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KELLY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the fourth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. Our chaplain for today is Senator DeBoer. Please rise.

DeBOER: Colleagues, please join me in a moment of prayer. Oh, Holy One, today we come before you and ask you to remind us always that each one of us, that everyone here in this building, that all of us are your beloved children. We ask you to strengthen us so that we may treat each other one, remembering their belovedness. We ask you to make us mindful of one another. We ask to strengthen us in this time as we face uncertainty, and we ask you to be with those in this building who labor in all sorts of ways throughout the state of Nebraska, for all those who labor. And we ask you to be with those who mourn, those who are sick, those who are poor, and those who are in need. In the name of the one who is, who was, and always will be. Amen.

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

QUICK: Good morning, colleagues. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. 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: Thank you. I call to order the fourth day of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Mr. Clerk, please record.

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: Are there messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: There are, Mr. President. A suggested reference report from the Referencing Committee. Excuse me, Mr. President, a final reference report from the Referencing Committee, concerning LB832-908, as well as LR293. Amendments to be printed from Senator Kauth to LB909 through LB925, without LB920, LB937, LB939, and LB940. Motions to be printed from Senator Kauth to LR294 and LR295. Notice of committee hearings from the Judiciary Committee. A report of registered lobbyists for

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January 11, 2026, will be found in today's Journal. That's all I have at this time, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Mr Clerk. Senator Dorn would like to recognize the physician of the day, Dr. Thomsen of Beatrice, Nebraska. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk, new bills.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB953, introduced by Senator von Gillern, is a bill for relating to Site Building and main-- Building Development Act; amends Section 81-12,147, 81-12,148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to the eligible activities for, for and requirements for assistance from the Site and Building Development Fund; and repeal the original section. LB954, introduced by Senator von Gillern, is bill for act relating to the Nebraska Advantage Act; amends Section 77-5701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; provide for the recalculation of base-year employees as prescribed; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB955, introduced by Senator Hardin, is a bill for an act relating to, to the Pharmacy Practice Act; amends Section 38-2867.01, Revised Statute Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to allow a physician assistant prescribing under a collaborative agreement to enter into the practice agreement with a pharmacist; and repeal the original section. LB956, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh. It's a bill for an act relating to postsecondary education; require the collection and reporting of certain compensation data as prescribed; to define terms; change-- to provide duties to the Nebraska public postsecondary institutions; provide duties to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; provide an operative date; and declare an emergency. LB957, introduced by Senator John Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to firearms; to amend Section 28-1204.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 28-1201, 28-1351, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative [SIC] Supplement, 2025; to provide a cause of action against certain adults for allowing a minor to possess a handgun; to provide an offense of leaving a loaded firearm in an unsecured location accessible to a minor; to define terms; harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB958, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. It's a bill for an act relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend Section 68-907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 68-901, Revised Statute Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a requirement for the Department of Health Human Services relating to 1915(c) waivers; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB959, introduced by Senator Riepe, is a bill for an act relating to child-- to the Child Care

Licensing Act, Licensing Act; to amend Section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to create the Department of Health and Human Services-- to require the Department of Health Human Services to create a youth afterschool credential and an adult eligibility passport as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB960, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to schools; to provide for the-- and require student school board members as prescribed; state intent; to define terms; provide for the selection and terms of student school board members; to provide powers and duties for student school board members; and to provide duties for school boards. LB961, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to criminal justice; to amend Section 7-- 29-2264 and 29-3005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Collateral Sanction and Relief Act; to change provisions relating to set asides; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections. LB962, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Youth Reentry and Transitional Support Act; to provide an operative date; and declare an emergency. LB963, introduced by Senator McKinney, is a bill for an act relating to immigration; to amend Section 83-176, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 83-170, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit agreements relating to immigration en-- enforcement by state agencies and officials without legislative approval; to state findings; to define terms; to change provisions of the Nebraska Treatment and correctional-- Corrections Act relating to detention of prisoners; and to repeal the original section. LB964, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to political subdivisions; to adopt the Nebraska Public Property Disclosure Act. LB965, introduced by Senator Bostar. It's a bill for an act relating to crimes and offenses; to amend Section 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-703, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 27-404, 28-115, and 28-322.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01, 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to prohibit sexual abuse of a proba-- probationer or problem solving court participant, sexual abuse by a conservator, guardian, or guardian ad litem, and sexual abuse by child welfare service provider; define and redefine terms; change and transfer provisions relating to sexual abuse of an inmate or parolee; to provide immun-- immunity to probation officers for administration of opioid overdose reversal medication; to change provisions relating to the offense of incest; to require registration under the Sex, Sex Offender Registration Act; change offenses including-- included with

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certain victim notification requirements; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section.

KELLY: Senator McKinney would like to recognize a guest seated under the north balcony. Plazenia Paden, who is the grandmother of Mike Lee, the legislative aide for Senator McKinney, of Omaha is here. Please stand and be recognized by the Nebraska Legislature. Mr. Clerk, for new bills and an item for the record.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB966, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh, is a bill for an act relating to schools; to amend Section 79-10,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act; to restate legislative findings and state legislative intent; to eliminate provisions relating to the reimbursement-- to reimbursement for school breakfast programs; to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education; to repeal the original section; to outright repeal Section 79-10,138, and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. New bill, LB967, introduced by Senator Jacobson, is a bill for an act relating to the Mutual Insurance Holding Company Act; to amend Section 44-6122, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for electronic notice of annual meetings as prescribed; and repeal the original section. Additional item, Mr. President. Your Committee on the Executive Board, chaired by Senator Hansen, reports LR282 to the Legislature for further consideration. That's all I have at this time.

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

ARCH: Thank you, Mr. President. As the Clerk just reported, the Executive Board voted to advance LR282 to the full Legislature for consideration. We will take up the debate of this resolution tomorrow morning, Tuesday. I will schedule it tomorrow. Additionally, we will begin debate of carryover legislation on Wednesday. In preparation for floor debate, I'm sharing with you today a memorandum regarding how we will be treating certain motions this session. I intend to follow the same procedures as last year. With respect to cloture, I intend to again follow an 8-4-2 threshold for determining when full and fair debate has occurred, with a few instances of 4-2-1 threshold, which will be announced prior to floor debate of one, of one of those bills. Also, bills which are bracketed, fail to advance, are passed over instead of continuing the debate when an IPP motion is offered, will not be scheduled unless they are not a priority bill when debated and

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are subsequently designated as a 2026 priority bill. Once you have a chance to read over the memo, please feel free to speak to me or Laurie in my office if you have any questions. Thank you, Mr. President.

KELLY: Thank you, Speaker Arch. Senators, last call for bill introduction which will end at noon. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB968, introduced by Senator Prokop. It's a bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriate funds from General Fund to the Military Department for equipment for emergency rescue events; and declare an emergency. LB969, introduced Senator Hallstrom. It's a bill for an act relating to political subdivisions; provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all counties and municipalities in the state. LB970, introduced by Senator Guereca, is a bill for an act relating to medical-- to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend Section 68-911, Revised Statute Supplement, 2025; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to mit a plan-- to submit a state plan amendment to expand services under the early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services program as prescribed; and repeal the original section. LB971, introduced by Senator Guereca, is a bill for an act relating to insurance; to require coverage of asthma inhalers as prescribed. LB972, introduced by Senator Fredrickson. It's a bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; to amend Section 18-1736, 37-1278.01, 61-376 [SIC-- 60-376], 60-378, 60-3,167, 60-479, 60-4,112, 60-4,114, 60-4,114.01, 60-4,118.01, 60-4,121, 60-529, 60-6,340, 60-1901, and 60-1902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and 60-3,221 and 60-4,122, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 28-306, 60-301, 60-302, 60-386, 60-3,100, 60-3,104, and 60-3,163.02, Revised Statute Supplement, 2025; to change provisions relating to the use of designated parking spaces for handicapped or disabled persons; to change suspension of operator's license to revocation of an operator's license relating to certain judgments on-- of convictions; change provision relating to bonded certificates of title for motorboats; to define a term; to change and provide provisions relating to In Transits, transporter license plates, applications for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the display of license plates; to end the issuance of special interest motor vehicle license plates as prescribed; to provide for Choice Color license plates as a type of alternate license plate; to recodify provisions relating to military service applicable to certain persons as applicable to any operator's license; to change and provide provisions under the Motor Vehicle

Operator License Act relating to certain examinations and to renew-- and the renewal of certain licenses by qualified licensees; to change provisions relating to proof of financial responsibility; to eliminate provisions relating to snow mobile safety certificates; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; outright repeal Section 66-341, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. LB973, introduced by Senator Raybould, is a bill for an act relating to state government; to in section-- to amend Section 81-1108.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 81-1108.15, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to provide for free parking for state employees; to change provisions regarding charges for state buildings and facilities; repeal the original section. LB974, introduced by Senator Conrad, is a bill for an act relating to taxation; to provide for an excise tax on individual incomes as prescribed; and to create the Tax Equity Cash Fund. LB975, introduced by Senator Conrad, is a bill for an act relating to the Attorney General; to adopt the Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act; and provide severability. LB976, introduced by Senator Andersen. It's a bill for an act relating to sanity [SIC-- sanitary] and improvement districts; to amend Section 31-741, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 31-735, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the election of board of trustees and contract binding-- bidding requirements; and repeal the original section. LB977, introduced by Senator Storer. It's a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend Section 60-6,111, 60-6,193, and 60-6,376, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 60-676.01, 60-378.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine vulnerable road user; change provisions relating to certain animals being led, herded, or driven on or along highways; to prohibit certain individuals from traveling on certain roadways; to provide for an operator-- to provide for operators of electric personal assistive mobility devices to yield to vulnerable road users; to change provisions relating to vulnerable road users; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB978, introduced by Senator Storer, is a bill for an act relating to civil actions; to provide for civil actions against persons for conduct relating to obscene materials, child sexual abuse materials, and child sexual exploitation devices and images; to define terms; to provide powers for the Attorney General and the county attorneys; to provide immunity for Internet utilities, courts, attorneys, and agents and employees of courts and attorneys; to provide a civil penalty; and to provide severability. LB979, introduced by Senator Brandt. It's a bill for an act relating to Game and Parks Commission; to amend Section 37-372.01, 37-406, 37-431,

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37-484, and 37-1241.02, Reissue, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 37-3201, 37-247.01, 37-324, 37-415, 37-447, 37-449, 37-450, 37-456.01, and 37-4,111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Section 37-327.04, 37-451, and 37-1214, Reissue Revised-- Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to funds, fees, permits, and flotation devices; to provide for fees for educational programs; to provide a penalty; harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB950, introduced by Senator Bosn, is a bill for an act relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act, to amend section 76-1415, 76-1442, and 76-1446, re-- Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; provide for waivers of the right to a jury trial in actions for possession; to change provisions relating to summons in such actions; to provide for summary judgment, expedited proceedings, and awards of court costs and attorney's fees in such actions; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB981, introduced by the Urban Affairs Committee, is a bill for an act relating to political subdivisions; to amend Section 71-1575, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 14-0-- 14-102, 71-1572, and 71-15,169, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities of the metropolitan class; to regulate housing authorities by ordinance; to define terms; change provisions relating to a complaint process; provide duties for certain housing agencies related to bed bugs; require a report under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to harmonize provisions; and repeal the original section. LB982, introduced by Senator DeBoer, is a bill for an act relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Public Service Commission for the Broadband Bridge Program; and declare an emergency. LB983, introduced by Senator DeBoer, is a bill for an act relating to civil procedure; to amend Section 25-331, 25-1223, and 29-1901, Revised Statute Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to third-party practice and despo-- deposition subpoenas; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section. LB989, introduced by Senator DeBoer, is a bill for an act relating to minors; to amend Sections 42-102 and 42-107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 43-4809 and 43-4810, Revised Statute Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to marriage licenses and emancipat-- emancipation by a minor; to eliminate conditions allowing individuals younger than 17 years of age to marry; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal Section 42-105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska. New bill, LB985, introduced by Senator DeBoer and others, is a bill for an act relating to the Nebraska Probate Code; amends Section 32-2628 and 30-2655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to

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change provisions relating to guardians and conservators; and to repeal the original section.

KELLY: Mr. Clerk, for new bills.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. New bills. LB986, introduced, introduced by Senator Bostar, is a bill for an act relating to campaign expenditures; amends Section 49-1446.02 and 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for expenditures for security services and systems; to harmonize provisions; repeal the original section-- original sections; and declare an emergency. LB987, introduced by Senator Lonowski, is a bill for an act relating to insurance; to adopt the Vision Benefit Plan Act; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and declare it an emergency... LB988, introduced by Senator Meyer, is a bill-- and others, is a bill for an act relating to the Community Development Law; to amend Section 18-2143, 18-2148, 18-2150, 18-2153, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and Section 18-2117.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and Sections 18-2101, 18-2103, and 18-2147, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to define and redefine terms; change provisions related to redevelopment plans, interpretation of the law, and limitations on the division of ad valorem taxes; to provide for limitation on the declaration of blighted areas and the use of tax increment financing; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section. New LR, LR297CA, introduced by Senator Machaela Cavanaugh. Constitutional amendment to require any legislation that would be-- that would amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by initiative to be submitted to the elector-- to the electors of the state for approval. New LR, LR298CA, from Senator Brandt and others. It's a constitutional amendment to create requirements for the use of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund and grants made by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Name adds: Senator Guereca, name added to LB903; Senator Hardin, LB730, LB731; Senator Spivey, LB878; Senator Conrad, LB891; Senator Spivey, LB902; Senator Guereca, LB913; Senator Conrad, LB930, LB931, LB932, and LB933, and LB934; Bostar, LB938; Conrad, LB938, as well. Notice that the Referencing Committee will meet in room 1524 upon adjournment, Referencing Committee, 1524, upon adjournment. And notice that pursuant to Section 50-2003, the Executive Board recommends the reappointment of Julie Rogers as Public Counsel, requiring a two-thirds vote-- motion to be printed. Finally, Mr. President, a priority motion. Senator Brandt would move to adjourn until Tuesday, January 13, at 10:00 a.m.

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KELLY: The question is the motion to adjourn. All those in favor, say aye. Those opposed, nay. The Legislature is adjourned.