

FREEDOM & ITS ENEMIES

John Stossel, ABCNEWS Correspondent & Co-Anchor of 20/20

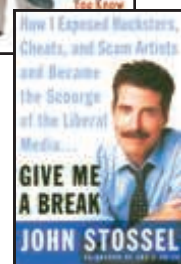
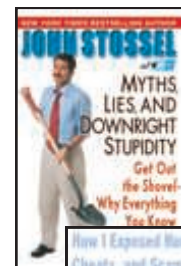


A self-declared libertarian, John Stossel shares a belief in limited government and free markets with the Platte Institute for Economic Research.

In his *New York Times* bestseller *Myths, Lies, and Downright Stupidity*, Stossel avows, “I believe that the best thing about America is free people exercising the unalienable rights that the Founding Fathers affirmed:

having families, forming communities, and working together—mostly *without government.*”

In addition to two *NYT* bestsellers, Stossel has received 19 Emmy Awards, the George Polk Award for Outstanding Local Reporting, the George Foster Peabody Award, and has been honored five times by the National Press Club.



TRANSPARENCY IN NEBRASKA SPENDING

Nebraska State Treasurer Shane Osborn



Nebraska State Treasurer Shane Osborn believes that elected officials have a duty to show the public how their tax dollars are being spent—right down to the last penny. Which is why he created NebraskaSpending.com: a searchable, public website that discloses every aspect of government spending.

Already, national organi-

zations have lauded Osborn for his efforts. The National Taxpayers Union said, “Thanks to Treasurer Osborn’s leadership, more accountability for the dollars taxpayers send to Lincoln is well underway.” And Grover Nordquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, said “your commendable dedication to opening government expenditures to

public scrutiny falls in line with the intent of our Founding Fathers.”

In addition to his duties as State Treasurer, Osborn is also a member of the prestigious Aspen-Rodel Fellows Program in Public Leadership and Vice President of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators.

NEBRASKA'S UNICAMERAL LEGISLATURE: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

UNL Professor Charlyne Berens, PhD



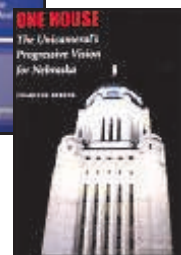
The author of several books, Dr. Charlyne Berens has published two specifically about the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature.

Power to the People, examines the Unicameral’s historical roots in populism and progressivism. The other, *One House*, looks at whether the one-house body has lived up

to the promises of its founders.

Transparency in government was a key component in the creation of the Unicameral and will be highlighted in this presentation.

Berens teaches journalism classes at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.





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TRANSPARENCY AS AN INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE Creighton Law Professor Stephen C. Sieberson, JD, PhD

Monday, November 17, 2008
North Apothecary Lofts
140 N. 8th, Lincoln, Nebraska

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Wine & Hors d'oeuvres
Business Attire

Please RSVP by November 8 to the Platte Institute at (402) 452-3737 or rsvp@platteinstitute.org.

FUTURE TRANSPARENCY EFFORTS IN NEBRASKA: A PANEL DISCUSSION Moderated by Executive Director Roger Lempke



Executive Director Roger Lempke will moderate a panel discussion regarding future transparency efforts in Nebraska. Members of the Platte Institute's Transparency Panel of Advisors will participate in this discussion.

Prior to joining the Platte Institute, Lieutenant General (NE, ret.) Roger Lempke exemplified typical Nebraskan qualities of determination, persistence, and hard work during a distinguished citizen-soldier career.

As state Adjutant General he rapidly brought the Nebraska National Guard to war-time posture after 9/11 while directing the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency through the most costly natural disasters in state history.

UNVEILING *the UNICAMERAL TRANSPARENCY WEBSITE* **UNICAMERAL VOTES ONLINE** Senior Policy Analyst Nicole Barrett, JD



The Platte Institute is proud to unveil Phase I of its new Transparency Website: Unicameral Votes Online. This premier website offers a comprehensible, user-friendly, searchable, online database with free access to anyone interested in the Unicameral.

Among its components, will be key data on legislation, including all recorded votes, easy to understand bill descriptions, topical sorting, and cointroducers. Users will be able to create customized searches and legislative scorecards on bills of interest.

Additional information on senators will be on the site, including bios, staff members, and campaign contributions.

Nicole Barrett is a Senior Policy Analyst at the Platte Institute and leads its Transparency Project.

TRANSPARENCY CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 18, 2008
UNL Nebraska Union
1400 R Street
Lincoln, Nebraska

IMPORTANT DETAILS

Conference Registration - 8:00 a.m.
Conference - 9:00 a.m.
Luncheon Registration - 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon - 12:00 p.m.



Conference Hotel Information: The Embassy Suites Lincoln is the designated conference hotel. To secure the special conference rate of \$119/night your room must be reserved by October 18, 2008. Please indicate that you are a participant in the Platte Institute conference to receive this rate or use the link on the Platte Institute's website to secure your reservation.
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Transparency Conference, 9:00 - 12:00 & 2:00 – 4:30 (Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)

- Please Reserve My Seat at the Conference \$30.00
 - ✓ Includes conference materials, user manual for the new Unicameral Votes Online website, parking and refreshments.
 - ✓ Limited number of conference seats available. Reserve yours today!

Luncheon with John Stossel, 12:00 – 2:00 (Registration begins at 11:30 a.m.)

Please select one: Beef Tenderloin Country Fried Chicken Penne Pasta with Roasted Vegetables

- Bronze Sponsor \$150.00/person or \$1200.00/table
 - ✓ Name listed in conference materials as a Bronze Level Transparency Sponsor.
 - ✓ Premier conference seating and reserved dining section - *both near the stage* - limited number of premier seats.
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- General Seating \$50.00

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Mail Registration to: Transparency Conference Registration
Platte Institute for Economic Research
10050 Regency Circle Suite 120
Omaha, NE 68114-3721

Luncheon Tables: To reserve a table of eight, please send individual forms together with payment or contact the Platte Institute.

Cancellations: Your request for a refund must be made in writing and received no later than October 18, 2008.

Questions: Please contact Nicole Barrett at 402.452.3737 x. 206 or nicole.barrett@platteinstitute.org.

LUNCHEON KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
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