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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, June 2, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor James Canning, Bazile Creek Congregational, Niobrara.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Moser.

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 eighty-eighth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 30, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 504, 371, 422, 490, 499, 558, 513e, 513Ae, 288, 288A, 290, 346, 380, 380A, 382, 382A, 434e, and 521e were received in my office on May 28, 2025, and signed on May 30, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 30, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

June 2, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am writing to confirm that all bills presently on my desk will become law without my objections in the coming days.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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 June 1, 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

McDonald, Edison
Arc of Nebraska, The (Withdrawn 05/30/2025)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LR229	Business and Labor (rereferred)
LR279	Executive Board
LR280	Agriculture
LR281	Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 274, 275, 276, 277, and 278.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 274, 275, 276, 277 and 278.

BILLS ON FINAL READING**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB707 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-4401, 77-4403, 77-4404, 77-4405, 77-4406, 77-4408, 77-4410, 77-4412, 77-4413, and 77-4414, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 707, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB306

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO266](#), found on page 1603, to recommit to the Education Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB306 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-215, 79-2136, 85-304, 85-1402, 85-1412, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the admission of and participation in extracurricular activities by certain students that are not residents of the school district; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; to redefine terms and change powers and duties under the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act; to change provisions relating to scholarships to a state college, private college, or the University of Nebraska under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act; to redefine terms under the Door to College Scholarship Act; to provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all school districts in the state; to require each public or private two-year or four-year college or university to report certain funding from a foreign adversarial source to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.*	Conrad	Hunt	Riepe*
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan*	McKinney	Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB265

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO338](#), found on page 1785, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB265

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:

[FA336](#), found on page 1785.

[FA337](#), found on page 1785.

[FA338](#), found on page 1785.

Senator Dungan withdrew the following amendments:

[FA339](#), found on page 1786.

[FA340](#), found on page 1786.

BILL ON FINAL READING**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB265 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, 81-1201.21, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, 48-626, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act; to eliminate certain funds and change certain references to funds; to change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to state legislative intent relating to certain benefits under the Employment Security Law; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board and certain fund transfers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 22, 32, and 100, Legislative Bill 264, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M.* Hunt Juarez McKinney

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 707e, 707Ae, 306e, and 265e.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Former Attorney General Doug Peterson, Sandy Peterson and Avery Heflin, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steffi Emig.

RECESS

At 10:30 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 2:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on June 2, 2025, at 10:40 a.m. were the following: LBs 707e, 707Ae, 306e, and 265e.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

MOTION - Notify Governor

Senator Clements moved that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Governor that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature, is about to complete its work, and to return with any message the Governor may have for the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Brandt, Fredrickson, Hughes, Raybould, and Sanders to serve on said committee.

The committee returned and escorted Governor Pillen to the rostrum where he delivered a message to the members.

The committee escorted Governor Pillen from the Chamber.

MOTION(S) - Suspend Rules

Speaker Arch asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to suspend the rules, found on page 1793, and replace it with the following substitute motion. No objections. So ordered.

Suspend the rules, Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5, and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, and to indefinitely postpone the following bills whose provisions have been included in other enacted legislation or whose companion bill has been indefinitely postponed: LB 6, 35, 83, 93, 104, 114, 119, 124, 136, 159, 175, 184, 186, 191, 228, 232, 274, 278, 279, 344, 347, 378, 401, 404, 412, 420, 461, 473, 475, 480, 531, 539, 562, 566, 568, 590, 595, 606, 610, 622, 625, 628, 630, 666, and 709.

The Arch motion to suspend Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5, and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

MOTION - Journal, Session Laws, and Indexes

Senator Dorn moved that the Legislature approve the preparation and printing of the permanent Legislative Journal, Session Laws, and Indexes by

the Clerk of the Legislature, and that he be directed to send to each member of the Legislature a copy of the permanent Legislative Journal and Session Laws.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Approve Journal for Eighty-Ninth Day

Senator DeBoer moved that the Journal for the Eighty-Ninth Day, as prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, be approved.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Adjourn Sine Die

Senator Hansen moved that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature, having finished all business before it, now at 2:45 p.m., adjourn sine die.

The motion prevailed.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

