



Platform and Resolutions

Committee Report

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Actions:

- The Platform and Resolutions Committee Report was passed by the Committee members on 10/26/25
- Presented to SCC Delegates on 10/28/25
- Discussion and Vote to occur at the SCC Meeting on 11/08/2025

Summary:

- Resolution Denouncing the Actions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Resolution Condemning and Rebuking Governor Pillen for his actions against the Trans Community
- Resolution Honoring Don Wesely
- Resolution Condemning Mass Workforce Reductions and Benefit Cuts at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Resolution in Support of Immigrants

**Resolution Denouncing the Actions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

- Sponsored by Sharlette Schwenninger LD44 and Ann Trullinger LD44

- **Submitted July 15th 2025**
- **Recommended for Approval**

Whereas, the United States Constitution provides due process for all persons in the United States,

Whereas, the U.S. Congress has failed to provide immigration reform, which has led to this crisis,

Whereas, DHS and ICE personnel are indiscriminately arresting citizens and non-citizens alike and holding them without due process,

Whereas, DHS and ICE personnel are hiding behind masks and are not properly identifying themselves to their targets, creating a police state,

Whereas, it has been proven that there are ICE impersonators and unidentified agents kidnapping immigrants and citizens,

Whereas, the current administration has called up active duty and National Guard troops for a non-existent threat, which is a violation of the Constitution,

Whereas, the administration has created inhumane facilities to house those being held in ICE detention, including one here in McCook, Nebraska,

Therefore, let it be resolved, that the Nebraska Democratic Party calls on our Representatives and Senators to demand answers from Department of Homeland Security Secretary Noem, White House Deputy Chief of Staff Miller, and President Trump as to why due process is being ignored, why identification is not being shown, and demand that these actions stop.

A Resolution

Condemning Mass Workforce Reductions and Benefit

Cuts at the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

- **Sponsored by Jerry Johnson, LD 38, Precious McKesson, Jane Kleeb, LD33**
- **Submitted: September 27th 2025**
- **Recommended for Approval**

Whereas, workforce reductions and other changes at the VA will negatively impact veterans and their families regardless of gender, ethnicity, politics and more,

Whereas, honorably-discharged veterans served to defend the United States of America, often at considerable personal cost, including service-related issues, family separations, and extended foreign deployments,

Whereas, veterans served with implicit and often explicit promises from the U.S. Government that they would receive certain benefits, including service-related healthcare, following their discharge from service in partial recompense for that service,

Whereas, veterans make up approximately one-quarter of all employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and bring invaluable experience, including technical expertise, training, security clearances, and commitment to their work as employees of any federal agency,

Whereas, on February 13, 2025, VA Secretary Doug Collins announced without warning the termination of 1,000 employees from the VA and an additional 1,400 VA employees on February 24, 2025,

Whereas, mass terminations of federal government employees are damaging the economic security and morale of veterans and their families, and are harming veterans' trust in the VA, thereby harming the VA's ability to recruit and retain employees in the most valuable and needed positions,

Whereas, veterans, their families, and employees of the VA have expressed concerns regarding the effects of the mass terminations, including

- (1) the suspension of service lines, beds, and operating rooms at VA hospitals and clinics,
- (2) the cancellation and postponement of preventative health screenings and other time-sensitive medical appointments and interventions

(3) the reduction of support lines for caregivers, termination of Veterans Crisis Line employees, termination of employees performing critical research at the VA, and termination of cybersecurity personnel protecting websites of the VA and the personal data of veterans.

Therefore, Be It Resolved,

- (1) Those changes at the VA that negatively affect veterans and their families shall be condemned,
- (2) That neither the United States Government nor the Government of the State of Nebraska shall implement changes that will negatively impact the earned post-service benefits of honorably-discharged veterans, immediately or in the future, whether such changes be in funding, facilities, staffing, contracted services, or any other asset employed for the continuing physical and mental health assistance by the VA or any other organization,
- (3) That all terminated employees shall be reinstated with back pay,

Be it Finally Resolved,

That Nebraska legislators, both national and state, shall be provided a copy of this resolution and shall be asked to sign this resolution indicating support of its intentions and to return such copy to the provider thereof, that signing or failing to sign this resolution shall indicate support or lack of support for its intention, such indication to be shared with Nebraska veterans and the public at large.

Resolution Condemning and Rebuking Governor Pillen for his actions against the Trans Community

- Submitted by: Sen. Margo Jaurez LD5 and Quinton Corwin LD24
- Submitted: July 15th 2025
- Recommended for Approval

Whereas, Governor Jim Pillen signed LB89, known as the “Adopt the Stand with Women Act,” on June 4th of 2025,

Whereas, a similar bill was introduced as LB574, “Let Them Grow Act” in 2023,

Whereas, these bills are dangerous and harmful to the Trans Community,

Whereas, Governor Pillen is a danger and a threat to the Trans Community,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Nebraska Democratic Party condemns, rebukes, and shames Governor Pillen for his disgusting and harmful actions against the Trans Community and asks him to respect and protect the rights of the Trans Community and,

Be it Finally Resolved, that we continue to build a more inclusive Nebraska.

Resolution Honoring Don Wesely

- **Submitted by: Quinton Corwin LD24**
- **Submitted on: July 26th 2025**
- **Recommended for Approval**

Whereas, Don Wesely was born on March 30th, 1950, in David City,

Whereas, he was an alumnus of the University of Nebraska,

Whereas, he served in the Nebraska Legislature in District 26 from 1978 to 1999 as the youngest state senator to be elected at that time at 24 years old,

Whereas, he passed or co-sponsored more than 300 legislative bills and initiatives in his time in the legislature, including jumpstarting development in Lincoln,

Whereas, he then served as Mayor of the City of Lincoln from 1999 to 2003, . retiring after one term to serve as a lobbyist to the Nebraska Legislature,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Nebraska Democratic Party honor Don Wesely's life and service,

Be it Finally Resolved, that this resolution be sent to his family.

Resolution in Support of Immigrants

Submitted by: Sharlette Schwenninger, LD44 and Ann Trullinger, LD44

Submitted on: July 15th 2025

Recommended for Approval

Whereas, the Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) holds that the majority of people in the United States are descendants of immigrants and we are a stronger country because of the people who have come here for a better life for themselves and their families,

Whereas, the United States Constitution provides for due process for all people living in or visiting the United States,

Whereas, the United States' economy is dependent on the immigrant workforce who have come here for economic and political reasons,

Whereas, the actions of the current administration are doing damage not only to the economy of the United States but to our strength and standing in the world,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the NDP will support and defend our immigrant neighbors at home, at work, and at activities, no matter their immigration status, against the lies about them, and the brutal attacks on them. The NDP demands that our local elected officials protect the immigrant population's freedom and safety.

