

**SECOND DAY - JANUARY 9, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 9, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Augustine Reimers, Blessed Sacrament, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Speaker Arch.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostar who was excused until he arrives.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the first day was approved.

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)**

Senator McKinney filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 1**

**Rule 5. Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.**

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(d) Individual Starting with the 2025 legislative session, individual members shall not be limited to the number of bills ~~no more than 20 bills~~ introduced each ~~at any one~~ session. Each committee shall be limited to 10 bills introduced each session. Bills introduced as a result of an interim study of

the Legislative Council shall be included within the limitations prescribed by this section. Special committees created as a result of an interim study resolution and as authorized by the Executive Board shall be considered as separate committees for purposes of the limitations prescribed by this section. Bills introduced under Rule 5, Section 3(a), Rule 5, Section 4(c)(3), and bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall ~~governor will~~ not be included in the limitation.

### MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 22, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Bradley Dunbar, 16131 Bedford Avenue, Omaha, NE 68116, Manufacturing

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

August 22, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Patrick Bourne, 13020 Binney Street, Omaha, NE 68164, Public Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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August 22, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission:

Michael R Gloor, 2120 Barbara Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
District-Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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August 26, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Personnel Board:

Kevin Workman, 2331 Sheffield Place, Lincoln, NE 68512, Personnel  
Administration-Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

August 28, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska Ethanol Board:

Randy L Gard, 3402 S Blaine Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, Petroleum  
Member - Republican

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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August 28, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska Brand Committee:

Duane Gangwish, 43314 Road 757, Lexington, NE 68850-3702, Feeder

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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August 28, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Board of Health:

Kimberly Stuhmer, 23037 N Z Road, Polk, NE 68654, Registered Nurse

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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August 28, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Dr Brett Lindau, 941 S 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822, Osteopathic Physician  
J Paul, Cook, MD, 17241 Oak Drive, Omaha, NE 68130, Physician

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

September 9, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Mark Andersen, 336 S 112<sup>th</sup> St, Omaha, NE 68144, Deaf/Sign Language  
Kay Crabtree, 1627 Euclid Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502-2616, Hard of Hearing  
Richard McCowin, 7427 Wyoming St, Omaha, NE 68122, Deaf/Sign Language  
Julie Ann Mruz, 5800 S 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Professional  
John Culver, 572 224<sup>th</sup>, Mildord, NE 68405, Hard of Hearing/Sign Language

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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September 9, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Valerie Hitz, 3550 W Mill Road, Raymond, NE 68428, Deaf/Sign Language

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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September 16, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Staci Hubert, 23561 Prairie Ridge Rd, Gretna, NE 68028, Pharmacist  
Mark Bertch, 3535 N 152 Circle, Omaha, NE 68116, Physical Therapist  
Patricia Kucera, 6222 Ponderosa Dr, Omaha, NE 68137, Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

September 18, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Julie J Jacobson, 3020 West Leota Street, North Platte, NE 69101, District 3  
Clark Kolterman, 660 East Pinewood Avenue, Seward, NE 68434, District 1

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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September 25, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Karen Harris, 913 W 4<sup>th</sup>, York, NE 68467, District 3  
Jeanne Salerno, 909 Capitol Avenue #508, Omaha, NE 68102, District 2

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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September 28, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed  
as Director of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services:

Lee Will, 14051 Woolworth Circle, Omaha, NE 68144

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your  
consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are  
included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 7, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed  
as a member of the State Electrical Board:

Nathan Michael Lon Francis, 2505 H Street, Fairbury, NE 68352, Municipal  
Systems Representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your  
consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are  
included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 9, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health:

Thomas Janousek, PsyD, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 15, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being appointed as members of the Underground Excavation Safety Committee:

Brandon Jones, 2115 Birchwood Road, North Platte, NE 69101, Excavator  
Robert Knapp, 1505 N 196<sup>th</sup> Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, Excavator  
Aaron Krebs, 3701 Rainey Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, Excavator  
Trevor Roth, 907 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, York, NE 68467, Operator  
Josh Hohensee, 2801 MelRae Road, Ashland, NE 68003, Operator  
Edward Jarrett, 5733 Chatsworth Ln, Lincoln, NE 68516, Operator  
Jeffrey D Grady, 18411 Summit Drive, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate  
Excavator  
James Saville, 7802 S 184<sup>th</sup> Ter, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate Operator

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 23, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Crime Victim's Reparation Committee:

David Nelson, 19002 S 204<sup>th</sup> Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Crime Commission  
representative  
Shawn Eatherton, 5515 Summit Road, Kearney, NE 68845, Crime  
Commission representative

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 23, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the State Board of Health:

Dr Kenneth Tusha, 908 Clark Avenue, Creighton, NE 68729, Dentist

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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October 29, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Crime Victim's Reparation Commission:

Candice Batton, 10450 N 151 Street, Waverly, NE 68462, Crime  
Commission Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

November 18, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Diva Wilson, MD, 12809 Cooper Street, Papillion, NE 68138, Creighton  
University Medical School representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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November 18, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Roger Wells, PA-C, 2405 Patriot Drive, Lexington, NE 68850, Physician Assistant  
Rebecca Schroeder, PhD, PO Box 4, Curtis, NE 69025, Mental Health  
Cherlyn Hunt, LNHA, MHA, QCP, CNA, 431 East Calkins Avenue, Elm Creek, NE 68836, Rural Nursing Home Administration  
Jeffrey D Harrison, MD, 3200 Farnam Ct – Apt 3206, Omaha, NE 68131, UNMC Representative

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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November 21, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society:

Daryl Bohac, 10011 N 152<sup>nd</sup> Street, Waverly, NE 68462

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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November 21, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care:

Drew Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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November 21, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Jacob Curtiss, 11945 N 142<sup>nd</sup> Street, Waverly, NE 68462, School Administrator

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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November 21, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the State Electrical Board:

James S Brummer, 3104 Dover Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701, Public Power District

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 4, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:

Stephen D Mossman, 3128 Alden, Lincoln, NE 68502, District 8-Independent

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 6, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Connie Edmond, 7417 S 48<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 9, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509



Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Board of Parole, effective December 9, 2024:

Jeff Bucher, 17000 S 72<sup>nd</sup>, Hickman, NE 68372, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 11, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Matt Smallcomb, 41747 Coal Chute Road, Gibbon, NE 68840, Municipal Representative

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 12, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Nebraska Investment Council:

Brian Christensen, 2309 Mahood Drive, Columbus, NE 68601, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

December 16, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Health Information Technology Board:

Drew D Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815,  
Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

December 16, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Robert Engles, 2308 McConnell Avenue, Auburn, NE 68305, Member

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

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December 19, 2024

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska State Fair Board:

Dawn Caldwell, 30660 Rd T, Edgar, NE 68935, Business Community-3<sup>rd</sup> District

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

**2024 INTERIM REPORT  
ON THE DISPOSITION OF  
INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS**

**Agriculture**

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
374	Examine the availability of healthy and affordable food		X		

	choices in Nebraska communities				
375	Examine methods to address production animal veterinary shortages in Nebraska		X		
398	Examine the development and use of messenger RNA vaccines in livestock			X	
399	Review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Potato Development Act and the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			
400	Examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee		X		

## Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
361	Interim study to conduct a review of the fees that fund Nebraska's cash funds		X		Aug. 30, 2024
416	Interim study to examine what funding options and appropriations may be necessary to improve the return on investment of housing incentives offered by the State of Nebraska		X		Dec. 18, 2024
420	Interim study to examine the budget needs of and funding sources for regional behavioral health authorities			X	
410	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of and how to best direct funding and appropriations towards sustaining a strong health care workforce			X	
388	Interim study to examine what funding and appropriations are necessary			X	

	to address the parking shortage for state employees and members of the public in the State Capitol Environments				
389	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee			X	
336	Interim study to examine the method of funding for court interpreters and determine a stable and permanent funding arrangement			X	

## Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
358	Interim study to examine the causes of increasing commercial insurance premiums and the impacts on Nebraska businesses		X		n/a
370	Interim study to examine the rise of retailers moving to digital-only transactions		X		n/a
379	Interim study to examine the role of health insurance for biomarker testing and the use of biomarker testing in public and private payor markets		X		n/a
430	Interim study to examine the impact of artificial intelligence on Nebraska's private and public sectors, including the technology and insurance sectors		X		n/a
431	Interim study to examine the roles of various entities in the pharmaceutical supply chain		X		n/a
432	Interim study to examine the impact of digital asset data mining on Nebraska public power districts, electric ratepayers, and communities		X		n/a

## Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
354	Assessing state-led programs pertaining to the Nebraska workforce			x	NA
444	Examining the oversight of staffing agencies, including health care staffing agencies, in Nebraska			x	NA

## Education

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
278 CA	Constitutional amendment to change the membership of the State Board of Education			YES	N/A
303	Interim study to examine the viability of adopting the Classical Learning Test as an option for meeting admissions requirements at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges		YES		11/08/24
319	Interim study to determine whether student-to-teacher ratio requirements should be considered or implemented in Nebraska by statute or regulation			YES	N/A
320	Interim study to examine changes to the enrollment option program to ensure students with disabilities have an increased ability to access enrollment opportunities		YES		11/07/24
321	Interim study to determine the scope and use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school officials in Nebraska		YES		11/01/24
333	Interim study to determine whether legislation similar to the model Hunger-Free Campus Bill is needed to			YES	N/A

	address hunger and basic needs insecurity of Nebraska college students				
341	Interim study to determine the scope and use by school districts of a ban and bar action, banning and barring individuals from school property		YES		11/01/24
365	Interim study to examine school guidelines and policies relating to LGBTQ bullying prevention			YES	N/A
368	Interim study to examine the process for school districts to change the boundaries of individual schools within their districts			YES	N/A
378	Interim study to examine the viability of selling land managed by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds		YES		11/08/24
382	Interim study to examine the governance and representation of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska			YES	N/A
383	Interim study to examine improvements to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and potential alternative funding mechanisms for Nebraska public schools			YES	N/A
385	Interim study to examine state standardized testing required in elementary and secondary public schools and the (AQuESTT) system used to classify schools under the Quality Education Accountability Act		YES		11/08/24
419	Interim study to examine school meal programs in Nebraska		YES		11/08/24
425	Interim study to examine the challenges faced by families with special needs students in enrolling such students as option students in other		YES		11/07/24

	school districts under the enrollment option program				
439	Interim study to explore whether the size of school districts has contributed to historical student underachievement within the Class V school district		YES		11/01/24
440	Interim study to examine how to close the educational achievement gap in the Class V school district		YES		11/01/24
496	Interim study to examine issues relating to the State Department of Education		YES		11/08/24

## Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
334	Interim study to consider strategies to ensure public access to the Nebraska State Capitol and adequate offstreet parking for state employees working in the State Capitol and state buildings near the Capitol			X	
356	Interim study to examine changes to reimbursements for senators' expenditures, technology, and functional aspects of their positions			X	
391	Interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements including lighting, workstations, updated plumbing in restrooms, and improved safety of building exits			X	
393	Interim study to examine safety and accessibility issues for the State Capitol Building			X	



## General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
84	Interim study to examine different methods to address concerns raised by restaurant, bar, craft brewery, microdistillery, and farm winery owners relating to receiving shipments of alcoholic liquor			x	NA
98	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee			x	NA
103	Interim study to examine entertainment district licenses issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act			x	NA
104	Interim study to examine statutes relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission and its members			x	NA
105	Interim study to examine and review occupational licenses and regulations under the State Electrical Act			x	NA
344	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee			x	NA
345	Interim study to examine all licenses issued by the State Racing and Gaming Commission			x	NA
353	Interim study to examine the pricing and taxation of alcohol in Nebraska			x	NA

## Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
362	Interim study to examine the		X		9/19/24

	dangers posed by artificial intelligence for elections				
426	Interim study relating to public records requests to determine whether reports of the resistance of government entities to public record requests are representative or isolated		X		
364	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for private detectives, private detective agencies, and plain clothes investigators in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/6/24
363	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for water-based fire protection system contractors in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/6/24
355	Interim study to examine and compare the process for adopting, promulgating, and eliminating rules and regulations in Nebraska and in other states, and updates to the Administrative Procedure Act		X		9/6/24
357	Interim study to determine to what extent, if any, there is a necessity to bolster election security in the State of Nebraska		X		9/19/24
394	Interim study to identify and review all programs and services enacted by the Legislature which may result in an increase in expenditures of funds by counties and county governments assigned to provide such programs and services		X		

369	Interim study to examine the barriers to voting and equal representation for Native Americans in Nebraska		X		
406	Interim study to explore the development of an institution dedicated to providing instruction, orientation, and professional development tailored for elected officials and office holders in Nebraska		X		
412	Interim study to examine changes to state law regarding the use of artificial intelligence in political campaigns		X		9/19/24
436	Interim study to examine the initiative and referendum petition processes in the twenty-six states in which such a process exists		X		
434	Interim study to examine tourism, including agritourism, in the State of Nebraska		X		

## Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
392	Interim Study to examine the costs and frequency of rebasing provider rates and to develop a methodology for rebasing such rates	Yes	No	No	10/23/24
397	Interim Study to examine the structure and processes of the credentialing review process known as the "407" process	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
338	Interim study to examine health delivery systems situated in rural areas, defined as all counties except Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy	No	Yes	No	12/11/24
377	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	10/30/24

	the components of the State of Nebraska's public health registry data collection and the release of that data to appropriate research entities				
433	Interim study to examine the availability and access to data regarding maternal and infant health care in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
428	Interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can ensure it has effective emergency medical services in rural communities	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
373	Interim study to examine different methods, including potential statutory changes, to address the need to recruit, train, and retain individuals to practice dentistry in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
337	Interim study to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska to determine whether program structures could be improved	No	Yes	Yes	No
442	Interim study to examine the scope and function of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative and its affiliates in Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
429	Interim study to examine the Child Care Licensing Act and the availability and affordability of liability insurance for licensed child care providers in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
443	Interim study to examine assisted-living facility reimbursement rates at different facilities throughout Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
423	Interim study to examine child care providers in Nebraska and the shortage of child care options in rural Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No

366	Interim study to examine opportunities under the medical assistance program to improve state beneficiaries' social determinants of health by allowing coverage of clinically appropriate interventions that address enrollees' health-related social needs	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
404	Interim study to examine the impact of the services provided to eligible recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program funds	No	Yes	Yes	No
421	Interim study to examine addiction with an emphasis on the examination of opioid addiction	No	Yes	Yes	No
372	Interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to the Board of Nursing and to evaluate the usefulness of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	No	Yes	Yes	No
422	Interim study to examine the needs, successes, and challenges relating to behavioral health in Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
405	Interim study to examine the process the Department of Health and Human Services uses in selecting a provider to service a foster home	No	Yes	Yes	No
386	Interim study to examine the scope of practice for behavior analysts in the State of Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
427	Interim study to examine the use of the child care subsidy program in section 68-1206 as an incentive to recruit and retain employees in the child care industry	No	Yes	Yes	No
387	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	Yes	No

	payment rates and methodology used by the Department of Health and Human Services for child and adolescent behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile service providers				
415	Interim study to examine the historic unwind of the federal COVID-19 Medicaid continuous coverage requirements as implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services	No	Yes	No	11/13/24
396	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	No	Yes	Yes	No

## Judiciary

No Report Filed

## Natural Resources

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
469	Interim study to examine existing, new, and emerging technologies in the nuclear energy industry	12/17/24 To be issued			10/17/24
352	Interim study to assess identified improvement projects for clean water and drinking water systems in Nebraska			x	

## Retirement

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
407	Interim study to examine the City of Omaha Employees' Retirement System for Omaha's civilian employees and the City of Omaha			X	

	Police and Fire Retirement System for Omaha's police and fire employees				
408	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	X			
409	Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	X			

## Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
314	Interim study to examine adjustments to county revenue sources and elimination of unnecessary county expenses to compensate for a phaseout of the Nebraska inheritance tax by 2029		X		11/22/24
324	Interim study to determine whether Nebraska statutes should be modified to provide a tax credit or consideration towards the purchase of a new or replacement vehicle for a private seller who sells a vehicle			X	
349	Interim study to examine the funding sources, including tax incentives and other methods, used for early childhood education programs in Nebraska	X			9/13/24
367	Interim study to examine mechanisms to slow the rise		X		9/20/24

	of property tax valuations during periods of rapid property value increases				
384	Interim study to examine nonprofit organizations, their nonprofit status, the way they use their nontaxable income, and the ways they use their nontaxable income for political purposes	X			9/6/24
411	Interim study to review LB1072, introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, relating to the topic of sustainable aviation fuel			X	
414	Interim study to determine the feasibility of having the state run all property assessment in Nebraska, merging county assessors with another office, or having county assessors be an appointed position			X	
418	Interim study to examine the current property tax valuation process		X		9/20/24
424	Interim study to examine occupation taxes			X	
435	Interim study to assess the loss of funding to Nebraska counties as a result of an elimination of the Nebraska inheritance tax and to identify potential state funding sources to replace lost revenue		X		11/22/24

## Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
417	Provide a comprehensive examination of the funding structure of Nebraska's transportation system and identify strategies to fund		X		



	highway maintenance and construction				
376	Examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee		X		
403	Examine issues discussed during the hearing on LB1256 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature			X	
380	Study issues regarding affordable broadband in Nebraska		X		
402	Study to examine and monitor broadband expansion in Nebraska		X		10/18/24
395	Study to examine the tax and surcharge burden imposed on telecommunications services			X	

## Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
359	Interim study to review the concept of property development in the State of Nebraska		X		10/4/24
360	Interim study to review the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act		X		10/4/24
437	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee		X		10/4/24
438	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for fire alarm inspectors	X			10/4/24
441	Interim study to examine the impact of local housing regulations on Nebraska's housing supply		X		10/4/24

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical cannabis; to amend section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to eliminate an incorrect subdivision reference in provisions adopted by the voters at the statewide general election; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to repeal terminated provisions relating to the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Crimes Against Children Fund, the Industrial Recovery Fund, the Medical Cannabidiol Pilot Study, the Municipal Natural Gas System Emergency Assistance Act, and the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force; and to outright repeal sections 19-5601, 19-5602, 19-5603, 19-5604, 19-5605, 19-5606, 19-5607, 19-5608, 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, 28-469, 50-435, 81-1213, and 81-1429.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 3.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34, at the Request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential electors; to amend sections 32-710, 32-714, and 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-713, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to selection of presidential electors; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 4.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to amend section 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide Public Service Commission jurisdiction; to adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 5.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid antagonists; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 6.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703, 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to affidavits for covered real estate, foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases, real estate of railroads, public utilities, common carriers, and within cities or villages, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to define and redefine terms; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 8.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, 77-2734.03, and 77-7019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the first year the credit is available; to change the credit to a refundable credit; to eliminate the limitations on the number of years the credit can be claimed and the annual amount available for the credit; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, and 77-4003.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions relating to notices of deficiency for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for sanctions and administrative penalties under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, to declare tobacco products involved in violations of the act to be contraband and provide for their forfeiture, seizure, and disposal; to provide for immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to amend section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs through the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 11.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 12.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 13.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 14.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

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 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; and to outright repeal sections 79-10,138 and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 15.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 16.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hemp; to amend sections 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-1701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt

the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act; to change provisions relating to immunity for eligible drug offenses, and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 17.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit landlords from charging fees as prescribed; to require disclosures; to provide for enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act; to provide civil penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 18.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; to amend section 86-1236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide duties for an authority and requirements for a wireless provider as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 19.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend sections 14-201, 14-202, 14-204, 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-217.01, 14-376, 14-521, 14-811, 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 32-402, 32-536, and 32-554, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to nomination, election, and terms of city council members and mayor; to change provisions relating to primary and general elections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to renewable energy; to define terms; and to provide for electric service between a local distribution system and an agricultural self-generation facility as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a

state plan amendment for evidenced-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 23.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for grants for bike-sharing programs; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

#### **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)**

Senator Cavanaugh, M. filed the following proposed rule change:

#### **Proposed Rule Change 2**

##### **Rule 3. Sec. 4. Select Committees.**

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(iii) The Clerk of the Legislature's office shall be responsible for the collection of pertinent information on gubernatorial appointments. That information will be distributed to the appropriate standing committee prior to the time of the confirmation hearing. The Clerk's office shall be the "depository" for background information on the appointed individual, including a statement of financial interests if applicable, and any other biographical information that the committee chair feels is appropriate for the committee to have before it during the confirmation process. In addition to such information, the committee legal counsel shall search any publicly available information on the appointee's background, including, but not limited to, filed conflict of interest statements, media stories, and criminal history records. The committee legal counsel shall prepare an objective report for the committee detailing all such information gathered and make such report available to the members of the committee at least two days prior to the appointee's confirmation hearing.

(iv) The committees to which a gubernatorial appointee has been referred for confirmation shall conduct a confirmation hearing. Each appointee shall be required to appear in person before the committee conducting the confirmation hearing. The appearance of the appointee may be waived for good cause as determined by the chair of the committee.

The committee shall prepare a report which approves, rejects, or makes no recommendation on the appointment. Said report shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. The Legislature shall then have the opportunity to accept or reject the report of the committee.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a report to approve an appointment by a majority vote of the elected members, the appointment is thereby rejected.

If the report coming from the committee is to reject the appointment, and the Legislature fails to adopt the report by a majority vote of the elected members, then the appointment is thereby approved provided the report receives a majority vote in the negative.

In the event that the committee files a report making no recommendation on the appointment, the report shall be considered by the Legislature within five legislative days, and no later than the scheduled adjournment sine die of the current legislative session. The Legislature shall consider a motion to approve the appointment, which shall require a majority of the elected members for approval. If the Legislature fails to approve the motion, the appointment is thereby rejected.

In the event a motion on a report fails to receive either in the affirmative or negative a majority vote of the elected members, then such appointment shall be deemed rejected.

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 24.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the revocation of probation and waiver of probation fees; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 25.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 26.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-929.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to include certain hospital and health clinic employees within certain assault statutes; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 27.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5650 and 71-5652, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-996, 71-5662, 71-5663, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to restate the purposes of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to change provisions relating to loan repayments, financial assistance

amounts, and loan repayment recipient agreements under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to provide for financial assistance in the form of loan repayments to certain dentists who agree to provide dental services to medicaid patients as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 28.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for tip income; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 29.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create a review process for rules and regulations; to require reports as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 30.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state legislative findings; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts as prescribed; and to require each school board to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 32.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to disclaimers; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 33.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-103.02, 53-103.03, and 53-103.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 53-160.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to time; to amend sections 49-1301, 49-1302, 81-1323, and 81-1328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for year-round daylight saving time as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend section 70-1014.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wellhead Protection Area Act; to amend section 46-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for notification of certain regulations and permits to controlling entities by counties, cities, and villages; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 37.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to amend section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Railroad Safety Act; to change provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; to eliminate provisions relating to blocked crossings; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 17-225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Geologists Regulation Act; to amend sections 81-3501, 81-3502, 81-3503, 81-3507, 81-3508, 81-3509, 81-3509.01, 81-3511, 81-3512, 81-3514, 81-3515, 81-3517, 81-3518, 81-3519, 81-3520, 81-3521, 81-3522, 81-3525, 81-3526, 81-3527, 81-3528, 81-3529, 81-3530, 81-3531, 81-3534, 81-3535, 81-3536, 81-3537, 81-3539, 81-3540, and 81-3541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to prohibited acts, the Board of Geologists, the roster of professional geologists, the code of practice, licensure, certificates of licensure, certificates of authority, seals, the practice of geology, violations of the act, examinations, and exempt activities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-3505 and 81-3513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 39.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banks; to amend section 8-124.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to notification of a vacancy in the board of directors of a bank to the Department of Banking and Finance; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 40.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; to amend section 21-193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to publication of notice of organization, amendment of certificate of organization, merger, conversion, domestication, or dissolution; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; to amend section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to blood tests for pregnant women; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6038 and 71-6039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, 70-1014.02, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 44.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postconviction relief; to amend section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to limitations on actions for postconviction relief; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 45.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jobs; to amend section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-622.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for grants for job programs for historically underserved youth; to state intent regarding appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 46.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 47.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,153, 81-12,162, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, and 81-12,235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to a small business investment program under the Business Innovation Act; to change provisions relating to a program to provide professional counseling services to small businesses; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 48.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment pilot program as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 49.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a school district's powers as a body corporate; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and school districts relating to ban and bar actions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 50.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Hansen, 16; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-6204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal history record information; to adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact; and to provide powers and duties for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the Nebraska State Patrol.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to victims; to amend section 81-1850, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change offenses included within certain victim notification requirements; to change provisions relating to disclosure of certain information; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 53.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pregnancy; to state intent; and to provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 54.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 55.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding certain appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 56.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 60-6,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require medical facilities and mortuaries to comply with requests for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

### **PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)**

Senator DeBoer filed the following proposed rule changes:

#### **Proposed Rule Change 3**

**Rule 7, Sec. 4. Shall the Debate Cease.** The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the debate now close?".

The previous question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by five or more members, and must be sustained by the vote of a majority of the elected members, and

until decided shall, except as provided in this section of this rule, preclude further debate and all amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn. ~~The presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded, due to the complexity of the subject matter. The ruling of the presiding officer shall be subject to overrule in accordance with Rule 1, Section 12 of these rules.~~

On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for a previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposition under debate, the mover, proponent, or introducer of such proposition shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

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#### **Proposed Rule Change 4**

##### **Rule 2. Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order.**

**Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order.** If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Legislature, the presiding officer shall, or any member may, at any time before the end of the legislative day during which such transgression occurred, call such member to order, in which case he or she shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Legislature shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise, and if the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Legislature may deem proper.

##### **Rule 2. Sec. 9. Words Excepted To.**

**Sec. 9. Words Excepted To.** If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him or her to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the Legislature, but he or she shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the Legislature therefore, if such call to order is not made before the end of the legislative day during which such words excepted to were spoken ~~further debate or other business shall have intervened.~~

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#### **Proposed Rule Change 5**

##### **Rule 7. Sec. 3. Motion in Writing, Withdrawal.**

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(d) No motion, proposition, or subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject.

(e) Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. Once a call for a division is made ~~ordered by the presiding officer~~, each component shall be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. For purposes of germaneness, even if a question is germane prior to a request for division, each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings. Once a vote or change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting or without unanimous consent. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude an amendment or a motion to strike out or insert. Such call for division shall not be allowed when considering motions under Rule 6, Section 6. Such a call for division shall not be allowed for bills listed under Rule 8, Section 1(b).

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### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 57.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid assisted-living facilities.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liens; to eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens; and to outright repeal sections 52-301, 52-302, 52-303, and 52-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to amend section 2-3224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the disbursement of funds of a district by electronic payment systems; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 60.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Lottery Act; to amend section 9-829, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to remove the prohibition that a lottery ticket cannot be sold through a vending or dispensing device; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 61.** Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file an amendment to the home and community-based services waiver for the aged and disabled for memory care rates; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 62.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 63.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to amend section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms relating to sports wagering; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 64.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-3614, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change eligibility requirements for medicare supplement policies; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 65.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 25-1914, 25-3010, 29-1920, 29-2207, 29-2262.04, 29-2262.06, 29-2704, 29-4106, 29-4121, 33-103, 33-107.01, 33-107.03, 33-126.05, 33-154, 33-155, 33-156, 33-157, 43-261, 43-290, 47-633, and 81-1429, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 24-703, 25-1140.09, 29-1903, 29-2262, 33-106, 33-124, 43-254, 43-260.04, 43-272, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court fees and costs, probation fees, and DNA collection and testing costs; to provide that such individuals are presumed to be indigent for purposes of fees related to criminal discovery; to prohibit recovery of costs and fees in proceedings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code from juveniles and their parents or guardians as prescribed; to change provisions relating to juvenile pretrial diversion programs,

appointed counsel, guardians ad litem, and recoupment of certain costs; to prohibit imposition of a fine as a penalty in a juvenile proceeding; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 66.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 67.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to sexual assault; to adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 68.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide coverage for certain contraceptives under insurance policies and the medical assistance program as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 69.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to meetings; to require a report; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 70.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to amend sections 43-104.15, 43-107, 43-512.04, 43-1401, 43-1402, 43-1404, 43-1405, and 43-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-101, 43-101.01, 43-102, 43-104, 43-104.08, 43-104.13, and 43-2924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for adoption by a second adult person; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to consent to adoption, home studies, terminology, child support and medical support, and the applicability of the Parenting Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 71.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 71-1961, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-536 and 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for child care rates paid by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act; and to repeal the original sections.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-405 and 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 73.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to change the number of hours of annual continuing education courses required for law enforcement officers; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 74.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize certain committee expenditures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 75.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend sections 48-1202, 48-1203.01, 48-1205, 48-1206, 48-1207, 48-1208, and 48-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to clarify language regarding compensation for tipped employees; to provide duties for employers; to change powers and duties of the Department of Labor and the Commissioner of Labor; to prohibit acts and provide a penalty; to provide for liquidated damages; to provide for complaints; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 76.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to amend sections 81-2026, 81-2027.08, and 81-2027.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer and annual benefit adjustment calculations as prescribed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 77.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act; to provide operative dates; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act; to change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 79.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02, 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929, 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02, 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, and 43-1611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to provide penalties; to provide for powers and duties relating to such orders; to change a penalty for violation of a harassment protection order; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 81.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act; to amend sections 77-6702 and 77-6703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to change provisions relating to tax credits for school district taxes paid; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 2.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Cade Wakeley of Wausa, Nebraska, son of Brian and Tiffany Wakeley and member of Bloomfield/Wausa Boy Scout Troop 149, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Cade planned and organized the installation of new benches for Gladstone Park in Wausa; and

WHEREAS, Cade, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Cade Wakeley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Cade Wakeley.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 3.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 Football Championship was held on November 22, 2024, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team competed for the Class D-6 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team defeated the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs with a score of 42-38, earning the state title; and

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

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team members are positive role models of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and discipline for young athletes in their community; 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 NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Stuart Broncos football team and its coach on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 State Football Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Stuart Broncos football team and Coach Colin Schurman.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Caleb Erwin of Laurel, Nebraska, a member of Laurel Boy Scout Troop 208, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Caleb planned and organized the painting of playground equipment at and the cleaning up of Laurel City Park; and

WHEREAS, Caleb, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Caleb Erwin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Caleb Erwin.

Laid over.

**MOTION - Escort Committees**

Senator Rountree moved that a series of committees be appointed to escort the various state and constitutional officers for the purpose of administering their oaths of office.

The motion prevailed.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Mary Jo Holdcroft, Bellevue; Teresa Reese, Omaha; Bill Holdcroft, Omaha.

**RECESS**

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Hardin who was excused until he arrived.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska Army National Guard.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING****INAUGURAL CEREMONIES**

Chief Justice Jeffrey J. Funke, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected state officials.

The Chief Justice and the newly elected state officials were escorted from the Chamber.

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)**

Senator Hansen filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 6****Rule 3, Sec. 4. Select Committees.**

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v) Appointments of agency or department heads serving at the pleasure of the Governor shall be considered individually by the Legislature upon receipt of the committee report.

Any other appointments reported by the committee may be presented in a single report, provided the committee's recommendation is identical for all such appointments. This report may be scheduled by the Speaker for collective consideration and action by the Legislature. The Speaker shall announce proposed nominations for collective consideration two legislative days prior to their placement on the agenda. The full report shall be indivisible; however, any individual nomination may be removed from the

report upon written request of five or more senators. Such requests must be filed with the Clerk prior to the commencement of consideration of the appointments. Any nomination so removed shall be scheduled by the Speaker for individual consideration.

**Renumber the remaining subdivisions.**

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#### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES PRELIMINARY REPORT**

Senator Armendariz offered the following Committee on Committees report:

##### Agriculture (8)

Tuesday

DeKay (C), (VC), Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm

##### Appropriations (9)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Clements (C), (VC), Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen

##### Banking, Commerce and Insurance (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Jacobson (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Hallstrom, Hardin, Riepe, von Gillern, Wordekemper

##### Business and Labor (7)

Monday

Kauth (C), (VC), Hansen, Ibach, McKeon, McKinney, Raybould, Sorrentino

##### Education (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Murman (C), (VC), Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Sanders

##### General Affairs (8)

Monday

Holdcroft (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree, Storm

##### Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Sanders (C), (VC), Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper

Health and Human Services (7)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Hardin (C), (VC), Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe

Judiciary (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Bosn (C), (VC), DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm

Natural Resources (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Brandt (C), (VC), Andersen, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould

Nebraska Retirement Systems (6)

At call of Chair

Ballard (C), (VC), Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Jaurez, Sorrentino

Revenue (8)

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

von Gillern (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino

Transportation and Telecommunications (8)

Monday & Tuesday

Moser (C), (VC), Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Storer

Urban Affairs (7)

Tuesday

McKinney (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Quick, Rountree, Sorrentino

Committee on Committees (13)

Armendariz (C)

District 1:

Bosn  
Bostar  
Moser  
Sanders

District 2:

Cavanaugh, J  
Fredrickson  
Hunt  
Spivey

District 3:

Brandt  
Ibach  
Jacobson  
Murman

Enrollment and Review (1)

Guereca (C)

Reference (9)

Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

Rules (6)

Lippincott (C), (VC), Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, Ibach, Arch (ex officio)

Executive Board of the Legislative Council (9)

Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jeffrey Wallman of Geneva.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:57 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature