*Telephone conference report to Imperial,
Grant, Palisade on Tuesday, Jan. 19*

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Today (Thursday) marks the final day that Nebraska legislators can introduce bills for consideration during the 60-day session that ends April 14.

In his weekly teleconference, Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial said he introduced two more on Monday with one more coming before the deadline.

In addition to his bills on fixing the occupation tax, refunding LB 701 property taxes and eliminating the $8.7 million, he introduced a bill to create a statewide water planning commission.

Some of his other bills include LB 889, which would allow an individual to use deadly force in their home, place of work or vehicle if threatened with like force.

LB 896 would allow vehicles transporting livestock to exceed weight limits by 2 percent.

In addition to his new bills, he also has carry-over bills from the 90-day session.

These include:

•LB 6 authorizes school permit holders to drive to work,

•LB 19 changes marriage license fee provisions and provides for marriage education,

•LB 443 provides for the regulation of adult and sexually oriented businesses,

•LB 444 adopts the Escort Services Accountability and Licensing Act,

•LB 646 adopts the Livestock Growth Act

•LB 648 states an intent relating to finding for a highway-related study

•LB 650 authorizes the operation of mini-trucks on public highways

•LB 652 changes the Enhanced Wireless 911 Act.

Hearings Get Underway

With the bill introduction period ending, Christensen said they will begin hearings in earnest next week.

Christensen serves on the Executive Committee, Judiciary Committee and Banking, Commerce and Insurance.

He said his hearing on changing the occupation tax fix will be mid- to late week next week.

If constituents have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding these bills or any issue they can contact Christensen at 402-471-2805.

Other information is also available at his legislative website: http://news.legislature.ne.gov/dist44/ .

Senator MARK CHRISTENSEN *holds a weekly teleconference at 7 a.m. MT each Tuesday with sites at the Imperial Republican, Midwest Electric in Grant and Southwest Public Power in Palisade. The teleconferences are open to the public and Christensen encourages constituent participation.*