat.



Pam Brown

District 6

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1994

Committee: Appropriations

Biography: Born Sept. 12, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas. Graduate of Broken Bow High School, 1970; attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1970-75. Married F. Steve Brown, Sept. 23, 1972; one child: Paul D. Occupation: self-employed consultant on training and advocacy. Former: leader on the enactment of Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund; member, New Horizons for Nebraska; member, Gov. Kay Orr's Task Force on the National Education Goals; board member, Association of Junior Leagues International. Current member: Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation; board of directors, United Way of the Midlands; co-chairwoman, Child Care and Early Childhood Education Coordinating Committee; Nebraska Commission on the Protection of Children; Omaha 2000 Steering Committee; past president, Junior League of Omaha. Awards: named one of 10 Outstanding Young Omahans, 1992; 1992 Distinguished Service to Children Award, Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children. Democrat.



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John Hilgert District 7

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: Aug. 30, 1995,
 to replace Tim Hall, who resigned; elected to Legisla-
 ture 1996

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor (vice
 chairman); Judiciary; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born Jan. 8, 1964, in Omaha. Graduate of
 Holy Cross Elementary, Omaha, 1978; Daniel Gross
 High School, Omaha, 1982; University of Nebraska-
 Lincoln (bachelor's degree in business administration),
 1986; Creighton Law School, Omaha, 1989; U.S. Army
 Judge Advocate General's School, Officer Basic Course,
 1989, Trial Advocacy Course, 1990. Married Cara Lin-

den, Aug. 12, 1995. Director of development for Catholic Charities, Omaha. Military service:
 U.S. Army, active duty, 1989-92; served in Operation Desert Storm, 1990-91; captain, Judge
 Advocate General's Corp; Trial Defense Service, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, Kan.,
 1989-91; legal assistance officer, Staff Judge Advocate's Office, 1st Infantry Division, 1991-
 92. Military honors: Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Southwest Asian Campaign
 Medal with three stars, Defense Medal, Kuwaiti Liberation Medal from Saudi Arabia.
 Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2704; American Legion South Omaha Post No.
 331, current commander; La Societe Des 40 Hommes Et 8 Chevaux, Voiture Locale 206;
 Knights of Columbus; Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 154; Spring Lake Park Neighbor-
 hood Association; Deer Park Neighborhood Association; Omaha Bar Association; Nebraska
 State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Nebraska Human Services Association;
 South Omaha Business Association; South Omaha Optimists International; Mandan Park
 Renovation Committee; Columbus Park Neighborhood Association; Dahlman Area Rehabil-
 itation Effort; St. Bridget's Catholic Church. Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America. Former
 Archdiocesan Pastoral Council representative. Democrat.

Eric J. Will District 8

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1990; re-elected
 1994

Committees: General Affairs (vice chairman); Rev-
 enue; Urban Affairs; Rules (chairman)

Biography: Born April 16, 1959, in Omaha. Gradu-
 ated from Omaha Northwest High School, 1977; Uni-
 versity of Southern California (B.A.), 1981; attends
 Creighton University School of Law. Former occupa-
 tion: Nebraska Legislature researcher, 1981-90. Mem-
 ber: Phi Beta Kappa. Democrat.



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Shelley Kiel District 9

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1996

Committee: Appropriations

Biography: Born Shelley Davison, Aug. 16, 1950, in
 Galesburg, Ill. Graduate of University of Nebraska-
 Lincoln (B.S.), 1972; University of Nebraska at Omaha
 (M.S.), 1977. Married Gary Kiel, March 11, 1989; six
 children: Darin Kiel, Brian Kiel, Joseph Achelpohl,
 Samuel Achelpohl, Shaun Kiel, Raechel Achelpohl.
 Vice president of marketing and educational design,
 Flat World Inc. Former educator. Chairwoman, Metro-
 politan Community College Board of Governors. Vice
 chairwoman, Excellence in Education Council. Mem-



ber: MAPA Council of Elected Officials; Leadership Omaha; Women's Fund; Underwood
 Hills Presbyterian Church — Christian Education Committee; Pi Beta Phi House Corporation,
 Creighton University; College Reading and Learning Association; Leadership Omaha Alumni
 Association; Omaha Chamber of Commerce. Former: member, Save Our Libraries Steering
 Committee; member, Omaha Library Board; co-chairwoman, membership, Metropolitan
 Reading Council; president, Dundee Memorial Park Association; member, Omaha Neighbor-
 hood Courage; member, PTA boards, Lewis and Clark, Kennedy and Dundee schools; Douglas
 County Voter Registrar. Democrat.

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Deborah S. Suttle District 10

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Jan. 8, 1997, to replace Carol McBride Pirsch, who resigned

Committees: Education; Health and Human Services; Building Maintenance

Biography: Born Deborah Sindy, Dec. 28, 1945, in Charleston, W. V. Graduate of West Virginia University (bachelor's degree in nursing), 1967. Completed more than 20 hours in library science, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 1989-91. Married James H. Suttle, June 4, 1966; two children, Virginia Adele and Amber Karolyn. Community advocate and volunteer. Former registered

nurse; former homemaker. Volunteer for Douglas County election commissioner. Member: First United Methodist Church, Omaha; League of Women Voters, 1980-present; Voices for Children; Nebraska Nurses' Association. Former member: Omaha 2000 Task Force; P.A.C.T. (Pulling America's Communities Together); Omaha Public School Superintendent Advisory Committee; Nebraska Partnership Committee; Douglas County Corrections Advisory Committee; various PTAs in Omaha area, 1976-93. Former: president, League of Women Voters for Greater Omaha 1991-93; president, Laura Dodge Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, 1978-79; volunteer lobbyist, Omaha PTA/PTSA Council, 1980-91; volunteer lobbyist, Nebraska PTA, 1986-89; vice president, Optimist International, 1995-96; volunteer lobbyist, Nebraska League of Women Voters, 1994-96; volunteer lobbyist and board member, PRIDE-Omaha, 1984-96. Worked on numerous political campaigns as paid staff member and as volunteer since 1978. Democrat.

Ernie Chambers District 11

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1970; re-elected 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor; Judiciary; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born July 10, 1937. Independent



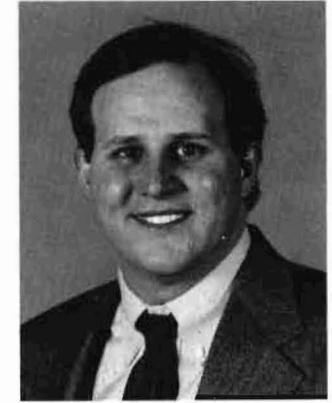
Chris Abboud District 12

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1982; re-elected 1986, 1990 and 1994

Committees: Business and Labor (chairman); Judiciary; Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees; Rules

Biography: Born Aug. 29, 1956, in Omaha. Attended Seymour Elementary School and Ralston Middle School. Graduate of Creighton Prep High School, 1975; Creighton University (B.A.), 1978; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1982. Attorney. Member: Nebraska State Bar Association, American Bar Association and Omaha Bar Association. Republican.



Daniel C. Lynch District 13

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1984; re-elected 1988, 1992 and 1996

Committees: Appropriations; Nebraska Retirement Systems; Committee on Committees; Building Maintenance (chairman)

Biography: Born Aug. 9, 1929, in Omaha. Attended Park Grade School, Omaha Creighton Prep High School, Omaha Holy Name High School, and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa. Vice president, consumer affairs, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska. Member: North Omaha Commercial Club; other civic organizations. Former



president, Lynch Plumbing & Heating Co. Former member: Nebraska Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors (past president); Omaha Association of Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors; Nebraska Association of County Officials (past president and former member, board of directors); National Association of Counties (past president); Eastern Nebraska Office of Retardation (former chairman); Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency; Douglas County Hospital board of trustees; Douglas County Board of Commissioners, 1960-81; Health Planning Council of the Midlands; Metropolitan Area Planning Association; Omaha-Douglas County Health Board; board of directors, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Nebraska; board of directors, National Association Regional Council; President's Council on Intergovernment Affairs. Democrat.

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Ron Withem District 14

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: March 30, 1983, to replace Thomas D. Doyle, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1984; re-elected 1986, 1990 and 1994

Committees: Executive Board; Reference; Rules (ex officio); Intergovernmental Cooperation (ex officio); Legislative Program Evaluation

Other: Speaker of the Legislature, 1994 to present

Biography: Born June 9, 1946, in Logan, Iowa. Graduated from West Harrison High School in Logan, 1964; Wayne State College (B.A. in education), 1968; University of Nebraska at Omaha (M.S.), 1975. Married

Diane Weinstein, Dec. 29, 1973; two children: Suzanne and Justin. Executive vice president, Mechanical Constructors Association of Omaha. Former public high school teacher and aide to Nebraska U.S. Rep. John Cavanaugh. Former member, Papillion Planning Commission and Papillion-LaVista School Board. National Conference of State Legislatures. Democrat.

Ramon E. Janssen District 15

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: General Affairs; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs (vice chairman); Urban Affairs; Building Maintenance

Biography: Born July 5, 1937, in Hooper. Graduate of Hooper Public School. Wife, Nancy; three children: Nick, Michael and Nola. Business owner, city Meat Market in Hooper. Board of directors, Farmer's Home Insurance Co. Former farmer. U.S. Army. Member: Nickerson Volunteer Fire Department; Lions Club; Hooper Commercial Club; Elkhorn Valley Golf Club (past president). Former: president, Nickerson Public School board; president, Logan View Junior-Senior High School board; Nickerson Village Board member. Democrat.



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C. N. "Bud" Robinson District 16

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1990; re-elected 1994

Committees: Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs (chairman); Transportation; Committee on Committees

Biography: Born Sept. 13, 1928, in Blair. Graduate of Blair High School, 1945; Dana College (B.A.), 1950; University of Omaha (M.S.), 1957; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Ph.D.), 1960. Married Janice Vaage, Sept. 6, 1953; five children: Kristen, Thomas, Richard, David and Stephen. Retired. Former occupations:

teacher; school administrator; theater manager; bowling alley proprietor; marketing representative. Military service: U.S. Army, 1950-52; served in 45th Infantry Division, 179th Regiment in Korean War, 1951-52. Former member: Metro Technical Community College Board of Governors, 1976-82; Blair Recreation Board, 1962-72; Governor's Drug Commission under Gov. Norbert Tiemann and Gov. J. James Exon. Former president, Dana College Alumni Association. Member: Optimists Club; Nebraska Council of School Administrators; St. Mary's Episcopal Church (senior warden). Republican.



L. Patrick Engel District 17

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Sept. 1, 1993, to replace Kurt Hohenstein, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1994; re-elected 1996

Committees: Appropriations; Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born May 18, 1932, in South Sioux City. Graduate of South Sioux City Public Schools; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Served as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Air Force. Married Dee Smith, Sept. 6, 1952; five children: Kathie, Kim, Jeff, Julie and Michael. Insurance agent for State Farm Insurance.

Member: Knights of Columbus, third and fourth degree; Mended Hearts Chapter No. 41 (hospital visitations); South Sioux City Community Schools Cardinal Foundation; finance committee, St. Michael's Church; Sertoma (past president); Toastmasters. Former: grand knight and district deputy, Knights of Columbus; member, St. Michael's School Board; member, South Sioux City School Board; Dakota County commissioner. Democrat.



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

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs (chairman); Revenue; Committee on Committees

Biography: Born Jan. 27, 1934, in Hoskins. Graduate of Stanton High School. Married Faye Wiedeman, Aug. 4, 1957; three children: Jeffrey, Thomas and Nancy Morfeld. Farmer and livestock feeder. Secretary-manager, Stanton County Fair Board for 38 years. State Board of Agriculture (State Fair Board), president, 1995-96. Stanton County Livestock Feeders Association, past president. Member, 81-91 Pork Producers.

Norfolk Kiwanis Club's 1985 Area Farmer of the Year. Stanton County Public Power, former director. Nebraska Rural Electric Association, state president. Secretary, School District No. 13. Democrat.

Gene Tyson District 19

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1996

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs; Intergovernmental Cooperation (vice chairman)

Biography: Born July 26, 1931, in Omaha. Graduate of Creighton Prep High School, 1949; Creighton University, 1958. Married April 7, 1956; wife, Barbara, deceased; six children: Ann, Claire, Catherine, Elizabeth, Brian and Joseph; seven grandchildren. Retired. Sales manager, Nucor Steel, 1977-95; controller, Nucor Steel, 1973-77; controller, Vulcraft Division, Nucor Corp., 1968-73; collection manager, Loan Center, First National Bank of Omaha, 1960-68. U.S. Air Force, 1950-54; honorable discharge. Member, Norfolk City Council, 1992-present. Former member: Norfolk Planning Commission, Norfolk Library Board, Norfolk Chamber of Commerce. President, Northeast Nebraska Shooting Association. Republican.



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Jim Jensen District 20

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1994

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance (vice chairman); Health and Human Services

Biography: Born Jan. 17, 1934, in Omaha. Attended Technical High School, Omaha; Omaha University. Second lieutenant, National Guard, 1952-61. Married Joan Vecera, Feb. 8, 1959; five children: Jon, Jeff, Jill, Jay and Joel; 10 grandchildren. Contractor. Past chairman, Omaha Zoning Board of Appeals. Past vice chairman, Papio/Missouri River Natural Resources District board of directors. Board member, past president, Metropolitan Omaha Builders Association, 1960-present. Board member, past chairman, First Westroads Bank, 1970-present. Real estate brokers' license since 1963. Board member, PRIDE Omaha, 1989-present. Member, past director, Rotary Club. Board of directors, Grace University. Republican.



Carol L. Hudkins District 21

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Agriculture; General Affairs; Judiciary

Biography: Born Feb. 21, 1945, in North Platte. Graduate of Waverly High School; attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married Larry Hudkins, Sept. 20, 1964; two children: Janet and Kathy. Farmer and medical transcriptionist. Former: Malcolm School Board chairwoman; Malcolm United Methodist Church recording secretary; Lancaster County Home Extension Council and Lancaster County Extension Board officer;

4-H leader; Malcolm School Booster Club president; Malcolm Parent-Teacher Organization officer. Member: Saunders County Historical Society; Nebraska Cattlemen; Saunders County Livestock Feeders; Nebraska Cattlewomen. Republican.



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Jennie Robak

District 22

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1988; re-elected
 1990 and 1994

Committees: General Affairs; Judiciary; Urban Af-
 fairs

Biography: Born May 4, 1932, in Surprise. Gradu-
 ated from Ulysses High School. Married Cleo F. Robak,
 Feb. 21, 1952; six children: Karen, Kim, Frank, Kurt,
 Tony and Andrea; 10 grandchildren. Community vol-
 unteer. Former occupation: Federal Emergency Man-
 agement Agency (FEMA) Federal Government Office
 Region 7, Kansas City, Mo. Member: National Confer-
 ence of State Legislatures, Special Corporate Govern-

ment Task Force; editorial board for *Stateline* for the Conference of State Governments; National Criminal Justice Association; National Order of Women Legislators; Women in Government; Nebraska Committee for Literacy Initiatives for Adult Basic Education; National Organization of Volunteer Leaders; Red Cross Consultant in Disaster Services, Heartland Chapter; Columbus Kiwanis; Columbus Eagles Auxiliary; VFW Auxiliary, Columbus Public Library Book Discussion Group. Honorary member: Nebraska Development Network, Nebraska Army National Guard (colonel). Former member: board of trustees, Junior Achievement of Columbus; board of directors, Platte County Red Cross; Mrs. Jaycees; Catholic Daughters; 4-H clubs; Parent-Teacher Association; Parent-Teacher Organization; Columbus Hospital Auxiliary; board of directors, Prairie Village Retirement Center. Former: disaster chairwoman, Platte County Red Cross; Project PLUS tutor; Cub Scout den mother; 4-H leader; hospital volunteer. Honors and awards: Breaking the Rule of Thumb Award, Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, 1989; Woman of Distinction, Soroptomist International of Columbus, 1990; Special Recognition for Exceptional Service, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Communication and Leadership Award, Toastmasters International District 24, 1992; Virginia Krause Award, Nebraska Alliance for the Mentally III, 1995. Democrat.

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Curt Bromm

District 23

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected
 1996

Committees: Education; Natural Resources (vice
 chairman); Executive Board; Reference; Rules (vice
 chairman)

Biography: Born March 19, 1945, in Oakland, Neb.
 Graduate of Tekamah High School; University of Ne-
 braska College of Agriculture; University of Nebraska
 College of Law. Married Vicki Nodlinski, Aug. 24,
 1968; five children: Jason, Jenefer, Jolin, Jina and Jaron.
 Attorney. Military Service: U.S. Army 2nd Lieutenant,
 1970. Wahoo Public School Board president (board
 member for 11 years); Saunders County School Reorganization Board chairman; Wahoo Start
 Committee physician recruitment; Greater Wahoo Development Foundation and Wahoo
 Industries director. Former: Saunders County attorney; founding director, Saunders County
 Youth Service System. Member: Nebraska State Bar Association (former member, Ethics
 Committee and former chairman, Office Management Section); St. Wenceslaus Catholic
 Church (acolyte); Governor's Water Council, 1993-94. Republican.



Nebraska State Senators, 1997 (Cont'd.)



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1994

Committees: Education; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs; Nebraska Retirement Systems (vice chairwoman)

Biography: Born June 19, 1936, in Polk County. Graduate of Thayer High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married Boyd E. Stuhr, Jan. 20, 1956; three children: Cynthia Hendricks, Teresa Robbins and Boyd E. Stuhr Jr. Farmer. Former occupations: junior-senior high school vocational education teacher; assistant instructor, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Former:

chairwoman, Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council; national president and Nebraska state president, Women Involved in Farm Economics; president, Agricultural Women's Leadership Network; executive committee and board of directors, Agriculture Council of America, Washington, D.C.; president and board member, Foundation for Agricultural Education and Development; director, U.S. Feed Grains Council; director, Nebraska Corn Board; co-chairwoman, National Farm Women's Forum, Washington, D.C.; member, Nebraska Extension Advisory Committee; 4-H leader (15 years). Present: board of directors, Nebraska Family Community Leadership Program; board of directors, Heartland Center for Leadership Development. Present member: Agricultural Advisory Committee for Nebraska U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter; Nebraska Ag Builders; Nebraska Ag Relations Council; Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement; Zion Lutheran Church and Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Hampton. Participated in Farmer-to-Farmer Assignment to Russia with Winrock International, January 1993, and Farmer-to-Farmer Assignment to Lithuania with Volunteers Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA), November 1993. Recipient of the 1994 Public Service to Agriculture Award from the Nebraska Agribusiness Club and the 1995 Ag Relations Award from the Nebraska Ag Relations Council. Selected as a 1996 BILLD Fellow to participate in the Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development by the Midwestern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments. Republican.

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1962 in District 18; elected 1964 in District 25; re-elected 1968, 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992 and 1996

Committees: Education; Revenue (chairman); Legislative Program Evaluation (vice chairman)

Other: Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commission

Biography: Born Nov. 23, 1927, in Waverly. Graduate of Waverly High School and the University of Nebraska (B.S.). Farmer. Breeder of registered Hereford cattle. Director, Lincoln Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Married to the former Betty Person (deceased); two children: Jamie and Elizabeth. Member: Bethlehem Covenant Church; former member of Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission for 17 1/2 years; Past Noble Grand, Havelock IOOF Lodge 244; past patron, Order of the Eastern Star, Martha Washington Chapter; Masons; Scottish Rite; Shrine; Rebekah Lodge; Nebraska State Grange; Nebraska Farm Bureau; National Block and Bridle; Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Zeta and FarmHouse fraternities; Nebraska State Board of Agriculture. Former: chairman, Lancaster County Extension Board; treasurer, Lancaster County Agriculture Society; Nebraska Air National Guard member. Republican.



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Don Wesely

District 26

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1978; re-elected 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Health and Human Services (chairman); Committee on Committees

Biography: Born March 30, 1954, in David City, Graduate of Lincoln Northeast High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A.), 1977. Three children: Sarah Elizabeth, Amanda Ashton and Andrew John. Occupation: senior research associate, Aliant Communications. Member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and additional organizations and boards. National Conference of State Legislatures Executive Committee; chairman, NCSL Assembly on the Legislature; chairman,

NCSL Assembly on State Issues; co-chairman, NCSL Task Force on Insurance Insolvencies; vice chairman, NCSL Task Force on Developmental Disabilities; vice chairman, NCSL Committee on Commerce, Labor and Regulation. Honors and awards: Best Legislator, KFOR Best of Lincoln, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1992 and 1993; Nebraska Association of Retired Citizens Public Official of the Year, 1992; UNL Outstanding Young Alumni Award, 1994; Distinguished Alumni Award, Lincoln Northeast High School, 1991; Top Cat Award, Nebraska Pediatricians, 1990; Citizen of the Year Award, Nebraska Association of Substance Abuse Directors, 1990; Public Citizen of the Year Award, Nebraska Association of Social Workers, 1990; Patriots Award, Lancaster County Democratic Party, 1990; Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree, Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, 1989; Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children Appreciation Award, 1988; Leadership Award, Nebraska Association of Community Mental Health Providers, 1988 and 1991; Outstanding Young Man of Nebraska, Nebraska Jaycees, 1985; Outstanding Young Individual, Lincoln Jaycees, 1985; Outstanding Young Men of America, U.S. Jaycees, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1988 and 1989; Friend of Education Award, Nebraska State Education Association, 1982, and Lincoln Education Association, 1981; Legislator of the Year Award, Nebraska Nurses Association, 1987; Service to Mankind Award, Lincoln Northeast Sertoma Club, 1986; Communicating for Agriculture Leadership Award, 1985; Honeywell National Energy Conservation Award, 1985; Mental Health Citizen of the Year, Nebraska Mental Health Association, 1984; Distinguished Service Award, Nebraska Public Health Association, 1984; Conservation Award, Nebraska Water Conservation Council, 1982; University of Nebraska Innocents Society, Senior Honorary, 1976. Democrat.

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DiAnna R. Schimek

District 27

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1988; re-elected 1992 and 1996

Committees: Business and Labor; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs; Urban Affairs (vice chairwoman)

Biography: Born March 21, 1940, in Holdrege. Graduate of Alma High School in 1958. Attended Colorado Woman's College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Graduate of Kearney State College (B.A. in education), 1963. Graduate work at University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Kearney State College. Married Herbert Henry Schimek, June 1, 1963; two children: Samuel Wolfgang and Saul William. Former realtor, teacher and Nebraska Democratic Party chairwoman. Democratic National Committee-woman, 1984-88. Executive committee member, Democratic National Committee, 1987-88. Member: Soroptimists; PEO. Former member, board of directors, Women's Network, National Conference of State Legislatures. Former president and secretary, Lincoln-Lancaster Senior Center Foundation Board. Former board member: Nebraska Repertory Theatre at UNL, First National Bank. Executive board, Council of State Governments. Democrat.



Chris Beutler

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1978; re-elected 1982; resigned 1986. Elected 1990; re-elected 1994

Committees: Education; Natural Resources (chairman); Committee on Committees; Rules

Biography: Born Nov. 14, 1944, in Omaha. Graduate of Omaha Benson High School, 1962; Yale University (B.A.), 1966; University of Nebraska College of Law (J.D.), 1973. Married Judy Bond Beutler, 1996; four children: Alexa, Erica, Mikahla and Sam. Occupations: businessman; lawyer; vice president, Nebraska Title Co. Military service: U.S. Army First Lieutenant, 1969-71. U.S. Peace Corps teacher in Turkey, 1966-67. Democrat.



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LaVon K. Crosby District 29

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1988; re-elected
 1992 and 1996

Committees: Appropriations; Nebraska Retirement
 Systems; Committee on Committees (chairwoman)

Biography: Born April 25, 1924, in Hastings. Gradu-
 ate of St. Cecilia's High School in Hastings, 1941;
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A.), 1987. Married
 Robert B. Crosby, May 22, 1971; children: Mary Stuart
 Bolin, Michael C. Stuart, Timothy Stuart and Fred M.
 Stuart; stepchildren: Robert M. Crosby and Susan Crosby
 Smith. Community volunteer. Former: executive secre-
 tary/publisher, *Hastings Tribune*; staff member to U.S.
 Sen. Roman Hruska, Washington, D.C.; Nebraska Arts

Council chairwoman. Co-chairwoman, Capital Campaign, Lincoln Downtown Senior Center.
 Member: Heritage League; Sigma Alpha Iota; Friends of Center for Great Plains Studies,
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln; Lincoln Symphony Guild; Lincoln Playhouse Guild; St.
 Elizabeth's Auxiliary; Madonna Auxiliary; executive board, Cornhusker Council Boy Scouts.
 Choir member and volunteer organist, Cathedral of the Risen Christ. Student, University of
 Nebraska-Lincoln church music program. Honors and awards: Higher Education Award, The
 Citizens CBA Action Council, 1989; Friend of Education Award, Lincoln Education Associa-
 tion, 1989; Friend of the Coalition Award, Nebraska Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault
 Coalition, 1991; Free Enterprise Award, Lincoln Independent Business Association, 1992;
 Recognition — Legislator of the Year in Support of Nursing Activities, Nebraska Nurses
 Association, 1992; Education Award, Lincoln Alpha Delta Kappa Chapters, 1992; YWCA
 Tribute to Women, Government and Politics Award, 1993; Interfaith Leadership Award,
 1996. Republican.

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1994

Committee: Appropriations

Biography: Born Aug. 25, 1953, in North Platte.
 Graduate of Beatrice High School, 1971; Platte Commu-
 nity College, 1973; United States Fidelity & Guaranty
 School of Insurance, 1979; University of Nebraska-
 Lincoln College of Business Administration, 1989; ac-
 cepted to UNL Master of Business Administration pro-
 gram. Married Karen S. Micek, Sept. 7, 1974; three
 children: Ingolf, Derek and Laura. President, Maurstad
 Insurance Services Inc. Mayor of Beatrice, 1990-94.

Board member, Beatrice School District No. 15, 1989-90. Board of directors, UNL College
 of Business Administration Alumni Association, 1989-96; president, 1994-95. Trustee,
 Beatrice Educational Foundation, 1987-present; president, 1987-90. Trustee, Beatrice Li-
 brary Foundation, 1996-present. Chairman, Highway 77 Improvement Association, 1991-94.
 Member: St. John Lutheran Church, Beatrice (lay assistant); Beatrice Chamber of Commerce
 (board of directors, 1983-86); Blue Valley Life Underwriters (board of directors, 1988-94);
 Beatrice YMCA (president, board of directors, 1982-83); Gage County United Way (presi-
 dent, board of directors, 1985); League of Nebraska Municipalities Large Cities Legislative
 Committee, 1991-94; Nebraska Republican Party Central Committee, 1985-90 and 1995-
 present; Rotary International; Nebraska State Chamber; Sesostri Shrine Temple, Blue Valley
 Shrine Club; B.P.O. Elks Lodge No. 619; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie No. 531; Sons of
 American Legion. Former member: University of Nebraska Chancellor's Statewide Advisory
 Council for the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, U.S. Rep. Doug Bereuter's Service
 Academy Selection Committee, Beatrice Jaycees. Awards and honors: fellow, The Council of
 State Governments "Toll Fellows Program," 1996; "Program for Emerging Leaders," Darden
 Graduate School of Business, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, 1996; fellow, Midwest-
 ern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments, Bowhay Institute for
 Legislative Leadership Development, 1995; UNL College of Business Administration Alumni
 Association Leadership Award, 1994; UNL Alumni Association 1993 Young Alumnus;
 Beatrice Chamber of Commerce 1993 Citizen of the Year; Independent Insurance Agents of
 Nebraska Young Agent of the Year, 1985; Beatrice Jaycees Outstanding Young Man, 1985;
 Nebraska Golf Association State Amateur Champion, 1981. Republican.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

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

Biography: Born Oct. 22, 1954, in Detroit. Graduate of Farmington Hills High School in Farmington Hills, Mich. Attended Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. Obtained cosmetology license in 1976 (inactive). Married Charles Witek, April 6, 1974; two children: Thomas Charles and Kimberly Rose. Member: Millard Jaycees; Bryan Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization;

Nebraska Motor Carriers Association; National Small Business United; St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church; other community and church activities. Republican.

George Coordsen

District 32

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

Committees: Revenue (vice chairman); Transportation; Executive Board (chairman); Reference (chairman); Legislative Program Evaluation

Biography: Born Aug. 13, 1935, in Fairbury. Graduated from Alexandria High School. Married Janice Fegter, Sept. 28, 1956; three children: Debra (Mrs. David) Fangmeier, Kevin, Valerie (Mrs. Brice) Goebel. Farmer. Member: Lutheran Church; Thayer County Memorial Hospital Foundation. Former: chairman of the Sorghum Board, 1981-86; director, U.S. Feed Grains Council, 1981-86; Gilead School Board member, 1963-72; Co-op Elevator Board chairman. Inducted into the Nebraska Agriculture Hall of Fame in 1989. Republican.



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Ardyce L. Bohlke

District 33

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: July 1, 1991, to replace Jacklyn Smith, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Education (chairwoman); Natural Resources; Committee on Committees

Other: Education Commission of the States; Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commission

Biography: Born Nov. 2, 1943, in Omaha. Graduate: Omaha Central High School, 1961; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S.), 1965. Additional hours at Kearney State College. Married Jon Bohlke, Feb. 4, 1967; two children: Jon Jr. and Jason. Former speech pathologist. Member: Rotary; Business and Professional Women; League of Women Voters (past president); Hastings YWCA (past president). Former: member and president, Hastings Board of Education; member, Hastings Utilities Board. Democrat.



Janis Johnson McKenzie

District 34

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Jan. 5, 1993, to replace Rod Johnson, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1994

Committees: Education (vice chairwoman); Natural Resources; Executive Board; Reference

Other: Education Commission of the States

Biography: Born Feb. 28, 1955, in Hastings. Graduate of Sutton High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. with distinction); University of Connecticut (M.E.). Married John Dee McKenzie, Dec. 28, 1974; one child: Nathan. Educational consultant. Former administrative coordinator of research project at UNL; curriculum specialist; enrichment coordinator; elementary teacher. Former: State Board of Education Advisory Committee for Gifted Education executive committee; Nebraska Association for the Gifted board member; State Future Problem Solving Advisory Committee; National Association for Gifted Children; Council for Exceptional Children; Phi Delta Kappa; Association for Curriculum and Supervision; Nebraska Education Association; Omicron Nu (vice president); Phi Upsilon Omicron; Sutton Arts Council board member; Sutton Jaycees; National Association for Gifted Children; Nebraska Odyssey of the Mind board member. Sutton Public Schools Outstanding Educator, 1986; Nebraska Jaycees' Outstanding Young Educator, 1989-90; Outstanding Contribution, Odyssey of the Mind Board, 1990; Outstanding Public Servant for Rural Nebraska, 1994. American Legion Auxiliary; Women Involved in Farm Economics; Groundwater Foundation (board member); National Council of State Legislators; American Council of State Governments; Sutton Federated Church. Democrat.



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Chris Peterson District 35

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1996

Committees: Health and Human Services; Nebraska Retirement Systems; Transportation

Biography: Born Chris Ferguson, Oct. 18, 1950, in Ord. Graduate of Ord High School, 1968; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in education, cum laude), 1972. Married Ernie Peterson, July 12, 1974; two children: Anastacia and B.J. Executive director, Leadership Tomorrow-Hall County. Former teacher in Grand Island Public Schools. Member, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. Secretary, board of directors, Central Platte Natural Resources District.

Member: Grand Island Community Redevelopment Authority; Grand Island Rotary Club; Mayor's Task Force for Comprehensive Plan-Steering Committee; First Presbyterian Church of Grand Island. Past activities: Wasmer PTA Board of Directors; Barr Parent Advisory Board; First Presbyterian Youth Ministry Council; YWCA Board of Directors; Crisis Center Board of Directors; Mayor's Search Team for city administrator. Member, Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. Former countess of Ak-Sar-Ben. Former Miss Rodeo Nebraska and Nebraska Arabian Horse Queen. Republican.

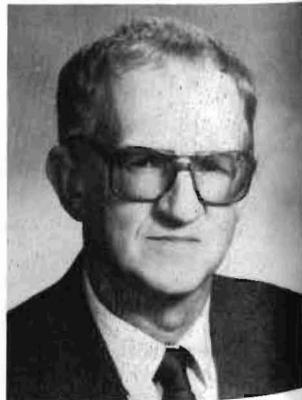
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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1990; re-elected 1994

Committees: Agriculture (vice chairman); General Affairs; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs; Building Maintenance; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born April 12, 1938, in Riverdale. Attended Riverdale High School, Kearney State College, Lincoln School of Commerce, U.S. Air Force Schools. Single. Occupation: rental property manager. Former occupations: banker (20 years); Buffalo County Board of Commissioners (10 years). Military service: U.S. Air Force, 1957-61. President: Buffalo County Historical Society Advisory Board; Community Concert Association. Member: Gibbon Good Samaritan Village; Rotary Club; I.O.O.F. Lodge; Buffalo County Economic Development Committee; Visitors Promotion Committee; Kearney Volunteer Fire Department; Elks 984; Christian Church. Former: Riverdale Village Board member (15 years); Central Community College Advisory Board member; Riverdale village clerk. Republican.



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Douglas A. Kristensen District 37

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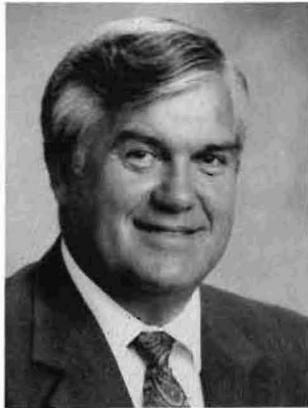
Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1988; re-elected 1992 and 1996

Committees: Revenue; Transportation (chairman); Executive Board; Reference

Biography: Born Jan. 4, 1955, in Kearney. Graduate of Minden High School, 1973; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A. in economics and political science), 1977; visiting student, University of Nebraska College of Law, 1980; graduate of Drake University College of Law, Des Moines, Iowa, 1980. Married Terri S. Harder; one daughter: Morgan Claire Kristensen. Partner in Lieske & Kristensen law firm; Kearney County attorney, 1982-88. Elected 3rd District delegate to 1992 National Republican Convention in Houston. Elected 3rd District delegate to 1996 National Republican Convention in San Diego. Nebraska Bar Association 10th Judicial District president, 1995-96. National co-chairman of Intergovernmental Affairs Committee, Council of State Governments. Life member, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association. Member: Nebraska Constitutional Revision Commission; advisory board, St. John's Center, Kearney, 1995-present; selection committee for 1992 Henry Toll Fellowship, 1993-94; Governor's Task Force on Prison Alternatives; Nebraska Bar Association; Iowa Bar Association; U.S. Supreme Court Bar Association; Optimists; Very Special Arts, State Advisory Board. Former member: Governor's Property Tax Response Team; State Sentencing Review Committee; Minden Child Abuse and Neglect Coalition; Nebraska Repertory Theatre; National District Attorney's Association. Former member and board of directors: Nebraska Continuing Legal Education Inc.; Nebraska County Attorneys' Association. Former: chairman, Kearney County Republican Party; co-chairman, Governor's Select Committee on Prison Overcrowding. Awards: League of Nebraska Municipalities 1994 Distinguished Service Award; Henry Toll Fellow, 1991; Nebraska Association of County Officials Presidents' Award, 1987; Innocents Society, University of Nebraska, 1976; Outstanding Young Men of America, 1989; American Council of Young Political Leaders, 1990. Publication: "The Nebraska Court of Appeals: Finally an Opportunity for Prompt Justice," *Creighton Law Review*, 1992. Republican.



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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Dec. 31, 1990, in District 39 to replace William E. Barrett, who resigned; left office in 1993 because of redistricting. Elected 1994 in District 38

Committees: Agriculture; Business and Labor; Natural Resources; Intergovernmental Cooperation (chairman)

Biography: Born Aug. 20, 1943, in Holdrege. Graduate of Holdrege High School, 1961; Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.A. in business administration), 1965. National Guard, 1966-72. Married Judith M. Grove,

April 16, 1965; two children: Ted and Tom. Farmer. Past president, Nebraska Corn Growers, 1980-82. Member: Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce; Superior Chamber of Commerce; Natural Resources Commission; Phelps County School Board, District R-4; Nebraska Corn Growers Association; Nebraska Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board; South Central Irrigators Association; Nebraska Cattlemen's Association; Nebraska Soybean Growers Association; Nebraska Wheat Growers Association; Nebraska Farm Bureau; Holdrege United Methodist Church. Republican.

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Judiciary (vice chairman); Transportation; Executive Board; Reference; Committee on Committees; Intergovernmental Cooperation

Biography: Born Oct. 20, 1941, in Chamberlain, S.D. Graduate: Winner (S.D.) High School, 1960. Attended South Dakota State University and South Dakota Southern State Teachers College. Graduate: Doane College, (B.A. in human relations), 1995. Married Priscilla Dougherty, April 3, 1970; three children: Andrew, Michaela and Megan; one granddaughter. Substance abuse counselor. Former: accountant and business administrator for International Harvester Co.; lounge/restaurant owner; Boys Town counselor and administrator; rural South Dakota school teacher. Member: Nebraska and National Associations of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors; Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling certified counselor; Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce; Elkhorn Optimist Club (charter member); Elkhorn Eagles Club; St. Patrick's



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Dwite A. Pedersen (Cont'd.)

Catholic Church and Men's Club; Nebraska Child Care Workers' Association (past president). Has worked with youth in trouble for 30 years; contracts with Douglas County and the Nebraska Thoroughbred Racetracks to do drug/alcohol education, counseling and treatment; has written, directed and sponsored numerous adolescent alcohol/drug prevention retreats. Republican.

Merton L. "Cap" Dierks District 40

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

Committees: Agriculture (chairman); Business and Labor; Health and Human Services; Committee on Committees

Biography: Born July 2, 1932. Graduate of Ewing High School, 1950; University of Nebraska, 1954; Kansas State University (doctor of veterinary medicine), 1961. Military service: U.S. Air Force, 1954-56. Married Gloria L. Zoeller, Dec. 27, 1958; four children: Jon Martin, Thomas Lyle, Christopher Joseph and Mary Stephanie. Veterinarian and rancher. Member: board of directors, St. Anthony's Hospital, O'Neill; Knights of Columbus; American Legion. Former member, Ewing Public School Board of Education. Past president, Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association. Religion: Catholic. Democrat.



Jerry W. Schmitt District 41

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Government, Military and Veterans' Affairs

Biography: Born Aug. 28, 1938, in Oak. Graduate of Nelson Public High School. Married Lavonne R. Holmes, Feb. 14, 1964; two children: Dennis and Bruce. Retired officer, Nebraska State Patrol. Former construction worker and truck driver. Military service: U.S. Army. Member: Veterans of Foreign Wars; Karp and Krow Club, Ord; State Troopers Association of Nebraska; Nebraska State Historical Society; Valley County Historical Society. Republican.



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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Sept. 5, 1996, to replace David Bernard-Stevens, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1996

Committee: Appropriations

Biography: Born Dec. 23, 1928, in Hastings. Attended University of Nebraska at Omaha; Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married Virginia L. Cummings, Dec. 28, 1953; four sons: David, Steven, Scott and Jeff. Lawyer. Former member and president, North Platte Board of Education and North Platte Junior College. Member: Presbyterian

Church of North Platte; Rotary Club of North Platte; Lincoln County Bar Association; Nebraska State Bar Association. Republican.

Jim Jones

District 43

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Office: Room 1120, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2628

Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Judiciary

Biography: Born Nov. 19, 1931, in Ashby. Graduate of Maxwell High School. Married Patricia Ann McConnell, May 23, 1953; four children: Gordon, Steven, Vernon and Gregg; 12 grandchildren. Farmer and rancher. Military service: U.S. Navy, Korean War veteran. Member or former member: Berean Church; Nebraska Farm Bureau, 30 years; Loup Township Board of Custer County; Nebraska Farm Bureau Board; Custer County Feeders and Breeders, treasurer; Farmers Home Administration Board; Burr Oak Livestock Club. 4-H leader for 18 years. Former president of the Area 4 Stock Growers. Republican.



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W. Owen Elmer District 44

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1986 in District 38; re-elected 1990; elected 1994 in District 44

Committees: Natural Resources; Transportation (vice chairman); Committee on Committees

Biography: Born June 13, 1938, in McCook. Graduate of Indianola High School. Attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married Donna J. Hoyt, Nov. 1, 1959; four children: Crinda K. McConville, Sharma L. Dunder, Lewis E. Elmer and Jeana R. Kruger. Former agribusinessman. Former member, Indianola City Council. Member: Rotary; Elks; Masons; Shrine. Republican.



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District 45

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1984; re-elected 1988, 1992 and 1996

Committees: General Affairs; Revenue; Urban Affairs (chairman)

Biography: Born Sept. 29, 1927, in Sioux City, Iowa. Graduate of Creighton Prep High School, 1945; Wayne State College (B.A.), 1951, (M.S.), 1958, University of Nebraska (Ph.D.), 1966. Married Marjorie Sheehan, Jan. 20, 1951; five children: Debbie Burchard, Cindy Spagnola, Marcy Closner, Joan, Michael. Occupation: college professor. Former occupations: high school teacher; coach; administrator; and farmer. Former Bellevue School Board five-term member. Member: Chamber of Commerce; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Knights of Columbus; Phi Delta Kappa. Democrat.



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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1978; re-elected 1982, 1986, 1990 and 1994

Committees: Banking, Commerce and Insurance (chairman); Revenue

Biography: Born June 10, 1948, in Lincoln. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.A.), 1970, (J.D.), 1971, (MCRP), 1995. Graduate of University of Nebraska at Omaha (M.P.A.), 1984. Married Melodee Ann McPherson, June 6, 1969; two children: Matthew and Melissa. Lawyer. Adjunct faculty member: UNL College of Law and UNO. Member: Lower Platte South

Natural Resources District board of directors, 1977-78; Nebraska Humanities Council, board of directors, 1989-94. Former: Havelock PTA officer; administrative law judge, Nebraska Department of Labor; director, Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District, 1970-72. Democrat.

Gerald E. Matzke District 47

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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Dec. 10, 1993, to replace Dennis Baack, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1994; re-elected 1996

Committees: Health and Human Services (vice chairman); Transportation; Rules

Biography: Born March 16, 1931, in Seward. Graduate: Seward High School, 1948; University of Nebraska, 1952; New York University School of Law, 1955. Wife, Lee-Ellen; four children: Dr. Jay Matzke, Jane Christoffersen, Doran Matzke and Dr. Dana Matzke. Teaching associate and assistant to the dean, University of Nebraska College of Law, 1955-56; partner with Martin, Mattoon, Matzke & Mattoon law firm, 1956-present. Former member: Western Nebraska Bar Association (president); House of Delegates of Nebraska Bar Association; Supreme Court of Nebraska Ethics Advisory Committee; U.S. Magistrate, part-time appointment, 1970-74; Cheyenne County Hospital Association (board of directors); Sidney School District Board of Education (president); President's Advisory Council, University of Nebraska; Program Advisory Committee for Nebraska Educational Television Commission; Sidney United Fund Drive (board of directors). Member: Sidney Federal Savings and Loan Association board of directors; Nebraska State Bar Association; American Bar Association; Nebraska Bar Association Committee on Inquiry for the Sixth Supreme Court District;



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Masonic Lodge; Sidney Elks Lodge. University of Nebraska Foundation, trustee. University of Nebraska-Lincoln Alumni Association, life member. Light Memorial Presbyterian Church, ordained elder. Part owner of 400-acre family farm in Seward County. Republican.

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Elected to Nebraska Legislature: 1990; re-elected 1994

Committees: Appropriations (vice chairwoman); Committee on Committees; Legislative Program Evaluation (chairwoman)

Biography: Born June 10, 1936, in Deshler. Graduate of Fairbury High School. Married Kenneth Hillman, June 20, 1954; three children: Janine Hergenreder, Shari Johnston and Terry Hillman. Former: executive vice president, Scottsbluff/Gering United Chamber of Commerce; executive director, Scottsbluff/Gering United Way; executive director, Platte Valley Council of Camp Fire; coordinator, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project; Calvary Lutheran Church president; West Nebraska All-Star Sports board of directors. Member: Old West Trail Foundation board of directors; Family Preservation Team board of directors; Friends of Agate Fossil Beds, treasurer; Governor's Water Council. Democrat.



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Appointed to Nebraska Legislature: Jan. 9, 1991, to replace Sandra K. Scofield, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1992; re-elected 1996

Committees: Education; Nebraska Retirement Systems (chairman); Revenue

Other: Education Commission of the States

Biography: Born Oct. 22, 1948, in Lusk, Wyo. Graduate of Sioux County High School, Creighton University (B.S. and B.A.), University of Nebraska School of Law (J.D.). Married Sandra K. Scofield, Sept. 30, 1995. Attorney. Former: Nebraska National Guardsman; Sioux County deputy county attorney; secretary, Sioux County Historical Society; member, Harrison Volunteer Fire Department. Member: Friends of the Museum, Trailside Chapter; Nebraska Bar Association; American Bar Association. Vice president, Sioux County Agricultural Society. Director, Friends of Agate Fossil Beds Inc. Democrat.

