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**DORN:** Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legis-- Legislative Chamber for the second day of the One Hundred Ninth legislative Second Session. Our chaplain for today is chaplain and president-- Arlen [SIC: Arin] Hess, chaplain and president of the Capitol Studies of Walton, Nebraska, Senator Carolyn Bosn's district.

**ARIN HESS:** The Bible says, this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let's pray. Oh, Lord God, Creator, we praise you for all the good gifts you have given to us, life, health, and peace, this 250-year experiment with freedom in America. We thank you for the opportunity these have to serve you in this Legislature. We acknowledge our inadequacy for this task. Guide and direct us. Please equip us today for the responsibilities at hand. May we be wise with the divine wisdom necessary to make good laws. May we have discernment regarding issues for the people we represent. May we have the courage of our convictions and not bow to political expediency. Please protect our families, our communities, our country. May we have perseverance to do the right thing. And may we have humility to deal with potential arrogance and pride. And may you clothe us with teachability. May we advocate for true justice. May you grant us moral integrity to deal with the temptations of greed and deceitfulness, sexual immorality, alcohol, and drug abuse. And may you grant us self-control in attitudes and actions. May we be your servants today, Lord. May we experience your great love for us and trust Jesus Christ as our personal savior. We pray in his good name. Amen.

**DORN:** I recogni-- I recognize Senator Tom Brandt for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**BRANDT:** 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.

**DORN:** Thank you. I call to order the second day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. Senator, please record your presence. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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

**DORN:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there any corrections for the Journal?

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**CLERK:** I have no corrections this morning, sir.

**DORN:** Senator Meyer would like to recognize the doctor of the day, Senator Hol-- Dr. Hotelling [SIC: Hoelting] from Pender, Nebraska, located under the north balcony. Mr. Clerk, are there any messages, reports, or announcements?

**CLERK:** There are, Mr. President. I have a notification from Senator DeBoer designating LB304 as her personal priority for the session. I have a letter from Speaker Arch pursuant to Rule 4, Section 8, referring LR293 to the Reference Committee for purposes of referral to the proper standing committee. I have motion from Senator Kauth to withdraw LB729. That'll be printed. Report on the disposition of interim study resolutions to be printed in today's Journal. Amendments to be printed from Senator Kauth to LB716 through LB830. Amendment to be printed from Senator DeBoer to LB304. And a motion from Senator Dorn moving the appointment of Stephanie Meese as director of Legislative Oversight. That's all I have at this time.

**DORN:** Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Speaker Arch for an announcement.

**ARCH:** Good morning, colleagues. As, as promised, you're going to be receiving a memo shortly regarding scheduling. And just kind of give you, give you an overview. I want to-- I want to highlight some things. And then you'll, you'll be receiving your own copy of this. Obviously, we've been receiving questions, and so I hope this will clarify a number of things. January 14, which is Wednesday of next week, is the day that I've identified that, that we will begin debate at that point on carryover legislation. So our worksheet order bills, that's when we'll start pi-- taking them up. You received a memo from me earlier as to how I'm going to be ordering those, and, and you can refer to that as well, but that's, that's when that will begin. We'll be doing a half day. The next day, Thursday the 15th, we'll have the State of the State Address by our Governor. And then-- we will not be doing debate on that day. And then we will pick up debate half day again on Friday. Beginning the following Monday is when we will begin our committee hearings. And so that will begin on January 20, on the first day of that week. And then the-- that week, the 22nd, is-- the Chief Justice will come in and give us our State of the Judiciary Address that week. And you'll, you'll see that in the memo. Now moving into February, there's some, there's some dates. And, and this will be kind of a shock to all of us, but February 17 is, is the last day to submit a request to me for a Speaker priority. That's early, right? February 17. The-- comes-- it's going to come very fast. And

then the 19th will be the deadline for the designation of committee and senator priority bills. So again, just keep that in mind as you're, as you're looking to the future on that. You're not going to see us identifying the start times of every day going forward. And so here's, here's going to be the rule: beginning January 20 through March 3, we will convene the first day of the workweek at 9 a.m. And we will be-- convene at 9-- at-- excuse me. The first day is 10 a.m. and the-- and every other day that-- those weeks will be 9. So you can count on that. You're not gonna see that in-- tied to every date. Beginning nar-- March 4, we'll convene at 9 a.m. every day. But this is in your memo. So your, your staff can get this on, on your calendars. There is also, color-coded, a calendar for all of you, and you'll be able to see by color as to when we're doing half days, when we're doing full days, all of that. Priority bills are going to come early. We are in a short session. And so once we start getting those priority bills, we'll be off worksheet order bills and, and moving on to just those. But again, if you have any questions after you receive this memo, you can talk to me. You can talk to my staff, Laurie, in the office. And we'll try to clarify anything for you. Thank you, Mr. President.

**DORN:** Thank you, Senator Arch. Mr. Clerk, introduction of bills.

**ASSISTANT CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB832, introduced by Senator Hansen. Bill for an act relating to public assistance; to amend Section 68-994, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the addition of long care-- long-term care facil-- service and supports to the Medicaid managed care program; and to repeal the original section. LB833, introduced by Senator Kauth. A bill for an act relating to state colleges; to amend Sections 85-308.01, 85-941, 85-951, 85-956, 85-957, and 85-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the instructional priorities for state colleges; to change provisions relating to degree programs offered at each of the state colleges; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB834, introduced by Senator Kauth. A bill for an act relating to counties; to amend Sections 23-3201, 77-123, 77-421, 77-1303, 77-1311, 77-1315, 7-- 77-1315.01, 77-1318, 77-1507, 77-1739, 77-1820-- 77-1862, 77-3706, 77-3707, and 77-5027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Sections 77-1311.03, 77-1502, and 77-1514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Sections 7-- 77-1301, 77-1613, 77-1701, and 77-2703, Rev-- Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; to provide for the appointment of deputy county assessors; to provide for certain certification examinations for county assessors as

prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Property Tax Administrator; to change the duties of certain county assessors; to change provisions relating to real property assessments; to change the deadline for reporting certain improvements to real, real property; to change provisions relating to the preparation of tax lists; to change the required contents of statements for taxes levied in counties; to change provisions relating to the cancellation and extinguishment of certain delinquent taxes; to change provisions relating to remitting certain sales and use taxes; to eliminate a fee and change certain application provisions relating to mobile homes; to change provisions relating to certain annual reports and opinions provided by the Property Tax Administrator; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB835, introduced by Senator Jacobson. Bill for an act relating to the Secretary of State; to amend Sections 52-1001, 52-1003, 52-1312, 52-1313, and 52-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Sections 33-101, and 77-3903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Sections 9-523 and 9-525, Uniform Commercial Code, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to fees, notices of liens under the Uniform Federal Lien Registration Act and the Uniform State Tax Lien Registration and Enforcement Act, the central filing system, effective financing statements, the master lien list, and filed records under the Uniform Commercial Code; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal Section 52-1313.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB836, introduced by Senator Jacobson. Bill for an act relating to banking and finance; to amend Sections 8-108, 6-- 8-603, 8-605, 8-606, and 8-607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 8-601, Re-- Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to, to charges for the examination of financial institutions and the levying of assessments, fees, and costs on certain financial entities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB837, introduced by Senator Jacobson. A bill for an act relating to money; to provide for the rounding of certain transaction amounts as prescribed. LB838, introduced by Senator Jacobson. Bill for an act relating to banking and finance; to amend Section 8-2901, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 8-2903, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define a term; to change provisions relating to the financial exploitation of vulnerable or senior adults; and to repeal the original sections. LB839, introduced by Senator Rountree. Bill for an act relating to the Municipal Density and Missing Middle Housing Act; to amend Section 19-5504, Revised Statutes Cumulative

Supplement, 2024; to change reporting requirements; and to repeal the original section. LB840, introduced by Senator Rountree. Bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Housing Affordability Act; to amend Section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide requirements for multifamily housing projects to receive assistance; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section. LB841, introduced by Senator Rountree. Bill for an act relating to special education; to amend Sections 79-1139 and 79-1164. Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require special education services as prescribed; to require parental consent as prescribed; to assign the burden of proof and the burden of production for certain hearings; and to repeal the original sections. LB842, introduced by Senator Rountree. A bill for an act relating to municipalities; to authorize certain contracts and agreements relating to parking facilities; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes. LB843, introduced by Senator Rountree. Bill for an act relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend Section 68-10--68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a waiver as prescribed; and to repeal the original section. LB844, introduced by Senator Rountree. Bill for an act relating to the Site and Building Development Fund; to amend Sections 81-12,146 and 81-12,147, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a grant for food distribution in certain counties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB845, introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. A bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; to amend Sections 81-6,122, 81-2205, 81-2212, and 81-2226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Sections 28-712, 71-5--71-561, 71-563, 71-564, 71-565, 71-566, 71-567, Reissue Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 71-814, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to eliminate an advisory committee of the Nebraska Children's Commission; to rename and change provisions relating to the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council; to redefine terms; to change memberships; to change provisions relating to findings and recommendations of the advisory council; to change provisions relating to the State Alzheimer's Plan; to create the Aging, Alzheimer's, and Dementia Advisory Council Fund; to rename the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services; to eliminate the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care Advisory Committee on Aging; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal Sections 68-1101, 68-1103, 68-1104, and 68-1106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 68-1105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024. LB846,

introduced by Senator Dungan. Bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-2716.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to individual income tax deductions; and to repeal the original section. LB847, introduced by Senator Kauth. Bill for an act relating to labor; to amend Section 48-649.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Nebraska Registered Apprenticeship Act; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate under the Employment Security Law; and to repeal the original section. LB848, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 77-2701 and 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt sales of certain clothing, personal computers, and school supplies from the sales and use tax as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections. LB849, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. Bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-2704.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an exemption from sales and use taxes for over-the-counter drugs; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section. LB850, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. Bill for an act relating to the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; to provide-- to amend Section 18-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; to authorize the use of economic development programs for certain construction of re-- or rehabilitation of housing in cities of the metropolitan class and primary class; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB851, introduced by Senator Dungan. A bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 77-2716 and 77-2734.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change income tax provisions relating to certain income or loss received from S-corporations and limited liability companies; and to repeal the original sections.

**DORN:** Mr. Clerk, first item on the agenda.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, motion from Senator Ben Hansen to spend Rule 3, Section 14, to permit scheduling of a public hearing on January 12, 2026 by the Executive Board.

**DORN:** Senator Hansen, you're recognized to open on your motion.

**HANSEN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Good morning, colleagues. I was remissed. Last time I was on the microphone, I didn't wish everybody a happy new year. But today I rise on my motion to suspend the rules

requiring seven days' notice for a public hearing on LR282, the resolution regarding the potential expulsion of Senator McKeon. As members know, our rules generally require seven calendar days' notice before a committee can hold a public hearing on a bill or resolution. This requirement serves an important purpose. It ensures that Nebraskans have sufficient time to learn about proposed legislation that may affect them directly, to prepare testimony, and to participate as a second house in our unique Unicameral process. However, LR282 is not a typical legislative measure that would impact policy for all Nebraskans or invite broad public input on matters of general law. This is a personnel matter involving serious allegations of misconduct by a sitting senator, conduct that occurred while serving in this body. Consistent with past practice for such sensitive internal matters, the scheduled hearing before the Executive Board will be limited to invited testimony only, specifically from Senator McKeon or his legal representative and from the outside counsel who conducted the independent investigation. No general public testimony is contemplated or expected, as this is not a forum for open debate on statewide policy. How-- moreover, Senator McKeon was provided formal written notice of, of the investigation's findings, the full report, the intro-- introduction of this explosion resolu-- resolution, and the planned hearing date of Monday, January 12 via the letter on January 5, 2026. That gives the directly affected individual more than seven days' advance notice to prepare, meeting the core intent of due process while allowing the Legislature to act promptly on this grave matter. Suspending the seven-day notice rule in this limited circumstance is both necessary and appropriate to maintain the expedited timeline unanimously recommended by the Executive Board. It allows us to proceed responsibly without undermining the protections our rules provide in ordinary cases. I urge my colleagues to support this motion. Thank you, Mr. President.

**DORN:** Thank you, Senator Hansen. Senator DeBoer, you're recognized to speak.

**DeBOER:** Thank you, Mr. President. I told Senator Hansen I was probably going to say something about this. And the thing that I'm going to say is that I would like to do a sort of hear ye, hear ye to all future legislators looking back on this transcript to say that I do feel pause about suspending the rules in this sort of instance, although the facts of this particular situation are so specific, particularly the way in which this incident was investigated and processed during the interim period, the timeline that Senator Hansen suggested of all of the things which have been done. And while I will

probably not vote to suspend the rules, because it is a principle of mine to be very, very limited in the times that I do suspend the rules, I understand why Senator Hansen has brought this motion in this instance. And it is a very close one for me. I do think, though, that we need to be very clear with future Legislatures that the rule suspension in this sort of case is only in this particular, very fact-specific case and not something that I think carries as a precedent. So that is what I wanted to say. Thank you, Mr. President.

**DORN:** Thank you, Senator DeBoer. Seeing no one else in the queue. Senator Hansen, you're recognized to close. Senator Hansen waives. Colleagues, the question before the body is the motion to suspend Rule 3, Section 14, to permit the scheduling of public hearing with less than seven calendar days' notice. All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Have all those who voted-- have all those who wish to voted? Mr. Clerk, record.

**CLERK:** 43 ayes, 0 nays on suspension of the rule, Mr. President.

**DORN:** The motion is approved.

**CLERK:** Mr. President, pursuant to that rule suspension, the Exec Board gives notice of a public hearing. That's all I have at this time.

**DORN:** Members, please continue to bring your bills forward. Mr. Clerk for, for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB852, introduced by Senator Spivey. It's bill for an act relating to the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act. It amends Sections 13-2610, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; provides for the recapture of funding distribu-- distributed from the Convention Center Support Fund to certain recipients; provides an operative date; repeals the original section. LB853, introduced by Senator Dungan. It's a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; amends Section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; provides an income tax adjustment related to certain federal tax deductions; and repeals the original section. LB854, introduced by Senator Hunt. It's a bill for an act relating to crimes and offenses; amends Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; prohibits law enforcement officers from wearing facial coverings or personal disguises and requires officers to wear appropriate identification; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB855, introduced by Senator



McKinney. It's a bill for an act relating to child welfare; adopts the Youth Early Intervention and Support Act. LB856, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to taxation; it adopts the Community Reinvest [SIC] and Equity Act; establish an excise tax on certain business operating in qualified census tract; creates a fund and, and a grant program. LB857, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; amends Section 77-2714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; changes federal references; and repeals the original section. LB858, introduced by Senator Fredrickson. It's a bill for an act relating to appropriations; amend Laws 2025, LB261, Section 107; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for community health centers; states intent; repeals the original section; declares an emergency. LB859, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to courts; amends Section 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3505 [SIC: 29-3905], 29-3918, 43-273, 71-964, 9-- 40-- excuse me-- 71-946, 71-947, 71-948, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 29-3903, 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2024; requires courts to appoint county conflict counsel when the public defender is unavailable as prescribed; defines terms; changes provisions relating to the allowance of fees for counsel; harmonize provisions; repeals the original section. That's all I have at this time.

**DORN:** Mr. Clerk for bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB860, introduced by Senator Bostar. It's a bill for an act relating to behavioral health services; to amend Section 71-801, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; require the Department of Health and Human Services to create a program to provide behavioral health services to individuals under 21 years of age, as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB861, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to the Building Construction Act; amend Section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; requires certain inspection records to be made available to the public; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB86-- LB862, introduced by Senator Prokop, is a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Reading Improvement Act; to amend Section 79-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change provisions relating to the intent regarding appropriations; repeal the original section. LB863, introduced by Senator Prokop, is a bill for an act relating to corrections; to require the Department of Hea-- of Correctional Services to construct barriers around facilities near residential

properties as prescribed; and to define terms. LB864, introduced by Senator Prokop, is a bill for an act relating to the Department of Labor; to amend Section 81-1210.01, 81-1210.02, and 81-1210.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 81-1201.21, 81-1210.04, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for student internships to be administered by the Department for Labor as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original section. LB865, introduced by Senator Prokop, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 77-2701, 77-2701.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt sales of certain child care supplies, clothing, and school supplies from sales and use tax as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB866, introduced by Senator Ballard, is a bill for an act related to public health and welfare; amends Section 71-2490, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for transfers of the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Trust Fund; to create a fund; to provide powers and duties for the Attorney General related to fentanyl and other drugs; repeal the original section; declare an emergency. LB867, introduced by the Health and Human-- introduced by the Health and Human Services Committee. It's a bill for an act relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend Section 28-705, 28-706, 43-2624, 68-150, 68-716, 68-916, 68-1006, 68-1007, 68-1509, 71-2226, 71-7415, and 81-3116, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 30-38,113 and 43-4504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Sections 80-- 38-131, 43-3342.04, 68-919, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change requirements for rules and regulations regarding special needs trusts as prescribed; to change provisions regarding fingerprint requirements under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to redefine a term; change requirements for the Title IV-D Customer Service Unit; to change funding provisions for child care grants; to change eligibility requirements for young adults in the Bridge to Independence Program; change and eliminate requirements relating to application for, determination of, need for, and payment of assistance to aged, blind, and disabled; change requirements of the State Commodity Supplemental Food Program; change responsibility requirements for the Division of Children and Family Services; to eliminate provisions relating to spousal assets under the Medical Assistance Act; to elimina-- eliminate provisions relating to the Ma-- Maternal and Child Health and Public Health Work Fund; to eliminate an obsolete Nurse Licensure Compact; provide for the use of wholesale drug distributor fee-- license fees for the fe--

prescription drug monitoring program; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original sections; to outright repeal Sections 68-921, 68-922, 68-923, 68-924, 68-925, 68-100-- 68-1008, 71-1795, 71-1795.02, 71-2201, 71-2202, 71-2203, 71-2204, 71-2205, 71-2207, and 71-2208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB868, introduced by Senator DeKay, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 77-27-- 77-2007.03 and 77-2010, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; provide an inheritance tax exemption relating to victims of homicide; change provisions relating to when certain inheritance taxes are due; to repeal the original section; declare an emergency. LB869, introduced by Senator DeKay, is a bill for an act relating to proper-- property presumed abandoned; to amend Section 69-1311, Reissue Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change provisions relating to notice requirements; repeal the original section. LB870, introduced by Senator Andersen and others. It's a bill for an act relating to postsecondary education; to amend Section 85-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change residence requirements relating to tuition and fees at state postsecondary educational institutions; and repeal the original section. LB871, introduced by Senator Conrad. It's a bill for an act relating to inflation adjustments; amends Sections 8-1,131, 25-1558, 25-1559, 30-2322, 30-2323, 44-371, 44-1089, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 40-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase amounts exempt from levy, execution, judgment, operation of law, garnishment, or other judicial enforcement as provided; to increase the homestead allowance and exempt property allowance; provide for adjustments based on inflation; repeal the original section. LB872, introduced by Senator Conrad, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to eliminate income tax re-- and income reduction for extraordinary dividends, certain capital gains; provide an operative date; to outright repeal Section 77-2715.08, 77-2715.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB873, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Sections 71-3801, 78-30-- 78-09 [SIC: 71-3809], 71-3810, 71-3812, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; provide an ex-- excise tax to certain kratom products; to change provisions relating to unaltered products under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB874, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, is a bill for an act relating to crimes and offenses; amends Section 28-306, 28-394, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to enhance penalties for motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child proximately caused by violations relating to use of a wireless communication device; repeal the original

section. LB875, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, is a bill for an act relating to trade practices; to amend Section 7-- 87-704, 87-706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and re-- and amend the Equipment Business Regulation Act; to prohibit certain provisions in dealer agreement as prescribed; to remove authorization for a dealer to waive an opportunity to return surplus repair parts as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB876, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, is a bill for an act relating to protection orders; to amend Section 29-4315, Revised Statutes Su-- Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Sections 26-102, 26-114, 28-311.04, 28-358.01, 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-2292, 42-927, 60-3209, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Immediate Protection for Abuse Act; to eliminate an unnecessary definition of the Protection Orders Act; provide that the presence of a respondent at a show cause hearing for such act is sufficient notice for a protection order and further service not required; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. LB877, introduced by Senator Hallstrom, is a bill for an act relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend Section 28-401, Revised Statutes Sup-- Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 28-5-- 28-405, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to, to des-- designate certain substances as controlled substances; to define a term; to correct the spelling of certain substance; to repeal the original section. LB878, introduced by Senator Guereca, is a bill for an act relating to state employees; to define terms; and provide for paid maternity leave as prescribed. LB879, introduced by Senator Guereca, is a bill for an act relating to labor; to adopt the Guest Worker Permit Act. LB880, introduced by Senator Guereca, is a bill for an act relating to the Uniform Redent-- Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend Section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit landlords from prohibiting or charging extra fees for payments made by an automated clearinghouse transfer; to, to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB881, introduced by Senator Gerecka and others, is a bill for an act relating to mi-- immigration; require law enforcement agencies, jails, and Nebraska State Patrol to receive approval prior to entering into agreements to enforce immigration law; to state legislative findings; to define terms; require notice of public hearings; to require reports; provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; and provide for civil actions. LB882, introduced by Senator Andersen, is a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-3512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain

veterans and surviving spouses; and repeal the original section. LB883, introduced by Senator Andersen, is a bill an act to-- relating to grants for political subdivisions; to amend Section 13-2703, 13-2704.01, 30-- 13-2705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 19-1201, 19-1202, 19-1204, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change provisions relating to the Civic and Community Center Financing Act and the Revitalized Rural Nebraska Grant Program; repeal the original sections. LB884, introduced by Senator Andersen and others, is a bill for an act relating to elections; to amend Section 32-806, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Section 32-202.01, 32-1010, 32-1027, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 32-1013, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change provisions relating to verification of citizenship, ballots, and ballot envelopes-- envelopes, delivery and handling of ballots, and observation by poll watchers and observers; and repeal the original section. LB885, introduced by Senator Andersen and others, is a bill for an act relating to State Investment Officer; to amend Section 72-1240, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change how the State Investment Officer may be removed from office; and repeal the original section. LB886, introduced by Senator Andersen, is a bill for an act relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; amends Section 60-474 and 60-488, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change provisions relating to operation of motor vehicles by certain noncitizens; redefine a term; and re-- and to repeal the original section. Additionally, Mr. President, some items. Amendments to be printed from Senator Andersen to LB870; Senator Guereca, LB878 and LB879, LB880, LB881; Senator Andersen to LB885 and LB886. That's all I have at this time.

**DORN:** Mr. Clerk for new bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB887, introduced by Senator Hallstrom. It's a bill for an act relating to public health and welfare. It amends Section 38-2871, 81-6,101, 86-- 81-6,106, 81-6,107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 38-2852, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; Section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change requirements relating to licensure examination, pharmacists sup-- supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns, and transfer of prescriptions between pharmacies; to eliminate a report on the Parkinson's Disease Registry Act; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section; to outright repeal Section 81-6,101 [SIC: 81-6,103], Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB888, introduced by Senator Clouse, is a bill for an act relating to public-- to the Public Service Commission; to

amend Section 75-156, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change civil penalties assessed for violations of Nebraska Uniform Standards and Modular Housing Units Act, the Uniform Standard Code for Manufactured Homes and Recreational Vehicles, and certain rules, regulations, and orders; and repeal the original section. LB889, introduced by Senator Clouse, is a bill for an act relating to the State Electrical Act; to amend Section 81-2143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change a penalty; and repeal the original section. LB890, introduced by Senator Clouse, is a bill for an act relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; amends Sections 77-3003.01, 77-3004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 77-3003 and 77-3003.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change provisions relating to fees for manufacturer and distributor license for cash devices under the act; change provisions relating to occupation taxes for mechanical amusement devices that are not cash devices under the act; repeal the original section. LB891, introduced by Senator Hansen and others, a bill for an act relating to Child Care Licensing Act; to amend Section 71-1918, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 71-1908, 71-1912, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; provide requirements for background checks as prescribed; change requirements for a compliant tracking system; to include volunteers in staff-to-child ratios; provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; provide a requirement for political subdivisions; to provide a termination date; and repeal the original section. LB892, introduced by Senator Hansen, is a bill for an act relating to the Massage Therapy Practice Act; to amend Section 38-1716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; change requirements relating to licensure of massage therapy establishments; to repeal the original section. LB893, introduced by Senator Storm and others, is a bill for an act relating to education; to amend Section 79-808, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to replace the requirement that an individual applying for a Nebraska substitute teacher certificate demonstrate human relations training; to require that the State Department of Education to create an interpersonal relations training course and test for individuals seeking a substitute permit; and repeal the original section. LB894, introduced by Senator DeKay and others, is a bill for an act relating to grain deal-- grain dealers; to amend Section 75-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Sections 75-902, 75-903, Reissue Revised-- Reissue Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to re-- redefine grain dealer for the purpose of the Grain Dealer Act and the Grain Warehouse Act; change provisions relating to annual fees for grain dealer licensure and securities under the Grain Dealer Act; harmonize provisions; repeal

the original sections; outright repeal Section 75-905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB895, introduced by Senator DeKay and others, is a bill for an act relating to the Grain Warehouse Act; to amend Section 88-527, 88-529, 88-548, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change applicability of the act; change provisions relating to license requirements and annual license fees for warehouses; and repeal the original section. LB896, introduced by Senator Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to fees and salaries; to amend Section 33-110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change certain fees related to marriage records as prescribed; repeal the original section. LB897, introduced by Senator Lonowski and others, is a bill for an act relating to open burning ban; to amend Section 81-520.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change a penalty; provide a fee for volun-- violating the open burn ban; repeal the original section. LB898, introduced by Senator Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to open meetings; to amend Section 70-1014, 70-1014.02, and 84-1411, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to virtual conferencing; and repeal the original section. That's all I have at this time.

**DORN:** This is a ten-minute heads-up for bill introduction. Ten minutes is all you have time today for bill introduction. You'll have to wait till tomorrow. Ten minutes. Mr. Clerk for bills.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB899, introduced by Senator Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act; amends Section 81-3437.01, 81-3451, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 81-3449, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change requirements for using seals; to eliminate the exception relating to the practice of architecture by certain nonresidents; change and eliminate provisions relating to certain applications re-- relating to engineers; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB900, introduced by Senator Lonowski. It's a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; to amend Section 77-1720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; change provisions relating to fees, commissions, and mileage for certain distress warrants for the collection of taxes; and repeal the original section. LB901, introduced by the Revenue Committee. It's a bill for an act relating to revenue and taxation; amends Section 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative, 2024, and Section 77-2701.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; change sales and use tax rate; change provisions related to funded-- fund distributions; to harmonize provisions; provide an operative date; and repeal the original section. LB902, introduced by Senator Dungan, is a bill for

an act relating to incarcerated individuals; amend Section 50-1901, 50-1904, 50-1906, 50-1907, 50-1912, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to adopt the Medical Standards for Incarcerated Individuals Act; to define a term; provide powers and duties for the Inspector General, Department of Correctional Services, and director of correctional services; change provisions of the Office of Inspector General, the Nebraska Correctional System Act; to require audits and reports; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB903, introduced by Senator Storer, is a bill for an act relating to public assistance; amends Section 68-1212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the referral home visitation services for certain families by case managers as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB904, introduced by Senator Arch, is a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend Section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 49-1480, 49-14,126, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; harmonize provisions relating to Chinese military companies; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB905, introduced by Senator Arch, is a bill for an act relating-- LB905, introduced by Senator Arch, is a bill for an act relating to state government; Sections 2-1814, 2-1816, 38-13-- excuse me-- 38-315, 38-317, 39-2109 [SIC: 39-2108], 49-1499.02, 71-7010, 71-7013, 72-813, 72-814, 72-815, 72-816, 72-818, 81-1117, 81-1120.17, 81-15,212, 81-15,214, 81-15,215, 81-15,217, 81-15,218, 81-15,221, 81-15,224, 81-15,230, 81-15,231, 85-1002, 85-1005, 86-515, 86-512 [SIC: 86-522], 86-523, 86-572, and 90-203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 39-2310, 43-4215, 43-4217, 66-4,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 38-167, 38-204, 38-2-- 38-308, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2120, 38-2213, 38-2414-- 38-2214, 38-2216, 38-2306, 20-- 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 43-4203, 43-4513, 71-814, 71-5310, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109, 71-7110, 71-7111-- 72-811, 81-1108.41, 81-1430, 81-1431, 81-15,210, 81-15,229, 85-1643, and 86-516, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to eliminate the Nebraska Potato Development Act, [INAUDIBLE] Nebraska Potato Development Committee, the Nebraska Po-- Potato Development Fund, and the Division of the Potato Development in the Department of Agriculture; change and eliminate provisions relating to the Climate Assessment and Response Committee and Nebraska Ar-- Agricult-- Aq-- Ar-- Aquacultural Board, the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, the Board of Examiners for County for County Highway and City Street Superintendents, the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force, the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, the Bridge to Independence



Advisory Committee, the Natural Gas Fuel Board, the Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, the Women's Health Initiative Fund, the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services, the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Task-- Program Task Force, the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply, Breast and Cervical Council Advisory Committee, the Critical Incident Stress Management Council, the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee, Governor's Residence Advisory Commission, the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee, technical panel for Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Suggestion Award Board, the Human Trafficking Task Force, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, State Emergency Response Commission, the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee, the National Stat-- Statutory [SIC: Statuary] Hall of the United States Capitol, the Willa Cather National Statutory Hall Cash Fund, the Chief Standing Bear National Statutory Hall Cash Fund, Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council, the technical panel for Nebraska and Information Technology Commission, the Rural Broadband Task Force, and the Rural Broadband Task Force Fund; to eliminate provisions rela-- regarding a solid waste management study and advisory committee and a private postsecondary career school advisory committee; to eliminate penal-- penalties to-- and obsolete provisions; harmonize provisions; provide an operative date; repeal the original sections; outright repeal Sections 2-1802, 2-1804, 2-1805, 2-1806, 2-1807, 8-- 2-1802, 2-1809, 2-1810, 2-1811, 2-1811, 2-4902, 2-5002, 2-5005, 2-5006, 72-2102, 72-2104, 72-2105, 81-15,195, 81-15,211, 82-702-- 82-701, 82-702, 82-704, 82-705, 82-707, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 39-2305 and 72-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001, 2-5003, 38-205, 38-310, 39-2304, 43-4001, 43-4216, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-705, 70-- 71-706, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-5311, 71-7012, 72-812, 72-2101, 81-1139.02, 81-1348, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,245, 81-15,246, 82-703, 82-706, 85-1008, 85-1607, 86-511, 86-521, 86-1101, 86-1102, and 86-1103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; and declare an emergency. LB906, introduced by Senator Juarez. A bill for an act relating to law enforcement; to amend Section 13-910, 81-8,219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and prohibit law enforcement officers on duty from wearing facial covering or personal disguise; require officers to wear appropriate item-- identification as prescribed; to define terms; provide a penalty to require law enforcement agencies to adopt policies; provide for the inadmissibility of certain evidence to modify an exception for intentional torts under the Political Subdivision Tort

Claim Act and the State Tort Claims Act; and repeal the original section. LB907, introduced by Senator Juarez and others, is a bill for an act relating to immigration; to provide for community safe spaces; to define terms; prohibit entry by law enforcement officers in the community safe spaces to enforce immigration law as prescribed; provide for imm-- in-- inadmissibility of evidence; provide severability; and declare an emergency. LB908, introduced by Senator Storm and others, is a bill for an act relating to the Parenting Act; to amend Section 43-2923, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and require courts to consider certain research in determining the best interest of the child; and repeal the original section. New LR: LR296, from Senator Hallstrom. That'll be laid over. Additionally, communication from Speaker Arch pursuant to Rule 4, Section 8, referring LR296 to the Reference Committee for purposes of a public hearing. Series of amendments from Senator Holdcroft to LB214, LB216, LB327, LB541. Series of name adds: Senator Hunt, name added to LB304; Murman to LB730, LB731, LB732; Senator Conrad, LB734; Senator Hunt, LB762; Senator Conrad, LB773 and LB786. An announcement: the Referencing Committee will meet in Room 1524 upon adjournment. Referencing, 1524, upon adjournment. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion: Senator Meyer would move to adjourn the body until Friday, January 9 at 10:00 a.m.

**DORN:** Colleagues, you've heard the motion. All those in favor say aye. All those opposed say nay. Motion's carried. We are adjourned.