

**TWENTY-FIRST DAY - FEBRUARY 2, 2024****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION****TWENTY-FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 2, 2024

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Sergeant/E-5 Stanley I. Washington, 1057th, Army, Omaha.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Bostelman, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Day, Hardin, Hunt, Raybould, Sanders, Vargas, Walz, Wayne, and Wishart who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twentieth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Arch, Cameron - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling - General Affairs  
Cook, J. Paul - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
Lambert, Kelly - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling - General Affairs  
Moore, Claudia - Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling - General Affairs

(Signed) Raymond Aguilar, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 830.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 847.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 848.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 895.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 936.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 940.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1102.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

**REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 1, 2024, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

Baxter, Todd  
Charter Communications Operating, LLC  
 Forbes, Meagan  
Institute for Justice  
 Foxx, Kelley  
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart  
 Geilenfeld, Rachel  
Chevron U.S.A. Inc.  
 Gullickson, Hans  
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)  
 Haddow, Mac  
American Kratom Association  
 Husch Blackwell Strategies  
Equifax  
Flock Safety  
 Kingery, Shannon L.  
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.) (Withdrawn 01/30/2024)  
 Mouw, Lindsay  
Center for Rural Affairs  
 Nebraska Strategies  
Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System  
 Quinn, Kevin  
Invenergy LLC  
 Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers  
Nebraska Defense Counsel Association

Nebraska Library Association  
Nebraska Rural Broadband Alliance  
Nebraska Transportation Association  
Nebraska Travel Association (NETA)  
NorthWestern Energy  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
United Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc.  
Schweska, Patrick  
Amazon.com Services LLC  
Sitorius, Michelle  
Pando PEO  
Swatsworth, Abby  
Outline  
Wogsland, Ben  
Delta Dental of Nebraska

### REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Senator Slama offered [FA209](#), found on page 571.

Pending.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 8, Sec. 3, the Appropriations Committee presented its preliminary report on February 2, 2024, summarizing the recommended appropriations for the following biennium.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 600A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Theodore E. Vasko - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Aye: 8. Bostelman, Brandt, Cavanaugh, J., Fredrickson, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser, Slama. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Eric Hansen - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

Aye: 7. Bostelman, Brandt, Fredrickson, Hughes, Jacobson, Moser, Slama. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. Cavanaugh, J..

(Signed) Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Senator Slama renewed [FA209](#), found on page 571 and considered in this day's Journal.

### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 938.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM2214](#)

1 1. On page 6, strike beginning with "Notice" in line 12 through the  
2 period in line 14 and insert "Notice of such special meeting shall be  
3 published in a newspaper of general circulation within the county at  
4 least five days before the special meeting. If no edition of a newspaper  
5 of general circulation within the county is to be finalized for printing  
6 prior to such publication deadline, notice of such special meeting shall  
7 be (a) posted by the newspaper to the newspaper's website, if available,  
8 (b) posted by the newspaper on a statewide website established and  
9 maintained as a repository for such notices by a majority of Nebraska  
10 newspapers, and (c) posted by the county board at the courthouse."; and  
11 in lines 28 and 29 strike the new matter.

(Signed) Tom Brewer, Chairperson

### Revenue

The Revenue Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

James R. Kamm Tax Commissioner - Department of Revenue

Aye: 8. Albrecht, Bostar, Dungan, Kauth, Linehan, Meyer, Murman, von Gillern. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Erdman filed the following amendment to LB939:

AM2303

1 1. Strike original sections 5 and 11 and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Sec. 5. (1) There is hereby created the Follow the Student Fund.  
4 The fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer, except that the  
5 State Treasurer shall have the authority and the option to hire a third-  
6 party manager or agency to run any programs associated with administering  
7 the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be  
8 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
9 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
10 (2) Each year the State Treasurer shall use the information provided  
11 pursuant to section 4 of this act to transfer an amount equal to one  
12 hundred percent of the adjusted average per pupil cost of the preceding  
13 year plus two percent multiplied by the total number of enrolled students  
14 in public schools in the preceding year from the General Fund to the  
15 Follow the Student Fund. The State Treasurer shall then use the  
16 information provided pursuant to section 4 of this act to transfer an  
17 amount equal to fifty percent of the adjusted average per pupil cost of  
18 enrolled students in public schools multiplied by the number of projected  
19 enrolled students in private schools from the General Fund to the Follow  
20 the Student Fund. The State Treasurer shall also transfer any additional  
21 amount necessary to cover the cost of the distributions to school  
22 districts pursuant to subdivisions (3)(a)(v) and (vi) of this section.  
23 (3)(a) The State Treasurer or a third-party manager or agency under  
24 the supervision of the State Treasurer shall establish a separate student  
25 account for each enrolled student in the State of Nebraska as provided in  
26 section 6 of this act. Each year the State Treasurer shall distribute:  
27 (i) An amount equal to one hundred percent of the adjusted average  
1 per pupil cost plus two percent into the account of each student enrolled  
2 full-time in a public school;  
3 (ii) An amount equal to fifty percent of the adjusted average per  
4 pupil cost plus two percent into the account of each student enrolled  
5 part-time in a public secondary school;  
6 (iii) An amount equal to fifty percent of the adjusted average per  
7 pupil cost into the account of each student enrolled full-time in a  
8 private school;  
9 (iv) An amount equal to twenty-five percent of the adjusted average  
10 per pupil cost into the account of each student enrolled part-time in a  
11 private secondary school;  
12 (v) An amount equal to fifty percent of the adjusted average per  
13 pupil cost for a student enrolled full-time in a private school to the  
14 school district in which such student resides; and  
15 (vi) An amount equal to twenty-five percent of the adjusted average  
16 per pupil cost for a student enrolled part-time in a private school to  
17 the school district in which such student resides.  
18 (b) A student shall be considered part-time whenever the student is  
19 enrolled in three or fewer courses at a public or private high school.  
20 (c) Such student accounts shall be made available for viewing by the  
21 enrolled student's parent or legal guardian, or by the enrolled student  
22 if he or she is nineteen years of age or older or an emancipated minor.

23 Sec. 11. It is the intent of the Legislature that each fiscal year  
 24 the Legislature shall transfer money from the General Fund to the Follow  
 25 the Student Fund in a manner sufficient to cover the adjusted average per  
 26 pupil cost plus two percent for the projected number of enrolled public  
 27 school students statewide plus fifty percent of the adjusted average per  
 28 pupil cost for the projected number of enrolled private school students  
 29 statewide and any additional amount necessary to cover the cost of the  
 30 distributions to school districts pursuant to subdivisions (3)(a)(v) and  
 31 (vi) of section 5 of this act.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB1174](#):  
[AM2266](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 3, strike "are not required", reinstate the  
 2 stricken matter, and after "declared" insert "but are not required.";  
 3 in line 6 strike "along" and insert "on"; and in lines 11 and 17 strike  
 4 "may" and reinstate the stricken "shall".

#### **MOTION(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Erdman filed the following motion to [LB1317](#):  
[MO1178](#)  
 Bracket until April 18, 2024.

Senator Erdman filed the following motion to [LB1317](#):  
[MO1179](#)  
 Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator Erdman filed the following motion to [LB1317](#):  
[MO1180](#)  
 Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

#### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 292.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 State Football Championship was held on November 17, 2023, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs football team competed for the Class D-6 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs prevailed over the Hay Springs Hawks in the championship game by a score of 21-20 following a blocked two-point extra-point kick attempt by the Hawks with forty-one seconds left in the game; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship won by the Mustangs in school history; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs Football team on winning the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 State Football Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs Football team and Coach Shane Hrasky.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association State Volleyball Championships were held from November 1 through November 4 in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs volleyball team competed for the Class D-1 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Mustangs prevailed over the Amherst Broncos in four sets to claim the Class D-1 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state volleyball championship won by the Mustangs since 1981; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs volleyball team on winning the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs volleyball team and Coach Tammy Kenton.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 294.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association State Volleyball Championships were held from November 1 through November 4 in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Overton Eagles volleyball team competed for the Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Eagles prevailed over the Cambridge Trojans in three sets to claim the Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, this is the first girls state championship won by the Eagles in any sport; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Overton Eagles volleyball team on winning the 2023 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Overton Eagles volleyball team and Coach Hayley Ryan.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Senator Slama renewed [FA209](#), found on page 571 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Jacobson moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Slama moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 20 ayes, 1 nay, and 28 not voting.

The motion to cease debate failed with 22 ayes, 15 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Slama amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Slama withdrew [FA210](#), found on page 579.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM2305](#), found on page 580.

### PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Jacobson offered the following motion:

[MO1181](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Jacobson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 3 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Jacobson requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 24:

Aguilar	Cavanaugh, J.	DeKay	Hardin	McDonnell
Blood	Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Hughes	McKinney
Bostar	Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Vargas
Bostelman	Day	Fredrickson	Ibach	Wishart
Brandt	DeBoer	Halloran	Jacobson	

Voting in the negative, 19:

Albrecht	Bosn	Holdcroft	Lowe	Riepe
Arch	Clements	Kauth	Meyer	Slama
Armendariz	Dover	Linehan	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Hansen	Lippincott	Murman	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Brewer	Raybould	Walz
Erdman	Sanders	Wayne

The Jacobson motion to invoke cloture failed with 24 ayes, 19 nays, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 16.** Placed on Final Reading.

**ST32**

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Conrad amendment, AM2102:
  - a. On page 3, line 3, "6" has been struck and "7" inserted;
  - b. On page 5, line 9, "5 to 10" has been struck and "6 to 11" inserted; and in line 14 "5 and 6" has been struck and "6 and 7" inserted;
  - c. On page 7, line 14, "9 and 10" has been struck and "10 and 11" inserted;
  - d. On page 10, line 10, "5" has been struck and "6" inserted; and in line 20 "8" has been struck and "9" inserted;
  - e. On page 19, line 29, "5" has been struck and "6" inserted; and
  - f. On page 20, line 26, "81-2103 and 81-2120" has been struck and "81-2103, 81-2120, and 84-617" inserted.
2. On page 1, line 1, "licenses" has been struck and "regulation" inserted; in line 2 "81-2103 and 81-2120" has been struck and "81-2103, 81-2120, and 84-617" inserted; in line 6 "to provide for an additional use of the State Treasurer Administrative Fund;" has been inserted after the first semicolon; and in line 15 "to adopt the Interior Design Voluntary Registration Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 146.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 252.** Placed on Final Reading.**ST31**

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Brewer amendment, AM2061, on page 1, line 22, "the" has been struck and shown as stricken.
2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "veterans" in line 1 through line 9 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "veterans; to amend sections 80-401.03, 80-401.11, 80-404, and 80-412, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 80-315, 80-322.01, 80-411, and 81-1316, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change references to a veterans' home; to change provisions relating to the Department of Veterans' Affairs Cash Fund, veterans aid, Department of Veterans' Affairs offices, gifts to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, waiver of tuition and fees for dependents of certain veterans, and duties of the Director of Veterans' Affairs; to eliminate an obsolete provision; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 80-336, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022." inserted.
3. On page 9, line 4, "80-404," has been inserted after "80-401.11,;" and in line 5 "80-322.01," has been inserted after "80-315,."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 299.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 308.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 600.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 664.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB902:

AM2314

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 71-5905, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 71-5905 (1) An assisted-living facility shall determine if an
- 6 applicant for admission to the assisted-living facility is admitted or if
- 7 a resident of the assisted-living facility is retained based on the care
- 8 needs of the applicant or resident, the ability to meet those care needs
- 9 within the assisted-living facility, and the degree to which the
- 10 admission or retention of the applicant or resident poses a danger to the
- 11 applicant or resident or others.
- 12 (2) Any complex nursing intervention or noncomplex intervention
- 13 provided by an employee of the assisted-living facility shall be
- 14 performed in accordance with applicable state law.
- 15 (3) Each assisted-living facility shall provide written information
- 16 about the practices of the assisted-living facility to each applicant for
- 17 admission to the facility or his or her authorized representative. The
- 18 information shall include:
- 19 (a) A description of the services provided by the assisted-living
- 20 facility and the staff available to provide the services;
- 21 (b) The charges for services provided by the assisted-living
- 22 facility;
- 23 (c) Whether or not the assisted-living facility accepts residents
- 24 who are eligible for the medical assistance program under the Medical
- 25 Assistance Act and, if applicable, the policies or limitations on access
- 26 to services provided by the assisted-living facility for residents who
- 27 seek care paid by the medical assistance program;
- 1 (d) The criteria for admission to and continued residence in the
- 2 assisted-living facility and the process for addressing issues that may

3 prevent admission to or continued residence in the assisted-living  
 4 facility;  
 5 (e) The process for developing and updating the resident services  
 6 agreement;  
 7 (f) For facilities that have special care units for dementia, the  
 8 additional services provided to meet the special needs of persons with  
 9 dementia; and  
 10 (g) Whether or not the assisted-living facility provides part-time  
 11 or intermittent complex nursing interventions.  
 12 (4) Each assisted-living facility shall enter into a resident  
 13 services agreement in consultation with each resident.  
 14 (5)(a) A facility shall not request or require a third-party  
 15 guarantee of payment as a condition of admission, expedited admission, or  
 16 continued stay in the facility.  
 17 (b) A facility may request and require a resident representative who  
 18 has legal access to a resident's income or resources to sign a contract,  
 19 without incurring personal financial liability, to provide payment to the  
 20 facility from such resident's income or resources. For purposes of this  
 21 subsection, resident representative has the same meaning as defined in 42  
 22 C.F.R. 483.5, as such regulation existed on January 31, 2024.  
 23 (c) If a person other than the resident informs the assisted-living  
 24 facility that such person wants to guarantee payment of a resident's  
 25 expenses, the person shall execute a separate written agreement. No  
 26 provision in the separate written agreement shall conflict with this  
 27 subsection. The separate written agreement shall be provided to the  
 28 guarantor of payment and shall contain the following statements:  
 29 (i) "Do not sign this agreement unless you voluntarily agree to be  
 30 financially liable for paying the patient's expenses."; and  
 31 (ii) "You may change your mind within forty-eight hours after  
 1 signing this agreement by notifying the facility that you want to revoke  
 2 this agreement."; and  
 3 (iii) "You may call the state long-term care ombudsman for an  
 4 explanation of your rights."  
 5 (d) Nothing in this subsection shall permit an individual with legal  
 6 access to a resident's income or resources to avoid liability for  
 7 violation of such individual's fiduciary duty.  
 8 Sec. 2. Original section 71-5905, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 9 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB83](#):  
[AM2279](#)

1 1. On page 11, line 28, after "Act" insert "except for all matters  
 2 relating to decedents' estates for which the county court has exclusive  
 3 original jurisdiction under subdivision (1) of this section".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB1133](#):  
[AM2151](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 13, strike "212," and insert "171, 172, 173, 174,  
 2 179,".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB1256](#):  
[AM2126](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 10, strike "86-428" and insert "86-1018".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 295.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

WHEREAS, Mark Dahir, a beacon of hope and transformation, who, after a distinguished fifteen-year career in commercial banking and courageously facing and overcoming the demons of addiction, passed away at age 48 on August 3, 2023, from heart trouble; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Mark's life was marked by a series of personal crises and a descent into legal troubles culminating in a harrowing seventh driving-under-the-influence incident which served not merely as a wake-up call but as a profound catalyst for soul-searching and monumental change; and

WHEREAS, from the ashes of his previous life, Mark started on an awe-inspiring journey of redemption and service and became a volunteer at the Heart Ministry Center where he eventually ascended to the role of chief executive officer; and

WHEREAS, Mark's visionary leadership led to pioneering accomplishments, including the founding of three successful social enterprises for the Heart Ministry Center: a food pantry that flourished into the state's largest food pantry and distributed over three million pounds of food to approximately one hundred forty-three thousand individuals in the past year, a medical and dental clinic that provided essential care at no cost to over two thousand people in the past year, and a laundromat which generates significant revenue, employs three full-time staff with prior criminal backgrounds, and extended complimentary services to eight hundred fifteen families in need in the past year; and

WHEREAS, Mark's dedication also grew the organization's budget to six million dollars leaving a lasting imprint on the center and all those that benefit from the care provided; and

WHEREAS, Mark's impact is left on those who knew him, individuals he helped, and those he inspired by demonstrating what it truly means to lead by example by transforming his own tribulations into a wellspring of empathy and compassion for those in dire need.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature solemnly recognizes and honors the extraordinary life and indelible contributions of Mark Dahir to the Omaha community.
2. That the Legislature celebrates Mark Dahir's remarkable journey from personal despair to becoming a pillar of hope and champion for the underserved.
3. That the Legislature acknowledges with profound gratitude Mark Dahir's unparalleled empathy and effectiveness in transforming the Heart Ministry Center into a haven of hope and progress.
4. That copies of this resolution be sent to the family of Mark Dahir and the Heart Ministry Center.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 296.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: McDonnell, 5, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Hardin, 48; Ibach, 44; Vargas, 7.

WHEREAS, Michael Walden-Newman has been the state investment officer for the Nebraska Investment Council for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, Michael invented and implemented the "Ten Page Rule" to ensure efficient meetings for the Nebraska Investment Council; and

WHEREAS, Michael worked tirelessly to identify ways to reduce the expenses of the Nebraska Investment Council; and

WHEREAS, Michael was instrumental in various Nebraska Investment Council initiatives to increase returns and reduce risk; and

WHEREAS, Michael took the time to be acquainted with and get to know everyone he worked with; and

WHEREAS, being a world traveler, Michael lived in Africa and several cities in the United States, but chose to permanently reside in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Michael Walden-Newman will now spend his days tending to his flower garden and holding his wife Jane's hand when not traveling and doing all things "Michael".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature express its sincere appreciation to Michael Walden-Newman for his many years as state investment officer.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Walden-Newman.

Laid over.

#### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

Unanimous consent to add Senator(s) as cointroducer(s). No objections. So ordered.

Senator Jacobson name added to LB126.

Senator Hunt name added to LB199.

Senator Linehan name added to LB844.

Senator Ballard name added to LB877.

Senator Hughes name added to LB1037.

Senator Brewer name added to LB1131.

#### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Lauren Micek Vargas, Luca Vargas, and Ava Vargas, Omaha; Jill Eberspacher and Jill Beisel, Seward.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dave Hoelting of Pender.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bostelman, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 5, 2024.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature