

State Senator Rob Clements 6-21-2019

I would like to discuss three bills I worked on this session. They are LB209, a pro-life bill, LB 452 a development district bill, and LB 454, a real estate licensing bill.

LB 209 provides information to pregnant women considering the two-step abortion drug protocol. The notice lets women know if they change their mind after taking the first pill, they may stop and receive medical treatment to continue a viable pregnancy. In layman's terms, it is called the abortion drug reversal procedure. The treatment needs to start within about 48 hours, so early information is critical.

Senator Joni Albrecht introduced LB 209 and I was a co-sponsor. It was filibustered, needing 33 votes to pass, and it did pass May 30th with a 36-12 vote. I am pleased that Nebraska now gives women information to change their mind and have a chance to deliver a healthy baby. Hundreds of women nationwide who started the abortion pill process have delivered healthy babies using this safe procedure.

LB 452 was a bill I introduced on behalf of Cass County and city officials. It moves Cass County from Region 6, Southeast Planning and Development District (SENDD), to Region 8, the Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (MAPA). This will allow Cass County to be more involved with the growth that is moving south from the Omaha metro area. In addition, MAPA expressed willingness to help area communities plan and grow. I was able to amend LB 452 into priority bill LB334 to get it passed. Thank you to those of you who came to Lincoln to testify and help pass this bill with a 47-0 vote.

LB 454, is a job friendly bill that amends the Realtor licensing requirements. My office heard from a Cass County homeschool graduate who was denied a Realtor's license, even though she had passed the required real estate classes and license tests. State law required an applicant to be a traditional high school graduate or a holder of a GED. A home school graduate or other non-traditional applicant was not included under the law. My office was able to work with the Real Estate Commission and the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee to resolve this unnecessary restriction. LB 454 passed with a 47-0 vote.

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