



## INTRODUCTION

At the 2017 Annual Meeting, the League of Women Voters of Nebraska voted to approve a Money in Politics study in Nebraska. Much has been written and researched nationally about the overall increase in campaign donations and “dark money” funneled through shadowy non-profit organizations; the LWVNE study focused on what, if any, of the nationally identified trends were also true in Nebraska.

***The League study was scoped down to the 2016 Nebraska State Legislature races to analyze:***

- 1. To what extent can a winner be predicted based on the amount of money raised?*
- 2. What did the source of donations play?*
- 3. Was “dark money” a part of Nebraska’s political landscape?*
- 4. How do Nebraska campaign finance laws compare to surrounding states?*
- 5. What is the overall effect of Nebraska’s campaign finance laws on the Nebraska Unicameral?*
- 6. Has the Governor gone too far in recruiting and financing Unicameral candidates?*
- 7. How could Nebraska’s campaign finance laws be updated and improved?*

The League of Women Voters of Nebraska, a non-partisan non-profit organization, does not endorse, support or oppose candidates for office. The League of Women Voters takes positions on and advocates for issues particularly in the area of voting rights and protecting and promoting democracy. The League of Women Voters-US has a long-standing position on [Money in Politics](#) which can be summed up as: **Elections should be about the voters not big money interests.** This study will be used to develop the Nebraska League’s position statement.

When this report is read on-line, links to the full data are enabled for readers who wish to see a full 50 state comparison or additional commentary.

## Nebraska Money in Politics

### Part 1

#### Overview of the 2016 Legislative Election

The Nebraska state legislature is unique in that it is:

- The nation's **only Unicameral** (one-house) state legislature;
- The **only non-partisan** legislature; and,
- With only 49 members, it is also the **nation's smallest** legislature.

According to Lincoln Journal Star columnist, Don Walton: "By comparison, there are 165 members of the two-house Legislature in Kansas, 150 in Iowa and 105 in South Dakota. In Nebraska, each senator wields much more power in proportionate terms." [Those state legislative contests are huge](#)

The Nebraska Unicameral is classified as "non-professional" among state legislatures in that:

- The **pay is low**; only \$12,000 per year plus per diem;
- It **doesn't meet year-round**;
- Each Senator is allowed **only two paid staff**; and
- Senators are **term-limited**.

#### Nebraska State Senators' Pay Compared to Surrounding States

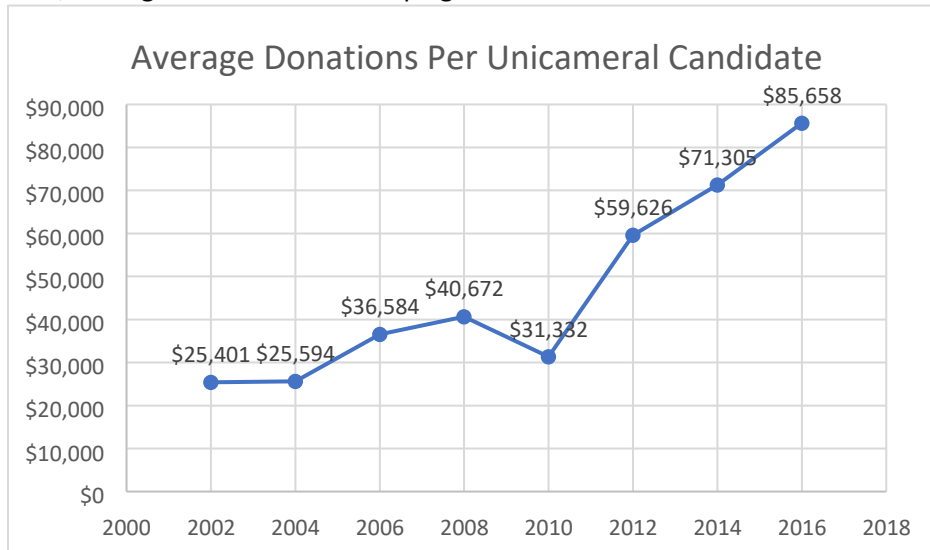
State	pay	Per diem
Colorado	\$30,000/yr	85% of federal per diem for members living outside Denver \$45/day for members who live 50 or fewer miles from the capitol
Iowa	\$25,000/yr	\$168/day
Kansas	\$88.66/day	\$144/day
Missouri	\$39,915/yr	\$115.20/day
Nebraska	\$12,000/yr	\$144/day for members residing 50 miles or more from the capitol \$51/day for members inside the 50-mile radius
So. Dakota	\$6000/session	\$144/day
Wyoming	\$150/day	\$109/day

In Nebraska, legislators spend on average, about 74% of a full-time job on their legislative duties. The national average for legislators who spend this amount of time is \$41,110. Using this standard, Nebraska's legislators are woefully underpaid; not enough to allow them to make a living without having other sources of income. One would expect this affects how legislators interact with large donors and lobbyists. Source: [Ballotpedia](#), [National Conference of State Legislatures](#)

## 2016 Election Summary

In 2016, the 25 odd numbered districts were up for election, 14 incumbents and 11 open seats. Of these 25 races, 21 were contested. Four races were uncontested, three incumbents, one open seat. In the primary election, there were 63 candidates, winnowed down to 46 candidates in the general election. (A complete list is in the appendix.)

A total of \$5,396,489 in campaign donations was reported to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission (NADC) in 2016, an average \$85,658 per candidate. This confirmed the trend of increasing money in politics., setting a new record in campaign donations.



For two decades Nebraska provided public funds to candidates for state office who agreed to abide by a spending limit. A 2011 ruling by the US Supreme Court struck down a similar law in Arizona. A year later, Nebraska’s law was struck down by the state Supreme Court. “Leveling the playing field can sound like a good thing. But in a democracy, campaigning is not a game,” Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the majority opinion. This decision opened the flood gates of money in our Unicameral elections. On the chart above, note how campaign donations almost doubled following the 2011 ruling (another factor was term-limits and will be discussed in a later section).

### Why Is Money Important to Unicameral Races?

Candidates for the Unicameral need money to run their campaigns because they are considered “down ballot” races and little media attention is paid to them. While everything is “breaking news” about a presidential or gubernatorial candidate, the media usually pays little attention to individual statehouse races. It is up to the candidate to break through the 24-hour news cycle and draw attention to his or her own race closer to home. This requires money and the resources of an effective campaign organization.

**Note:** NADC data changes as new information is reported. Most (not all) of the data in this report came from NADC data downloaded by Follow the Money and formatted into spreadsheets which could be filtered and sorted. On the advice of Frank Daley, Director of the NADC, I have attempted to stay consistent with data, keeping comparisons and analysis as the data was at a particular point in time. I used Follow the Money for the 2016 Nebraska Legislature election data as of 7/1/2017, reasoning that most, if not all, campaign finance reports due for the 2016 election year were complete. Other data came from Common Cause Reports which took their NADC information at a different point in time.

In Nebraska, since the Unicameral is technically non-partisan, candidates from the same party may face each other in the primary and general elections, which typically prevents the political parties from fully mobilizing to support the candidates and causes candidates to become more reliant on donors.

The conventional wisdom is that well-funded campaigns are necessary for victory, especially by challengers who must overcome the built-in advantages of incumbents. Incumbents have already appeared on the ballot. They have the advantage of being in the press frequently, often having a column in weekly newspapers. Challengers must find ways of becoming known to voters. One incumbent reported the first time she ran she sent seven mailings to her constituents to become known, an expense she had to bear. An incumbent often gets free publicity based solely on incumbency.

Another need for well financed campaigns can be traced back to term limits first which went into effect in the 2006 election. Prior to that time, long standing incumbents had less need of money because they already possessed an advantage more substantial than money: the electoral benefits of multi-term incumbency.

Now that members cycle through the Legislature much more quickly, more money is needed to stage successful campaigns. While many observers might assume that incumbency is the greatest factor in electoral outcomes, our analysis and research suggest that a campaign's financial resources are actually more crucial to a campaign's success.

### **Can Winners Be Predicted Solely on Donations?**

One of the basic questions of this study was to look at the extent which money determined the outcome of Unicameral elections. Setting all other variables aside such as incumbent/challenger vs. open seat, positions on issues, race, gender, independent/third party spending, endorsements by powerful organizations and newspapers and political affiliation, could winners be predicted solely on the amount of money raised?

Out of the 25 legislative races, eight cases were factored out:

- Four races were unopposed (Watermeier Dist. 1, Murante Dist. 49, Scheer Dist. 19, Briese Dist. 41); there was no comparison to make.
- One race, Dist. 11, there were three candidates; however, no NADC reports were filed. This is because only candidates who raise, receive or expend \$5,000 or more in a calendar year must file campaign reports with the NADC.
- In three races (Districts 23, 33, and 43) there was a significant amount of "dark money" including advertising and robo-calls which experts believe tipped the election. Since no dollar value can be placed on these activities, they were not used.
- This left 17 races to be evaluated based on the amount of money raised.

**Finding**  
**In 71 % of competitive races, winners raised more money.**  
**In Nebraska, Winning = Money**

Compared to other factors such as political party affiliation, open/incumbent status, independent (third party) spending or key endorsements, the most reliable indicator of the outcome of the November 2016 legislative general election came down to donations to the candidates.

# Races	Winner Raised More Money	Percentage	Notes
24	16	67%	24 races, District 11 excluded, no NADC filings
20	13	65%	Unopposed Races Removed Districts 1, 19, 41, 49
17	12	71%	“Dark Money” infusion, removed Districts 23, 33, 43

The average amount raised by all 63 candidates was \$85,651, but when this is analyzed further, separating the winners from the losers it is easy to see the huge disparity in the amount of money raised. In the 17 selected races, winners raised over twice as much as the losers.

	Raised	Average
All 63 candidates	\$5,396,071	\$85,651
42 contested candidates	\$4,589,620	\$109,277
--21 winners	\$2,833,297	\$134,919
--21 losers	\$1,756,323	\$83,634
34 candidates w/o dark money	\$3,955,446	\$116,337
--17 winners	\$2,653,286	\$156,076
--17 losers	\$1,302,160	\$76,598
4 unopposed	\$346,385	\$86,596

Only gender was a stronger predictor determining the outcome of a race. There were seven races where a female candidate ran against a male candidate in the general election. In six races, 88%, the female candidate won. This may be an anomalous finding but was consistent with the 2018 midterm elections across the country.

**Unlike Most States, Nebraska Has Only Two Categories of Donors**

1. **Individuals** Individuals are single donors, human beings.
2. **Non-individuals** The category of non-individuals includes everything else: corporations, labor unions, political parties, other campaign committees, and political action committees (PACs). Most states draw clear distinctions between types of non-individuals and set campaign limits according to the source, or impose outright bans on donations from some type of non-individuals.

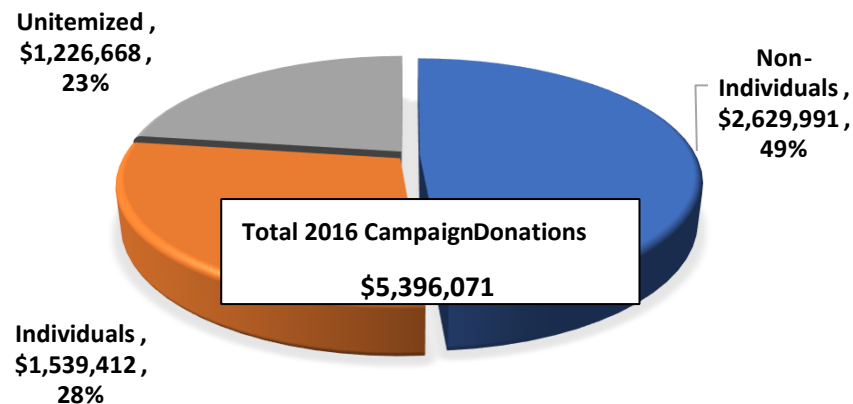
**Unlike most states, Nebraska campaign finance law sets no limits on contributions from individuals or non-individuals.** In addition, Nebraska does not require donations received within a calendar year that cumulatively total \$250 or less to be itemized. In the chart below unitemized donations are a combination of individuals and non-individuals. Candidates are specifically advised not to disclose the source of these donations although they must provide the cumulative total on campaign reports.

***Directions to complete NADC Form B-1 Campaign Statement:***

*List all individuals from whom contributions totaling more than \$250 were received during the period covered by the report and all individuals who have contributed a cumulative total of more than \$250 during the election period. (Include all contributions from the candidate if they aggregate more than \$250.) All contributions from the same donor must be listed under the same name.*

Twenty-three percent of all donations came from donations of \$250 or less. This is a substantial portion of campaign funds in which neither the source nor amount is disclosed.

By far, most itemized donations (49 %--\$2.6 million) came from nonindividuals. Generally, in 2016, winning state legislative races required raising a great deal of money from non-individuals.



### Winners Get Their Money from Non-individuals

	Individuals		Non-individuals		Un-itemized	
20 winners	\$828,322	29%	\$1,456,427	51%	\$580,901	20%
38 losers	\$646,462	29%	\$972,404	44%	\$581,770	27%
4 unopposed	\$49,571	14%	\$232,814	67%	\$63,995	19%
17 selected winners	\$711,692	27%	\$1,403,973	53%	\$538,320	20%

In 2016, donations from non-individuals dominated. Non-individuals contributed 49% of all donations itemized and reported to the NADC, however their money tended to go to winners and the unopposed, not the losers. Maybe corporations, unions, and PAC's know how to pick the winners or, perhaps, receiving fewer but larger contributions is a short-cut to victory on election night.

For the 17 selected races, the picture is clearer, 15 out of 17 (88%) received more money from non-individuals than individuals or un-itemized sources. The two races where the winners did not receive most of their donations from non-individuals were:

1. **Mike Hilgers District 21** In his third attempt for elected office, Senator Hilgers largely self-financed his own campaign committee personally donating (or loaning) \$151,089 out of a total \$393,519 raised, the most raised by any candidate. Other large individual donations came from J. Peter Ricketts, \$15,000; Thomas Hilgers, \$13,500; and Charles Herbster, \$15,000. Previously, he ran unsuccessfully for the Legislature in 2012, raising \$139,493, and borrowing \$25,289. In 2014 he ran for Attorney General raising \$89,175, and borrowing \$143,780. The third time was a charm—and a lot more money. **Note:** As of the end of 2018, the Hilgers campaign committee is reporting it still owes Michael Hilgers \$146,280. Going into the third year of his first term, Hilgers now has one of the most powerful positions in the Legislature; chair of the Executive Board. Given the trend in Nebraska politics, it is reasonable to expect Senator Hilgers will be able to retire his campaign debt.
2. **Lou Ann Linehan District 39** This campaign had the second most donations; however, this was a solidly Republican district in western Douglas County with an open seat. The incumbent, Beau McCoy, was termed out. A Republican win was an easy prediction. Linehan had been a longtime aide to former US Sen. Chuck Hagel who donated \$5,000. Linehan was the beneficiary of substantial sums from GOP donors, including the Ricketts family: J. Peter Ricketts, \$5000; his wife Susanne Shore, \$5000; and mother Marlene Ricketts, \$2500. Linehan won handily. In the 2019 Legislature, Linehan chairs the powerful Revenue Committee. Linehan said she expects to work with the governor's office — "they have the facts and figures." Her stated goals are to lower taxes, and she stands with the governor to use e-commerce taxes and credits for property tax relief. ([OWH letter to the editor 2/11/19](#))

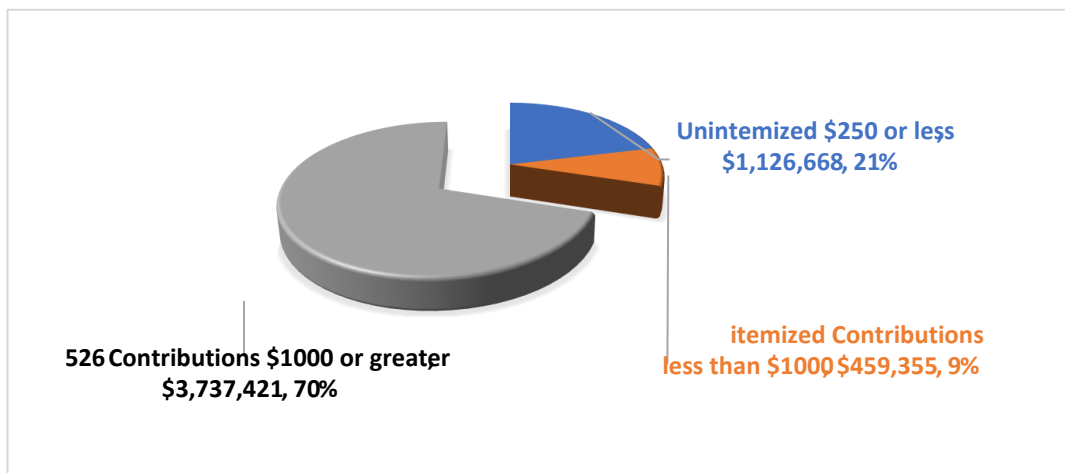
### The Winners Circle—The Fortunate Few

“Every politician loves to talk about all the small donations they receive, but the real money that pays for elections comes from big donors,” said Jack Gould, head of Common Cause Nebraska. In the 2016 Nebraska Legislature election, 70 percent of all money raised came from contributions \$1000 or greater ***by just 526 donors***, an average of just over \$7000 per donor. The overwhelming majority of Nebraskans simply cannot afford to donate at this level.

Itemized donations less than \$1000 amounted to only nine percent of all money raised. Another 21 percent came from un-itemized donations. Adding both together comes to only 30 percent, not even *half* of what the 526 Fortunate Few donated combined. In the absence of any sensible regulations or oversight, this small group—a group small enough to fit in the bleachers at a Class D high school basketball game—will continue to dominate.

This finding is consistent with what is happening at the federal level. According to the Brennan Center for Justice, of the \$1 billion spent in federal elections by super PACs since 2010, nearly 60 % came from just 195 individuals and their spouses. ([History.com Citizens United vs. FEC](#))

#### In Nebraska 70% from 526 Donors



This trend towards elite donors seems to confirm Gallup polling data dating back to 1963. In 1963, 70 % of Americans believed the government was doing the right thing most of the time. In 2016, it fell to only 16 percent. Many reasons were given, but the largest factor by far was the rise of Big Money in politics. Most citizens no longer believe their voices count. ([Robert Reich Tribute Content Agency 3/10/18](#)) One might pose the question: if your voice doesn't count, why donate?

Political Scientists, Martin Gilens and Benjamin Page, in a 2014 ground breaking study, examined 1779 diverse public policy cases estimating the influence of “affluent” citizens, poor citizens, and those in the middle-income distribution. They posited many conclusions, but their primary finding was that “economic elites and organized interest groups (including corporations largely owned and controlled by wealthy elites) play a substantial part in affecting public policy, but the general public has little or no influence.” ([Testing Theories of American Politics: Elites, Interest Groups,](#)



[and Average Citizens](#)) Applying this finding to the 2016 campaign it would appear economic elites were able to control the outcome of most Unicameral races and subsequently are able to influence public policy in a way that is not possible by the average Nebraskan.

Partially as a cost-cutting effort, in 1935 we gave up one house of our legislature and went from a bicameral legislature to a single, “supreme” legislative body, the Unicameral. The trade-off was that the citizens of Nebraska would become the “Second House,” making our voices heard to our elected officials. In today’s world, we Nebraskans need to consider if our voices are being heard. When money determines the outcome of an election, and money equals voice, we need to be more concerned than ever about who is in charge of our “Second House.”

### **Term Limits, Polarization and Money—the Nebraska Way**

Nebraskans have rightfully taken pride in our nonpartisan Unicameral. Election ballots carry no party labels, the speaker is elected by secret ballot, and our Senators have a history of bucking partisan trends. Things began to change in 2000, however, when the state adopted term limits, which went into effect in 2006. This opened up many seats which had been held by long-term incumbents, creating a power vacuum in the Unicameral.

Both the Republican and Democratic parties stepped in to fill the breach by recruiting candidates and assisting with financing. Republicans sought out solid conservatives; Democrats sought out reliable liberals. The donor pool responded to the increasing partisanship, further intensifying the polarization. In the old days, donors gave their money not so much based on party affiliation but on issues. In one study, researcher Seth Masket determined that Nebraska’s high-level donors were now increasingly donating along party lines ([Polarization Without Parties](#)).

**“This means that, to the extent legislators are beholden to the people who fund their campaigns, they’re beholden to a more partisan group of individuals,”** Masket reported. He further found the push toward partisanship came from outside the Unicameral by those wanting to exert party discipline to promote a specific policy agenda.

Term limits, which intended to root out entrenched incumbents, did not prevent them from sitting out a term and returning four years later. Ironically, term limits also increased the overall amount of money going into elections. Old timers didn’t need to do much campaigning to get re-elected: voters had already re-elected them many times over. Often no one even bothered to run against them. Now, with an everchanging cast of Senators, the need to run a well-organized, well financed campaign has become essential to getting elected, and both parties have stepped in to fill the breach. According to Masket, Nebraska has been ranked as the most rapidly polarizing state legislature in the nation since term limits went into effect. Many political commentators have observed that the Unicameral is now nonpartisan in name only.

### **How Much is Too Much?**

In terms of money and politics, perhaps the most significant event of the 2016 Unicameral elections was the role Gov. Ricketts played in recruiting and financing the election of Republicans he could count on for

unwavering support. If a sitting Republican was deemed insufficiently partisan, the Governor sought out an even more partisan replacement. Not all his candidates won, but he certainly increased the chances his vetoes would be sustained in the 2017 Legislature. Ten out of the 17 (59%) candidates he donated to won, and his intervention may have deterrence effects in subsequent years.

### Gov Ricketts' 2016 Donations to Unicameral Candidates

	Candidate	District	Status	Ricketts
1	HILGERS, MICHAEL (MIKE)	21	Won	\$ 15,000
2	GEIST, SUZANNE	25	Won	\$ 15,000
3	BOSTELMAN, BRUCE	23	Won	\$ 13,000
4	SWANSON, IAN M	31	Lost	\$ 10,000
5	HALLORAN, STEVE	33	Won	\$ 10,000
6	LOWE SR, JOHN S	37	Won	\$ 10,000
7	ELMSHAEUSER, KARL L	47	Lost	\$ 10,000
8	ALBRECHT, JONI	17	Won	\$ 6,000
9	FOX, NICOLE	7	Lost	\$ 5,000
10	SCHNOOR, DAVID	15	Lost	\$ 5,000
11	NEUHAUS, GREGG	35	Lost	\$ 5,000
12	LINEHAN, LOU ANN	39	Won	\$ 5,000
13	BREWER, TOM	43	Won	\$ 5,000
14	COOK, MICHAEL J	45	Lost	\$ 5,000
15	MURANTE, JOHN	49	Won	\$ 3,500
16	CLARK, DICK	27	Lost	\$ 1,000
17	GARRETT, TOMMY L	3	Lost	\$ 500
				\$124,000

In addition to what was reported officially to the NADC, Ricketts was linked to “Dark Money” attack ads that led to the downfall of three Republican senators up for a second term who had failed to vote to sustain three key vetoes by the Governor. Clearly this election was about using money to discipline those who did not toe the party line.

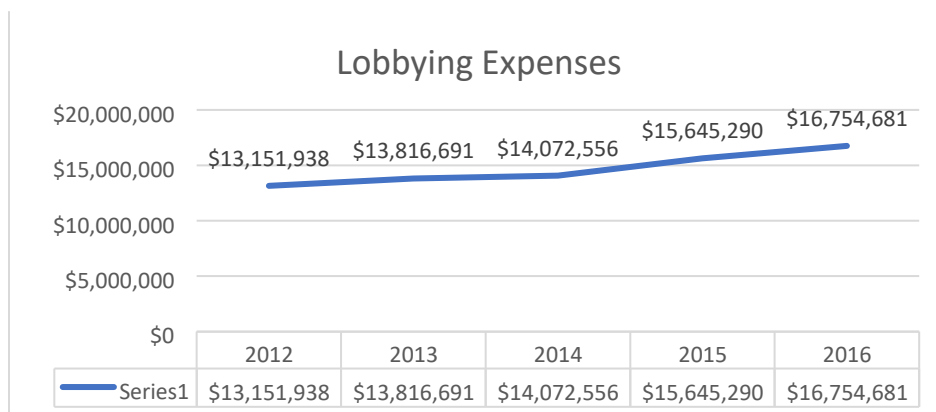
How much is too much when it comes to the Governor’s heavy-handed financial involvement which not only included himself but also his parents, siblings, wife and business interests? Ricketts also donated to Political Action Committees (PACs) and the Republican Party which circled back into the donation pool. His connections to dark money non-profits responsible for the attack ads is known but his actual donations cannot be proven as donations to these organizations are not required to be disclosed. The total amount he put into the 2016 election remains unknown. In Nebraska, all of this is entirely legal, but not in most other states.

Martha Stoddard reported in the Omaha World Herald, July 16, 2018, that the chief reason for the ever-increasing amount of money going into statehouse elections was the rise of political attack ads, especially from independent groups. ([QWH](#)) Even if the dark money groups don't go after a particular candidate, they feel they must be prepared to respond by having a well-stocked treasury.

We can only pose the question: When the Nebraska Constitution lays out three equal but separate branches of government, when has a sitting governor ever used so much of his own money to get his way in the Legislature? Is this the new Nebraska way?

### What About the Lobbyists?

Following the trend of increasing campaign donations, lobbyists set a new record of their own in 2016. Senators come and go, but the lobbyists are a continuing presence. Senators, with their inexperience, lowly pay, and few staff, find ready friends just beyond the glass. A free meal, conviviality, and generous offers of help grease the way for the Fortunate 526 who have the financial means to hire an ever-present crew to protect their interests. It must pay off, why else would they go to such expense? What average Nebraskan can afford a full-time lobbyist to stand guard for them?



[2017 Common Cause Lobbying Report](#)

### Let's Do the Math

<b>2016 Campaign Donations</b>	<b>\$5,396,071</b>
<b>2016 Lobbying Expenses</b>	<b><u>+\$16,754,684</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,150,755</b>

Adding the 2016 campaign donations and lobbying expenses as reported to the NADC and dividing that sum by 49 senators equals **\$452,055**. That is the average amount of money per Senator spent on the Unicameral to gain power and influence over the legislative process **for just one year!** That's a lot of money for a job that pays \$12,000 per year (plus per diem).

Nebraska with its "sky is the limit", no-limits on campaign donations has allowed Nebraska Statehouse politics to be monetized. The voices of Nebraska's citizens make up the "second house" of our Legislature,

but in our highly monetized political environment, those without ample financial resources, now find themselves without voice, or rather a meaningful voice that actually affects policy making at a serious level. Every day, hardworking Nebraskans who were entrusted to be the states “second house” have lost their place in the legislative process.

### Summary Part 1

- The Nebraska Unicameral is unique because it is just one house, non-partisan and the smallest, however the pay is low and it is classified as non-professional.
- A new money raising record was set in the 2016 Legislative election, \$5,396,489. This continued the upward trend since 2002. Lobbyists also set a record in spending.
- Unlike most states, there is no limit on how much an individual or a non-individual may donate.
- Unlike most states Nebraska does not differentiate between types of non-individuals.
- In 2016, 25 seats were up for election with 17 races selected to study to determine to what extent money could predict the outcome of an election.
  - In 12 out of 17 races (71%) winners raised over twice as much as their opponents. ○
  - Winners raised most (53%) of their money from non-individuals. ○
  - Just 526 donors provided 70 percent of all money raised. ○
  - These findings are consistent with other political science research.
- Term-limits inadvertently increased the need to run larger, more expensive campaigns and increased the overall partisanship of the technically nonpartisan Unicameral.
- Governor Ricketts was actively involved in recruiting and financing candidates raising questions of executive encroachment.
- The Governor has been linked with dark money non-profits responsible for attack ads directed toward Republican incumbents up for re-election who failed to vote to sustain three key vetoes.
- There was an average of \$452,055 per State Senator in 2016 campaign donations and lobbying expenses.

### 2016 Candidates for the Unicameral

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Candidate	Dist	Status	Raised	Unitemized	Individuals	Non-individuals
WATERMEIER, DAN	1	Won	\$78,144	\$15,568	\$1,359	\$61,216
BLOOD, CAROL	3	Won	\$58,229	\$17,767	\$10,686	\$29,776
GARRETT, TOMMY L	3	Lost	\$101,950	\$9,412	\$3,750	\$88,788
AYALA, GILBERT	5	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MCDONNELL, MIKE	5	Won	\$169,307	\$20,490	\$22,000	\$126,817
FOX, NICOLE	7	Lost	\$55,190	\$20,740	\$11,150	\$23,300
SYNOWIECKI, JOHN	7	Lost	\$106,089	\$20,549	\$10,544	\$74,996
VARGAS, TONY	7	Won	\$184,368	\$39,761	\$41,398	\$103,209
ARGYRAKIS, VAN A	9	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HOWARD, SARA	9	Won	\$156,262	\$35,619	\$11,300	\$109,344
ROLAND, LARRY	9	Lost	\$22,891	\$5,710	\$16,681	\$500
CHAMBERS, ERNIE	11	Won	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
HAMILTON, FONTE	11	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SCIARA, JOHN	11	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
BROWN, JILL	13	Lost	\$98,906	\$30,582	\$38,165	\$30,159
ELWORTH JR, MARK	13	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SEEMAN, JAKE	13	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
WAYNE, JUSTIN	13	Won	\$93,610	\$19,934	\$15,347	\$58,328
SCHNOOR, DAVID	15	Lost	\$63,559	\$19,879	\$16,840	\$26,840
WALZ, LYNNE M	15	Won	\$84,327	\$16,950	\$13,555	\$53,822
ALBRECHT, JONI	17	Won	\$85,699	\$18,349	\$16,500	\$50,850
BENGTSON, ARDEL	17	Lost	\$48,932	\$11,994	\$7,622	\$29,316
BENSCOTER, LOUIS E	17	Lost	\$584	\$0	\$584	\$0
SCHEER, JIM	19	Won	\$76,220	(\$1,044)	\$10,336	\$66,924
HILGERS, MICHAEL (MIKE)	21	Won	\$393,519	\$23,214	\$245,655	\$124,650
SCHERER, LARRY	21	Lost	\$164,018	\$50,210	\$41,333	\$72,474
VEST, RICK	21	Lost	\$18,981	\$12,681	\$3,750	\$2,550
BOSTELMAN, BRUCE	23	Won	\$51,651	\$8,075	\$39,526	\$4,050
JOHNSON, JERRY	23	Lost	\$135,065	\$20,794	\$16,772	\$97,500
GEIST, SUZANNE	25	Won	\$168,544	\$45,288	\$56,031	\$67,225

GORDON, JIM	25	Lost	\$191,673	\$78,846	\$47,077	\$65,750
MICHELS, DALE	25	Lost	\$51,505	\$14,515	\$19,990	\$17,000
SPRY, LESLIE	25	Lost	\$85,868	\$26,307	\$41,310	\$18,250
TAGART, DAVID D	25	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ANDREWS, DEB	27	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CLARK, DICK	27	Lost	\$20,492	\$11,003	\$5,200	\$4,289
WISHART, ANNA	27	Won	\$143,907	\$37,104	\$28,900	\$77,903
BOLZ, KATE	29	Won	\$129,252	\$30,134	\$8,792	\$90,326
VACCARO, MELODY	29	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
KOLOWSKI, RICK	31	Won	\$206,675	\$59,023	\$24,700	\$122,952
MAYBERRY, PETER H	31	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SWANSON, IAN M	31	Lost	\$89,775	\$26,782	\$39,150	\$23,843
HALLORAN, STEVE	33	Won	\$62,106	\$22,700	\$31,656	\$39,405
SEILER, LES	33	Lost	\$131,529	\$36,696	\$36,277	\$58,556
NEUHAUS, GREGG	35	Lost	\$116,728	\$14,937	\$27,492	\$74,300
QUICK, DAN	35	Won	\$152,449	\$38,552	\$12,912	\$100,985
ZOUL, ZACHARY Z	35	Lost	\$46,379	\$16,128	\$20,476	\$9,775
LAMMERS, BOB	37	Lost	\$98,456	\$41,313	\$17,282	\$39,860
LOWE SR, JOHN S	37	Won	\$95,487	\$30,057	\$31,953	\$34,176
MCSHEA, MIKE	37	Lost	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
ARMBRUST, BILL	39	Lost	\$49,226	\$14,861	\$9,305	\$25,060
BORCHERS, PAT	39	Lost	\$92,303	\$16,987	\$61,689	\$13,627
LINEHAN, LOU ANN	39	Won	\$274,601	\$53,338	\$137,850	\$83,412
BRIESE, TOM	41	Won	\$73,173	\$23,573	\$23,900	\$25,700
BREWER, TOM	43	Won	\$66,254	\$11,806	\$45,448	\$9,000
DAVIS, AL	43	Lost	\$187,569	\$24,008	\$29,793	\$133,768
COOK, MICHAEL J	45	Lost	\$41,877	\$17,877	\$5,250	\$3,000
CRAWFORD, SUE	45	Won	\$195,049	\$27,375	\$17,225	\$150,449
ELMSHAEUSER, KARL L	47	Lost	\$87,589	\$25,223	\$28,716	\$33,650
ERDMAN, STEVE	47	Won	\$62,002	\$25,365	\$16,887	\$19,750
GASTON, WENDALL F	47	Lost	\$18,085	\$7,302	\$7,783	\$3,000
POPPS, PEGGY	47	Lost	\$91,169	\$6,434	\$82,480	\$2,256
MURANTE, JOHN	49	Won	\$118,849	\$25,898	\$13,977	\$78,974
			\$5,396,071			

## 526 Fortunate Few—Donors who contributed \$1000 or more to 2016 Unicameral Election

Note-Donors highlighted in gray appear multiple times but appear to be the same person.

	526 CONTRIBUTORS \$1000 or more in 2016	TYPE	TOTAL
1	NEBRASKA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$254,248
2	NEBRASKA REALTORS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$149,340
3	HILGERS, MICHAEL (MIKE)	Individual	\$137,589
4	ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS NEBRASKA CHAPTER	Non-Individual	\$129,000
5	RICKETTS, J PETER	Individual	\$116,500
6	NEBRASKA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY	Non-Individual	\$112,684
7	NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL ATTORNEYS	Non-Individual	\$82,500
8	NEBRASKA BANKERS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$76,456
9	POPPS, PEGGY	Individual	\$75,556
10	FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 385	Non-Individual	\$60,130
11	LEADERSHIP FOR EDUCATIONAL EQUITY	Non-Individual	\$57,750
12	NE STATE LEG BOARD UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION	Non-Individual	\$52,725
13	INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS	Non-Individual	\$48,300
14	NEBRASKA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$47,650
15	NEBRASKA COOPERATIVE COUNCIL	Non-Individual	\$45,929
16	NEBRASKA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$41,780
17	GREATER OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	Non-Individual	\$38,065
18	NEBRASKA CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIANS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$37,750
19	AT&T	Non-Individual	\$35,650
20	NEBRASKA SOCIETY OF CPAS	Non-Individual	\$35,050
21	NEBRASKA FARM BUREAU	Non-Individual	\$31,092
22	ASSOCIATED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS OF NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$30,330
23	NEBRASKA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$28,000
24	BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD OF NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$26,965
25	SEILER, LES	Individual	\$23,520
26	NEBRASKA DENTAL ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$23,500
27	NE NEW ENERGY ECONOMY PAC	Non-Individual	\$23,450
28	NAT ASSOCIATION OF INSURANCE & FINANCIAL ADVISORS	Non-Individual	\$22,638
29	ADVANCE AMERICA	Non-Individual	\$22,300
30	CARPENTERS INTERIOR SYSTEMS LOCAL 1306	Non-Individual	\$22,000
31	NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$21,890
32	SCHERER, LARRY	Individual	\$21,434
33	CARE PAC NE HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$20,878
34	LANCASTER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY	Non-Individual	\$20,000
35	MUSGRAVE, AUDIE C	Individual	\$20,000
36	PEETZ & CO	Non-Individual	\$17,932

37	OMAHA POLICE LOCAL 101	Non-Individual	\$17,749
38	NEBRASKA AFL-CIO	Non-Individual	\$17,713
39	REYNOLDS AMERICAN	Non-Individual	\$17,250
40	COMMUNICATIONS WORKERS OF AMERICA / CWA	Non-Individual	\$17,050
41	PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 464	Non-Individual	\$17,000
42	SMITHFIELD FOODS	Non-Individual	\$16,750
43	RADCLIFFE & ASSOCIATES	Non-Individual	\$16,696
44	BRIESE, TOM	Individual	\$16,500
45	HERBSTER, CHARLES W	Individual	\$16,500
46	HOLLAND, RICHARD	Individual	\$16,500
47	NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 61	Non-Individual	\$15,950
48	UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD	Non-Individual	\$15,500
49	COOK, MICHAEL J	Individual	\$15,500
50	NEBRASKA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$15,100
51	ALTRIA	Non-Individual	\$15,000
52	SHORE, SUSANNE E	Individual	\$15,000
53	NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS	Non-Individual	\$15,000
54	LINCOLN FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 644	Non-Individual	\$14,750
55	HERBSTER, CHARLES	Individual	\$14,500
56	MUELLER ROBAK	Non-Individual	\$14,081
57	COPIC INSURANCE	Non-Individual	\$14,000
58	HILGERS, THOMAS	Individual	\$13,500
59	IOWA NEBRASKA EQUIPMENT DEALERS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$13,261
60	CENTENE CORP	Non-Individual	\$13,000
61	ZOUL, ZACHARY Z	Individual	\$12,526
62	BNSF RAILWAY	Non-Individual	\$12,500
63	BORCHERS, ROBERT	Individual	\$12,500
64	INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$12,135
65	BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS & TRAINMEN	Non-Individual	\$11,750
66	ELMSHAEUSER, KARL L	Individual	\$11,500
67	TENASKA INC	Non-Individual	\$11,100
68	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS / IAFF	Non-Individual	\$11,000
69	TEAMSTERS LOCAL 554	Non-Individual	\$10,700
70	STINSON, KENNETH E	Individual	\$10,500
71	ANHEUSER BUSCH	Non-Individual	\$10,450
72	ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 22	Non-Individual	\$10,300
73	SEEMAN-LOZIER, DIANNE S	Individual	\$10,250
74	BOSTELMAN, BRUCE	Individual	\$10,133
75	JERENT ENTERPRISES, LLC	Non-Individual	\$10,000
76	GEIST, JACK	Individual	\$10,000
77	HILGERS, MICHAEL	Individual	\$10,000



78	KREITMAN, DAN	Individual	\$10,000
79	LOWE, JOHN	Individual	\$10,000
80	PULLEN, JEAN	Individual	\$10,000
81	BLACK HILLS CORP	Non-Individual	\$9,735
82	FIRST NATIONAL OF NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$9,500
83	GOVERNOR HEINEMAN CMTE	Non-Individual	\$9,500
84	PFIZER	Non-Individual	\$9,425
85	CASSLING DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING DBA CQUENCE HEALTH GRP	Non-Individual	\$9,250
86	FARMERS EMPLOYEE & AGENT	Non-Individual	\$9,250
87	NE GPLDC PAC FUND	Non-Individual	\$9,050
88	ASSOC GEN CONTRACTORS NEBRASKA BUILDING CHAPTER	Non-Individual	\$8,850
89	HILGERS, PLLC	Non-Individual	\$8,700
90	NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$8,500
91	NEXTERA ENERGY	Non-Individual	\$8,500
92	YANNEY, MICHAEL B	Individual	\$8,300
93	KOLOWSKI, RICHARD	Individual	\$8,000
94	NEBRASKA INSURANCE FEDERATION	Non-Individual	\$7,900
95	BROWN, JILL	Individual	\$7,703
96	NEBRASKA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$7,531
97	NEBRASKA FARMERS UNION	Non-Individual	\$7,500
98	TYSON FOODS	Non-Individual	\$7,500
99	TIMMERMAN, JAMES A	Individual	\$7,500
100	NEPETROLEUM MARKETERS & CONVENIENCE STORE ASSOC	Non-Individual	\$7,435
101	GRAND ISLAND FIRE FIGHTERS	Non-Individual	\$7,434
102	NEBRASKA DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Non-Individual	\$7,331
103	E ENERGY ADAMS LLC	Non-Individual	\$7,050
104	NEBRASKA STATE UTILITY WORKERS	Non-Individual	\$7,000
105	NEBRASKANS FOR WORKERS COMPENSATION EQUITY	Non-Individual	\$7,000
106	NE INDEPENDENT COMMUNITY BANKERS PAC	Non-Individual	\$6,991
107	COX COMMUNICATIONS	Non-Individual	\$6,584
108	ASH GROVE CEMENT	Non-Individual	\$6,500
109	LAWLER, MICHAEL	Individual	\$6,194
110	NEBRASKA CABLE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$6,129
111	CHILDRENS	Non-Individual	\$6,000
112	D-R-G-T LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	Non-Individual	\$6,000
113	NEBRASKA ACADEMY OF EYE PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS	Non-Individual	\$6,000
114	DINSDALE, THOMAS S	Individual	\$6,000
115	ROBINSON, RICHARD A	Individual	\$6,000
116	CLEVER CHAP CREATIVE	Non-Individual	\$5,875
117	HAWKINS CONSTRUCTION CO	Non-Individual	\$5,750
118	KAAPA ETHANOL	Non-Individual	\$5,600

119	NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$5,600
120	NEBRASKA GROCERY INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$5,550
121	NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS	Non-Individual	\$5,500
122	ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 763	Non-Individual	\$5,450
123	HUSCH BLACKWELL LLP	Non-Individual	\$5,439
124	DEALER PAC	Non-Individual	\$5,438
125	LOWE, JOHN	Individual	\$5,380
126	AMER COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES OF NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$5,300
127	MICROSOFT	Non-Individual	\$5,250
128	ERDMAN, STEVE	Individual	\$5,100
129	MILLER, DAVID	Individual	\$5,100
130	SPRY, LESLIE	Individual	\$5,068
131	HALLORAN, STEVE	Individual	\$5,050
132	ACADEMY OF NUTRITION & DIETETICS PAC-FEDERAL	Non-Individual	\$5,000
133	CASSLING DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING, INC. D / B / A CASSLING	Non-Individual	\$5,000
134	CITIZENS TO ELECT JIM SMITH	Non-Individual	\$5,000
135	MID AMERICA AGRI PRODUCTS / WHEATLAND LLC	Non-Individual	\$5,000
136	MID AMERICA BIO ENERGY & COMMODITIES	Non-Individual	\$5,000
137	REPUBLICAN STATE LEADERSHIP CMTE	Non-Individual	\$5,000
138	TEAMWON LLC	Non-Individual	\$5,000
139	BUFFETT, WARREN E	Individual	\$5,000
140	CRITCHLOW, PAUL	Individual	\$5,000
141	DAVIS, AL	Individual	\$5,000
142	GEIST, SUZANNE	Individual	\$5,000
143	HAGEL, CHARLES & LILLIAN	Individual	\$5,000
144	HALLORAN, JOHN S	Individual	\$5,000
145	KEAN, STEVEN	Individual	\$5,000
146	KREJCI, FRANK R	Individual	\$5,000
147	RICKETTS, J PETER	Individual	\$5,000
148	ROCK, ARTHUR	Individual	\$5,000
149	SCOTT JR, WALTER	Individual	\$5,000
150	TIMMERMAN, GERALD	Individual	\$5,000
151	WERNER-ROBERTSON, GAIL M	Individual	\$5,000
152	WOOLLAM, JOHN A	Individual	\$5,000
153	ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 1483	Non-Individual	\$4,990
154	LAMMERS, ROBERT A	Individual	\$4,857
155	ALLSTATE INSURANCE	Non-Individual	\$4,850
156	AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS GROUP	Non-Individual	\$4,683
157	GASTON, WENDALL & DEANNA	Individual	\$4,683
158	KELLEY & JERRAM PC	Non-Individual	\$4,602
159	BREWER, TOM	Individual	\$4,598

160	AETNA	Non-Individual	\$4,500
161	KUM & GO	Non-Individual	\$4,500
162	FREESE, FORREST & BARBARA	Individual	\$4,500
163	JOHNSON, MATTHEW J	Individual	\$4,500
164	MONSANTO	Non-Individual	\$4,310
165	BUSINESS & AGRICULTURE SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION	Non-Individual	\$4,250
166	UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	Non-Individual	\$4,100
167	NE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$4,039
168	INVENERGY LLC	Non-Individual	\$4,000
169	MERCK SHARP & DOHM CORP	Non-Individual	\$4,000
170	WALGREEN CO	Non-Individual	\$4,000
171	BIGGS, BILL & ELAINE	Individual	\$4,000
172	JELINEK, JIM & LAURIE	Individual	\$4,000
173	WEITZ, KATIE	Individual	\$4,000
174	JEO CONSULTING GROUP INC	Non-Individual	\$3,988
175	OHARA LINDSAY & ASSOCIATES	Non-Individual	\$3,983
176	SWANSON, JULIE	Individual	\$3,900
177	GLAXOSMITHKLINE	Non-Individual	\$3,850
178	KUTAK ROCK	Non-Individual	\$3,750
179	BORCHERS, PATRICK	Individual	\$3,588
180	GREAT PLAINS COMMUNICATIONS	Non-Individual	\$3,576
181	SHANAHAN, JUSTIN	Individual	\$3,550
182	ADAMS, BARBARA	Individual	\$3,500
183	ALBRECHT, JONI	Individual	\$3,500
184	BARBARA SJULIN TPS TRUST	Non-Individual	\$3,500
185	WOODLAND HOMES, INC.	Non-Individual	\$3,500
186	HILGERS, MICHAEL	Individual	\$3,500
187	HOLLAND, MARY	Individual	\$3,500
188	NOWKA & EDWARDS	Individual	\$3,472
189	PANSING BROOKS, PATTY	Individual	\$3,424
190	AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE CO / AFLAC	Non-Individual	\$3,325
191	NEBRASKA STATE LODGE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE	Non-Individual	\$3,300
192	OMAHA EXPOSITION & RACING	Non-Individual	\$3,300
193	HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION OF LINCOLN	Non-Individual	\$3,250
194	IRONWORKERS LOCAL 21	Non-Individual	\$3,250
195	LAWLER, MICHAEL F	Individual	\$3,250
196	NEBRASKA CREDIT UNION LEAGUE	Non-Individual	\$3,238
197	ABBOUD LAW FIRM	Non-Individual	\$3,200
198	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Non-Individual	\$3,200
199	CENTURYLINK	Non-Individual	\$3,045

200	ADEN, MATT	Individual	\$3,020
201	ARCHER DANIELS MIDLAND	Non-Individual	\$3,000
202	ELI LILLY & CO	Non-Individual	\$3,000
203	NE LATINO PAC	Non-Individual	\$3,000
204	PLUMBERS & PIPEFITTERS LOCAL 16	Non-Individual	\$3,000
205	SHAW FAMILY	Non-Individual	\$3,000
206	FAHEY, MICHAEL	Individual	\$3,000
207	HOCH, HARRY A	Individual	\$3,000
208	PILLEN, JAMES D (JIM)	Individual	\$3,000
209	WEITZ, BARBARA (BARB)	Individual	\$3,000
210	ELECTRICAL WORKERS LOCAL 1521	Non-Individual	\$2,950
211	NEBRASKA RURAL BROADBAND COALITION	Non-Individual	\$2,925
212	NEBRASKA BEVERAGE ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$2,850
213	BRUNING LAW GROUP	Non-Individual	\$2,750
214	NE COLLECTORS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$2,750
215	SCUDDER, EARL & PATRICIA	Individual	\$2,725
216	NE HEALTH CARE ASSOC / NE ASSISTED LIVING ASSO	Non-Individual	\$2,681
217	ERICKSON & SEDERSTROM ASSOCIATES	Non-Individual	\$2,680
218	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	Non-Individual	\$2,600
219	LANDOW, PAUL	Individual	\$2,600
220	VOHLAND, JUDITH	Individual	\$2,561
221	ACKLIE, LAURA A.	Individual	\$2,505
222	ARMBRUST, DWAYNE	Individual	\$2,500
223	LINCOLN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$2,500
224	LINCOLN LANCASTER COUNTY AFL-CIO	Non-Individual	\$2,500
225	NEIGHBORHOOD LTC PHARMACY	Non-Individual	\$2,500
226	PINE CREST HOMES, LLC	Non-Individual	\$2,500
227	WESTERN INTEGRATED SEED INC	Non-Individual	\$2,500
228	YAHOO INC	Non-Individual	\$2,500
229	BORCHERS, ROBERT R	Individual	\$2,500
230	BRABEC, MARLIN	Individual	\$2,500
231	CABELA, THOMAS	Individual	\$2,500
232	FAHEY, JOHN	Individual	\$2,500
233	HAMILTON, CHARLES	Individual	\$2,500
234	HAWKS, RHONDA A	Individual	\$2,500
235	HERRE, MICHAEL	Individual	\$2,500
236	LAMMERS, PATRICIA	Individual	\$2,500
237	MEISINGER, GLADYS	Individual	\$2,500
238	MOGLIA, JOSEPH	Individual	\$2,500
239	RICKETTS, MARLENE M	Individual	\$2,500
240	RICKETTS, PETE	Individual	\$2,500

241	SEILER, BRADLEY	Individual	\$2,500
242	SMITH, ANNETTE L	Individual	\$2,500
243	SODORO, PATRICK	Individual	\$2,500
244	RAYBOULD, JANE	Individual	\$2,450
245	GORDON, JIM	Individual	\$2,404
246	SPRY, DR LESLIE	Individual	\$2,384
247	SERRANO, JOSE	Individual	\$2,350
248	SPRY, DR LESLIE	Individual	\$2,329
249	ELEVATOR CONSTRUCTORS LOCAL 28	Non-Individual	\$2,300
250	OMAHA & SW IOWA BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES	Non-Individual	\$2,250
251	SOUTHERN GLAZER'S WINE & SPIRITS	Non-Individual	\$2,250
252	BRODD, ROGER	Individual	\$2,250
253	HOLLAND, MARY ANN	Individual	\$2,250
254	MARTIN, STEVEN S	Individual	\$2,250
255	NE FIREARMS OWNERS ASSOCIATION PAF (NFOA-PAF) PAC	Non-Individual	\$2,200
256	GEIST, CONSTANCE	Individual	\$2,150
257	OTTO, STEVEN	Individual	\$2,150
258	CASTNER, RALPH	Individual	\$2,100
259	ARMBRUST, BILL	Individual	\$2,069
260	ABBOT, CHRIS	Individual	\$2,069
261	HAMIK, MIKE	Individual	\$2,050
262	CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES INC	Non-Individual	\$2,019
263	SCHMIT, LORAN	Individual	\$2,008
264	FORD, LINDA	Individual	\$2,004
265	AMBASSADOR HOLDING COMPANY	Non-Individual	\$2,000
266	CVS HEALTH / CAREMARK	Non-Individual	\$2,000
267	DOUBLE H FARM INC	Non-Individual	\$2,000
268	JESA HARE LLC	Non-Individual	\$2,000
269	K12 INC	Non-Individual	\$2,000
270	NEUHAUS LAW OFFICE	Non-Individual	\$2,000
271	NORDQUIST FOR LEGISLATURE	Non-Individual	\$2,000
272	PAPILLION PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS #3767	Non-Individual	\$2,000
273	SARPY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY	Non-Individual	\$2,000
274	SHEET METAL WORKERS LOCAL 3	Non-Individual	\$2,000
275	SMITH FOR CONGRESS (ADRIAN)	Non-Individual	\$2,000
276	BORCHERS, PATRICK	Individual	\$2,000
277	BUFFETT, SUSAN ALICE	Individual	\$2,000
278	DINSMORE, RICHARD	Individual	\$2,000
279	FAUST, MICHAEL	Individual	\$2,000
280	GIBILISCO, JOSEPH	Individual	\$2,000
281	HAMANN, DERYL F.	Individual	\$2,000

282	HAWKS, HOWARD	Individual	\$2,000
283	HEJKAL, THOMAS & RITA	Individual	\$2,000
284	KERRIGAN, PATRICK J	Individual	\$2,000
285	O'DELL, TIM	Individual	\$2,000
286	REHM, VINETA (RIDGE RD)	Individual	\$2,000
287	SCHMIDT, SCOTT A & COLLEEN M	Individual	\$2,000
288	SPENCE, GENE	Individual	\$2,000
289	WAYNE, JUSTIN	Individual	\$1,992
290	FRIENDS FOR REX MOATS	Non-Individual	\$1,971
291	BOB KRIST FOR LEGISLATURE	Non-Individual	\$1,950
292	HOGAN, PAUL & LORI	Individual	\$1,950
293	LATHROP, STEVE	Individual	\$1,950
294	MESSINEO, TONY	Individual	\$1,940
295	HARRISON, SAMANTHA	Individual	\$1,908
296	MCNIFF, MIKE	Individual	\$1,904
297	BLIZEK, WILLIAM	Individual	\$1,900
298	MUTUAL OF OMAHA	Non-Individual	\$1,900
299	GATES, ALEX	Individual	\$1,875
300	CUMMINS INC PAC FEC ID C00377952	Non-Individual	\$1,800
301	TRUEMPER, MARY J	Individual	\$1,800
302	NE PETROLEUM MARKETERS INC	Non-Individual	\$1,764
303	BASS, HOLLY H	Individual	\$1,750
304	EXPRESS SCRIPTS	Non-Individual	\$1,750
305	REPUBLIC NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING CO PAC NR	Non-Individual	\$1,750
306	CAVANAUGH, HARRY	Individual	\$1,750
307	RUBIN, BARRY & WHITNEY	Individual	\$1,750
308	VETTER, JACK	Individual	\$1,750
309	MICHELS, DALE	Individual	\$1,683
310	MICHELS, DALE E	Individual	\$1,683
311	ROHRBAUGH, ROB	Individual	\$1,650
312	FORT THEATRE DENTISTRY PC	Non-Individual	\$1,620
313	MCCARTHY, KEVIN	Individual	\$1,600
314	WUNDERLICH, LARUE	Individual	\$1,600
315	OSBORN, ED	Individual	\$1,575
316	NEBRASKA INSURANCE INFORMATION SERVICE	Non-Individual	\$1,538
317	ABEL, JAMES (68516)	Individual	\$1,500
318	ACKLIE, DUANE W	Individual	\$1,500
319	ALESIO, A MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,500
320	ANDERSEN, ROBERT C	Individual	\$1,500
321	BOESIGER, DENNIS	Individual	\$1,500
322	LEE TERRY FOR CONGRESS	Non-Individual	\$1,500

323	MICK LAW, P.C.	Non-Individual	\$1,500
324	NE PT PAC-PHYSICAL THERAPY	Non-Individual	\$1,500
325	NORTHWESTERN ENERGY	Non-Individual	\$1,500
326	PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA	Non-Individual	\$1,500
327	CONSRUCK, LAWRENCE J	Individual	\$1,500
328	CZYZ, JAMES E	Individual	\$1,500
329	DAUB, HAL (68114)	Individual	\$1,500
330	GAUGHEN, THOMAS	Individual	\$1,500
331	GREWCOCK, BRUCE	Individual	\$1,500
332	HAWKS, HOWARD & RHONDA	Individual	\$1,500
333	JARESKE, MICHAEL & BETH	Individual	\$1,500
334	MILNER, THOMAS	Individual	\$1,500
335	NESBITT, ROGER	Individual	\$1,500
336	RALSTON, MICHAEL D	Individual	\$1,500
337	RIDENOUR, LAURA	Individual	\$1,500
338	ROSKENS, WILLIAM E	Individual	\$1,500
339	SCHROPP, TOBIN & MARY	Individual	\$1,500
340	WEITZ WHITE, KATHRYN	Individual	\$1,500
341	WILSON, JOHN	Individual	\$1,500
342	NEBRASKA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$1,450
343	OLDFATHER, WILLIAM	Individual	\$1,450
344	DUNCAN, CONNIE	Individual	\$1,437
345	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WAHOO	Non-Individual	\$1,434
346	CP STRATEGIES LLC	Non-Individual	\$1,388
347	STANLEY, JOHN & LAURA	Individual	\$1,387
348	JENSEN ROBERT ASSOCIATES	Non-Individual	\$1,351
349	CHUCK HASSEBROOK FOR GOVERNOR	Non-Individual	\$1,350
350	MANHART, NICHOLAS & CAROLYN	Individual	\$1,350
351	LOMBARDI, RICH	Individual	\$1,313
352	SCHMID, DANIEL F	Individual	\$1,303
353	LINGODOCS LLC	Non-Individual	\$1,302
354	REGISTER, RICHARD	Individual	\$1,300
355	VARGAS, VIRGILIO	Individual	\$1,300
356	ZOUL, GERALDINE	Individual	\$1,300
357	ERIC GERRARD LLC	Non-Individual	\$1,259
358	ALLAN, TAMAS	Individual	\$1,250
359	MONSANTO COMPANY TX	Non-Individual	\$1,250
360	PAYPAL INC VA	Non-Individual	\$1,250
361	DAUB, HAL & MARY	Individual	\$1,250
362	NELSON, ANDREA	Individual	\$1,250
363	SIBBERNSEN, TERRY	Individual	\$1,250

364	SJULIN, CARL	Individual	\$1,250
365	SOLBERG, DAVID & SANDRA	Individual	\$1,250
366	WEIRMAN, FRANK & ALVES	Individual	\$1,250
367	CHRISTENSEN, AMANDA	Individual	\$1,204
368	NOVARTIS CORP	Non-Individual	\$1,200
369	GREWCOCK, BERNICE	Individual	\$1,200
370	NEDROW, LARRY	Individual	\$1,200
371	ZYGIELBAUM, ARTHUR & CHRISTINE	Individual	\$1,150
372	HALL COUNTY INDEPENDENT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$1,100
373	ROSBURG, KEN	Individual	\$1,100
374	SORRELL, MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,100
375	STELK, MARK	Individual	\$1,100
376	WIEGAND, RODNEY	Individual	\$1,100
377	KLIMPEL, TAMARIE	Individual	\$1,050
378	SUTTLE, JAMES H	Individual	\$1,050
379	HARNEY, DARYL	Individual	\$1,042
380	ACKLEY, THOMAS	Individual	\$1,000
381	ANDERSON, SCOTT	Individual	\$1,000
382	BADAMI, JOSEPH	Individual	\$1,000
383	BAUGHMAN, SCOTT	Individual	\$1,000
384	BAUMERT, DENNIS	Individual	\$1,000
385	BAY, MOGENS	Individual	\$1,000
386	BERRY, JOHN S	Individual	\$1,000
387	BOLZ, CRAIG	Individual	\$1,000
388	BONN, BARTON	Individual	\$1,000
389	BOOK, LINDA	Individual	\$1,000
390	BOSTELMAN, DWAYNE	Individual	\$1,000
391	BREDEMEYER, JOHN	Individual	\$1,000
392	BRESLOW, JOHN	Individual	\$1,000
393	CAMPBELL, JOHN	Individual	\$1,000
394	3-D FARMS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
395	ADVANCED SECURITY	Non-Individual	\$1,000
396	AGAPE RED LLC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
397	AMERICAN INCOME LIFE INSURANCE CO	Non-Individual	\$1,000
398	ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL SALES INC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
399	BELLEVUE PROFESSIONAL FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$1,000
400	BOSELMAN HOLDINGS INC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
401	BURLINGTON CAPITAL GROUP LLC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
402	CAMPBELL & WILLIAMS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
403	CHIEF INDUSTRIES INC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
404	CLARE FOR REGENT	Non-Individual	\$1,000



405	CLAYBAUGH, WILLIAM	Individual	\$1,000
406	FORT FUND	Non-Individual	\$1,000
407	COPELAND, MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,000
408	HO-CHUNK INC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
409	COURTNAGE, LARRY J	Individual	\$1,000
410	HOLLAND CHILDRENS MOVEMENT	Non-Individual	\$1,000
411	INTERNL ASSOC OF SHEET METAL AIR RAIL & TRANS WORKERS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
412	JEAN STOTHERT FOR OMAHA	Non-Individual	\$1,000
413	JEFF FORTENBERRY FOR US CONGRESS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
414	KIEWIT CORP	Non-Individual	\$1,000
415	CRONIN, MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,000
416	CROUNSE, JAMES	Individual	\$1,000
417	CROUNSE, JAMES	Individual	\$1,000
418	LUX FOR OPPD	Non-Individual	\$1,000
419	MA FARMS, INC.	Non-Individual	\$1,000
420	CULHANE, TOM	Individual	\$1,000
421	MCCOY FOR NEBRASKA	Non-Individual	\$1,000
422	MIDWEST HOLDING INC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
423	CZYZ, JAMES	Individual	\$1,000
424	MJA INVESTMENTS (LINCOLN)	Non-Individual	\$1,000
425	CZYZ, JAMES & MARY	Individual	\$1,000
426	NEBRASKA NURSES ASSOCIATION	Non-Individual	\$1,000
427	NUCOR CORP	Non-Individual	\$1,000
428	OMAHA POLICE UNION LOCAL 1	Non-Individual	\$1,000
429	PACIFIC LIFE INSURANCE CO	Non-Individual	\$1,000
430	DILLASHAW, BART	Individual	\$1,000
431	SCRIBNER BANK	Non-Individual	\$1,000
432	SMITH FOR CONGRESS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
433	SONNTAG, GOODWIN & LEEF, PC	Non-Individual	\$1,000
434	SPRINKLER FITTERS LU 669	Non-Individual	\$1,000
435	STOTHERT FOR OMAHA	Non-Individual	\$1,000
436	DISBROW, SARAH	Individual	\$1,000
437	TRADEWIND ENERGY	Non-Individual	\$1,000
438	US BANCORP	Non-Individual	\$1,000
439	VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS	Non-Individual	\$1,000
440	WOODMEN OF THE WORLD LIFE INSURANCE SOCIETY	Non-Individual	\$1,000
441	DOYLE, BRIAN	Individual	\$1,000
442	DYER, WILLIAM F	Individual	\$1,000
443	ENGEL, MAX & ELIZABETH	Individual	\$1,000
444	FAIRFIELD, BILL	Individual	\$1,000
445	FRIEDMAN, HERB	Individual	\$1,000

446	GILL, LEONARD	Individual	\$1,000
447	GULIS, MARK	Individual	\$1,000
448	HALLORAN, STEVE (JOHN)	Individual	\$1,000
449	HAMILTON, CAREY	Individual	\$1,000
450	HARRIS, BEN H	Individual	\$1,000
451	HAWKINS, JAMES & MARY	Individual	\$1,000
452	HEJKAL, RITA	Individual	\$1,000
453	HILGER, DAVID	Individual	\$1,000
454	HINZ, SCOTT	Individual	\$1,000
455	HOELTING, DAVE	Individual	\$1,000
456	HOLSCHER, RYAN	Individual	\$1,000
457	HUNZEKER, MARK	Individual	\$1,000
458	IBAROLLE, LORI	Individual	\$1,000
459	JANSSEN, TOM	Individual	\$1,000
460	JENSEN, MARK	Individual	\$1,000
461	JOHNSON, CALVIN	Individual	\$1,000
462	KARNES, DAVID	Individual	\$1,000
463	KESSELL, CHERYL	Individual	\$1,000
464	KOZA, JOHN R	Individual	\$1,000
465	KRAUPIE, DARRELL & ALECIA	Individual	\$1,000
466	LACY, GLYN	Individual	\$1,000
467	LANDOW, PAUL	Individual	\$1,000
468	LANGNAS, ALAN	Individual	\$1,000
469	LAPASEOTES, PETER	Individual	\$1,000
470	LOUDERBACK, STEVE & CORNELIA	Individual	\$1,000
471	LOVITT, LEON	Individual	\$1,000
472	MARTIN, ANN	Individual	\$1,000
473	MCGREGOR, DOUG	Individual	\$1,000
474	MILLER, JOE & LINDA	Individual	\$1,000
475	MILLER, MATTHEW	Individual	\$1,000
476	MILLIGAN, ROBERT S	Individual	\$1,000
477	MORAVEC, LAURA	Individual	\$1,000
478	MORGAN, LANCE	Individual	\$1,000
479	NELSON, STEPHEN D	Individual	\$1,000
480	NOLAN, MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,000
481	ORR, KAY	Individual	\$1,000
482	OSBORN, STACIE	Individual	\$1,000
483	OWEN, DONALD	Individual	\$1,000
484	PETERSON, DR LISA	Individual	\$1,000
485	PICKING, RODNEY	Individual	\$1,000
486	PLACEK, DEB	Individual	\$1,000

487	QUANDAHL, STACEY L	Individual	\$1,000
488	RAVENSCROFT, JOHN W	Individual	\$1,000
489	RHOADS JR., HARRY	Individual	\$1,000
490	ROBERTSON, CLIFF	Individual	\$1,000
491	ROBERTSON, GAIL WERNER	Individual	\$1,000
492	ROBINO-WEST, SHARON	Individual	\$1,000
493	ROBINSON, RICHARD	Individual	\$1,000
494	ROGERS, DAVID	Individual	\$1,000
495	ROUSE, MARYANNE & TIM	Individual	\$1,000
496	RYAN, CONNIE	Individual	\$1,000
497	SAPP, BILL	Individual	\$1,000
498	SAPP, LEE	Individual	\$1,000
499	SCHNEIDER, EDMUND	Individual	\$1,000
500	SCHUMACHER, JEFF	Individual	\$1,000
501	SCHUSTER, DENNIS	Individual	\$1,000
502	SCOTT, WALTER	Individual	\$1,000
503	SEILER, STEPHANIE	Individual	\$1,000
504	SHARMA, ASHISH	Individual	\$1,000
505	SHAW, BYERS	Individual	\$1,000
506	SHOENING, EDWIN & JANICE	Individual	\$1,000
507	SMITH, PAUL G	Individual	\$1,000
508	STOTHERT, JEAN	Individual	\$1,000
509	SUTTON, BRENDA	Individual	\$1,000
510	SWANSON, COLLEEN	Individual	\$1,000
511	THAYER, DANIEL & LISA	Individual	\$1,000
512	THOM, JAMES	Individual	\$1,000
513	THOM, LEROY	Individual	\$1,000
514	TIMMERMIER, CYNTHIA & JOHN	Individual	\$1,000
515	TRUEMPER, EDWARD J	Individual	\$1,000
516	WALLACE, NANCY	Individual	\$1,000
517	WEGNER, DALLAS	Individual	\$1,000
518	WEITZENKAMP, TOM	Individual	\$1,000
519	WELCH, MARGARET	Individual	\$1,000
520	WHITE, KATIE	Individual	\$1,000
521	WHITE, THOMAS M	Individual	\$1,000
522	WILLIAMS, MATRIN	Individual	\$1,000
523	WILSON, JOHN & MARY	Individual	\$1,000
524	WISTROM, ANDREW	Individual	\$1,000
525	WRIGHT, DAVID	Individual	\$1,000
526	YANNEY, MICHAEL	Individual	\$1,000