

NEBRASKA

(Population 2010, 1,826,341)

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DEB FISCHER, Republican, of Valentine, NE; born in Lincoln, NE, March 1, 1951; education: B.S., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE, 1988; professional: rancher; Senator in the Nebraska Unicameral, 2005–13; president of the Nebraska Association of School Boards; commissioner on the Coordinating Commission for Post-Secondary Education; Valentine Rural High School Board of Education; awards: BILLD Fellow, Midwest Council of State Governments Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership, 2005; NRD Farm and Ranch Conservation Award, 1999; Nebraska Association of School Boards Lifetime Achievement Award, 1999; Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Outstanding Board Member Award, 1998–99; Nebraska Cattlemen Environmental Stewardship Award, 1995; Rangeman’s Award, Nebraska Section Society for Range Management, 1994; NRD State Grasslands Conservation Award, 1993; Kellogg Fellow, National Center for Food and Policy Research, Resources for the Future, Washington, DC, 1991; LEAD VIII Fellow, Nebraska Leadership Program, 1988–90; religion: Presbyterian; married: Bruce Fischer; three children; three grandchildren; caucuses: vice chair, Sportsmen’s Caucus; General Aviation Caucus; National Guard Caucus; Republican High-Tech Task Force; Senate Rural Health Caucus; Senate Western Caucus; committees: Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Environment and Public Works; Rules and Administration; Special Committee on Aging; elected to the U.S. Senate on November 6, 2012.

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