

A few days in, and things are hoppin'

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average age of the senators representing the state. The 48 men and one woman have an average age of slightly over 51 years.

Lincoln Sen. Steve Fowler, 22, may be the youngest person ever elected to the Unicameral. Carpenter and Wiltse hold down the opposite end of the age category at 72.

Among new bills introduced was one by Sen. Calvin Carsten of Avoca, which would let a judge assign public work projects in lieu of payment of fines for convictions of minors for possession of alcohol. Carsten said the bill came from an idea by a student in a Plattsmouth High School government class.

"Maybe a work load would be more impressive than digging

down in your pocket for the money," Carsten said. He said the thought which went into the bill was a good example of how "young people can be involved in the legislative procedure."

The proposal to name a chancellor for the College of Agriculture came from Sens. Gerald Stromer of Kearney and Maurice Kremer of Aurora. In recent weeks several state farm organizations have called for the position, over objections of university administrators.

Sen. Fred Carstens of Beatrice introduced a bill to appropriate \$1 million to UNL to purchase books for Love Library. The bill, LB109, also requests \$5.9 million for the