

KELLY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the eighty-ninth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor James Canning, Bazile Creek Congregational, Niobrara, Nebraska, in Senator DeKay's district. Please rise.

JAMES CANNING: Let us pray. Yahweh, the one true living God, and Jesus, the King over all of creation, the seen and the unseen, and Holy Spirit who lives among us, bringing the wisdom, goodness and power of the most high to each of us who will accept. You are like no other in all of creation. There is no God or Spirit or power or authority who can compare to you. Your intention when you created is that every inch of this planet will be overflowing in your goodness and abundance. We're here today because of our desire to see the people of Nebraska prosper in this same way. And if there's anyone here with ulterior motives, please remove them and never let them return. I ask you to thwart all efforts of any person or spirit to sow division, confusion, lies or evil in this room, this building or throughout our state. And I ask you to remove the grip of evil, chaos, destruction and lies from whoever or wherever they have had influence or control. And I ask you to cause all of us in this room to see right and wrong with your eyes by your standards, and that we would move forward accordingly with a wisdom, a humility, and courage that is identical to yours. Father, make this a day that we all look back on and say, everything has turned for the better since June 2, 2025, because of how Yahweh, the one true and living God, began to move among the people of Nebraska and our leaders. With the authority that only you have and only you can give, I ask these things with joyful expectation and confidence that you will do all that I'm asking because it is pleasing to you and aligns with the deepest parts of your character. Let it be so. Amen.

KELLY: I recognize Senator Moser for the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOSER: Good morning, colleagues, please join me in the pledge. I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

KELLY: I call to order the eighty-ninth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Record, Mr. Clerk.

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CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr President.

KELLY: Are there any corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, sir.

KELLY: Any messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. Communication from the governor, engrossed LB504, LB371, LB422, LB490, LB499, LB558, LB513e, LB513Ae, LB288, LB288A, LB290, LB346, LB380, LB380A, LB382, LB382A, LB434e, and LB521e were received in my office on May 28, 2025 and signed on May 30, 2025. These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 30, 2025. An additional communication from the governor. Dear Mr. President and members of the Legislature, I am writing to confirm that all bills presently on my desk will become law without my objections in the coming days. Signed Sincerely, Jim Pillen, Governor. Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website, and report of registered lobbyists for June 1, 2025 will be in today's Journal. A reference report from the Referencing Committee concerning LR279, LR280, and LR281, as well as a rereference of LR229. Notice that the Legislative Oversight Committee will meet at recess today in Room 2102, Legislative Oversight Committee, 2102 upon the recess. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr Clerk. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LR274, LR275, LR276, LR277, and LR278. Senator John Cavanaugh would like to recognize the physician of the day, Dr. Steffi Emig of Omaha. Please stand and be recognized by your Nebraska Legislature. Speaker Arch would like to recognize some guests in the north balcony, former Attorney General Doug Peterson, Sandy Peterson, his wife, and their granddaughter Avery Heflin. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Please proceed to the first item on the agenda. Senators, please find your seats. This is Final Reading. Senators Hardin, Dover, and Conrad, please return to the Chamber and record your presence. Final Reading. Members, the first vote on Final Reading is LB707 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the reading, Mr President.

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KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB707]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB707 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKeon, McKinney, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, and Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB707 passes with the emergency clause. The next bill is LB707A with the emergency clause.

CLERK: [Read LB707A on Final Reading]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB707A pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Hunt, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKeon, McKinney, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: none. The vote is 49 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB707A passes with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Final Reading, LB306, Senator Spivey, I have a note you'd withdraw MO266.

KELLY: Without objection, so ordered.

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CLERK: In that case, I have nothing further at this time, Mr. President.

KELLY: Members, the next vote on LB306 with the emergency clause is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 45 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr President.

KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB306]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB306 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Juarez, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKeon, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Hunt, McKinney, Riepe, and Spivey. Vote is 41 ayes, 8 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB306 passes with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Final Reading, LB265, Senator Conrad, I have a note you'd withdraw MO338, FA336, FA337, and FA338. And Senator Dungan, a note you'd withdraw FA339 and FA340.

KELLY: Without objection, so ordered.

CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

KELLY: Members, the next bill is LB265 with the emergency clause. The first vote is to dispense with the at-large reading. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 1 nay to dispense with the at-large reading, Mr. President.

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KELLY: The at-large reading is dispensed with. Please read the title.

CLERK: [Read title of LB265]

KELLY: All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, shall LB265 pass with the emergency clause? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Voting aye: Senators Andersen, Arch, Armendariz, Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clements, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hansen, Hardin, Holdcroft, Hughes, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Lippincott, Lonowski, McKeon, Meyer, Moser, Murman, Prokop, Quick, Raybould, Riepe, Rountree, Sanders, Sorrentino, Spivey, Storer, Storm, Strommen, von Gillern, Wordekemper. Voting no: Senators Cavanaugh, Cavanaugh, Hunt, Juarez, McKinney. The vote is 44 ayes, 5 nays, Mr. President.

KELLY: LB265 passes with the emergency clause. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do hereby sign LB707 with the emergency clause, LB707A with the emergency clause, LB306 with the emergency clause, and LB265 with the emergency clause. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have nothing further at this time, Mr. President, pursuant to the agenda.

KELLY: Speaker Arch, you're recognized for an announcement.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Colleagues, I had anticipated time being required to debate gubernatorial veto overrides this morning and scheduled the agenda accordingly and left time in the middle of our day. With the governor's announcement in his letter this morning without any veto override debate, the next item on our agenda is Governor Pillen's address to the Legislature. He is not available until 2 p.m. this afternoon so we will recess until 2 p.m. At which time, we will notify the governor that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session is about to complete its work. Thank you, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Holdcroft would move to recess the body until 2:00 p.m.

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KELLY: Members, you've heard the motion to recess until 2:00. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, nay. The Legislature is in recess.

[RECESS]

KELLY: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the afternoon session, about to re-- reconvene. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: There's a quorum present, Mr. President.

KELLY: Do you have any items for the record?

CLERK: I do, Mr. President. Bills read this morning on Final Reading were presented to the Governor at 10:40 a.m. That's all I have at this time.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Clements, I recognize you for a motion.

CLEMENTS: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Governor that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, of the Nebraska Legislature is about to complete its work and to return with any message from-- the Governor may have for the Legislature.

KELLY: Thank you, Senator Clements. Senators Brandt, Fredrickson, Hughes, Raybould, and Sanders-- all those in favor of the motion, say aye. Those opposed, nay. The motion is adopted. And Senator Brandt, Fredrickson, Hughes, Raybould, and Sanders, please escort the Governor to the Chamber. I recognize the Sergeant of Arms.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Mr. President, your committee now escorting the Governor of the great state of Nebraska, Governor Jim Pillen and First Lady Suzanne Pillen.

KELLY: Governor Pillen.

GOVERNOR PILLEN: President Kelly-- please, please be seated, please be seated. President Kelly and Speaker Arch and members of the 109th Legislative. Friends and distinguished guests and my fellow Nebraskans, I'm guilty. I love Nebraska. I love the people in Nebraska. It's an incredible honor to join you today as we celebrate our shared achievements of this session and our work to serve the people of this

extraordinary state of Nebraska. I talk a lot about my why. Why on earth do we do what we do? Why do we spend early mornings and late nights doing all this stuff? I know everyone in this room, as I like to say, as public servants, we wrestle at times with those questions. For me, my why, it's just an extraordinary privilege to serve the people of Nebraska. The reality is really, really simple. Nebraskans make this the greatest privilege possible. It might be a short note a constituent sends you, or it might be a handshake from a family you know that you've made a difference for. The reminders of why we do this work matters everywhere. And it's no secret to any of us that life in Nebraska is incredibly special. Sometimes, the reminder is an example that's far beyond the call of duty that humbles us to our core and just simply breaks our heart. On February 17, we were tragically reminded of the danger and the sacrifice the Nebraska law enforcement officers face every single day to keep us all safe. Trooper Kyle McAcy, badge number 302, lost his life in the line of duty as he worked to assist motorists following a crash during a snowstorm on 80 between Green-- Greenwood and Ashland. I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of us of Trooper McAcy and his End of Watch, and to make it a point to thank the men and women in uniform for bravery and their service to our great state. Joining us today are the Troopers who knew Kyle the best. In the balcony are State Troopers: Sergeant James Estwick, Trooper Keith Bell, Trooper Christopher McGuane, and Trooper Tyler McNab, who were with Kyle, serving in very difficult conditions, and were at his side as he gave his last full measure of devotion to the people of the state of Nebraska. Please join me in recognizing each of these members in memory of their fallen comrade. We all agree, these are our public servants. These are our heroes. To me, the headline for the first session, 109th Nebraska Legislator, is really simple. It's positive. It's lasting impact, serving Nebraskans well. Together, we worked through and passed a balanced, historically conservative budget package that said no when we needed to, that put idle pillowcase money to work, invested in education and property tax relief, and the safety of our state. I believe we are setting the Cornhusker State up for success. And when we commit to being a strong fiscal conservative state, we will reduce the tax burdens for Nebraska families and the potential for this place for generations to come that's beyond any of our understanding. Outside of the budget, through our work this session, we are taking major steps to protect Nebraska kids from the extraordinary harms of social media and giving parents more of an opportunity to fight back against the big tech giants that grip-- are trying to grip our kids. We're defending the legacy and the future of Nebraska agriculture by

banning bioreactor fake meat, for crying out loud. We're also taking important steps to prioritize our water, our water resources by standing up the Department of Energy-- Water, Energy, and Environment. Our focus is on water quantity and water quality. It has to be. We're making the classroom experience for our kids better than ever before by banning, banning cell phones, bell to bell, and improving the lives of teachers, eliminating distractions, and giving them a raise. We are prioritizing our national security by standing strong against the Chinese Communist Party and other foreign adversaries, interference in our state. We are taking a stand to ensure a level playing field and a fair shot for all Nebraskans-- young feel-- female athletes. We are eliminating or combining nearly 40 pieces of government to increase efficiency and improve outcomes, reducing bureaucracy, shrinking government in a unanimous bipartisan vote. And that's just a sampling. We have many, many other successes, from protecting consumers from cryptocurrency scams, to standing up for rural and community pharmacies, and to rejecting the scourge of antisemitism. Recently, Nebraska welcomed Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins to the state. What an amazing opportunity to showcase the grit and innovation and kindness of Nebraska people. I left that experience incredibly energized about what we get to do. I already believe that Nebraska is the best place to live and raise a family, but every day I have this privilege. I meet new people, hear new stories, have new moments, to be inspired to do everything I can for this great state. In my book, we're the best of the best. There's no place like Nebraska or our people that you find here in Nebraska. It's easy when we're in the grind of what happens in the last five months to really lose sight of the extraordinary successes and the victories, and we've had many of them. Everyone here all knows my four words about being your Governor is kids, taxes, agriculture, and values. We made real, real progress that will make practical improvements in the lives of Nebraska. I'm incredibly proud to have partnered with all of you on so many of these initiatives. So, the good news. We get to be back in seven short months or so. We'll have a lot of opportunity to do more things. There'll be new problems to solve and old ones. It is important that we keep focused on doing more with less, spending less serving Nebraskans so we can decrease spending and actually fix our tax system. We have to fix it because it's severely broken. Together, we can. Together, we must. I need your help. We have to do it together. My team and I will continue to work alongside you and partner with you, as we all serve this extraordinary state together. And so as this session comes to a close, let's make sure we get plenty of time with our families, get back to being-- having a real opportunity to be with

good, real people across our great state, but remember that it takes hard work to fulfill our shared calling. As you do that, keep in mind the answer to your why. Remember Nebraska, it's the people. And a final closing thought for the First Session of Nebraska's One Hundred Ninth Legislature: It's really, really important that we recognize those from previous generations who have preserved our freedom and defended this great country. 2025 is the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II. Some of you were able to celebrate with some World War II veterans that we recognized on Europe Day, May 8, this year. Along with the Department of Veterans Affairs, my team and I have developed our World War II Veterans Recognition Program. And I'm telling you what, it's been extraordinary, as your Governor, getting to meet with so many. We have approximately 250 World War II veterans still with us in Nebraska. And we've made it our goal to present each one of these heroes with a medallion to recognize their service, to remind all of us of their courageous stories, and to remember them, and to simply tell them thank you. At the heart of it, it's the greatest generation, and it's a tribute to li-- to liber-- to liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and why we're all here enjoying those ideals, simply because of the work and the service of our veterans. So today, I've invited Wayne Davey of Columbus to join us as a representative of all Nebraska men and women who served our country during World War II. Wayne served in the Pacific Theater as a Marine, before returning to Nebraska to raise a family and start a business. In March, I had an awesome experience, where Wayne's family came back to celebrate a pretty good milestone, his 100th birthday. So please join me in honoring Wayne Davey and all Nebraskans, to say thank you to celebrate 80 years of American victory. Wayne, please. [APPLAUSE] And Wayne would be pretty typical of all of the Nebraska and World War II veterans, only wants to stand up and do one wave, doesn't want anything coming, but the purpose is simply to be able to say thank you. And Wayne can tell a few stories, and it's really important for our kids, our grandbabies, and generations together that we never, ever forget. If anyone here knows of a World War II veteran that we have not been able to recognize, please, please let our office know. So, on behalf of our team and cabinet, Lieutenant Governor Kelly and I thank you and your teams for all your hard work and your good work, and for all the accomplishments of the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Nebraska Legislature. God bless you, and God bless the great state of Nebraska. Thank you.

KELLY: Will the committee please escort the Governor? Please be seated. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, motion on the desk. Senator Arch, I have the motion to suspend Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5, and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, with a note that you would withdraw and substitute for a different motion.

KELLY: Speaker Arch, you're recognized.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. In preparation for sine die and for the sole purpose of cleaning up the legislative worksheet, it's customary for the Speaker to offer a motion to suspend the rules to allow for indefinitely postponing, as a group, bills that have been amended into other bills. This motion includes only those bills currently sitting on General File, Select File, or Final Reading, whose provisions have been amended into another bill. Bills still in committee are not included in the motion, and by the way, we sent out an email so that all the senators could review that list. As you heard the Clerk mention, I am withdrawing the motion listed on today's agenda and substituting it with a new motion. The new motion is identical to the motion listed on the agenda, with the sole exception of excluding LB76 from the bill-- list of bills to be IPPed, after receiving feedback from one Senator. With that, I would ask for your support to suspend the rules and to indefinitely postpone the listed bills as a group. Thank you, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Without objection. So ordered. All those in favor of the motion vote aye; all those opposed-- aye-- all those opposed vote nay. Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 44 ayes, 0 nays to suspend the rules.

KELLY: The motion is adopted. Speaker Arch , you're recognized for some closing comments.

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. Well, colleagues, we finished our First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature. Congratulations to everyone. For the freshman senators, congratulations on finishing your first session, your first long session. And now you know what it means to be a part of the Legislature, a very challenging and rewarding experience. These 90-day sessions, or in this case, 89-day session, are indeed challenging. The days are long, the nights are longer, debates are intense, emotions run high, and relationships are tested. It has an impact on all of us, both physically and mentally. So thank you to all of you for your hard work, and for the sacrifices you make serving in this state. It's also difficult on our families, and I

would like to thank them, as well, and to let them know none of us could have the rare and profound opportunity to be part of this Unicameral without their love and support. But it's also very rewarding, for all of the effort expended and sacrifice made. This session, 736 bills and resolutions were introduced. 10 measures were withdrawn early on. So in the end, we ended up holding 726 hearings, giving the public the opportunity to weigh in on all of those measures. Along with the budget, we sent 209 bills to the Governor to be signed into law. We also sent a constitutional amendment to the Secretary of State, which will be giving voters the opportunity to extend term limits to 3 terms. In those 209 bills we sent to the Governor, an additional 113 bills were amended into those. So essentially, we sent a total of 322 bills-- we passed that number this year. 106 bills were designed as priorities for this session-- were designated as priorities for this session. Of those, 98 of them were debated in one form or another on this legislative floor, and 67 priority bills were ultimately passed. But we also come to the end of the session with mixed emotions, grateful for the work accomplished but disappointed we couldn't do more. We all experience that. But that is the motivation to return in January and pick up the work where we left off. There is always more work to do and more opportunity to make Nebraska an even better state in which to live our lives and build our dreams. It was hard work this session, but you proved that you can do the hard work. Next session will be no different. As I reflect on what I anticipate in 2026, I will predict that our biggest challenge next year will be our budget once again. We've sent a balanced budget to the Governor, but we always face mid-biennium budget adjustments, and next year will be no different, and in fact, could be more challenging. As has been mentioned many times this year, our out-year numbers contain some notes of concern. There is considerable uncertainty in the world that could make accurately predicting our fiscal future more difficult. This uncertainty should be in your mind as you think about bills for next session. Keep our budget in mind. Pay attention to what is happening in D.C. and the impact any action there can have on state funds. Pay attention to the October revenue forecast. Before you draft bills with fiscal notes, please give these factors serious consideration. But now, today, it's time for us to adjourn for the year. It's time for us to go home to our districts, to our families, and rest up for the next session. Over the interim, I ask each of us to seriously think about what we want to bring to the table next year. What are the issues most important to your constituents and to the state as a whole? Think about how we are going to work together as a diverse group of individuals, with differing

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opinions, different life experiences, but with a common goal of building consensus and crafting a policy that even makes this state of Nebraska better and better. Finally, as we know, we aren't the only ones in this Legislature who work hard, and I want to recognize those who help us do this job. As I say your name, I'd like you to please stand up, and we will give you a round of applause. First, I want to thank and recognize our Clerk, Clerk of the Legislature, Brandon Metzler. Brandon, your knowledge and dedication is of paramount importance to this institution. Thank you very much. Next, within the Clerk's Office, there are also others I want to, I want to mention. First, Assistant Clerk Mike Hybl, and the Clerk's entire staff, including Carol Koranda, Jenni Svehla, Morgan Wallace, who are on the floor every day, all day, Lynne Woody and Dallas Mehling, who, who stay every night after we adjourn. They're not on the floor, but they're here every night, and thank you very much to you. Our legislative pages, who are supervised by Kristen Perez. I have the privilege of sitting in the chair very often, and, and the two sitting next to me, we carry on conversation. It's always interesting. I mean, you know, pages, this is a great experience for you. I hope you enjoy it. We, we really appreciate your service to us. Thank you to the pages. Next, I want to recognize the Clerk Support Offices, which include our newly created Office of Committee Support, our Bill Room and Mail Room, Transcribers, our Unicameral Information Office, our Legislative Technology Office, and of course, our Sergeant at Arms, with Chief Sergeant Scott Black. And I think some are in the balcony and some might be on the floor here. If you would rise, please, we'd like to recognize you, as well. Next, our Legislative Fiscal Office, with Director Keisha Patent, who's unfortunately not able to be here today, but would the rest of, of the Fiscal Office members, would you please stand up? We'd like to recognize you, as well. It's too late to disagree with any fiscal notes now, isn't it? Yeah. OK. You can rest easy. And of course, our Revisor's Office, with the Revisor of Statutes, Marcia McClurg, and I want to talk a little bit about the Revisor's Office. Another stat I'd like to share is the number of amendments and fiscal notes that are produced each year. I think these numbers are very telling of the volume of work that goes on around here. In addition to the over 700 bills and resolutions introduced at the beginning of session, Senators requested over 1,600 amendments and 845 fiscal notes. These requests required both offices to work late into the evenings, on weekends, and on holidays. And with respect to the Revisor's Office, in addition to the 736 bills that were introduced, an additional 374 were drafted and not introduced. Not to mention, we had a special session with over 100 bills right in the

middle of the time of year when the Revisor's Office is trying to organize the statutes to reflect the bills passed in the 2024 session. So just try to get your mind around the demands made of our legislative divisions. This institution would not function without you. Thank you, especially, to the Revisor's Office, and if you would rise and please be recognized. We're always looking for information and oftentimes, we turn to our Legislative Research Division, and that is led by Ben Thompson. Ben, if you are here, please rise. We'd like to thank you and your staff, as well. One of the legislative divisions, as well, is our Legislature's Accounting and Budget Office. That's where we process all of, all of our, all of our receipts and everything, and we really appreciate all that you do there, and that is led by Shelley Reed. And Shelley, if you're here, would you please rise, as well? Be recognized. Our Performance Audit Division, supervised by Auditor Stephanie Meese, and, and this now will be in a period of transition for legislative oversight. And Stephanie, if, if you are here, as well-- I think I saw you up there. If you and your staff would rise, we'd like to thank you. Now, as we put Performance Audit and the IGs together, we want to, we want to specially recognize our IG staff, and that is Doug Koebernick and-- for-- our IG for Corrections, and Inspector General of Child Welfare Jennifer Carter. And I see Doug in the balcony. Thank you, Doug. Jennifer's over on this side. Thank you, Jennifer, all your staff. And part of our oversight, as well, is our Ombuds Office-Public Counsel, and Julie Rogers oversees that. And if Julie's here-- I see Julie and her staff. Please rise and be recognized. I really appreciate the support and the leadership of our president and presiding officer, Lieutenant Governor Joe Kelly. You being here is extremely important to our Legislature. Thank you for presiding and being President of the Legislature. And then we have our own staff, right? All senators have their own staff. All-- and of course the committee, all, all our committee legal counsels, personal staff-- I want to name mine, particularly. Laurie Weber, Lisa Johns, Mandy Mizerski, I absolutely could not do it without their support. Thank you very much. And Nebraska Public Media-- we're always on camera-- for its coverage of the Legislature, bringing state government into the homes of people across the entire state. Their role this year, of course, with the videoing of all of our, of all of our committee hearings and making sure that gets up the next day, all of that, more work, extremely important for the transparency of government. Thank you to Nebraska Public Media and for all of its coverage. Finally, but last but not least, Captain Mike Grummert, Lieutenant Sean Wilson, Troopers Dusty Black, Clint Zost, Russ Dostal, and the rest of the Nebraska State Patrol, and of course

our own Capital Security Team, your support and efforts to keep us safe and maintain order are greatly appreciated. I believe Governor Pillen mentioned in his remarks, seven months, I believe is the number. We will be back in January to pick up our work where we left off. There is much more to do. Thank you for your hard work.

KELLY: Senator Dorn, you're recognized for a motion.

DORN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Legislature approve the preparation and printing of the permanent Legislative Journal, Session Laws, and the Indexes by the Clerk of the Legislature, and that he be directed to send to each member of the Legislature a copy of the permanent Legislative Journal and Session Laws.

KELLY: Thank you, Senator Dorn. Members, you have heard the motion. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, nay. The legislature is adjourned sine-- the motion is approved. Senator DeBoer, for a motion.

DeBOER: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the Journal for the 89th Day, as prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, be approved.

KELLY: Thank you, Senator DeBoer. Members, you've heard the motion. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, nay. Motion carries. Senator Hansen, you're recognized for a motion.

HANSEN: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature, having finished all business before it, now at 2:45 p.m., adjourn sine die.

KELLY: Thank you, Senator Hansen. Members, you have heard the motion. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, nay. The Legislature is adjourned, sine die.