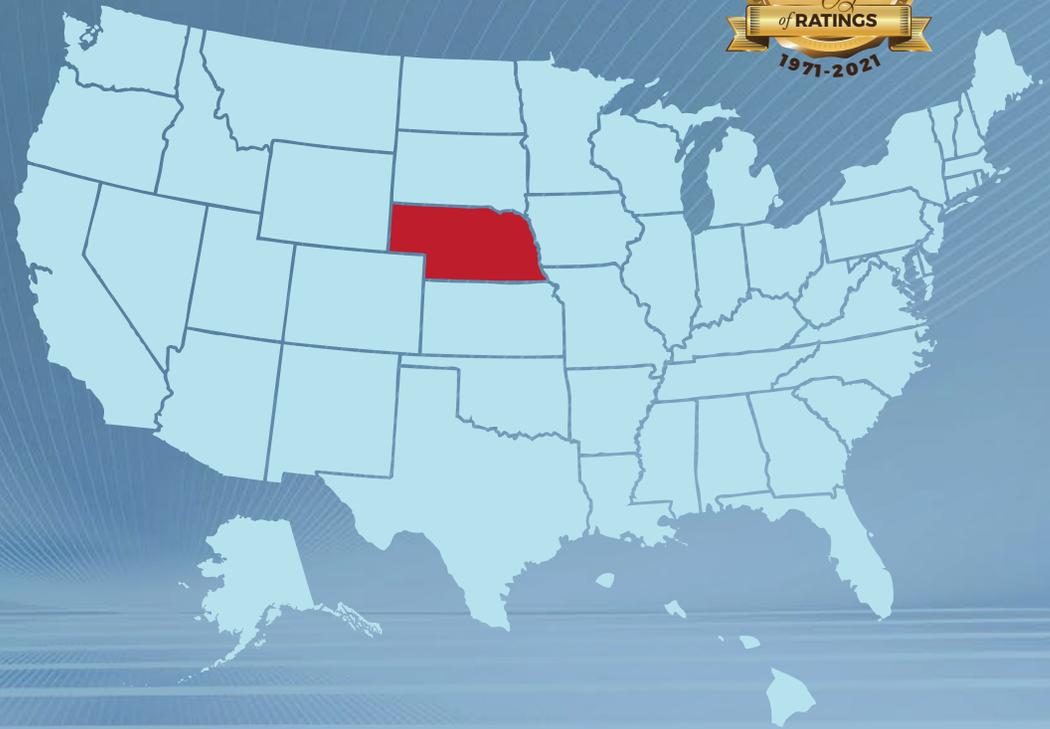




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RATINGS of NEBRASKA 2020



The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Nebraska* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.

Matt Schlapp
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the “gold standard” and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

3 since last year*

Halloran, Steve

Hilgers, Mike

Murman, Dave

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

No change since last year*

n/a

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

7 since last year*

Albrecht, Joni

Geist, Suzanne

Arch, John

Hansen, Ben

Brewer, Tom

Hughes, Dan

Clements, Robert

La Grone, Andrew

Erdman, Steve

Lowe, John

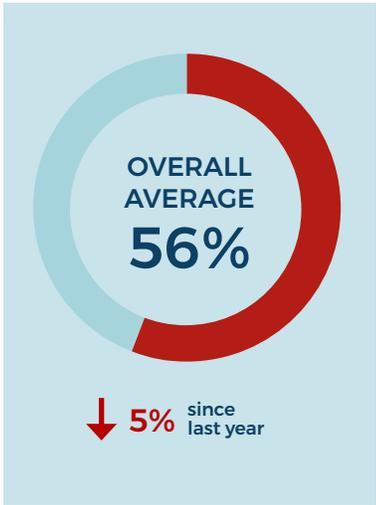
Friesen, Curt

Slama, Julie

*Compared to number of qualifying lawmakers in the previous session
Republicans in ALL CAPS, Democrats in initial caps, asterisk indicates Independents/Libertarians/other



NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL STATISTICS



HIGHEST SCORERS

**HILGERS, MIKE
MURMAN, DAVE
HALLORAN, STEVE**

92%

LOWEST SCORER

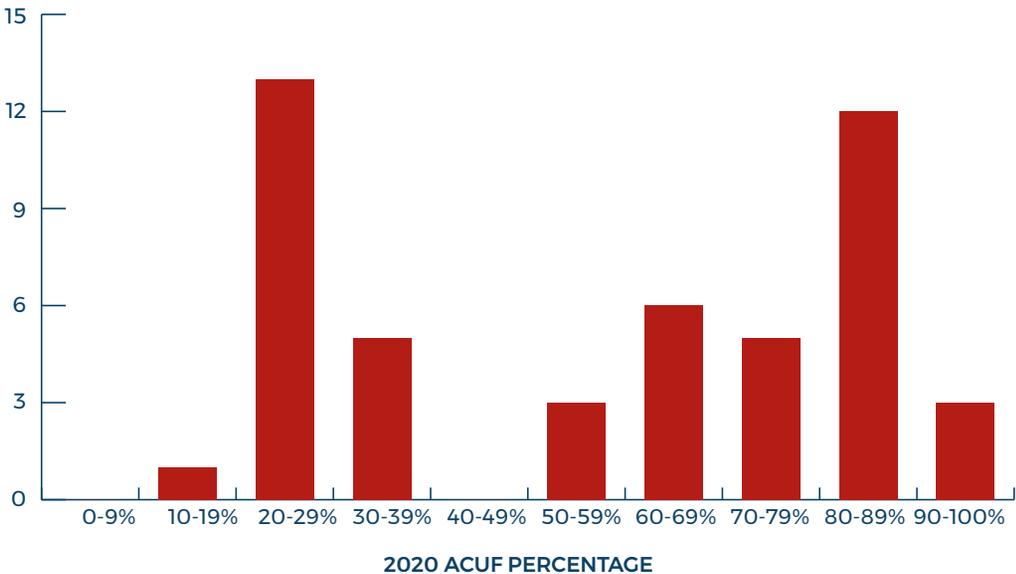
WAYNE, JUSTIN

17%

NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED=ALL LEGISLATORS
49 TOTAL IN LEGISLATURE


OF STATE LEGISLATORS





NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL SCORES

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Albrecht, Joni	U	17	86%	82%	79%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-
Arch, John	U	14	83%	70%	77%	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-
Blood, Carol	U	3	29%	50%	40%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	X	+	-	-	-
Bolz, Kate	U	29	31%	58%	36%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	+	X	-	-
Bostelman, Bruce	U	23	73%	83%	76%	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-
Brandt, Tom	U	32	60%	59%	60%	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Brewer, Tom	U	43	83%	78%	79%	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	X	-
Briese, Tom	U	41	75%	72%	73%	+	+	+	X	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	X	-
Cavanaugh, Machaela	U	6	25%	44%	35%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Chambers, Ernie	U	11	31%	n/a	28%	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Clements, Robert	U	2	87%	79%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-
Crawford, Sue	U	45	31%	52%	33%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Deboer, Wendy	U	10	27%	43%	35%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Dorn, Myron	U	30	63%	60%	61%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Erdman, Steve	U	47	87%	88%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-

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Friesen, Curt	U	34	82%	70%	67%	+	+	+	X	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	X	-
Geist, Suzanne	U	25	86%	73%	79%	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	-
Gragert, Timothy	U	40	71%	61%	66%	+	+	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-
Groene, Mike	U	42	n/a†	81%	81%	X	+	X	X	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	X	X
Halloran, Steve	U	33	92%	78%	82%	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	X	+	-
Hansen, Ben	U	16	85%	76%	80%	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	-
Hansen, Matt	U	26	27%	44%	30%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hilgers, Mike	U	21	92%	74%	80%	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-
Hilkemann, Robert	U	4	57%	52%	58%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	-
Howard, Sara	U	9	25%	41%	29%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Hughes, Dan	U	44	82%	65%	71%	+	+	+	X	X	+	-	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	X	-
Hunt, Megan	U	8	25%	48%	37%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Kolowski, Rick	U	31	25%	43%	29%	X	X	+	-	-	+	-	X	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Kolterman, Mark	U	24	53%	56%	60%	+	X	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
La Grone, Andrew	U	49	86%	72%	79%	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-
Lathrop, Steve	U	12	27%	48%	29%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Lindstrom, Brett	U	18	63%	54%	65%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Linehan, Lou Ann	U	39	73%	64%	76%	+	X	+	X	X	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	X	-
Lowe, John	U	37	86%	85%	83%	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	-
Mccollister, John	U	20	27%	46%	41%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Mcdonnell, Mike	U	5	50%	56%	56%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-
Morfeld, Adam	U	46	25%	48%	32%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Moser, Mike	U	22	73%	64%	69%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-
Murman, Dave	U	38	92%	70%	81%	+	+	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	-

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Pansing Brooks, Patty	U	28	29%	43%	31%	+	-	+	X	-	+	X	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	
Quick, Dan	U	35	31%	48%	39%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	
Scheer, Jim	U	19	63%	60%	55%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	
Slama, Julie	U	1	87%	79%	83%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	-	
Stinner, John	U	48	64%	59%	60%	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	-
Vargas, Tony	U	7	29%	41%	37%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	X	-	-
Walz, Lynne	U	15	31%	48%	38%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Wayne, Justin	U	13	17%	45%	32%	+	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Williams, Matt	U	36	60%	52%	58%	+	X	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-
Wishart, Anna	U	27	29%	52%	45%	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	X	-	-

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NEBRASKA UNICAMERAL VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

1. **LB 230 Providing Greater Oversight of Youth Confinement within the Juvenile Justice System.** This bill provides reforms to youth confinement within the juvenile justice system to increase oversight and improve the rehabilitation of minors. Under the bill, a framework is established governing room confinement and the bill focuses on limiting cases of confinement to those in which a minor poses an immediate and substantial risk of harm to self or others. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU supports strengthening government oversight and efforts to improve rehabilitation of troubled youth and supported this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on February 6, 2020 by a vote of 44-0 and the bill was signed into law.
2. **LB 305 Reducing Employment by Forcing Employers to Provide Paid Leave.** This bill reduces employment opportunities by forcing all employers with four or more employees to provide paid leave. The leave is required to accumulate at a rate of one hour of paid leave per 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours per year. ACU believes employers and employees should be able to negotiate their own benefits and opposes this infringement of the right to contract, which may limit the ability of employees to receive other benefits or job perks and opposed this bill. The Legislature defeated the bill through a procedural motion on January 21, 2020 by a vote of 18-25.
3. **LB 312 Reducing Costs and Increasing Dental Care Access by Expanding the Scope of Practice of Dental Hygienists.** This bill expands access to dental care by authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services to expand the scope of practice of dental hygienists. As a result, licensed dental hygienists could provide a greater range of services, except for more advanced functions such as root planning, local anesthesia, and nitrous oxide. ACU supports expanding dental care access and reducing costs by removing unnecessary government barriers and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Legislature passed the bill on August 12, 2020 by a vote of 47-0 and the bill was signed into law.
4. **LB 329 Increasing Government Dependency by Expanding Eligibility for Transitional Child Care Welfare.** This bill traps more families into government dependency by further expanding eligibility for a childcare welfare program. Specifically, the bill now makes individuals eligible for "transitional child care assistance" as long as their families' income does not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level (previously 185%). ACU supports efforts to help individuals live happier, healthier, more productive lives by encouraging them to become self-sufficient, opposes this measure which may proliferate intergenerational poverty by discouraging individuals from becoming self-sufficient and opposed this bill. The Legislature gave initial approval of the bill on February 11, 2020 by a vote of 25-7. (The bill failed to advance.)
5. **LB 424 Competing with the Private Sector Through Government Land Development.** This bill fosters cronyism and government competition with the private sector by now permitting all municipalities in the state to create or join "land banks". Through these "land banks" government seizes vacant and tax-delinquent properties and hires government favored developers to make improvements to the properties for resale. ACU supports free competition within the private sector to acquire and redevelop land and opposes this measure which has the potential to jeopardize taxpayer funds through risky projects and opposed this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on August 11, 2020 by a vote of 31-12 and the bill was signed into law.
6. **LB 461 Expanding Entrepreneurship by Repealing Anticompetitive Barriers in the Moving, Railway and Agritourism Industries.** This bill expands competition and consumer choice by repealing anticompetitive regulations imposed on businesses in the moving, railway and agritourism industries. Specifically, the bill no longer requires individuals or businesses to obtain "certificates of public convenience and necessity" in order to work. These certificates are government created barriers to starting a business, which allow businesses already in the industry to formally object to potential competitors and keep them out of the marketplace. ACU supports the full repeal of all anti-competitive certificates of public convenience and necessity requirements and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Legislature passed the bill on July 31, 2020 by a vote of 48-0 and the bill was signed into law.



7. **LB 607 Decreasing Employment Opportunities by Imposing Excessive Regulations on Nail Salons.** This anticompetitive bill will raise consumer costs and reduce services by no longer allowing an individual to perform manicures and pedicures on natural nails without becoming a licensed nail technician. Under the bill, to get paid to perform the act of cutting and polishing natural nails, an individual must now apply and pay fees to the state licensing agency and graduate from a nail technology school. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements that reduce available services, raise consumer costs, and are primarily designed to restrict competition and opposed this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on August 13, 2020 by a vote of 31-10 and the bill was vetoed by the governor.

 8. **LB 632 Driving Up Consumer Costs and Restricting Choice by Allowing Local Governments to Ban or Place Fees on Single-Use Goods.** The Hunt (ACUF Lifetime 37%) amendment 3153 to the waste management bill would delete a provision which protects consumers and retailers from excessive government bans, regulations, and fees on single-use plastic, paper, glass, Styrofoam, cardboard, and other materials. ACU opposes government overreach, believes government should enforce anti-littering ordinances instead of burdening law-abiding consumers with draconian mandates and opposed this amendment. The Legislature failed to adopt the amendment on August 11, 2020 by a vote of 15-28.

 9. **LB 814 Protecting the Lives of Unborn Children by Prohibiting Dismemberment Abortions.** This bill protects the lives of unborn children by banning the practice of dismemberment abortion which involves cutting apart the fetus for extraction. These types of abortions are performed as late as the 14th week of a pregnancy, when unborn babies are fully formed and have beating hearts, functional brains, and motor skills in their arms, legs, hands, and fingers. Violations of this bill are a Class IV felony, punishable by up to two years imprisonment, a \$10,000 fine or both. However, this bill does provide for an exception for when the abortion is performed out of medical necessity to protect the life of the mother. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and supported this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on August 13, 2020 by a vote of 33-8 and the bill was signed into law.

 10. **LB 866 Increasing Tax Burdens through the Socialization of “Affordable Housing.”** The Wayne (ACUF Lifetime 32%) amendment 3387 to the housing bill forces taxpayers to spend \$10 million for so-called “affordable housing” initiatives, which largely enrich government-favored developers and special interests. These initiatives are on top of countless other government subsidies including the federal low-income housing tax credit (LIHTC) and the state affordable housing tax credit (AHTC). ACU opposes this taxpayer-funded cronyism, believes the state should instead expand its efforts to reduce excessive zoning and building regulations to solve the housing shortage and opposed this amendment. The Legislature passed the amendment on August 13, 2020 by a vote of 38-0 and the bill was signed into law.

 11. **LB 866 Advancing the Left’s Mission to “Cancel Rent” by Extending the Eviction Moratorium.** This Morfeld (ACUF Lifetime 32%) amendment 3172 to the housing bill attacks property rights by preventing landlords from evicting a tenant based on nonpayment of rent by allowing localities to place an eviction moratorium due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). The Governor’s early executive order which provided a temporary eviction moratorium is set to sunset May 31, 2020, this amendment would instead continue the moratorium for as long as a city specifies. ACU recognizes the Left’s “cancel rent” movement will further drive-up housing costs and reduce housing availability by starving landlords of revenue needed for mortgages and property upkeep and opposed this amendment. The Legislature defeated the amendment through a procedural motion on July 27, 2020 by a vote of 19-30. (A “Nay” vote supports the ACU position.)

 12. **LB 912 Expanding Lawsuit Abuse by Removing Legal Safeguards.** The judiciary committee amendment 2381 to the civil actions bill would allow plaintiffs’ attorneys to exploit defendants by overturning the legal precedent of a 2007 Nebraska Supreme Court case. The Supreme Court determined in the case *Tadros v City of Omaha* that joint and several liability does not apply if all defendants, except one, settle prior to trial and an award is entered against the single remaining defendant. This amendment would leave the one remaining defendant at trial subject to joint and several liability for the entire amount of the award, rather than at the defendant’s proportionate share of the judgment. ACU supports combatting lawsuit abuse, supports ensuring just legal outcomes for all parties and opposed this amendment. The Legislature defeated the amendment on March 10, 2020 by a vote of 21-24.
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13. **LB 962 Allowing College Athletes to Profit from their Own Name.** The NCAA exploits athletes, engages in anticompetitive practices and prevents athletes from engaging in other commercial activities available to every other person in America. That is why ACU considers the NCAA to be a criminal enterprise and why this legislation is a good first step toward protecting the rights of college athletes. Specifically, the bill would permit student athletes within the NCAA and other athletic associations to receive compensation if their name, image or likeness (i.e., NIL rights) are used in commercials, videogames, apparel, and other uses as long as the deals do not conflict with team contracts. ACU recognizes that the NCAA has effectively become a quasi-government agency whose members are the highest paid government employees in the country who use their governmental power to harm private citizens. ACU supports the ability of athletes to receive compensation for their name, image and likeness and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Legislature passed the bill on July 21, 2020 by a vote of 37-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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14. **LB 1008 Placing State Taxpayers at Risk Through Reckless Spending of Federal Relief Monies.** The Cavanaugh (ACUF Lifetime 35%) amendment 3205 to the appropriations adjustment bill would take federal funds intended to combat the Chinese corona virus (COVID-19) and immediately spend the funds on a grab bag of liberal priorities. For example, the funds would be channeled to local governments and government-favored charities and childcare providers with little to no safeguards to ensure the spending is related to COVID-19 recovery. ACU supports prudent fiscal policy to protect the state during financial downturn, opposes this \$511 million spending package which places taxpayers at risk by recklessly extinguishing funds and opposed the amendment. The Legislature failed to adopt the bill on July 28, 2020 by a vote of 16-28.
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15. **LB 1060 Harming Employment Opportunities for People with Protective Hairstyles and Encouraging Lawsuit Abuse.** This bill, modeled after legislation passed in California, harms job opportunities for individuals with protective hairstyles such as braids, dreadlocks, and twists by adding the hairstyles to the list of characteristics over which individuals may file lawsuits for discrimination. As a result, the bill incentivizes businesses to avoid hiring anyone with protective hairstyles, rather than the bill's ostensible goal of protecting job opportunities for people with hairstyles historically associated with race. ACU believes discrimination is wrong and that business which discriminate will face repercussions in the marketplace. ACU opposes this measure which may harm the ability of racial minorities to obtain employment and impose significant new risk of lawsuit abuse for small businesses and opposed this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on August 11, 2020 by a vote of 27-12 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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16. **LB 1064 Advancing the War on Individual Liberties by Raising the Nicotine Age to 21.** This bill violates individual liberties by prohibiting adults under age 21 from purchasing tobacco, nicotine or vaping and e-cigarette products. This bill is a result of efforts by the federal government to strong-arm states by threatening to withhold Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding if they do not come into compliance with the new federal nicotine law. ACU believes tobacco and nicotine usage is a personal liberty issue, believes those who are old enough to fight for our country are old enough to decide whether to use these products and opposed this bill. The Legislature passed the bill on August 11, 2020 by a vote of 48-0 and the bill was signed into law.
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