

## Nebraska State Senators, 2007

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Greg L. Adams, York.....	District 24.....	January 2011
Ray Aguilar, Grand Island.....	District 35.....	January 2009
Brad Ashford, Omaha.....	District 20.....	January 2011
Bill Avery, Lincoln.....	District 28.....	January 2011
Carroll C. Burling, Kenesaw.....	District 33.....	January 2009
Tom Carlson, Holdrege.....	District 38.....	January 2011
Ernie Chambers, Omaha.....	District 11.....	January 2009
Mark R. Christensen, Imperial.....	District 44.....	January 2011
Abbie Cornett, Bellevue.....	District 45.....	January 2009
M.L. Dierks, Ewing.....	District 40.....	January 2011
Annette M. Dubas, Fullerton.....	District 34.....	January 2011
L. Patrick Engel, South Sioux City.....	District 17.....	January 2009
Philip Erdman, Bayard.....	District 47.....	January 2009
Debra Fischer, Valentine.....	District 43.....	January 2009
Mike Flood, Norfolk.....	District 19.....	January 2009
Michael J. Friend, Omaha.....	District 10.....	January 2007
Tony Fulton, Lincoln.....	District 29.....	January 2011
Tim Gay, Papillion.....	District 14.....	January 2011
Tom Hansen, North Platte.....	District 42.....	January 2011
John N. Harms, Scottsbluff.....	District 48.....	January 2011
Lavon L. Heidemann, Elk Creek.....	District 1.....	January 2009
Gwen E. Howard, Omaha.....	District 9.....	January 2009
Carol L. Hudkins, Malcolm.....	District 21.....	January 2009
Ramon E. Janssen, Nickerson.....	District 15.....	January 2009
Joel T. Johnson, Kearney.....	District 37.....	January 2009
Russ Karpisek, Wilber.....	District 32.....	January 2011
Gail F. Kopplin, Greta.....	District 3.....	January 2009
Lowen V. Kruse, Omaha.....	District 13.....	January 2009
Chris Langemeier, Schuyler.....	District 23.....	January 2009
Steve Lathrop, Omaha.....	District 12.....	January 2011
LeRoy J. Loudon, Ellsworth.....	District 49.....	January 2009
Vickie D. McDonald, St. Paul.....	District 41.....	January 2009
Amanda McGill, Lincoln.....	District 26.....	January 2011
Mick Mines, Blair.....	District 18.....	January 2007
Danielle Nantkes, Lincoln.....	District 46.....	January 2011
John E. Nelson, Omaha.....	District 6.....	January 2011
Rich Pahls, Omaha.....	District 31.....	January 2009
Dave Pankonin, Louisville.....	District 2.....	January 2011
Dwite A. Pedersen, Elkhorn.....	District 39.....	January 2009
Pete Pirsch, Omaha.....	District 4.....	January 2011
Donald G. Preister, Bellevue.....	District 5.....	January 2009
Ronald E. Raikes, Lincoln.....	District 25.....	January 2009
Kent Rogert, Tekamah.....	District 16.....	January 2011
DiAnna R. Schimek, Lincoln.....	District 27.....	January 2009
Arnie Stuthman, Platte Center.....	District 22.....	January 2007
John Synowiecki, Omaha.....	District 7.....	January 2009
Norm Wallman, Cortland.....	District 30.....	January 2011
Tom White, Omaha.....	District 8.....	January 2011
John M. Wightman, Lexington.....	District 36.....	January 2011

## Nebraska State Senators, 2007



### LAVON L. HEIDEMANN DISTRICT 1

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

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

**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 Legis-

lative Leadership. **Former member:** Elk Creek school board. Republican.

### DAVID C. PANKONIN

### DISTRICT 2

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

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

**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:** Home State Bank Board of Directors, Louisville; Cass County Historical Society Board of Directors. **Former member:** Louisville City Council (president); Louisville Public School Board; UNL College of Business Administration Alumni Board (president); Nebraska United Methodist Foundation Board of Directors; 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.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



**GAIL F. KOPPLIN**

**DISTRICT 3**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

**Committees:** Building Maintenance (chairperson); Education (vice chairperson); Natural Resources; Executive Board; Reference

**Biography:** Born May 20, 1939, in Sterling. Graduate of Peru State College (B.S.), 1966; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (master of education), 1968; received education specialist certificate, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1982. Married Mary Lou Kempkes, June 23, 1960; three children: Janette, Thomas and Deborah. Retired. Former: superintendent of Gretna Public Schools; administrator, Gretna Public Schools; teacher, Gretna Public Schools. **Member:** St. Patrick's Catholic

Church; Gretna Chamber of Commerce; Gretna Business Association; Gretna Optimists Club. **Former member:** Gretna Board of Adjustments; Gretna Area Development Corporation; Sarpy County Economic Development Committee. Democrat.

**PETE PIRSCH**

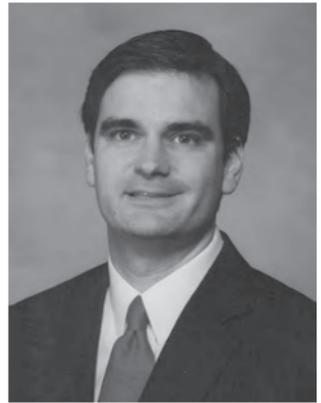
**DISTRICT 4**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Judiciary; Intergovernmental Cooperation

**Biography:** Born Oct. 28, 1969, in Omaha. Graduate of Omaha Central High School, 1988; University of Virginia, B.A. (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 for the 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 (elected); St. Vincent de Paul Church; Boy Scouts of America (volunteer); Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Midlands (volunteer); Omaha Bar Association (Public Service Committee); Nebraska State Bar Association; Omaha Jaycees; Omaha Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Council; Rotary Club; Knights of Columbus. Republican.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### DONALD G. PREISTER

**DISTRICT 5**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1992; re-elected 1996, 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** Executive Board (vice chairperson); Reference (vice chairperson); Agriculture; General Affairs; Revenue; Committee on Committees (vice chairperson); Legislative Performance Audit

**Biography:** Born Dec. 23, 1946, in Columbus. Graduate of St. Francis Elementary and South High School in Omaha; University of Nebraska at Omaha (B.S.), 1977. Military service: U.S. Army medic, 1966-68; commendation and Bronze Star awarded in Vietnam. Greeting card manufacturer, Joy Creations Co. Former City of Omaha deputy clerk; director, South Omaha Boys Club. **Member:** Optimist Club (former president); Q Merchants; South Omaha Business Association; South Omaha Neighborhood Association; Veterans for Peace;

Nebraska Sustainable Agriculture Society; American Legion; Eagles; Sierra Club; Audubon Society; South Omaha Environmental Task Force. **Former member:** Scout and Explorer post leader; Keep Omaha Beautiful volunteer; Metropolitan Community College instructor. Democrat.

### JOHN E. NELSON

**DISTRICT 6**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Appropriations

**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. 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. Military Service: U.S. Navy, 1957-1960; Commander, U.S. Naval Reserve (retired). **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 (past chairperson); Omaha Lawyer Referral Committee since 1972 (past chairperson). **Former member:** 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.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### JOHN SYNOWIECKI

### DISTRICT 7

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**Office Address:** Room 2004, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2721, e-mail address — jsynowiecki@leg.ne.gov

**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** Jan. 7, 2002, to replace John Hilgert, who resigned; elected 2002; re-elected 2004

**Committees:** Appropriations; Nebraska Retirement Systems (chairperson);

**Biography:** Born Nov. 28, 1963, in Omaha. Graduate of Paul the VI High School, 1982; University of Nebraska at Omaha (B.S. in criminal justice and philosophy). Three children: James John (J.J.), Michael and Jennifer; one grandchild; one step-grandchild. Program Director for Government Relations, Catholic Charities. Former: probation supervisor, Nebraska Probation System, 2000-02; probation officer, 1990-2000. **Member:** Community Corrections Council; South

Omaha Optimists Club; Downtown Omaha Inc.; Old Market Business Association; Deer Park Neighborhood Association (vice president); Dahlman Neighborhood Association; South Omaha Neighborhood Association; South Omaha Business Association; Q Street Merchants; Spring Lake Neighborhood Association. **Former member:** Midwest Officials Association, 1997-2005; Nebraska-Iowa Referee Association, 1993-2005; executive board member, All Saints Grade School Athletic Sports Club, 1994-96, 1998-2004; Chicano Awareness Center, Chemical Dependency Advisory Committee, 1997-99; Parish Council, Immaculate Conception Church, 1994-95 (president, 1995). **Honors and awards:** Nebraska State Probation Officer of the Year, 1998. Democrat.

### TOM WHITE

### DISTRICT 8

**Home Address:** 2517 N. 55th St., Omaha, NE 68104

**Office Address:** Room 1117, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2722, e-mail — twhite@leg.ne.gov

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Business and Labor; Nebraska Retirement Systems (vice chairperson); Revenue; Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees; Rules

**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; Field Club of Omaha Board of Directors, president. Democrat.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### **GWEN E. HOWARD**

### **DISTRICT 9**

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**Office Address:** Room 1208, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2723, ghoward@leg.ne.gov

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

**Committees:** Education; 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; one foster child. 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 Employees (former vice president). Democrat.

### **MICHAEL J. FRIEND**

### **DISTRICT 10**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2002; re-elected 2006

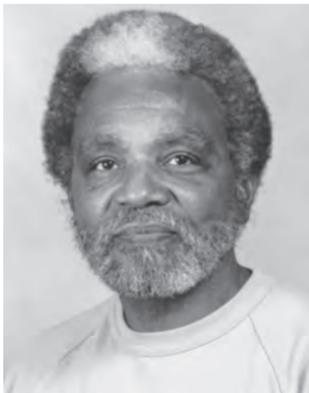
**Committees:** General Affairs; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Urban Affairs (chairperson)

**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 for First Data Resources.

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



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### ERNIE CHAMBERS

### DISTRICT 11

**Home Address:** 3116 N. 24th St., Omaha, NE 68110

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1970; re-elected 1972, 1976, 1980, 1984, 1988, 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004

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

**Biography:** Born July 10, 1937. Independent.

### STEVE LATHROP

### DISTRICT 12

**Office Address:** Room 1117, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2623, e-mail — [slathrop@leg.ne.gov](mailto:slathrop@leg.ne.gov)

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Business and Labor; Judiciary (vice chairperson); Urban Affairs; Rules; Building Maintenance

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



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### LOWEN V. KRUSE

### DISTRICT 13

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2000; re-elected 2004

**Committees:** Appropriations; Intergovernmental Cooperation (chairperson).

**Biography:** Born in Boelus, 1929. Graduate of Boelus High School; Nebraska Wesleyan University (B.A.); Garrett Seminary, Northwestern University (master's degree). Married to Ruth Kruse; two children: Doug and Jorika. Retired from pastoral work, Omaha District of United Methodist Churches, 1994. Former: executive minister, Omaha First United Methodist Church; director of ministries, Nebraska United Methodist Churches; superintendent of churches in northeast Nebraska; pastor in Buffalo, Custer and Douglas

counties; railroad wheelhouse employee; farmer. **Member:** Miller-Park-Minne Lusa Community Association; North Omaha Kiwanis; Lions International; volunteer in construction and housing rehabilitation in Omaha, Chile and Texas; habitat volunteer. **Former member:** board of trustees, Methodist Hospital; board of trustees, UNO campus ministry; board of trustees, Together Inc.; board of trustees, Wesley House; board of trustees, Crowell Home; board of trustees, Nebraska Wesleyan University; programming for community development, adult education and youth work. Democrat.

### TIM GAY

### DISTRICT 14

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**Office Address:** Room 1522, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2730, e-mail — tgay@leg.ne.gov

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

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

**Biography:** Born July 7, 1964, in Columbus. Graduate of Columbus High School, 1983; University of Nebraska - Lincoln, 1987 (B.S. in business administration). Married Tonce Gay; three children: Matt, Kathryn and Nicholas. Financial advisor, American National Bank. Former: grain trader. **Former member:** Sarpy County Commissioner (1995-2006). Republican.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### RAMON E. JANSSEN

### DISTRICT 15

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1992; re-elected 1996, 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** General Affairs; Revenue (chairperson); Urban Affairs; Executive Board; Reference; Building Maintenance

**Biography:** Born July 5, 1937, in Hooper. Graduate of Hooper Public School. Wife, Nancy; three children: Nick, Michael and Nola. Military service: U.S. Army. Business owner, City Meat Market in Hooper. Former: farmer. **Member:** board of directors, Farmers Home Insurance Co.; Nickerson Volunteer Fire Department; Lions Club; Hooper Commercial Club; Elkhorn Valley Golf Club (past president). **Former member:**

Nickerson Public School board; president, Logan View Junior-Senior High School board; Nickerson Village Board. Democrat.

### KENT ROGERT

### DISTRICT 16

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Business and Labor (vice chairperson); Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Urban Affairs; Intergovernmental Cooperation (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.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### L. PATRICK ENGEL

### DISTRICT 17

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**Office Address:** Room 2010, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2716, e-mail address — lengel@leg.ne.gov

**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** Sept. 1, 1993, to replace Kurt Hohenstein, who resigned; elected to Legislature 1994; re-elected 1996, 2000 and 2004

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

**Biography:** Born May 18, 1932, in South Sioux City. Graduate of South Sioux City Public Schools; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Military service: intelligence officer, 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 member:** grand knight and district deputy, Knights of Columbus; St. Michael's School Board; South Sioux City School Board; chairman, Dakota County Board of Commissioners. Democrat.

### MICK MINES

### DISTRICT 18

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**Office Address:** Room 2028, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2618, e-mail — mmines@leg.ne.gov

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2002; re-elected 2006

**Committees:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (vice chairperson); Transportation and Telecommunications

**Biography:** Born June 21, 1950, in Fremont. Graduate of North Bend High School and Elkins Institute, Dallas. Married Katie Fate; two children: Laini and Billy. Military service: U.S. Naval Reserve Corp. Vice president, HunTel Systems Inc. **Member:** Nebraska Diplomats (past president); Nebraska Independent Telephone Association (past president); Nebraska Industrial Competitive Alliance; Nebraska Economic Developers Association; Country Bible Church; Blair Rotary Club; Rebuilding Together - Washington County; Blair Family YMCA; American Legion Post 154; Jeffrey K. Mines AMVETS Post 20; chairman, Veterans Tribute Plaza Committee. **Former member:** mayor, council president, councilmember, City of Blair; president, League of Nebraska Municipalities; president, Blair Area Chamber of Commerce; president, Gateway Development Corp., AKSARBEN diplomat; National League of Cities (Small Cities Council and Public Safety/Crime Prevention Committee). **Honors and awards:** Nebraska Diplomat of the Year; Friend of Business Award, Cargill Dow; Metropolitan Area Planning Agency Regional Citizenship Award; Volunteer of the Year Award, Blair Family YMCA; Servant-Leadership Award, League of Nebraska Municipalities; CFI Visionary Award, Nebraska State Bar Association. Republican.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### MIKE FLOOD

### DISTRICT 19

#### SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATURE

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

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

**Biography:** Born Feb. 23, 1975, in Omaha. 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 (former 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: Omaha Housing Authority (director); Commission of Industrial Relations (judge). **Member:** 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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### CAROL L. HUDKINS

### DISTRICT 21

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1992; re-elected 1996, 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** Natural Resources (vice chairperson); Transportation and Telecommunications; Rules (chairperson)

**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. **Member:** Saunders County Historical Society; Nebraska Cattlemen; Saunders County Livestock Feeders; Nebraska Cattlewomen.

**Former member:** chairperson, Malcolm School Board; recording secretary, Malcolm United Methodist Church; board officer, Lancaster County Home Extension Council and Lancaster

County Extension; 4-H leader; president, Malcolm School Booster Club; officer, Malcolm Parent-Teacher Organization. Republican.

### ARNIE STUTHMAN

### DISTRICT 22

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2002

**Committees:** Health and Human Services; Transportation and Telecommunications; Executive Board; Reference

**Biography:** Born June 25, 1941, in Colfax County. Graduate of Columbus High School, 1959. Married Nancy Sanley, June 30, 1962; four children: Jeff, Todd, Amy and Eric. Military service: Air National Guard. Farmer, volunteer firefighter.

**Member:** Beverly Health Care Advisory Board; board of directors, Columbus Hospital Board; Christ Lutheran Church.

**Former member:** chairman, Platte County Supervisors; board of directors, Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce; Nebraska Workforce Development Board; Region IV Mental Health Board; East Central District Health Department; chairman, Nebraska Pork Producers; chairman, Platte County Ag Society; chairman, County Extension Board; chairman, 4-H Council; chairman, National Young Farmer; president, Nebraska Pork Producers; chairman, National Pork Board. Republican.



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### CHRIS LANGEMEIER

### DISTRICT 23

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**Elected to the Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

**Committees:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance (vice chairperson); Revenue; Intergovernmental Cooperation

**Biography:** Born in Schuyler. Graduate of Schuyler Central High School; University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married to Kerri (Saner) Langemeier; two children: Jakub 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); Schuyler Chamber Ambassadors; American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers; Schuyler Rotary Club (president, 2004); Schuyler Sertoma Club; volunteer, Colfax County Recycling Facility; St. Augustine's Catholic Church; Knights of Columbus,

fourth degree (past community director). **Former member:** director at large, Lower Platte North Natural Resources District (two terms); treasurer, Lower Platte North NRD (past 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; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Committee on Committees; Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commission

**Biography:** Born Feb. 6, 1952, in Columbus. Graduate of Wayne State College, B.A. in education, 1974; Masters 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. **Member:** Nebraska State Education Association. **Former member:** York City Council; Nebraska Information and Technology Commission; League of Nebraska Municipalities executive board; Nebraska Council of Social Studies Teachers (president). Republican.



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### RONALD E. RAIKES

### DISTRICT 25

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**Office Address:** Room 1110, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2731, e-mail address — rraikes@leg.ne.gov

**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** May 15, 1997, to replace Jerome Warner, who died; elected to Legislature 1998; re-elected 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** Education (chairperson); Revenue; Committee on Committees; Education Commission of the States; Midwestern Higher Education Compact Commission

**Biography:** Born March 11, 1943, in Lincoln. Graduate of Ashland High School; Iowa State University (B.S. in farm operation); University of California-Davis (M.S. in agriculture business management, Ph.D. in agriculture economics). Married Helen Holz Raikes, Dec. 26, 1966; three children: Heather, Abbie and Justin. Farmer, cattle feeder, soil conservation contractor. Former associate professor, Iowa State University Department of Economics. **Member:** Nebraska Farm Business Association; Agriculture Builders of Nebraska; Nebraska

Agriculture Relations Council; Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association. **Former member:** Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board, 1983-87. Independent.

### AMANDA MCGILL

### DISTRICT 26

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

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

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1980, in Omaha. Graduate of University of Nebraska-Lincoln (degrees in broadcasting and political science), 2002. College services representative, New Digital Group. Former: television reporter at KOLN/KGIN in Lincoln and KCAU in Sioux City. **Member:** Junior League of Lincoln. Democrat.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### DIANNA R. SCHIMEK DISTRICT 27

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1988; re-elected 1992, 1996, 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** Judiciary; Transportation and Telecommunications; Committee on Committees; Legislative Performance Audit

**Biography:** Born March 21, 1940, in Holdrege. Graduate of Alma High School, 1958; attended Colorado Women's College, University of Nebraska-Lincoln; graduate of Kearney State College (B.A. in education), 1963; graduate work at UNL and Kearney State College. Married Herbert Henry Schimek, June 1, 1963; two children: Samuel Wolfgang and Saul William. Former: realtor, teacher. **Member:** Downtown Rotary 14; Habitat for Humanity Board; P.E.O., NAACP; Delta Kappa Gamma. **Honors and awards:** ACLU Civil Libertarian Award;

National Guard Homeland Security Ribbon; Nebraska Women's Commission Alice Paul Award; Chicano Awareness Center's Education Award, 2006; Harold Sieck Award, ARC of Nebraska, 2004; Lincoln Interfaith Council Leadership Award, 2003; Distinguished Service Award, Nebraska League of Municipalities, 2002; Legislator of the Year Award, Nebraska Dental Hygienist Association, 2001; Woman of Distinction, Soroptomists of Lincoln, 2000; Distinguished Service Award, National Guard Association of Nebraska, 2000; Woman of the Year, NOVA Chapter of Business and Professional Women, 1999; UNK Outstanding Alumni Award, 1989; honorary member, Mortar Board. Democrat.

### BILL AVERY

### DISTRICT 28

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Education; Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Biography:** Born Feb. 7, 1942, in Harnett County, N.C. Graduate of University of Tennessee (political science), B.S., 1968, M.A., 1971; Tulane University, PhD in political science, 1975. 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. Military Service: U.S. Air Force (Strategic Air Command). **Member:** First Plymouth Congregational Church; American Academy of Political Science; International Studies Association (International Political Economy Section); Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Lincoln Independent Business Association. **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

**Committees:** Appropriations; Building Maintenance (vice chairperson)

**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 for Alvine Engineering; director of sales, Johnston Boiler Company; application engineer, Energy Recovery International.

**Member:** Lincoln Chamber of Commerce (Public Policy Committee); Lincoln Caregiver Education Group (founding committee); 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:** 2005 White House Conference on Aging (Nebraska delegate); Coalition for Older Adult Health Promotion (Chair of Legislative Review Committee; president); Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Senior Companion Program (Advisory Board member); Lancaster County Republican Party (Platform Committee Chair); Nebraska State Republican Party Convention (elected delegate); University of Nebraska Students for Life (treasurer). Republican.

### NORMAN T. WALLMAN

### DISTRICT 30

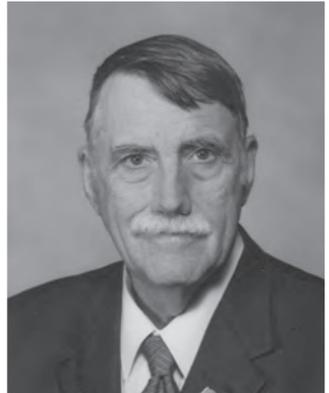
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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Agriculture; Business and Labor; Natural Resources

**Biography:** Born Feb. 6, 1938, in Gage County. Graduate of Cortland High School. Married Pat Wallman, Jan. 20, 1973; two children: David and Amy. Farmer, agribusinessman. Formerly involved in construction, retailing and trucking. Military service: Nebraska National Guard, eight years. **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.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### **RICH PAHLS**

### **DISTRICT 31**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

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

**Biography:** Born Aug. 7, 1943. Graduate of Fort Hays State University (B.A., 1966; M.A., 1967); University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Ed.D.), 1979. Married Lyn Weckmuller, July 19, 1987; two children: Morgan and Jake. Retired. Former: Elementary principal. **Member:** Millard Business Association; board of directors, Western Trails Homeowners Association; Tangier Shrine. **Former member:** board of trustees, Sanitary Improvement District, 266; board of directors, Children's Museum; board of directors, Millard Optimists; board of directors, Nebraska Parent Teacher Association. Republican.

### **RUSS KARPISEK**

### **DISTRICT 32**

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Agriculture; General Affairs (vice chairperson); Government, Military and Veterans Affairs; Nebraska Retirement Systems; Committee on Committees

**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. Owner of Karpisek's Meat Market. Former: Mayor of Wilber (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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### CARROLL C. BURLING DISTRICT 33

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2000; re-elected 2004

**Committees:** Education; Revenue; Committee on Committees

**Biography:** Born Nov. 25, 1934, in Hastings. Graduate of Kenesaw Central High School, 1952. Married Bonnie Burling, April 1, 1954; four children: D'aun Best, Darla Erickson, Dan Burling and David Burling; seven grandchildren. Farmer/rancher, Burling Farms Inc.; co-founder and president, Tri-Family Ministries. **Member:** board of directors, Kenesaw Rural Fire District; volunteer, Nebraska Department of Corrections; volunteer chaplain, Hastings Correctional Center; United Methodist Church. **Former member:** first vice-president,

Nebraska Farm Bureau; board member, Iowa Farm Bureau Life Insurance; chairperson, Nebraska Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee; chairperson, Nebraska Farm Bureau PAC Executive Committee; chairperson, Nebraska Farm Bureau Long Range Planning Committee; Rainwater Basin Joint Venture Committee; board of directors, Nebraska Farm Bureau, 1986-98; board of directors, Adams County Farm Bureau, 1957-84; Kenesaw Board of Education, 1972-82 (president, 1980-82); Co-op Service Board of Directors, 1971-80 (president, 1978-80); foster parent, 1956-66. Republican.

### ANNETTE M. DUBAS DISTRICT 34

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Agriculture (vice chairperson); General Affairs; Natural Resources; Rules; Education Commission of the States

**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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### RAY AGUILAR

### DISTRICT 35

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**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** June 9, 1999, to replace Chris Peterson, who resigned; elected to Legislature 2000; re-elected 2004

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

**Biography:** Born Oct. 24, 1947, in Grand Island. Graduate of Grand Island Senior High School, 1965; attended Central Community College. Married Susan Ann, Dec. 14, 1973; nine children: Toni, Polly, Scott, Dean, T.C., Ali, Shelly, Audra and Jason. Self-employed, Commercial Cleaning Service. Former: building and grounds director, Grand Island Central Catholic; construction supervisor, Chief Industries; production manager,

Merrick Machine Company. **Member:** National Hispanic Council of State Legislators; NCSL Immigration Task Force; CHAD Community Council; St. Mary's Catholic Church (lector, Eucharistic minister, religious education committee); minority advisory member to Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; U.S. Senate Republican Conference Task Force on Hispanic Affairs; Central Nebraska Area Health Education Center. **Former member:** Hall County Leadership Tomorrow; American Red Cross; Task Force on Productive Integration of the Immigrant Workforce Population; Adult Basic Education Advisory Board; Juvenile Diversion, Detention and Probation Service Team; Governor's Task Force on Children; Governor's Infant Mortality Blue Ribbon Panel; Grand Island City Council; Lincoln School PTA (past president); Mayor's Youth Council; Mayor's Community Crime Commission; Grand Island Little Theater; Mayor's Vision Committee; Habitat for Humanity. Republican.

### JOHN M. WIGHTMAN

### DISTRICT 36

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Appropriations

**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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### JOEL T. JOHNSON

### DISTRICT 37

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**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** July 1, 2002, to replace Doug Kristensen, who resigned; elected to Legislature in 2004

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

**Biography:** Born July 9, 1936, in St. Paul, Minn. Graduate of Axtell High School, 1954; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S.), 1958; University of Nebraska Medical School (M.D.), 1961. Married Jill K. Nyquist, June 21, 1958; four children: Eric Johnson, Elizabeth Westesen, Lynn Fleming and Karen Johnson. Military service: U.S. Navy, lieutenant commander, 1966-68. Retired. Former: general surgeon. **Member:** First Lutheran Church, Kearney; American College of Surgeons; Nebraska Medical Association; American Medical Association. **Former member:** legislative committee, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce. Republican.

### TOM CARLSON

### DISTRICT 38

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Natural Resources

**Biography:** Born Dec. 9, 1941, in Holdrege. Graduate of University of Northern Colorado, B.S. 1963 and M.S. in 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.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)



### DWITE A. PEDERSEN DISTRICT 39

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 1992; re-elected 1996, 2000 and 2004

**Committees:** Judiciary; Transportation and Telecommunications; Committee on Committees (chairperson)

**Biography:** Born Oct. 20, 1941, in Chamberlain, S.D. Graduate of Winner (S.D.) High School, 1960. Attended South Dakota State University and South Dakota Southern State Teachers College; graduate of Doane College (B.A. in human relations), 1995. Married Priscilla Dougherty, April 3, 1970; three children: Andrew, Michaela and Megan; six grandchildren. Substance abuse counselor. Has worked with youth in trouble for 35 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. 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; Western Douglas County Chamber of Commerce; Elkhorn Eagles Club; St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Men's Club. Republican.

### MERTON L. "CAP" DIERKS DISTRICT 40

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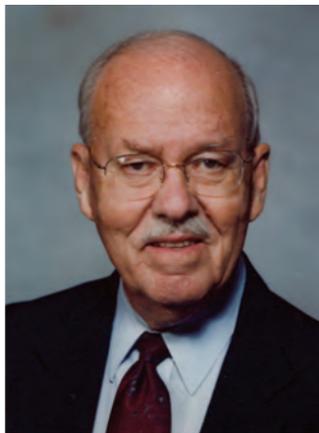
**Office Address:** Room 2108, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2801, e-mail — mdierks@leg.ne.gov

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

**Committees:** Agriculture; General Affairs; Revenue (vice chairperson); Committee on Committees

**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 (former president); American Veterinary Medical Association. **Former member:** Ewing Public School Board of Education, 1969-84, 2004-06; St. Anthony's Hospital Board of Directors, O'Neill. Republican.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)

### VICKIE D. McDONALD

### DISTRICT 41

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**Appointed to Nebraska Legislature:** Aug. 10, 2001, to replace Richard N. McDonald, who died; elected 2002; re-elected 2004

**Committees:** Agriculture; General Affairs (chairperson); Judiciary; Executive Board; Reference; Legislative Performance Audit (vice chairperson)

**Biography:** Born Vickie D. Falmlen, May 26, 1947, in Phillips. Graduate of Phillips High School; attended University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Married Feb. 23, 2006; husband, Larry Harnisch; four adult children: Kayleen, Shelly, Melissa and Ryan. Account executive, AON Worksite Solutions. Series 6 Securities licensed; Life Underwriters Training Council fellow. Former: investment specialist, INVEST, Commercial Federal Bank, Grand Island; financial services and investment representative, MetLife Financial Services; investment and insurance manager, Grand Island Trust and Financial Services; graduate assistant, Dale Carnegie; career agent, Farm Bureau Insurance; loan processing and appraisal, Columbus Federal Savings Bank; appraisal department, Superior Mortgage, Inc.; owner/operator, liquid fertilizer business; retail sales. **Member:** American Cancer Society Heartland State Advocacy Committee; Nebraska Ag Relations Council; advisory board, Nebraska Area Health Education Center; Nebraska Farm Bureau; United Way; Toastmasters; board of directors, YWCA; Woman of Distinction committee chairwoman, YWCA; investment policy development committee chairwoman, YWCA; governmental affairs committee, Grand Island Chamber of Commerce; Grand Island Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Club; board of directors, Grand Island Underwriter; Grand Island Area Council for International Visitors; 4-H club leader, Hamilton County; Girl Scout leader; president, Central Nebraska Feeders Auxiliary; coordinator, Nebraska LEAD Alumni Seminar. **Honors and Awards:** Patty Steele Memorial Award for Excellence in Public Advocacy, American Cancer Society, 2005; 2003 National Conference of State Legislatures Henry Toll Fellow; graduate of 2002 Bowhay Institute of Legislative Leadership; graduate of Hall County Leadership Tomorrow, 1999; graduate of Life Underwriters Training Council, 1997; graduate of Nebraska LEAD Program, 1996; graduate of Dale Carnegie, 1990. Republican.



## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)

### TOM HANSEN

### DISTRICT 42

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

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

**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.



### DEBRA FISCHER

### DISTRICT 43

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

**Committees:** Natural Resources; Transportation and Telecommunications (chairperson)

**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:** 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; Cherry County Hospital Auxiliary; American Legion Auxiliary; PEO; Gamma Phi Beta; life member, Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association; UNL Cather Circle. **Former member:** Valentine Rural High School Board of Education; commissioner, Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education; president, Valentine Rural High School Foundation; University of Nebraska President's Advisory Council; UNL Chancellor's Committee of Visitors; past president and board of directors, Nebraska Association of School Boards; Nebraska School Finance Review Committee (two terms); National School Boards Association National Nominating Committee; past president and executive committee, Class VI Regional High School Association; Nebraska Department of Agriculture's Rural Rehabilitation Review Board; board of directors, Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council; Governor's Ag Advisory Council; Regional Board Member Federal Land Bank Association; Governor's LB 806 Task Force; Nebraska Judicial Nominating Commission; Goals 2000 State Panel; Legislature's Ad Hoc Committee on Public Schools; Cherry County Visitor Promotion Committee; board of directors, Valentine Area Arts Council; Cherry County School District 5 Board of Education; 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



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### DEBRA FISCHER (CONT'D.)

### DISTRICT 43

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 in 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.

### MARK R. CHRISTENSEN

### DISTRICT 44

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance; Natural Resources

**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, Ryelee 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

**Office Address:** Room 2000, State Capitol, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-2615, e-mail — acornett@leg.ne.gov

**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2004

**Committees:** Business and Labor (chairperson); Revenue; Urban Affairs; Committee on Committees; Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission

**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; Optimists; retired status, Nebraska Association of Women Police; retired status, Fraternal Order of Police. Republican.

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### DANIELLE NANTKES

### DISTRICT 46

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Appropriations

**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:** Lincoln YWCA Board; Community Development Taskforce (vice chair); Nebraska Bar Association; Lincoln Bar Association; Volunteer Lawyers Project. Democrat.



### PHILIP ERDMAN

### DISTRICT 47

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2000; re-elected 2004

**Committees:** Agriculture (chairperson); General Affairs; Health and Human Services; Nebraska Retirement Systems; Executive Board; Reference; Rules (vice chairperson)

**Biography:** Born April 7, 1977, in Scottsbluff. Graduate of Bayard High School, 1996; University of Nebraska-Lincoln (B.S. in agricultural sciences), 2000. Wife, Cortney. Daughter, Grace. Real property appraiser. Former: Credit analyst; farmer; consultant for strategic planning, Farmland Industries Inc.; youth leadership intern coordinator, Farmland Industries Inc.; football recruiter, UNL Athletic Department. **Member:** Cheyenne County Chamber of Commerce; Kimball/Banner

County Chamber of Commerce; Morrill County Farm Bureau; Alpha Zeta Honorary Agricultural Fraternity; Gamma Sigma Delta Honorary Agricultural Fraternity; charter member, Bayard FFA Alumni; Nebraska FFA Alumni; National FFA Alumni; Fellowship of Christian Athletes. **Former member:** delegate, Morrill County Republican Convention, 2000-06; delegate, Nebraska State Republican Convention, 2000-06; advisory board, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, 1999-2000; College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Curriculum Committee, 1999-2000; founding member, Achievement, Leadership and Commitment (ACE) Program, UNL, 1997-98; state president, Nebraska FFA Association, 1996-97. Republican.

## Nebraska State Senators, 2007 (Cont'd.)

### JOHN N. HARMS

### DISTRICT 48

**Home Address:** 1918 East 28th St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361

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**Elected to Nebraska Legislature:** 2006

**Committees:** Appropriations; Education Commission of the States

**Biography:** Born Feb. 17, 1940, in Bayard. Graduate of Morrill Public School, 1958; Chadron State College, B.S., 1966, M.S. in secondary education, 1966, 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 Are Basic Advisory Board; National League for Nursing Council; Nebraska Foundations for the Humanities. Republican.



### LEROY J. LOUDON

### 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

**Committees:** Natural Resources (chairperson); Nebraska Retirement Systems; Transportation and Telecommunications; Building Maintenance

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

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