

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY - APRIL 17, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, April 17, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator von Gillern.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Armendariz who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Guereca, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-third day was approved.

REPORTS

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

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 16, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Bromm, Curt
Bromm & Associates
Bromm, Jason
Bromm & Associates
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
The Fairness Project
Wesely, Don
Lindsay Harr MacDonald (Withdrawn 04/15/2025)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Senator Conrad offered [MO29](#), found on page 365, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Ballard opened on his bill, LB645.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO29.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM876](#), found on page 1113, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO27](#), found on page 365, to bracket until April 24, 2025.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 7 ayes, 29 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered [MO28](#), found on page 365, to recommit to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard withdrew [AM248](#), found on page 511.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. [ER44](#), found on page 1065, was offered.

ER44 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. [ER31](#), found on page 901, was offered.

ER31 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. [ER38](#), found on page 1012, was offered.

ER38 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered [AM882](#), found on page 997.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 694. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Wendy DeBoer, Vice Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to [LB217](#):

[AM1031](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 20, after "have" insert "annual"; in line 21
- 2 strike "at least ninety minutes" and insert "current best practices"; and
- 3 in line 23 strike "and annually thereafter".

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to [LB317](#):

[AM1084](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)

- 1 1. On page 178, lines 21, 25, and 30; page 179, lines 4, 8, 18, and
- 2 24; and page 286, line 18, strike "director", show as stricken, and
- 3 insert "department".
- 4 2. On page 248, line 24; page 249, lines 11 and 19; page 250, line

5 23; page 252, line 29; page 253, lines 13 and 30; page 254, lines 19 and
 6 27; page 269, line 23; and page 270, lines 8 and 15, strike "director"
 7 and insert "Director of Water, Energy, and Environment".
 8 3. On page 286, strike beginning with "Director" in line 15 through
 9 "Environment" in line 16, show the old matter as stricken, and insert
 10 "department".
 11 4. On page 343, line 2, after "shall" insert "(1)"; in line 3 after
 12 "Act" insert "or a professional geologist as provided in the Geologists
 13 Regulation Act" and after "and" insert "(2)"; and in line 4 strike "and"
 14 and insert ". The Chief Water Officer".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB317:

MO183

Bracket until May 5, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 126. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Bostar, 29; Dungan, 26; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct an interim study to examine the impact of certain tax incentive programs currently in effect in Nebraska. The study shall evaluate the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act in terms of their function, impact upon Nebraska's economy and communities, as well as business and industrial sectors, and influence upon overall tax receipts and the state's budgeting process. The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

- (1) The impact of the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act on state revenue;
- (2) The utilization of tax credits under the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act since their passage;
- (3) The effectiveness of the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act in promoting growth in business, industry, and employment in Nebraska; and
- (4) The future of a cohesive and sustainable economic development and business attraction strategy to drive growth in Nebraska.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee may confer with state agencies, other standing committees of the Legislature, and relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the business community, economic development community, and local municipalities.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 127. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 20 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich and Bettie Chambers competed in the tournament for the Palmyra High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Bryan-Aldrich won the Girls Class B 235-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Precious DeCora of Winnebago High School and Chambers won the 115-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Leynn Luna of Boone Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Bryan-Aldrich clinched her match with a fall in forty-eight seconds and finished her season with a 47-4 record; and

WHEREAS, Chambers completed her senior year with a 49-2 record; 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 congratulates Palmyra High School wrestlers Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich at 235 pounds and Bettie Chambers at 115 pounds on winning their respective 2025 Girls Class B State Wrestling Championships.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Palmyra High School, Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich, and Bettie Chambers.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 128. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the American Occupational Therapy Association has declared the month of April 2025 to be Occupational Therapy Month; and

WHEREAS, the profession of occupational therapy makes valuable contributions in helping people live life to its fullest after an illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy services are available to residents of Nebraska through occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants at hospitals, home health agencies, schools, clinics, community organizations, and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the health and productivity of the residents of Nebraska depends upon the effective use of health care resources, including the important services of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 2025 as Occupational Therapy Month in Nebraska.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 129. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 20 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn Prado competed in the tournament for the Johnson County Central High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Prado won the Girls Class B 100-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Hadley Mazzula of Auburn High School; and

WHEREAS, Prado's win marked her third championship title and she did not lose a match her junior or senior season for a 91-0 record; 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 congratulates Johnson County Central High School wrestler Jocelyn Prado on winning the 2025 Girls Class B 100-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Johnson County Central High School and Jocelyn Prado.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Moser announced the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., in Room 2102.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from students from Malcolm Public School, Malcolm; members of the Omaha Chapter of the Links, Omaha; students from Norris Elementary, Omaha; members of Greenheart Exchange, eastern Nebraska; students from Karen Western Elementary, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

