

**FIRST DAY - JANUARY 8, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Arch.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska State Patrol - Headquarters Troop Honor Guard.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of Nebraska, the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Legislature of Nebraska assembled in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber of the State Capitol at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and was called to order by President Kelly.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Andersen, Bob	Fredrickson, John	Moser, Mike
Arch, John	Guereca, Dunixi	Murman, Dave
Armendariz, Christy	Hallstrom, Bob	Prokop, Jason
Ballard, Beau	Hansen, Ben	Quick, Dan
Bosn, Carolyn	Hardin, Brian	Raybould, Jane
Bostar, Eliot	Holdcroft, Rick	Riepe, Merv
Brandt, Tom	Hughes, Jana	Rountree, Victor
Cavanaugh, John	Hunt, Megan	Sanders, Rita
Cavanaugh, Machaela	Ibach, Teresa	Sorrentino, Tony
Clements, Robert	Jacobson, Mike	Spivey, Ashlei
Clouse, Stan	Juarez, Margo	Storer, Tanya
Conrad, Danielle	Kauth, Kathleen	Storm, Jared

DeBoer, Wendy	Lippincott, Loren	Strommen, Paul
DeKay, Barry	Lonowski, Dan	von Gillern, R. Brad
Dorn, Myron	McKeon, Dan	Wordekemper, Dave
Dover, Robert	McKinney, Terrell	
Dungan, George	Meyer, Glen	

### **MOTION - Temporary Clerk and Sergeant at Arms**

Senator Arch moved to appoint Mr. Brandon Metzler as temporary Clerk of the Legislature and Mr. Scott Black as temporary Sergeant at Arms.

The motion prevailed.

### **MOTION - Escort Chief Justice**

Senator Quick moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the members of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Conrad, M. Cavanaugh, Clements, Moser, and Riepe to serve on said committee.

### **MOTION - Committee on Credentials**

Senator Sanders moved that we proceed to the election of five persons to serve as the Committee on Credentials, who will forthwith report to the Legislature on the credentials of those claiming to be elected to the Legislature in the General Election in November 2024.

The motion prevailed.

### **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

State of Nebraska

United States of America, )	
) ss.	Secretary of State
State of Nebraska )	

I, Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Official Roster of members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature elected to serve in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Further, I hereby certify that the members so listed on the Official Roster attached hereto are the duly elected or appointed members of the

Unicameral Legislature in the State of Nebraska for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Finally, I hereby certify that all election returns, abstracts, and canvasses with reference to said members are on file in the office of the Secretary of State and are a matter of public record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on this date of January 8, 2025.

(SEAL)

(Signed) Robert B. Evnen  
Secretary of State

DISTRICT/NAME	ELECTED
1 Robert Hallstrom	November 5, 2024
2 Robert Clements	November 8, 2022
3 Victor Rountree	November 5, 2024
4 R. Brad von Gillem	November 8, 2022
5 Margo R. Juarez	November 5, 2024
6 Machaela Cavanaugh	November 8, 2022
7 Dunixi Guereca	November 5, 2024
8 Megan Hunt	November 8, 2022
9 John Cavanaugh, Jr.	November 5, 2024
10 Wendy DeBoer	November 8, 2022
11 Terrell McKinney	November 5, 2024
12 Merv Riepe	November 8, 2022
13 Ashlei Spivey	November 5, 2024
14 John Arch	November 8, 2022
15 Dave Wordekemper	November 5, 2024
16 Ben Hansen	November 8, 2022
17 Glen Meyer	November 5, 2024
18 Christy Armendariz	November 8, 2022
19 Rob Dover	November 5, 2024
20 John A. Fredrickson	November 8, 2022
21 Beau Ballard	November 5, 2024
22 Mike Moser	November 8, 2022
23 Jared Storm	November 5, 2024
24 Jana Hughes	November 8, 2022
25 Carolyn Bosn	November 5, 2024
26 George C. Dungan III	November 8, 2022
27 Jason Prokop	November 5, 2024
28 Jane Raybould	November 8, 2022
29 Eliot Bostar	November 5, 2024
30 Myron Dorn	November 8, 2022
31 Kathleen Kauth	November 5, 2024
32 Tom Brandt	November 8, 2022
33 Dan Lonowski	November 5, 2024
34 Loren Lippincott	November 8, 2022
35 Dan Quick	November 5, 2024
36 Rick Holdcroft	November 8, 2022
37 Stanley Clouse	November 5, 2024

38 Dave Murman	November 8, 2022
39 Tony Sorrentino	November 5, 2024
40 Barry DeKay	November 8, 2022
41 Daniel D. McKeon	November 5, 2024
42 Mike Jacobson	November 8, 2022
43 Tanya Storer	November 5, 2024
44 Teresa J. Ibach	November 8, 2022
45 Rita Sanders	November 5, 2024
46 Danielle Conrad	November 8, 2022
47 Paul E. Strommen	November 5, 2024
48 Brian Hardin	November 8, 2022
49 Bob Andersen	November 5, 2024

### **MOTION - Credentials Committee Report**

Senator DeKay moved to approve the Committee on Credentials Report as certified and presented by the Secretary of State.

The motion prevailed.

### **MEMBERS' OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF NEBRASKA )  
 ) ss.  
 LANCASTER COUNTY )

Do you and each of you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of members of the Legislature according to the best of your ability, and that at the election at which you were chosen to fill said office, you have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will you accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, or any promise of office, for any official act or influence (for any vote you may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation).

Andersen, Bob	Meyer, Glen
Ballard, Beau	Prokop, Jason
Bosn, Carolyn	Quick, Dan
Clouse, Stan	Rountree, Victor
Guereca, Dunixi	Sorrentino, Tony
Hallstrom, Robert	Spivey, Ashlei
Holdcroft, Rick	Storer, Tanya
Kauth, Kathleen	Storm, Jared
Lonowski, Dan	Strommen, Paul
McKeon, Dan	Wordekemper, Dave
McKinney, Terrell	

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

**MOTION - Adopt Temporary Rules**

Senator Hallstrom moved that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted until such time as the permanent rules are adopted pursuant to Rule 2, Section 1; provided that the temporary rules shall not continue after the twelfth legislative day.

The motion prevailed.

**MOTION - Election of Officers**

Senator Hansen moved that the following officers, recommended by the Executive Board, be elected to serve for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature:

Clerk of the Legislature	Brandon Metzler
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Mike Hybl
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Black

The motion prevailed.

**MOTION - Election of Speaker**

Senator Ibach moved to proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Arch placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Arch.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Arch was duly elected Speaker of the Legislature.

**MOTION - Escort Chief Justice**

Senator Dover moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators DeBoer, Dungan, Hansen, Holdcroft, and Hunt to serve on said committee.

**OFFICERS' OATH OF OFFICE**

STATE OF NEBRASKA    )  
                                   ) ss.  
 LANCASTER COUNTY    )

We, and each of us, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of our respective offices to the best of our ability.

Speaker	John Arch
Clerk of the Legislature	Brandon Metzler
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Mike Hybl
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Black

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 1.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr. served as the thirty-ninth President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter was born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946 with distinction and was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter established the Carter Center, a nonprofit organization that helps improve the lives of people in more than eighty countries; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 in recognition of his efforts to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter was a devoted public servant and a humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Former President Jimmy Carter passed away on December 29, 2024, at the age of one hundred.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes, honors, and thanks Former President Carter for his service to the United States of America and to the people of the world.
2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family and friends of Former President Carter.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Former President Carter.

Laid over.

**MOTION - Chairperson of Committee on Committees**

Senator Jacobson moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Armendariz placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Armendariz.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Armendariz was duly elected Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

**MOTION - Committee on Committees Members**

Senator Wordekemper moved to proceed to the election of the remaining twelve members of the Committee on Committees, and that we authorize the members residing within each of the three districts, as enumerated in Rule 3, Sec. 2, to nominate four members to be elected by the legislative body to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Bosn, Bostar, Moser, and Sanders were nominated from District 1.

Senators J. Cavanaugh, Fredrickson, Hunt, and Spivey were nominated from District 2.

Senators Brandt, Ibach, Jacobson, and Murman were nominated from District 3.

Senator Rountree moved the approval of the nominees to the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

**MOTION - Chairperson of Executive Board**

Senator Fredrickson moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Hansen.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen was duly elected Chairperson of the Executive Board.

**MOTION - Vice Chairperson of Executive Board**

Senator Clouse moved to proceed to the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ibach placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Ibach.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ibach was duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board.

**MOTION - Executive Board Members**

Senator Kauth moved to proceed to the election of the other six members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council as outlined in 50-401.01.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Ballard and Bostar were nominated from District 1.

Senators Fredrickson and McKinney were nominated from District 2.

Senators Dorn and Jacobson were nominated from District 3.



Senator Spivey moved the approval of the nominees to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

### **MOTION - Standing and Select Committee Chairpersons**

Senator Strommen moved to proceed to the election of the standing and select committee chairpersons, in accordance with Rule 3, Sec. 8(a).

The motion prevailed.

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

#### **CHAIRPERSON - Agriculture**

Senator DeKay placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator DeKay.

The motion prevailed.

Senator DeKay was duly elected Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee.

#### **CHAIRPERSON - Appropriations**

Senator Clements placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Clements.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Clements was duly elected Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee.

#### **CHAIRPERSON - Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

Senator Jacobson placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Jacobson.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jacobson was duly elected Chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Business and Labor

Senator Kauth placed her name in nomination.

Senator J. Cavanaugh placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators DeBoer, Holdcroft, and Lippincott as tellers.

Senator Kauth	31
Senator J. Cavanaugh	<u>18</u>
	49

Senator Kauth was duly elected Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Education

Senator Murman placed his name in nomination.

Senator Hughes placed her name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Dorn, Hallstrom, and McKinney as tellers.

Senator Murman	29
Senator Hughes	<u>20</u>
	49

Senator Murman was duly elected Chairperson of the Education Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - General Affairs

Senator Holdcroft placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Holdcroft.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Holdcroft was duly elected Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Senator Sanders placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Sanders.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sanders was duly elected Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Health and Human Services

Senator M. Cavanaugh placed her name in nomination.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her nomination.

Senator Lippincott nominated Senator Hardin.

Senator Hardin accepted the nomination.

Senator Riepe placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Dover, Fredrickson, and Storer as tellers.

Senator Hardin	28
Senator Riepe	<u>21</u>
	49

Senator Hardin was duly elected Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Judiciary

Senator Bosn placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Bosn.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bosn was duly elected Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Natural Resources

Senator Brandt placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Brandt.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandt was duly elected Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Senator Conrad placed her name in nomination.

Senator Ballard placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Raybould, Rountree, and Strommen as tellers.

Senator Conrad	24
Senator Ballard	<u>24</u>
	48

The Chair announced that a second ballot would be cast between Senator Conrad and Senator Ballard.

The Chair appointed Senators Raybould, Rountree, and Strommen as tellers.

Senator Conrad	24
Senator Ballard	<u>25</u>
	49

Senator Ballard was duly elected Chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Revenue

Senator Dungan placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators McKeon, Spivey, and Quick as tellers.

Senator Dungan	15
Senator von Gillern	<u>29</u>
	44

Senator von Gillern was duly elected Chairperson of the Revenue Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Transportation and Telecommunications

Senator Moser placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Moser.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Moser was duly elected Chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Urban Affairs

Senator McKinney placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator McKinney.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McKinney was duly elected Chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee.

**SELECT COMMITTEES**

CHAIRPERSON - Rules

Senator DeBoer placed her name in nomination.

Senator Lippincott placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Clouse, Hunt, and Lonowski as tellers.

Senator DeBoer	22
Senator Lippincott	<u>27</u>
	49

Senator Lippincott was duly elected Chairperson of the Rules Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Enrollment and Review

Senator Ballard nominated Senator Guereca.

Senator Ballard moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Guereca.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Guereca was duly elected Chairperson of the Enrollment and Review Committee.

#### **MOTION - Election Returns**

Senator Storer moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the Secretary of State to the Chamber to deliver the election returns of the General Election of November 2024.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Brandt, Dorn, and Raybould to serve on said committee.

The committee escorted Secretary of State, Robert B. Evnen, to the rostrum where he delivered the following report:

#### **REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

January 8, 2025

Speaker of the Legislature  
One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session 2025  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Honorable Speaker:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, I have the honor of herewith delivering to you, under Seal, the abstract of votes cast in the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska at the General Election held on November 5, 2024 for the offices of Public Service Commissioner, State Board of Education, and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. These votes are required by law to be canvassed by the Nebraska State Legislature pursuant to Section 32-1039 as submitted to me for delivery to the Honorable Speaker of the Legislature.

I also deliver to you, under Seal, the list of candidates receiving the highest vote for each particular office enumerated. The certificate of the Secretary of State accompanies this list.

The original abstracts containing the tabulation of votes from the ninety-three counties with reference to one Referendum and four Initiative Measures is on file in this office. A certification of these returns is also attached.

Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed) Robert B. Evnen  
Secretary of State

## State of Nebraska

Public Service Commissioner, District 1 - Dan Watermeier  
Public Service Commissioner, District 3 - Tim Schram  
State Board of Education - District 1 - Kristin Christensen  
State Board of Education - District 2 - Maggie Douglas  
State Board of Education - District 3 - Lisa Schonhoff  
State Board of Education - District 4 - Liz Renner  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 3 - Jim Scheer  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 4 - Elizabeth R.  
O'Connor  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 5 - Rob Schafer  
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 8 - Barbara Weitz

**CERTIFICATE**

State of Nebraska

United States of America, )  
 ) ss. Secretary of State  
 State of Nebraska )

I, Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct listing of Referendum and Initiatives Ordered by Petition of the People showing the number of votes cast for and against at the General Election in the State of Nebraska held on November 5, 2024.

Nothing further is certified.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on this date of January 8, 2025.

(SEAL) (Signed) Robert B. Evnen  
 Secretary of State

**2024 General Election**

## Initiative Measure 434

A constitutional amendment to provide that, except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

For 509,288  
 Against 417,624

## Referendum Measure 435

A referendum measure on Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024, which provides for \$10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

For 382,921  
 Against 508,140

## Initiative Measure 436

A statutory initiative which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles



employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations.

For	662,348
Against	225,974

#### Initiative Measure 437

A statutory initiative that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities.

For	637,126
Against	259,643

#### Initiative Measure 438

A statutory initiative that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities.

For	600,481
Against	291,867

Senator Murman moved to approve the report of the Secretary of State and the candidates stated therein be declared duly elected.

The motion prevailed.

The Secretary of State was escorted from the Chamber.

#### **MOTION - Inaugural Ceremonies**

Senator Sorrentino moved to arrange to hold the inaugural ceremonies for the newly elected state officials on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The motion prevailed.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Pat Hotovy of York.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:24 p.m., on a motion by Senator Bostar, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

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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

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 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

Enclosures

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

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 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

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 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

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 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

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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

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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 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

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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

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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

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**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

**THIRD DAY - JANUARY 10, 2025**

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Clements.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

**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 Senators Dover, Hardin, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the second day was approved.

**PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator Lonowski filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 7**

**Rule 2, Sec. 7. Senator Desiring to Speak.** (a) When a member desires to speak in debate or to deliver any matter to the Legislature, he or she shall rise from his or her seat and respectfully address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madame President." A member shall speak only when recognized ~~and shall confine his or her remarks to the question before the Legislature.~~

(b) No member shall interrupt the business of the Legislature nor speak to another who has the floor, except when he or she may yield to a question. No guest will be introduced during the legislative session except dignitaries and such dignitaries shall only be introduced by the presiding officer, provided that the presiding officer can announce the presence of visiting

groups or organizations at his or her discretion. Those individuals and groups not introduced may be inserted in the Journal by request. ~~No member shall use profane or abusive language when speaking to or about another member.~~

(c)(i) When speaking, a member shall maintain germane speech by confining his or her speech to address the question under consideration in an orderly manner. The presiding officer shall, or a member may, call another member to order for nongermane speech. For purposes of this subdivision, germane speech means relevant speech that pertains to the question under consideration or the main subject that has been opened by the underlying bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter to which such current question is related. It may include the discussion of any impact on current law, and comparisons and interrelated aspects of other bills, resolutions, amendments, or rules that are currently introduced or were previously introduced that are logically connected. It may also include philosophy, principles, research, or lessons that could be logically applied to the question or subject under consideration. Such definition of germane speech shall be liberally applied by the presiding officer and members. Nongermane speech is irrelevant or disorderly speech that is persistent in its irrelevance or repetition. Nongermane speech shall be addressed in the manner provided under subdivisions (c)(ii) through (iv) of this section.

(ii) When the presiding officer or another member first calls a member to order for nongermane speech, the presiding officer shall issue a warning and direct the member to keep his or her remarks germane to the question before the Legislature. If the relevance of the member's speech is unclear, the presiding officer may allow the member called to order to quickly explain the relevant point he or she seeks to make and then allow the member to continue.

(iii) If after such warning the same member persistently engages in nongermane speech, the presiding officer shall, or another member may, call the member to order, in which case such member shall sit down, unless permitted on the motion of another member to explain. The presiding officer shall then state the presiding officer's ruling, and if determining that such speech is nongermane, shall state "The member's speech is nongermane and therefore out of order." If so ruled, the member shall not be permitted to continue to speak on the bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter during the remainder of that stage of debate. A motion to overrule the chair shall not be in order for purposes of this subdivision.

(iv) If a member who has been previously ruled out of order for nongermane speech is again called to order by the presiding officer or another member during any further stage of debate of the same bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter, the presiding officer shall state "Shall the member be twice ruled out of order for nongermane speech?" The Legislature shall then decide the question without debate. If the member is twice ruled out of order for nongermane speech, the member shall immediately sit down and not be permitted to continue to speak during any further debate on that bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter. A motion to overrule the chair shall not be in order for purposes of this subdivision. This subdivision shall be

applied in the event of any subsequent nongermane speech by such member in debate on any other bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter as constituting having been previously ruled out of order for nongermane speech.

~~**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, 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. 8** ~~**Sec. 9. Words Excepted To.**~~ No member shall use profane or abusive language, including when speaking to or about another member. 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 further debate or other business shall have intervened.

**Rule 2, Sec. 9** ~~**Sec. 10. Time Limit on Speaking.**~~ The introducer of the matter pending may speak for ten minutes when he or she first presents the matter to the Legislature. Each member shall be allowed to speak up to three times for not more than five minutes on each occasion, upon any one question in deliberation during the legislative day, without leave of the Legislature, unless he or she be the introducer of the matter pending in which case he or she shall be permitted to close after every other member choosing to speak shall have spoken or after a motion to cease debate has prevailed. The introducer's close shall be included within the three opportunities permitted for speaking to an issue.

**Rule 2, Sec. 10** ~~**Sec. 11. Personal Privilege.**~~ Personal privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights, dignity, and integrity of the Legislature collectively; and second, the rights, reputation, and conduct of members individually. They shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn. Personal privilege shall not be used to permit any discussion or debate pertaining to any measure pending before the Legislature. All questions of privilege shall be channeled through the presiding officer, who shall determine their order of consideration.

**Rule 2, Sec. 11.** **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, 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.

Senator Lippincott filed the following proposed rule changes:

#### **Proposed Rule Change 8**

**Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture.** At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A ~~three-fifths~~ ~~two-thirds~~ majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

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#### **Proposed Rule Change 9**

**Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture.** At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. ~~The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge.~~ Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A motion for cloture shall be deemed successful whenever

passed by two-thirds of the members voting Yea or Nay with no fewer than 25 affirmative votes. A vote of Present/Not Voting shall not be counted as a vote when voting on a cloture motion. A motion for cloture on a major proposal shall require a three-fifths majority of the members voting Yea or Nay to pass ~~two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful.~~ A vote on a cloture motion shall be a record machine vote. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until one ~~two~~ additional hour ~~hours~~ of debate on the bill has occurred. ~~If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.~~

### **Proposed Rule Change 10**

**Rule 11 - Motions for Debate on Rule Changes.** All Rules of Procedure shall take precedence and hold priority over any motions for debate on changes to the rules.

**Section. 1. Motion, in Writing, Withdrawal, Parameters of Debate.** (a) A motion when debating changes to the rules shall be either stated by the presiding officer or read by the Clerk before a vote is taken. All motions shall be submitted in writing if requested by the presiding officer or any senator.

(b) Once motions are stated they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision or ordering of a vote has been made. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a viva voce majority vote of the elected members.

(c) The Speaker shall order the debate on the rules, shall set time parameters for debate on each proposed rule change, and shall allot up to eight hours of debate on any proposed rule change. Upon completion of the debate or expiration of the allotted time for debate as prescribed by the Speaker, whichever comes first, a record machine vote shall be taken to advance the proposed rule change. If there is a pending motion or amendment before the

body when either the debate ends or the allotted time for debate expires, a record machine vote shall be taken on the pending matter followed by an immediate record machine vote to advance the proposed rule change. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a record machine vote on the amendment to the amendment, a record machine vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the record machine vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered.

(d) If the Legislature has not adopted a permanent set of standardized rules by the 15th scheduled day of the session during an odd numbered year, a motion to adopt the previous year's set of standardized rules as amended shall be in order. A motion to adopt the previous year's set of standardized rules is neither amendable nor debatable.

(e) Because proposed rule changes effect parliamentary procedures rather than the constitutions or the state statutes, they shall require only one round of debate and shall not be subject to the three rounds of debate reserved for bills and resolutions for constitutional amendments.

**Sec. 2. Proposals.** Propositions considered for a standardized set of rules and propositions considered for changes in the rules shall take the form of a rules proposal and shall be known as a proposed rule change. Because proposed rule changes are neither bills nor resolutions, they must be submitted in a legible written form with new language to be added to the rule underlined or written in red ink and language to be deleted from the rule shown with a strike through.

**Sec.3. Ordering of Priority Motions.** Priority motions shall take precedence over and hold priority over non-priority motions, but shall not hold precedence over or hold priority over any of the Rules of Procedure. Priority motions shall take precedence in the following order:

- (1) To recess
- (2) To adjourn
- (3) Call the question
- (4) Motion to adopt temporary rules
- (5) For cloture
- (6) Motion to adopt permanent rules
- (7) To Recommit
- (8) To postpone to a time certain [Bracket]
- (9) To postpone indefinitely

**Sec.4. Priority Motions.**

(a) Motion to Recess.

- (1) The motion to recess is a motion to temporarily suspend debate on a proposed rule change or an amendment to a proposed rule change. A motion to recess shall hold precedence over and hold priority over all other priority motions, but shall not be in order



when another member is speaking or when a motion to adjourn or recess has just been defeated.

(2) Successive motions to recess for dilatory purposes shall never be in order and shall be subject to the dilatory rule.

(3) The motion to recess is not debatable, except that the Speaker shall be privileged to speak to the motion prior to any vote on such motion.

(4) The motion to recess shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members present agree.

(b) Motion to Adjourn.

(1) The motion to adjourn is a motion to end debate on any rules proposals or other matters for the remainder of the day with the intention of returning for further debate on the rules at the next scheduled legislative day.

(2) A motion to adjourn to a time certain shall have precedence over a motion to adjourn. A motion to recess shall take precedence over either of such motions. Successive motions to adjourn for dilatory purposes shall never be in order and shall be subject to the dilatory rule.

(3) When a motion to adjourn has been made, the Speaker shall be privileged to speak to the motion prior to any vote on such motion. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

(4) A motion to adjourn shall be deemed successful whenever a record majority of the members present agree.

(c) Motion to Call the Question.

(1) A motion to call the question is a motion asking the presiding officer to end debate on a proposed rule change, an amendment, or a motion by calling for the previous (concluding) question. A Senator making the motion for the previous question, shall ask the presiding officer to call for the previous question. The presiding officer shall then ask the body, "Shall debate cease?"

(2) At any time during a debate on a proposed rule change any member of the body wishing to end debate on a proposed rule change, an amendment, or a motion and who has been recognized by the presiding officer to speak may call for the debate to cease by calling for the previous question.

(3) A motion to call for the question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by ten or more members, and must be sustained by a

record 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 a motion to recess or a motion to adjourn.

(4) On a motion to call the 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.

(5) When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposed rule change, the chair of the Rules Committee shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

(6) A motion for the previous question shall be deemed successful by way of a record majority vote of the members present.

d) Motion to Adopt Temporary Rules. A motion to adopt temporary rules is a motion to adopt the rules from a previous session of the Legislature or another set of standardized rules until permanent rules have been so adopted. A motion to adopt temporary rules shall be deemed successful when passed by a record majority vote of the members elected. Once permanent rules have been adopted, the motion to adopt temporary rules shall be deemed out of order, except when preceded by a successful motion to suspend the rules.

(e) Motion to Adopt Permanent Rules. A motion to adopt permanent rules is a motion to adopt a set of standardized rules for the remainder of the Legislative session at hand. Any member of the Legislature may move to adopt a permanent set of standardized rules, provided that no permanent set of rules have yet been adopted. The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to adopt a permanent set of rules unless such motion is supported by one tenth of the members elected and verified by a show of hands. A motion to adopt a permanent set of rules shall be deemed successful when passed by a majority roll call vote of the members elected.

(f) Motion for Cloture.

(1) The motion for cloture is a motion to end debate on the current amendment to the rules under consideration and immediately proceed to voting on the proposal along with any pending amendments to the proposal which have already been recognized by the presiding officer during the course of the debate. At any time during debate on the rules the principal introducer of a proposed rule change under consideration or the chairperson of the rules committee may move for cloture to the presiding officer. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall then be taken.

(2) A motion for cloture on an amendment to a proposed rule change shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately and without debate.

(3) If any Senators have left the chamber, the presiding officer shall make a call of the house before voting on a cloture motion.

(4) A motion for cloture shall be deemed successful whenever two-thirds of the members voting Yea or Nay have cast their votes as Yea or Nay and no fewer than 25 Senators have cast a vote. A vote of Present/Not voting shall not be counted as a Yea or Nay vote when voting on a cloture motion.

(5) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the proposed rule change ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the proposed rule change, a motion for cloture shall be out of order. Debate may continue until time expires and a record vote shall then be taken on the proposed rule change.

(g) Motion to Amend.

(1) A motion to amend is a motion to remove content and/or add content to a proposed rule change.

(2) A motion to amend shall be submitted in writing and shall contain the actual words to be added to a proposed rule change and/or the actual words to be stricken from a proposed rule change.

(3) During an odd numbered year or unless otherwise directed by the Speaker, and a motion to amend is under consideration, a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order.

(4) A motion to amend the rules shall be deemed successful by way of record majority vote of the members elected.

(h) Motion to Recommit.

(1) The Motion to Recommit is a motion to remove a proposed rule change from debate and send it back to the Rules Committee for reconsideration and/or amending.

(2) A motion to recommit shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until after the introducer of a proposed rule change has opened by explaining the rule or the rule change for a period up to ten minutes.

(3) Any Senator filing a motion to recommit shall do so in writing to the Clerk.

(4) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to recommit unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(5) A motion to recommit may only be filed once on a proposed rule change, except that this limitation shall not apply to the introducer of the proposed rule change. This rule shall apply even after the motion fails to be attested to by five or more members by way of a show of hands.

(6) A motion to recommit shall be deemed successful if three-fifths of the members of the Legislature agree by way of a record machine vote.

(i) Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain [Bracket].

(1) The motion to postpone to a time certain is a motion to postpone debate on a proposed rule change to another time or to another date. The motion to postpone to a time certain is also known as a bracket motion.

(2) A motion to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until after the chair of the Rules Committee or the introducer of the proposed rule change has opened on the proposal by explaining the proposal for a period up to ten minutes.

(3) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(4) Any Senator filing a motion to postpone to a time certain shall do so in writing to the Clerk and indicate the time or the date when debate on such rule proposal or proposed rule change should reconvene.

(5) A motion to postpone to a time certain may only be recognized by the presiding officer once on a proposed rule change, except that this limitation shall not apply to the introducer of the proposed rule change. A Senator filing a second motion to postpone to a time certain on shall be deemed out of order.

(6) A proposed rule change successfully postponed to a time certain after sine die shall be subject to the rule to indefinitely postpone.

(7) A vote to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] shall be deemed successful when three-fifths of the members of the Legislature agree by way of a record machine vote.

(i) Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

(1) A motion to postpone a proposed rule change effectively kills it. A proposed rule change which has been indefinitely postponed means that no further action may be taken on the proposal.

(2) A motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until the proposal is read and the introducer of the proposal has been given up to ten minutes to open on the proposed rule change by explaining the proposal.

(3) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to indefinitely postpone a rules proposal or a proposed rule change unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(4) The motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall not be recognized by the presiding officer more than once for a proposal being debated. A member who files a second motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall be deemed out of order. This rule shall apply even after the motion fails to be attested to by five or more Senators by way of a show of hands.

**Sec. 5. Incidental Motions.** Incidental motions may pertain to correcting breaches of good parliamentary procedure.

(a) Motion of Germaneness.

(1) 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 and is subject to the germaneness rule. Germane amendments relate only to the details of the specific subject of the bill or resolution 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. A motion of germaneness shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members agree.

(b) Motion to Divide the Question.

(1) 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 division is ordered 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.

(2) 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.

(3) A motion to divide the question shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members present agree.

(4) Following a successful vote of the members to divide the question, the Lieutenant Governor or the presiding officer shall decide how the question is to be divided. Such decision shall not be subject to any further debate.

(c) Motion for a Call of the House.

(1) Members of the Legislature are expected to remain inside the chamber during floor debates; however, members of the body on occasion may have good reason to leave. When members are absent from the chamber and have not been excused, such members may be called to return to the chamber by way of a motion for a Call of the House.

(2) A call of the house may be made by any member in the manner following: "I move for a call of the house." The presiding officer shall direct that the board be cleared and the members shall then vote on placing themselves under call.

(3) If a majority of the members present and voting vote in favor of such a motion, then the Legislature shall be deemed to be under call. Each member present shall indicate his or her presence upon the electric roll call system and shall remain in his or her seat during the call. After the Clerk shall note the names of the absentees, proceedings under the call may be suspended at any time by a majority vote of the members then present, and when so suspended shall not again be ordered on the proposition pending, except by a majority vote of the members elected.

(4) The presiding officer may declare a motion to place the house under call out of order if all of the absentees were to vote on one side of the question and if their combined vote would be insufficient to change a result of the vote.

(5) When a member is recognized to close on a motion and requests a call of the house, the time spent waiting for the members to record their presence shall be counted against the member's closing time.

d) Motion-to Suspend for Dilatory Purposes.

(1) Motions shall not be filed for dilatory purposes. If more than two motions are offered to a proposed rule change which are believed to delay progress of the debate, the Speaker or the principal introducer of the proposal may file a motion to suspend for dilatory purposes, stating that he or she believes the motions are being used for dilatory purposes. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes shall be filed in writing with the Clerk and each motion charged with being dilatory shall be named and/or identified in the motion.

(2) The presiding officer shall recognize the Speaker and/or the principal introducer of the proposed rule change for five minutes to explain why the motions are of a dilatory nature. The presiding officer shall then recognize the Senator or Senators filing the motions for five minutes each to explain why such motions are not of a dilatory nature. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes is a non-debatable motion and no Senator may yield time to another Senator.

(3) Without any further debate, the presiding officer shall ask, "Are the motions of a dilatory nature?" and a machine vote shall be taken among the members present.

(4) If the majority of the members present decide by way of a record machine vote that the motions are of a dilatory nature, the motions shall be withdrawn and the Senator or Senators who filed such motions shall be precluded from filing any further motions to the proposed rule change.

#### **Proposed Rule Change 11**

**Sec. 8. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson.** (a) The chairperson of each standing and select committee shall be selected by a roll call majority vote of the elected members ~~secret ballot on the floor~~ of the Legislature whereby each member shall state the candidate of his or her choice.

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#### **Proposed Rule Change 12**

**Sec. 16. Executive Sessions and Closed Meetings.** ~~(a) Executive session shall mean any meeting or portion of a meeting which is closed to the general public and members of the news media, and the proceedings of which are not electronically recorded and transcribed, unless the chairperson of the committee so provides, but the records of which shall be available for public inspection. Executive sessions shall be open to members of the news media who may report on action taken and on all discussions in executive session.~~

~~(b) Except as provided in Rule 3, Section 5(e)(ii), all other meetings of a committee shall be public unless the committee, by a majority vote of all of its members, determines that a meeting should not be open to the public,~~

including members of the news media, in a particular instance, due to rare and extraordinary circumstances. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken.

### Proposed Rule Change 13

**Sec. 11. Motions and Amendments for Dilatory Purposes.** (a) Motions and amendments shall not be filed for dilatory purposes. All motions and amendments filed with the Clerk shall be deemed unworthy of debate unless otherwise approved by the Speaker. If more than two amendments and/or motions are offered to a bill or resolution which have been deemed worthy by the Speaker but which are believed to be used to delay progress on the debate, the principal introducer of the bill or resolution or the chair of the committee if the bill is a committee bill may file a motion to suspend for dilatory purposes, stating that he or she believes the motions are being used for dilatory purposes. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes shall be filed in writing with the Clerk and each motion and/or amendment charged with being dilatory shall be named and/or identified in the motion along with the name(s) of the members filing such motions and/or amendments. A dilatory motion filed by the principal introducer of the bill or resolution under consideration may not be deemed unworthy of debate by the Speaker the principal introducer of the bill or resolution may raise a point of order stating that he or she believes the amendments and/or motions are being used for dilatory purposes. If, in the opinion of the Speaker, the motions and/or amendments are not dilatory, debate on the pending measure shall continue. If the Speaker has reason to believe that one or more of the amendments and/or motions are dilatory, the Speaker shall consult with the principal introducer of the original bill or resolution and the principal introducers of the amendment and/or motions in an attempt to reach an accord as to which 53 RULE 7 amendments and/or motions should be considered by the Legislature. For that purpose, the Speaker may temporarily remove the entire bill or resolution from the agenda. After consultation, the Speaker shall forthwith decide which, if any, amendments and/or motions are dilatory and shall rule such amendments and/or motions out of order. A motion to overrule the chair on any decision made pursuant to this section is not in order except that a ruling of the chair may be challenged by an introducer of amendments and/or motions ruled to be dilatory in which instance the challenge shall be to all amendments and/or motions included in the Speaker's ruling. The consultation and the Speaker's ruling subsequent to consultation provided for in this section, shall in no case result in a bill or resolution being removed from the agenda for more than the current legislative day. Any amendment and/or motion ruled out of order by the Speaker shall not in any form, version, or substance be in order if again offered by any member at the same stage of debate. A motion to overrule the chair after a ruling is out of order.

(b) The presiding officer shall recognize the Speaker and/or the principal introducer of the bill or resolution or the committee chair if the bill is a committee bill for five minutes each to explain why the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) are of a dilatory nature. The presiding officer shall then recognize the member or members filing the motion(s) and/or



amendment(s) for five minutes each to explain why such motions and/or amendments are not of a dilatory nature. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes is a non-debatable motion and no member may yield time to another member.

(c) Without any further debate, the presiding officer shall ask, "Are the motions or amendments of a dilatory nature?" and a record machine vote shall be taken among the members present.

(d) If a majority of the members present decide by way of a record machine vote that the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) are of a dilatory nature, the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) shall be withdrawn and the member or members who filed such motion(s) and/or amendment(s) shall be precluded from filing any further motion(s) and/or amendment(s) to the bill or resolution under consideration until the bill or resolution advances to the next stage of debate.

(e) Once a motion or amendment has been deemed unworthy of debate by the Speaker or declared dilatory by a vote of the Legislature, a motion to reconsider shall be out of order.

#### **Proposed Rule Change 14**

##### **Rule 7, Sec. 4. Motion to Call the Question.**

(a) The motion to call the question is a motion asking the presiding officer to end debate on a bill, a resolution, an amendment, or a motion by calling for the previous (concluding) question. A member making the motion to call the question shall ask the presiding officer to call for the previous question. The presiding officer shall then ask, "Shall debate cease?"

(b) At any time during a debate on a bill or resolution any member wishing to end debate on a bill, a resolution, an amendment, or a motion and who has been recognized by the presiding officer to speak may call for the debate to cease by calling for the question.

(c) Calling for the question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by ten or more members and verified by way of a show of hands.

(d) On a motion to call the question there shall be no debate.

(e) 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.

(f) A motion to call the question shall be deemed successful by way of a viva voce majority vote of the members present.

(g) A motion to call the question shall hold priority over all other motions, except a motion to recess, a motion to adjourn, and a motion for cloture.

~~**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.~~

### **Proposed Rule Change 15**

#### **Rule 7, Sec. 2, Machine Voting, Electric Roll Call and Show of Hands.**

(a) All votes shall be taken viva voce ~~voca unless otherwise provided for herein.~~ Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "Those who are in favor of the question say 'aye'; those who are opposed to the question say 'nay.' "

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(f) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to call the question, to reconsider, to postpone to a time certain, to recommit to a committee, or to postpone indefinitely unless five or more members agree to the motion and the motion is sustained by a show of hands of five or more members, except that a motion to call the question shall require the approval of ten or more members by a show of hands.

### **Proposed Rule Change 16**

#### **Rule 6, Sec. 3. General File.**

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(b) Each section shall be open to amendment. Following the reading of the title of the bill, the introducer shall first be recognized for ten minutes to move to advance and explain the bill. The amendments, if any, recommended by standing committees, shall then be introduced. After the introduction of the bill and the introduction of the committee amendment, other priority motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged under Rule 7, Section 3, except as provided for in Rule 1, Section 17. Other motions may then be filed with the Clerk, provided that the motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to

recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely are only filed once by the collective membership of the body on a bill when it is debated on General File. Motions to adjourn or recess shall remain in order except as limited by Rule 7, Section 9. The introducer's amendments, if any, shall be introduced following the consideration of the standing committee amendments and any amendments thereto. Further amendments will be considered in the order in which they are filed with the Clerk.

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**Rule 6, Sec. 5. Select File.** When the Legislature considers bills on Select File, any of the following motions shall be in order, provided that the motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely are only filed once by the collective membership on a bill when it is debated on Select File.

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**Rule 7, Sec. 3. Motion, in Writing, Withdrawal.** (a) A motion shall be either stated by the presiding officer or read by the Clerk before a vote is taken. All motions shall be submitted in writing if requested by the presiding officer or any senator.

(b) The presiding officer shall not recognize any of the following motions more than once per each stage of debate on a bill or resolution: The motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely.

(c) For General File and Select File the presiding officer shall allow the Introducer of a bill or resolution and the chair of a committee who is introducing a committee amendment to open on any such bill, resolution or committee amendment by allowing such individual to speak for a period not to exceed ten minutes. The introducer's amendments, if any, shall be considered following the consideration of the standing committee amendments and any amendments thereto. Other amendments and motions permitted by these rules may then be offered and shall be considered after the introducer has explained the bill in the order in which they are filed with the Clerk, subject to the provisions of Rule 1, Section 17.

(d) Once motions are stated they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision, amendment, or ordering of a vote has been made. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a majority vote of the elected members.

(e) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be considered except one of the following, which motions shall take precedence in the order stated.

(i) ~~a.~~ To recess

(ii) ~~b~~. To adjourn

(iii) ~~c~~. For cloture

(iv) ~~d~~. To call for the previous question ~~reconsider~~

(v) ~~e~~. To reconsider ~~For the previous question~~

(vi) ~~f~~. To postpone to a time certain

(vii) ~~g~~. To recommit to a committee

(viii) ~~h~~. To amend

(ix) ~~i~~. To postpone indefinitely

(f) Such motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged except as provided for in Rule 1, Section 17 and Rule 11, Section 3. Motions to postpone indefinitely and amend do not yield to each other.

(g) When any of the following motions shall be made, any action on such motion shall be delayed at least one legislative day and the motion shall be printed in the Legislative Journal:

(i) ~~a~~. Motion to postpone indefinitely on General File or Select File, unless the introducer(s) of the bill, or the committee chairperson in the case of committee bills, request(s) that the motion to postpone indefinitely be considered immediately without the one-day delay.

(ii) ~~b~~. Motion to place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 20(b).

(iii) ~~c~~. Motion to place bills on General File, notwithstanding the action of a standing committee.

(h) ~~(b)~~ When a motion or other proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order.

(i) ~~(c)~~ Amendments to the title shall be made by the Enrollment and Review Committee.

(j) ~~(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.

(k) ~~(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 division is 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).

(1) (F) When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be considered first.

### **Proposed Rule Change 17**

**Rule 3, Sec. 6. Redistricting Committee.** (a) The Redistricting Committee of the Legislature shall be established as a special committee of the Legislature in January of each year ending in one. The committee is authorized to introduce and exercise jurisdiction over legislative bills and resolutions relating to redistricting and hold hearings regarding such legislation.

(b) The committee shall be comprised of nine members of the Legislature, three from each congressional district existing on January 1 of each year ending in zero. The Executive Board shall appoint the members of the committee in January of each year ending in one. ~~No more than five members appointed to the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party.~~ A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the Executive Board as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.

(c) At the first meeting of the committee, the members shall select from among themselves by majority vote one member to serve as chairperson of the committee and one member to serve as vice chairperson of the committee. ~~The chair and vice chair shall not be a member of the same political party.~~

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### **Proposed Rule Change 18**

Proposed Rule Change 18 is on file in the Clerk's Office and available on the Legislature's website.

Senator Clements filed the following proposed rule change:

### **Proposed Rule Change 19**

**Rule 1. Sec. 12. Overrule ruling of the Chair.** The presiding officer ~~President~~ may speak to a point of order in preference to members, and shall decide the questions or order, subject to a challenge to the Legislature by any member, which challenge shall be in order when demanded by five or ~~more members on which challenge no member may speak more than once, unless by leave of the Legislature. No member may yield time to another member.~~ In the event of a challenge to a ruling of the chair, the presiding officer shall ask for five hands, and if seeing five hands, shall allow the challenging member five minutes to speak, and five minutes to speak for each of two other members supporting such challenge as designated by the challenging member. After such time as taken, the Speaker, the chairperson of the Rules Committee, and the chairperson of any standing committee or their designee may each request five minutes to speak to the challenge. If the Speaker, chairperson of the Rules Committee, or chairperson of any standing committee speaks to the challenge, the challenging member may request five minutes to close and no further debate on the matter shall follow. The challenged ruling shall be restated and the question shall be phrased: "Shall the Chair be overruled?" A viva voce vote shall be taken and a majority vote of the members ~~those~~ present shall be required to overrule the chair. A motion to overrule the Chair shall not be subject to a reconsideration motion, and the presiding officer shall not recognize another motion to overrule the Chair that addresses the same question or order.

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## REPORTS

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

## BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 82.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 38-1015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1001, 38-1004, 38-1058, and 38-1061, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 83.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend section 38-3113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for collection of personal property by affidavit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 86.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 87.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; to amend section 71-8616, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for development of a statewide support service provider program for deaf-blind persons; to state intent regarding appropriations; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 88.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to state intent regarding future appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.** Introduced by Kauth, 31, at the request of the Governor; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Stand With Women Act; to provide for severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 90.** Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to improvement districts; to amend sections 16-617, 16-617.01, 16-618, 16-619, 16-620, 16-621, 16-622, 16-623, and 16-624, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to establishment and creation of improvement districts, funding and costs of

improvements, included property, notice of creation, objections of property owners, bids, special assessments, and bonds; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-650.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 92.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act; and to provide an operative date.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 93.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1912 and 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for discovery of information contained in computers and electronic communication devices and of matters relating to expert witnesses; to change provisions relating to the continuing duty to disclose; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 94.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to job training; to amend section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act; to change the use of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 95.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal child care subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a pilot program; to require a report; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 96.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit applications for certain section 1115 waivers as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend 37-1202, 60-101, 60-102, 60-121, 60-137, 60-158, 60-167, 60-337, 60-399, 60-4,113, 60-4,117, 60-4,118.06, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-4,126, 60-4,127, 60-636, 60-6,211.05, 60-2904, and 66-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-2292, 37-1201, 60-146, 60-169, 60-393, 60-396, 60-4,115, 60-4,120, 60-4,124, 60-4,148, 60-4,148.01, 60-4,149, 60-4,150, 60-4,181, and 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to deferred judgments; to change provisions of the State Boat Act relating to amphibious vehicles; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to junk vehicles and certificates of title, minibikes, applicability of the act to fertilizer trailers, applications for certificates of title, identification inspections, and lienholders and bonded certificates of title; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to minibikes and credit of fees and prohibit modification of license plates; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to fees, surcharges, and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to minibikes and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions relating to the source of the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; to change provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act relating to personal information and sensitive personal information; to provide for the Department of Motor Vehicles to credit money to the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund and eliminate certain provisions of the fund relating to the State Treasurer; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-103, 60-135.01, 60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 99.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Guereca, 7; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend sections 83-170, 83-173.03, and 83-4,114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to restrictive housing and solitary confinement; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 100.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 101.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend sections 76-1415, 76-1442, 76-1445, and 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a right to a jury trial under the act; to prohibit waivers of rights under state and federal law; to change provisions relating to summonses; to provide duties for courts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 102.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the aid to dependent children program; to amend section 43-513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements related to the standard of need; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 103.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Evidence Rules; to amend section 27-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of past sexual assaults; to prohibit questions relating to past sexual behavior or sexual assaults in pretrial proceedings; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 104.** Introduced by Raybould, 28; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power and irrigation districts; to amend sections 70-604.03 and 70-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the division of voting precincts for purposes of establishing boundary lines for operating areas, chartered territory, and district elections and eliminate the requirement of approval by the Secretary of State; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 106.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,257, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the luminous reflectance and light transmission of certain motor vehicle windows; and to repeal the original section.

**PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 20****Rule 2, Sec. 3. Chamber, Guests, Distribution of Material.**

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(l) The possession of firearms and other lethal weapons by a member or any other individual within the legislative chamber is prohibited with the following exceptions:

(i) Law enforcement and Capitol security personnel performing their official duties;

(ii) Individuals, with the approval of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, participating in historical reenactments or in ceremonial proceedings; or

(iii) Active or reserve members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and members of the Nebraska National Guard, when on duty or in training.

**Rule 3, Sec. 11. ~~Conduct During Committee Hearing Rooms Hearings.~~**

(a) The use of any mobile, portable, or wireless communication device, other than those authorized by the Legislative Council is prohibited in legislative hearing rooms during a meeting of a legislative committee, unless allowed by the committee chairperson.

(b) The possession of firearms and other lethal weapons by a member or any other individual within legislative hearing rooms is prohibited with the following exceptions:

(i) Law enforcement and Capitol security personnel performing their official duties;

(ii) Individuals, with the approval of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, participating in historical reenactments or in ceremonial proceedings; or

(iii) Active or reserve members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and members of the Nebraska National Guard, when on duty or in training.

Senator Ibach filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 21****Rule 5, Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.**

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(e) The introducers of all bills must submit a statement of intent for each bill to the appropriate committee chairperson within one calendar day after at least three calendar days prior to the bill's introduction hearing. The

statement of intent should discuss clearly and completely the purposes and effects of the bill.

**\*This rule would be effective starting with the 2026 legislative session**

Senator Kauth filed the following proposed rule changes:

### **Proposed Rule Change 22**

**Rule 7, Sec. 10. Title of Rule.** Sec. 10. Cloture. At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A two-thirds majority of the elected members present and voting shall be required for the cloture motion to be successful. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

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### **Proposed Rule Change 23**

**Rule 1, Sec. 6. Presiding Officer, Order in Designating.** In the absence of both the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker, the order of the presiding officer of the Legislature shall be as follows:

Chairperson of the Executive Board  
 Chairperson of Committee on Committees  
 Chairperson of Committee on Judiciary  
 Chairperson of Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
 Chairperson of Committee on Appropriations  
 Chairperson of Committee on Revenue  
 Chairperson of Committee on Education  
 Chairperson of Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
 Chairperson of Committee on ~~Natural Resources~~ Technology

Chairperson of Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources  
 Chairperson of Committee on Health and Human Services  
 Chairperson of Committee on General Affairs  
 Chairperson of Committee on Business and Labor  
 Chairperson of Committee on Urban Affairs  
 Chairperson of Committee on Transportation and Telecommunications

**Rule 3, Sec. 3. Standing Committees.** (a) The standing committees of the Legislature shall be as follows:

Agriculture <u>and Natural Resources</u>	8 members
Appropriations	9 members
Banking, Commerce and Insurance	8 members
Business and Labor	7 members
Education	8 members
General Affairs	8 members
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	8 members
Health and Human Services	7 members
Judiciary	8 members
<del>Natural Resources</del>	<del>8 members</del>
Nebraska Retirement Systems	6 members
Revenue	8 members
<u>Technology</u>	<u>8 members</u>
Transportation and Telecommunications	8 members
Urban Affairs	7 members

(b) The Speaker shall not be a regular member of a standing committee.

(c) This rule will become operative on January 6, 2027

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 107.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07 and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an income tax credit for renters as prescribed; to change provisions relating to a property tax credit; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act; to amend sections 16-1024 and 16-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to contributions to the retirement system; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 109.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-4606 and 44-4610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit certain provisions in insurance policies and health plans relating to clinician-administered drugs; to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions; to change provisions relating to a pharmacy benefit manager's specialty pharmacy network; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 110.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide requirements for pelvic examinations as prescribed.

**PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator Holdcroft filed the following proposed rule change:

**Proposed Rule Change 24**

**Rule 7, Sec. 7. Reconsideration** (a) When a question has been decided, it shall be in order for any member voting with the prevailing side, or not voting, to move for a reconsideration thereof, except that a motion to reconsider shall not be in order for any motion or amendment that fails, where at least four-fifths or more members voted against such motion or amendment. A motion to reconsider must be made on the same day the original question was decided or on the next legislative day, except when it be to reconsider the vote on a bill which lacked the constitutional majority on Final Reading. In such case, it must be made on the same day the original question was decided or on one of the next three legislative days. A motion to reconsider must be disposed of by the Legislature within five legislative days after making the same or it shall be deemed defeated. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a majority vote of the elected members. If the Legislature shall refuse to reconsider, or upon reconsideration shall affirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order unless by unanimous consent.

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**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FINAL REPORT**

Senator Armendariz moved to approve the final Committee on Committees report.

The Armendariz motion to approve the final Committee on Committees report prevailed with 44 ayes, 2 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 111.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to define terms; to prohibit certain actions of insurers relating to repairing motor vehicles and nonoriginal equipment manufacturer parts; to require insurers to provide notice to consumers as prescribed; and to provide a penalty.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 112.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-171 and 60-173, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to salvage branded certificates of title; to define and redefine terms; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, and microdistillery license; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 114.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-483 and 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase fees related to records requests; to change the distribution of certain revenues; to define a term; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 115.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; to amend section 77-3105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase the amount of the income tax credit; to change qualification criteria; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717, and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 117.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer utilities as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the number of pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians supervised by a pharmacist; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 119.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to require a memorandum of understanding regarding the Rural Health Opportunity Program; to provide for tuition waivers to eligible students as prescribed; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 120.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for when a digital image may be released; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 121.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; to amend section 13-2039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit land disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and the component parts of solar panels and wind turbine blades; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 122.** Introduced by Meyer, 17; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require display of the state motto and the national motto; and to authorize contributions.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.



A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 124.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Homicide of the Unborn Child Act; to amend section 28-394, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 125.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation, licensure, and taxation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions of the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the redemption of certain bonds; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 127.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal actions; to amend section 29-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for damages for defendants in criminal actions that are dismissed or in which the defendant is found not guilty; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 128.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend section 75-426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the investigation of railroad accidents; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 129.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend section 13-407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services; and to repeal the original section.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 5CA.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To repeal Article I, section 29:

Article I, section 29, of the Constitution of Nebraska is repealed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions relating to recognition of marriage and marriage licenses.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 6CA.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, section 29:

I-29 The State of Nebraska and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriage and issue marriage licenses to couples regardless of gender and race.~~Only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska. The uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship shall not be valid or recognized in Nebraska.~~

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change provisions relating to marriage.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 7CA.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 7:

III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Each member of the Legislature shall receive an annual salary of thirty thousand dollars ~~a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month~~ during the term of his or her office. In addition to his or her salary, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than his or her salary and expenses, and employees of the Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature to thirty thousand dollars per year.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 8.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Aric Hall of Coleridge, Nebraska, a member of Coleridge Boy Scout Troop 208, has 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, Aric planned and organized a refurbishing of Coleridge's War Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Aric, 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 Aric Hall on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Aric Hall.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 9.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Play Production Championships were held from December 11 through December 13 in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Wausa High School one-act team competed for the Class D-1 State Play Production Championship; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of coaches Sheila and Brad Hoelsing, Wausa earned a first place finish with a score of one hundred seventy-eight points for their production of "Torn, the Seven Deadly Sins," written by Sheila Hoelsing; and

WHEREAS, Braydon Hoelsing won an award for Outstanding Performer, Braden Bloomquist and Jake Munter won awards for Outstanding Technical Crew Members, and Wausa won the award for Outstanding Technical Crew; and

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

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Wausa High School one-act team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Play Production Championship.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Wausa High School one-act team, Braden Bloomquist, Braydon Hoelsing, Brad Hoelsing, Sheila Hoelsing, and Jake Munter.

Laid over.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Senator Lippincott announced the Rules Committee will have a hearing on January 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

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

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

Senator Clements name added to LB80.

Senator Hunt name added to LB14.

Senator Hunt name added to LB15.

Senator Hunt name added to LB17.

Senator Hunt name added to LB24.

Senator Hunt name added to LB44.

**VISITOR(S)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:18 p.m., on a motion by Senator Prokop, the Legislature adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FOURTH DAY - JANUARY 13, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FOURTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, January 13, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 1 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar and M. Cavanaugh who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the third day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB1	General File
LB2	General File
LB3	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB4	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB5	Judiciary
LB6	Judiciary
LB7	Agriculture
LB8	Revenue
LB9	Revenue
LB10	Health and Human Services

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LB12	Judiciary
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LB33	General Affairs
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LB40	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB42	Health and Human Services
LB43	Natural Resources
LB44	Judiciary
LB45	Business and Labor
LB46	Health and Human Services
LB47	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB48	Health and Human Services
LB49	Education
LB50	Revenue
LB51	Judiciary
LB52	Judiciary
LB53	Judiciary
LB54	Appropriations
LB55	Appropriations
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LB57	Appropriations
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LB67	Health and Human Services
LB68	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB71	Health and Human Services
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LB73	Judiciary
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LB77	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB78	Revenue
LB79	Judiciary
LB80	Judiciary
LB81	Revenue

Andersen, Mark - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services

Batton, Candice - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary

Bertch, Mark - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services

Bohac, Daryl - Director - Nebraska State Historical Society - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Bourne, Patrick - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Brummer, James S - State Electrical Board - General Affairs

Bucher, Jeff - Nebraska Board of Parole - Judiciary

Caldwell, Dawn - State Fair Board - Agriculture

Christensen, Brian - Nebraska Investment Council - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Cook, J Paul - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services

Crabtree, Kay - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services

Culver, John - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services

Curtiss, Jacob - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Dunbar, Bradley - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission - Natural Resources

Eatherton, Shawn - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary

Edmond, Connie - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Education

Engles, Robert - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Education  
Francis, Nathan Michael Lon - State Electrical Board - General Affairs  
Gangwish, Duane - Nebraska Brand Committee - Agriculture  
Gard, Randy L - Nebraska Ethanol Board - Natural Resources  
Gloor, Michael R - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Gonshorowski, Drew D - Director - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services  
Gonshorowski, Drew D - Health Information Technology Board - Health and Human Services  
Grady, Jeffrey D - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Harris, Karen - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs  
Harrison, Jeffrey D - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services  
Hitz, Valerie - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services  
Hohensee, Josh - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Hubert, Staci - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
Hunt, Cheryl - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services  
Jacobson, Julie J - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs  
Janousek, Thomas - Director - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services  
Jarrett, Edward - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Jones, Brandon - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Knapp, Robert - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Kolterman, Clark - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs  
Krebs, Aaron - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Kucera, Patricia - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
Lindau, Brett - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
McCowin, Richard - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services  
Mossman, Stephen D - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources  
Mruz, Julie Ann - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services  
Nelson, David - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary  
Roth, Trevor - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications  
Salerno, Jeanne - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs

Saville, James - Underground Excavation Safety Committee -  
Transportation and Telecommunications  
Schroeder, Rebecca - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health  
and Human Services  
Smallcomb, Matt - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission - Natural  
Resources  
Stuhmer, Kimberly - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
Tusha, Kenneth - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services  
Wells, Roger - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and  
Human Services  
Will, Lee - Director - Department of Administrative Services - Government,  
Military and Veterans Affairs  
Wilson, Diva - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and  
Human Services  
Workman, Kevin - State Personnel Board - Government, Military and  
Veterans A

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

### **REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 12,  
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

Abboud, Chris - Public Affairs Group  
American Healthy Alternatives Association  
Completely Kids  
Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition  
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital  
MasterCard  
Abraham, Christine K.  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Adler, Joseph  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Albrecht, Tim  
Apple Inc.  
Alston, Garth R.  
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates  
Amack, Angela K.  
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)  
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association (NPFFA)  
American Communications Group, Inc.

AARP Nebraska  
Above & Beyond Therapy  
Advanced Power Alliance  
ALLO Communications  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American Heart Association  
Autism Family Network  
Autism Speaks  
Cedars Youth Services  
Center for Rural Affairs  
CenterPointe  
City of Lincoln  
Civic Nebraska  
EHPV Lottery Services LLC aka Big Red Keno  
Empyrean Brewing Company  
Food Bank of Lincoln  
Food Bank of the Heartland  
Legal Aid of Nebraska  
NC2-Nebraska Cancer Coalition  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations  
Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors  
Nebraska Association of Public Employees NAPE/AFSCME Local 61  
Nebraska Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association  
Nebraska Child Health and Education Alliance  
Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, The  
Nebraska Cures  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority  
Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association  
Nebraska School Psychologists Association  
Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care  
Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSLHA)  
Nebraska State AFL-CIO  
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands  
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters  
Region V Services dba Apace  
Tallgrass Energy  
UNO Chapter of the AAUP  
YMCA's of Nebraska

Ames, Ann  
    Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska

Anderson, Josh  
    Christensen Farms & Feedlots, Inc.

Anderson, William  
    Students for Life Action

Arneal, Lincoln  
    Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Arnzen, Phillip  
    National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)

Baier, Richard J.  
Nebraska Bankers Association  
Baird Holm LLP  
BHE Renewables, LLC  
Brickway Brewery & Distillery  
EOlian Energy  
Kinkaider Brewing Co, LLC  
National Grid Renewables Development, LLC  
Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild  
Nebraska Craft Distillers Guild  
Ranger Power  
The National Audubon Society/Audubon Great Plains  
Thomson Reuters  
Baker, A. J.  
Caesars Enterprise Services, LLC  
Baldocchi, Danny  
Airbnb, Inc.  
Barko, Ruthie  
TechNet  
Barrett, John R.  
Great Plains Communications, Inc.  
Barwig, Michael  
AARP Nebraska  
Bass, Katherine  
First Five Nebraska  
Beck, Joyce  
AARP Nebraska  
Becker, Jill  
Black Hills Energy  
Becket, Deanna  
Convention of States Action  
Beienburg, Matt  
Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy Research  
Bell, Robert  
Nebraska Insurance Federation  
Bennett, Amy  
Young Woman's Christian Association of Grand Island, NE Inc.  
Black, David  
Union Pacific Railroad  
Blake, Jeremiah  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska  
Bodeen, Carol  
Nebraska Housing Developers Association  
Bodlak, Alexis  
Community Action of Nebraska  
Boesen, Ulrik  
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates  
Bohrer, Bruce J.  
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Bonkiewicz, Luke  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Bousquet, Kristopher  
Nebraska State Dairy Association  
Bracht, David L.  
Catalyst Public Affairs  
Brady, Justin J.  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Brodkey, Sharon  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Omaha  
Bromm & Associates  
Aflac  
Education Service Unit #3  
Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council  
Verizon Communications, Inc.  
Brown, Scott  
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated  
Brunkhorst, Kelly  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Burk, Adelle  
Planned Parenthood North Central States  
Butler-Hale, Lillian  
OpenSky Policy Institute  
Byrnes, Alex  
Hy-Vee  
Caldwell, Dawn  
Renewable Fuels Nebraska  
Cannon, Jonathan  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Carpenter, Jalene  
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.  
Catalyst Public Affairs  
Bellino Enterprises  
Columbus Exposition and Racing  
CRH Americas, Inc.  
Health Center Association of Nebraska  
Invenergy LLC  
Jewish Community Relations Council of Omaha  
Jobs for America's Graduates Nebraska  
Koch Government Affairs, LLC and Affiliates  
KVC Health Systems, Inc.  
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska  
MAXIMUS, Inc.  
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers  
Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects  
Nebraska Health Information Initiative, Inc.  
Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association  
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC  
Omaha Municipal Land Bank

Papillion - La Vista School District  
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District  
Radius  
Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency  
Sarpy County Board of Commissioners  
Chaffee, Meghan  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Chaffin, Lash  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Chavez Jurado, Vanessa  
Stand for Schools  
Christensen, Graham  
GC Resolve, LLC  
GC ReVOLT, LLC  
Clark, Mitchell  
First Five Nebraska  
Coash, Colby  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Coffey, Chase  
College Board  
Couture-Lovelady, Travis  
National Rifle Association  
CP Strategies LLC  
American Federation for Children  
AMV Holdings, LLC  
Centene Corporation on behalf of its affiliates and subsidiaries  
KAAPA Ethanol, LLC  
Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association  
Primary Class, Inc.  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Summit Carbon Solutions  
T-Mobile  
Craig, Emma  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority  
Creager, Jennifer  
Greater Omaha Chamber  
Crimmins, Michelle  
Prime Therapeutics, LLC  
Danek, Sandy  
Nebraska Right to Life  
Davis, Al  
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON)  
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club  
Day, Corrie  
Nebraska Civic Engagement Table  
Decamp, Suzan  
AARP Nebraska  
Delka, Krissa  
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.

DeLong, Danny  
AARP Nebraska

Dennis, Tommy  
Nebraska AIDS Project

DeRossett, Dennis M.  
Nebraska Press Association

Dindial, Emily Reina  
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, INC.

Dobler, James B.  
Professional Insurance Agents of Nebraska

Drenkard, Scott  
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates

Dubas, Annette  
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations

Dukesherer, James  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association

Dulaney, Michael S.  
Nebraska Council of School Administrators

Duncan, Eric  
Indivior Inc

Duren, Todd J.  
Loup River Public Power District

Eckles, Kent  
TC Energy

Edson, Dean E.  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Edwards Westerhold Moore  
Adams Central Public Schools  
Anheuser-Busch Companies  
Bryan Health  
Deloitte Consulting LLP  
Elkhorn Public Schools  
Metropolitan Utilities District  
National Utility Contractors Association of Nebraska, Inc. (NUCA)  
Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians  
Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.  
Nebraska Funeral Directors Association  
Nebraska Home Care Association  
Nebraska Pork Producers Association  
Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc.  
Nebraska Public Media Foundation  
Nebraska Public Power District  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association  
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association  
Nebraska State College System  
Nebraska Water Coalition  
Nebraska Well Drillers Association



Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska  
Police Officers' Association of Nebraska  
Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska  
Union Pacific Railroad  
Winners Marketing, Inc.  
Edwards, Jon  
Edwards Westerhold Moore  
Ehlert, Tim  
Amazon.com Services LLC  
Eickholt, Christopher/Spike  
ACLU Nebraska  
Education Rights Counsel  
Nebraska Court Reporters Association  
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association  
Nebraskans For Alternatives to the Death Penalty  
Omaha Language Solutions  
The Cannabis Factory LLC  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Ekeler, Jeremy  
Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska  
Erdman, Phil  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
Erickson, Julie S.  
American Communications, Inc.  
Everett, Elizabeth  
First Five Nebraska  
Fairbairn, Kyle  
Greater Nebraska Schools Association  
Farber, Zach  
Underdog Fantasy  
Faustman, Nicholas  
Nebraska Health Information Initiative, Inc.  
Fehr, Megan  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Feichtinger, Erin  
Women's Fund of Greater Omaha, Inc.  
Fellers, Ansley  
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association  
SHAZAM  
Fellers, Trent  
Windstream Communications  
Ferrell, Beth Bazyn  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Ferris, Jay  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Feser, Adam  
Nebraska Cooperative Council  
Feuerborn, Jordan  
Merck Sharp and Dohme LLC

Ficke, Melissa  
Cicero Action  
Dugan Consulting Group  
Opportunity Solutions Project  
Underdog Fantasy  
Wonderschool  
Field, Laura  
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.  
Fintel, Justin  
Community Action of Nebraska  
Firestone, Rebecca  
OpenSky Policy Institute  
Foley, JT  
Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition  
Foltz, Benjamin  
ROAM Share  
Ford, Marshawn  
threeSisters  
Foust, Andrew  
SMART-TD  
Fox, Nicole  
Platte Institute for Economic Research  
Foxx, Kelley  
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart  
Fraizer, Theodore D. (Tad)/Fraizer & Fraizer  
Mutual of Omaha  
Frazier, Travis  
Association of National Advertisers  
Frederick, Adrienne  
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)  
Gage, John  
Americans for Prosperity  
Gay, Tim  
Catalyst Public Affairs  
Geis, Gavin Lawrence  
Common Cause  
George, Dee D  
Novartis Services, Inc.  
Gerrard, Eric  
American Communications, Inc.  
Gibson, Rachel  
League of Women Voters of Nebraska  
Gilbertson, Korby M.  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Givens-Dunn, Taylor  
I Be Black Girl  
Glaser, Dylan  
CP Strategies LLC  
Goettemoeller Wendl, Jennifer

First Five Nebraska  
Goldstein, Freddi  
Uber Technologies, Inc.  
Grabow, Richard  
Lincoln Electric System  
Grasz, Nate  
Nebraska Family Alliance  
Grisham, Kent  
Nebraska Trucking Association  
Guinan, Trish  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Gunsalus, Catherine  
Heritage Action for America  
Hack Merlo, Rachel  
Google LLC and its Affiliates  
Haddow, Mac  
American Kratom Association  
Hansen, John K.  
Nebraska Farmers Union  
Hapgood, Wade  
United Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Harbeke, Dan  
Google LLC and its Affiliates  
Harding, Mariel  
Reproductive Health Collaborative Nebraska  
Harner, Shannon R.  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority  
Harr, Burke  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Harris, Jasmine  
RISE  
Harris, Julie  
Bike Walk Nebraska  
Harvey, William F.  
EHPV Lottery Services LLC aka Big Red Keno  
Hasebrook, Kristen  
Mueller Robak, LLC  
Haugaard, Treva  
Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges  
Hausman, Adam  
Nebraska State Legislative Board - Brotherhood of Locomotive  
Engineers and Trainmen  
Hayes, Jason W.  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Head, Bill  
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association  
Head, Craig J.  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Henderson, Paul

Nebraska Medical Association  
Hendrickson, Ashlee  
Nebraska Realtors Association  
Higgins, Kersten  
Mutual of Omaha  
Hilton, Felicia  
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters  
Hines, James  
Meta Platforms, Inc.  
Hladik, Johnathan  
Tallgrass Energy  
Holman, Caitlin  
Neilan Strategy Group  
Honan, Scott  
NioCorp  
Howard, Sara  
First Five Nebraska  
Hrdlicka, Joseph  
Genentech, Inc.  
Hruska, Elizabeth  
Catalyst Public Affairs  
Hruza, Timothy  
Mueller Robak, LLC  
Hubly, Justin  
Nebraska Association of Public Employees NAPE/AFSCME Local 61  
Hunt, Kara  
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool  
Hunzeker, Jonathan C.  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Hurst, Elisabeth  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Husch Blackwell LLP  
Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association  
Waste Management, Inc.  
Husch Blackwell Strategies  
ACT Education Corp.  
AHIP - America's Health Insurance Plans  
Alibaba  
American Chemistry Council  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska  
Cameco Resources  
Charter Communications Operating, LLC  
DoorDash, Inc.  
EBSCO  
Elite Casino Resorts  
Equifax  
Fonner Park  
General Motors LLC  
Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Grow Grand Island  
Hawkins Construction  
Lindsay Corporation  
Magellan Health  
Meta Platforms, Inc.  
Monolith Materials  
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)  
Nebraska Agri-Business Association  
Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association  
Nucor Corporation  
Prime Therapeutics, LLC  
Renewable Fuels Nebraska  
Turo  
Werner Enterprises, Inc. and Subsidiaries  
yes. every. kid.  
Irsik, Ryan  
Walmart Inc.  
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
ABATE of Nebraska, Inc.  
AgMed, LLC  
All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool (ALICAP)  
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates  
American Amusements Co.  
American Massage Therapy Association, Nebraska Chapter  
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.  
AT&T, Inc.  
Blue Gems ABA  
Board of Educational Lands and Funds  
Burt County Economic Development Corp.  
Doane University  
Eli Lilly and Company  
GEVO  
LeadingAge Nebraska  
Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties  
Molina Healthcare, Inc.  
Mosaic  
Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis  
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators  
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association  
Nebraska Intellectual Disabilities Services Providers  
Nebraska Optometric Association  
Nebraska Podiatric Medical Association  
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Statewide Property Owners' Association  
Wine Institute  
Joekel, Tiffany  
Nebraska Medicine

Johnson, Joseph J.  
Olsson  
Johnson, Kevin  
Amgen  
Johnson, Michael B.  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Johnson, Rachael A.  
Ho-Chunk, Inc.  
Jonas, Carlie  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Jones, Christine  
Catalyst Public Affairs  
Juhnke, Alan R.  
Nebraska Pork Producers Association  
Kaericher, Clark  
DoorDash, Inc.  
Kaffenberger, Holly  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
Karbo, Michael  
American Petroleum Institute  
Kathurima, Joy  
ACLU Nebraska  
Kay, Sara  
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter  
Nebraska County Attorneys Association  
Keigher & Associates, LLC  
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation  
Credit Management Services  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
Molson Coors Beverage Company USA LLC  
Nebraska AirBoaters Association  
Nebraska Auctioneers Association  
Nebraska Aviation Trade Association  
Nebraska Independent Auto Dealers Association  
Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association  
Nebraska Manufactured Housing Association  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Keigher, Timothy P.  
Keigher & Associates, LLC  
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
Advantage Capital  
Bennington Public Schools  
Buildertrend Solutions, Inc.  
Charles Drew Health Center, Inc.  
Charter Communications Operating, LLC  
Cigar Association of America, Inc.  
City of Omaha  
Community Alliance, Inc.

Consortium of Interior Design  
Creighton University  
CVS Health  
Douglas County, Nebraska  
Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency  
EHPV Lottery Services LLC aka Big Red Keno  
Elevator Industry Work Preservation Fund  
Guardian Tax Partners  
Heart Ministry Center  
Johnson Brothers of Nebraska  
Lincoln Police Union  
Nebraska Auto Body Association  
Nebraska Collectors Association  
Nebraska Cooperative Council  
Nebraska Credit Union League  
Nebraska School Activities Association  
Nebraska State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police  
Omaha Airport Authority  
Omaha Police Officers Association  
Sustainable Beef, LLC  
TikTok Inc.  
Westside Community Schools  
Kibbe, Scot  
American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)  
Kingman, Andrew  
State Privacy and Security Coalition, Inc.  
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC  
Accel Entertainment, Inc.  
Aksarben Equine, Inc.  
Alliance Soccer Omaha LLC d/b/a Union Omaha  
Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska  
Autism Center of Nebraska  
Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway Company  
Caseys General Stores, Inc.  
CoinFlip  
Copart  
Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. (Formerly Spectra Energy)  
Generation V  
Hands of Heartland  
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners  
Lumen  
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency  
Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators  
Nebraska CASA Association  
Nebraska Golf Alliance  
Nebraska Hearing Society  
Nebraska Medicine  
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool  
Nebraska Psychological Association

Nebraska Regional Officials Council  
Ollie Webb Center, Inc.  
Omaha Public Schools  
Pando PEO  
Park'N Go of Nebraska, LLC  
Polaris Industries  
Professional Engineers Coalition  
Railway Supply Institute  
Ralston Public School District  
Unite Us  
United Cities of Sarpy County  
Kissler, Kieran  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Kohout, Joseph D.  
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC  
Krannawitter, Brian  
American Heart Association  
Kruse Company  
Nebraska Alliance for Family and Child Service Providers  
Neilan Strategy Group  
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)  
Kubat, Rick  
Metropolitan Utilities District  
Kuehn, John  
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC  
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Nebraska  
Larson, Olivia  
RISE  
Larson, Tyson  
SecurityScorecard, Inc.  
Lassen, Robert  
AARP Nebraska  
Lee-Chambers, Gayla  
Saratoga History - Arts- Humanities Multicultural Center  
Together We Achieve Miracles Inc - Ernie Chambers History-Arts  
Humanities Museum  
Liebel, Susan  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America  
Linden, Alexander  
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation  
Alter Trading Corporation  
Black Hills Energy  
City of Hastings  
City of Lexington  
City of Ralston  
Completely Kids  
Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges



e-TITAN Vapors LLC  
First National of Nebraska, Inc.  
Fresenius Medical Care North America  
Greater Nebraska Cities  
Gretna Public Schools  
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital  
Motorola Solutions, Inc.  
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Nebraska  
Chapter  
Nebraska Association of Independent Ambulatory Centers  
Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys  
Nebraska Beverage Association  
Nebraska County Judges Association  
Nebraska Nurses Association  
Nebraska Rural Broadband Coalition  
Nebraska State Electrical Division  
Nebraskans for Rate Equity  
Northern Natural Gas  
Omaha Performing Arts  
Omaha Public Power District  
OpenSky Policy Institute  
OutNebraska  
Recycled Materials Association (ReMA)  
Sazerac Company  
Self Storage Association  
Tallgrass Energy  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Lindsay, John C.  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Linster, Jillian  
Center for Rural Affairs  
Lombardi, Richard A.  
American Communications, Inc.  
Loncke, MacKenzie  
Outline, Inc DBA OutNebraska  
Loontjer, Pat  
Gambling with the Good Life  
Lostroh, David L.  
Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association  
Loughman, Heather  
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties  
Luebke, Lori  
Nebraska Soybean Association  
Luedtke, Joselyn  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Luetkenhaus, Brandon  
Nebraska Credit Union League  
MacDonald, Blair E.  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald

Martin, Stephen  
We Support Agriculture

Martin, Susan L.  
Nebraska State AFL-CIO

McClure, Jeanne  
American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska

McDonald, Edison  
Arc of Nebraska, The  
GC Resolve, LLC  
GC ReVOLT, LLC

McDonald, Vickie  
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators

McGann, Emily  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

McGowan, Kyle  
Nebraska Council of School Administrators

McHargue, Mark  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

McIntosh, Ryan  
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC

McNally, John  
Nebraska Public Power District

McNally, Lynne  
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association  
Nebraska Propane Gas Association

Melchor, Matthew  
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.

Menke, Traci  
Renewable Fuels Nebraska

Menzel, Elaine  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Meredith, Candace  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Merritt, Scott  
Nebraska Agri-Business Association

Meuli, Sarah  
DraftKings Inc.

Meurrens, Bradley  
Disability Rights Nebraska

Mikkelsen, Brian  
Nebraska State Education Association

Miller, Brennen  
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC

Miller, Zoe  
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

Miner, Marion  
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Moles, Jack  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Moore, Scott D.

Edwards Westerhold Moore

Mueller Robak

American Express Travel Related Services, Inc.

Associated General Contractors of America, Nebraska Chapter

Chief Industries, Inc.

Collective for Youth

COPIC Insurance Company

Duncan Aviation, Inc.

Eastern Nebraska Development Council

Fiserv

Google LLC and its Affiliates

Haleon c/o MultiState Associates LLC

Integrated Life Choices

Iowa-Nebraska Rental Dealers Association

JustData

Lincoln Airport Authority

Lincoln Children's Zoo

LKQ Corporation

Lower Platte South Natural Resources District

Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

Millard Public Schools

Millard Roofing and Gutter Company

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

Nature Conservancy, The

Nebraska Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Nebraska Association of Airport Officials

Nebraska Association of Commercial Property Owners

Nebraska Council of School Administrators

Nebraska Dental Association

Nebraska District Court Judges Association

Nebraska Land Title Association

Nebraska Medical Association

Nebraska Methodist Health Systems

Nebraska Oncology Society

Nebraska Press Association

Nebraska Society of Independent Accountants

Nebraska State Bar Association

Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association (NWGGA)

Old Republic International Corporation

Olsson

PayPal

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

POET

Smithfield Foods, Inc.

Southeast Community College

Sports Betting Alliance

Stand for Schools

State Troopers Association of Nebraska, Inc.

Tyler Technologies  
Uber Technologies, Inc.  
Union Bank & Trust Company  
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated  
Mueller, William J.  
Mueller Robak, LLC  
Murante, John  
Nebraska Strategies  
Murty, Dayton  
Charter Communications Operating, LLC  
Nebraska Strategies  
Amazon.com Services LLC  
Bayer U.S. LLC  
Global Kratom Coalition  
Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska  
Keith County Area Development  
Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.  
Mark Anthony Brands  
Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association  
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association  
Plasma Games  
State Shield Action  
Stonington Global, LLC  
Tallgrass Energy  
Total Wine  
U.S. Cellular  
Windstream Communications  
Neilan Strategy Group  
Apothecary Farms  
Critical Response Group  
Greenlight  
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)  
Tenaska  
Welcome Home  
Wireless Infrastructure Association c/o MultiState Associates LLC  
Neilan, Perre S.  
Neilan Strategy Group  
Neiles-Brasch, Megan  
Omaha Public Schools  
Nelson, Richard  
Nebraska Rural Electric Association  
Neville, Brennan S.  
National Indemnity Company  
Nolan, James  
Mutual of Omaha  
Norby, Scott J.  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Nordquist, Jeremy  
Nebraska Hospital Association

Norman, Brian  
Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy Research

Nungesser, Katie  
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Nunnally, Elizabeth  
Nebraska Family Alliance

O'Connor, Sheila  
Associated General Contractors - Nebraska Building Chapter

O'Donnell, Phillip  
Nebraska Public Power District

O'Neill, Thomas, Jr.  
Nebraska Telecommunications Association

Ortner, Brian  
AAA Nebraska and The Auto Club Group

Orton, Leroy W.  
Nebraska Onsite Waste Water Association  
Nebraska State Irrigation Association  
Nebraska Well Drillers Association

Ostrow, Sean  
BetMGM, LLC  
DraftKings Inc.  
FanDuel Group  
FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC

Otto, Richard J.  
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association  
Nebraska Hospitality Association  
Nebraska Retail Federation

Owen, Anthony  
Code.org

Owen, Rob  
Bio Nebraska

Park, Riley  
National Grid Renewables Development, LLC

Parr, Ann L.  
Farmers Mutual of Nebraska

Patterson, Robert  
Kids Can Community Center

Pauley, John  
Underdog Fantasy

Peetz & Company  
Advocates for Behavioral Health  
Canopy South  
CHI Health  
Children's Nebraska  
Community Lottery System, Inc.  
Cox Communications  
CQuence Health Group  
Durham Museum  
First Five Nebraska

Friends of Knox County  
Goldfinch Health  
Kiewit Corporation  
Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District  
Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority  
Microsoft Corporation  
Nebraska Beef Producers  
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners  
Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association  
Nebraska Trucking Association  
Omaha Zoological Society  
Pivot Bio  
Quality Living, Inc.  
Rural Media Consortium  
State Farm Insurance Companies  
Telcoin  
Tenaska  
University of Nebraska  
Peetz, Jack  
    Peetz & Company  
Peetz, Natalie  
    Peetz & Company  
Perkins-Wade, Jaden  
    Heartland Workers Center  
Pertzborn, Haley  
    Nebraska Pharmacists Association  
Peters, Deb  
    Association of National Advertisers  
Peterson, Chris  
    CP Strategies LLC  
Peterson, Patricia Schuett  
    Nebraska Investment Finance Authority  
Pinto, Rachel  
    Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund  
Pipes, Karen  
    Bank of America Corporation  
Pitts, Kathleen  
    Nebraska Appleseed  
Plumadore, Genevieve  
    Bristol Myers Squibb Co.  
Polk, Larianne  
    Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council  
Pollock, Andy  
    Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
Potter, Cara E.  
    Medica  
Potter, Tim  
    AARP Nebraska  
Prokop, Matthew

American Diabetes Association  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates  
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter  
American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)  
Apple Inc.  
Bellevue Public Schools  
City of Gretna  
Delta Dental of Nebraska  
Enterprise Rent-A-Car  
Farm Credit Services of America  
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home  
Friends of Nebraska Parks  
Growth Energy  
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha  
HBAL/MOBA Coalition  
Ho-Chunk, Inc.  
Housing Policy Network  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Lincoln Public Schools  
Live On Nebraska  
Media of Nebraska, Inc.  
Metropolitan Community College  
Nebraska Association of Benefit and Insurance Professionals  
Nebraska Broadcasters Association  
Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and  
Gynecologists  
Nebraska Cultural Endowment  
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.  
Nebraska Healthy Alternatives Association  
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association  
Nebraska Liquor Wholesalers  
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association  
Nebraska Optometric Association  
Nebraska Realtors Association  
Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants  
Nebraska State Cemetery Association  
Nebraska State Fair Board  
Nebraska State Home Builders Association  
Nebraska Telecommunications Association  
Orsted  
Pinnacle Bank  
Speedway Motors, Inc.  
Tyson Foods, Inc.  
War Horse Gaming, LLC  
Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and Subordinate Entities  
Ragland, Jina  
AARP Nebraska  
Reandau, Noah

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FFF Enterprises, Inc.  
Reisher, Peggy  
Brain Injury Association of Nebraska  
Reljic, Boro  
Abbott  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers  
Nebraska Library Association  
Nebraska Rural Broadband Alliance  
Nebraska Transportation Association  
Nebraska Travel Association (NETA)  
NorthWestern Energy  
United Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc.  
Rex, L. Lynn  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Reynoldson, Amy  
Nebraska Medical Association  
Richters, Rebecca S.  
ACLU Nebraska  
Rieker, Bruce R.  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Riley, Christopher T.  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Robak, Kim M.  
Mueller Robak, LLC  
Roberts, Eva  
Front Porch Investments  
Robertson, Rob J.  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Rockenbach, Tina  
Community Action of Nebraska  
Rodemaker, Austin  
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association  
Rogert, Kent  
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
Royers, Tim  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Rush Chipman, Mindy  
ACLU Nebraska  
Russell, Daniel  
Stand for Schools  
Ryan, June  
AARP Nebraska  
Sachs, Daniel  
Meta Platforms, Inc.  
Sahling-Zart, Shelley R.  
Lincoln Electric System



Salazar, AnahÃ-  
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Sanaie, Kandice  
Cigna Corporate Services LLC

Sanchez, Adrian  
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
Nebraska Optometric Association

Sanchez, Sarah  
ALS Association

Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC  
Caesars Enterprise Services, LLC  
Opportunity Solutions Project  
Prairie Health Ventures

Schaefer, Matthew T.  
Mueller Robak, LLC

Schilz, Kenneth  
Nebraska Strategies

Schrader, Cora  
Peetz & Company

Schrag, Wendy  
Fresenius Medical Care North America

Schrodt, Dexter  
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers

Schwend, Adam  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

Schweska, Patrick  
Amazon.com Services LLC

Scoggin, Bay  
Innocence Project, The

Scott, Randi K.  
Omaha Public Power District

Sedlacek, Ronald J.  
Husch Blackwell LLP  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Seelhoff, Janet  
National Utility Contractors Association of Nebraska, Inc. (NUCA)  
Nebraska Home Care Association  
Nebraska Optometric Association

Sepich, Craig  
National Insurance Crime Bureau

Severino, Dylan  
ACLU Nebraska

Shih, Alison  
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

Sims, Jim  
NioCorp

Skretta, John  
Lincoln Public Schools

Slattery, David

Nebraska Hospital Association  
Slone, Bryan  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Smith, Aleyah  
I Be Black Girl  
Smith, Jim  
Platte Institute for Economic Research  
Smith, Leslie  
Omaha Municipal Land Bank  
Smith, Marcus  
Sanofi US Services Inc.  
Smoyer, Brent  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
Spatz, John  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Splonskowski, David  
Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association  
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC  
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
National Guard Association of Nebraska  
Nebraska Bankers Association  
Nebraska Bankers Insurance and Services Company (NBISCO)  
Nebraska Fire Chiefs' Association  
Nebraska Pharmacists Association  
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters' Association  
Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity and Fairness  
Stilmock, Gerald M.  
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC  
Stracke, Madison  
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation  
Stubbendieck, Todd  
AARP Nebraska  
Sullivan, J. Scott  
Nebraska Credit Union League  
Sundquist, Joni  
Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants  
Svoboda, Ivy  
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers  
Swanson, Garret  
Holland Children's Movement  
Swanson, Heather  
Nebraska Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives  
Swatsworth, Abby  
Outlinc, Inc DBA OutNebraska  
Synhorst, Robert  
Nebraska Right to Life  
Tang, Cathy  
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund  
Thiele, Carter

Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA)  
Thompson, Brian  
Consolidated Companies, Inc.  
Thornton, Melanie  
Children's Nebraska  
Tierney, Joelle  
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.  
Tillinghast, Jill  
American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska  
Todd, A. Loy, Jr.  
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association  
Torpy, Katie  
Nature Conservancy, The  
Traynor, Hunter  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Trocinski, Carol A.  
United Healthcare Services, Inc.  
Uher, Tiffany  
MilkWorks  
Uhing, Heidi  
Civic Nebraska  
Vaggalis, Mary  
Nebraska Strategies  
Venzor, Tom  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Vinton, Andrew  
ALLO Communications  
Voyles, Seth  
Omaha Public Power District  
Wagelie, Sarah  
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC  
Waggoner, Erin  
Verizon Communications, Inc.  
Wagner, Chris  
Project Extra Mile  
Watson, James S.  
Nebraska Association of Medicaid Health Plans  
Weber, Michelle  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Weber, Rocky  
Nebraska Cooperative Council  
Welding, Nicholas J.  
Nebraska State Education Association  
Wesely, Don  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Westerhold, Russell  
Edwards Westerhold Moore  
Wetzel, Jason  
General Motors LLC

Wickersham, William R.  
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators

Wicks, Cheryl  
Mosaic

Wightman, Anna Castner  
First National of Nebraska, Inc.

Williams, Jennifer  
American Communications, Inc.

Wiltgen, Jennifer  
Centene Corporation on behalf of its affiliates and subsidiaries

Witmer, Jason  
ACLU Nebraska

Wittstruck, Courtney  
Nebraska Community College Association

Word, Megan  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

Wurster, Donald F.  
National Indemnity Company

Wyvill, John  
Cox Communications

Young, Gary  
FOP 88

Young, Hannah  
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands

Zakery, Jordan  
Excellence in Education National, Inc., d/b/a Excellence in Education in Action

Zielske, Pamela  
Dialysis Patient Citizens

Zulkoski Weber LLC  
American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska  
Archer Daniels Midland Company  
Bosselman Enterprises  
COMPASS Pathways, Inc c/o National Strategies, LLC  
Consortia Consulting  
Dexcom, Inc.  
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.  
Kinkaider Brewing Co, LLC  
Knox Company c/o National Strategies, LLC  
Kum & Go c/o Maverik, Inc.  
McCain Foods  
Merck Sharp and Dohme LLC  
Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants  
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Nebraska Broadband Coalition  
Nebraska County Attorneys Association  
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition  
Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative  
Nebraska Economic Developers Association

Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Nebraska Humane Society  
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers  
Nebraska Land Trust  
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association  
NetChoice  
Novo Nordisk Inc.  
Special Olympics Nebraska  
Viaero Wireless  
Zulkoski, Katie W.  
Zulkoski Weber LLC

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m., under the South Balcony.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

##### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 130.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to General Fund net receipts; to amend section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain transfers of General Fund net receipts; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

##### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 131.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust; to amend sections 85-1801, 85-1802, 85-1804, 85-1805, 85-1806, 85-1807, 85-1808, 85-1809, 85-1810, 85-1811, 85-1812, 85-1813, 85-1814, 85-1815, 85-1816, 85-1817, 85-2802, 85-2803, and 85-2804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-1201, 72-1239.01, 77-3,110, and 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to include savings plans for elementary and secondary education in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust; to define and redefine terms; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

##### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 132.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,273, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that evidence a person was not wearing an occupant protection system or three-point safety belt is admissible for certain purposes; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of law enforcement officer for purposes of certain offenses relating to animals; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 134.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; DeKay, 40; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend sections 60-3,113 and 60-3,122.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,122.03, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, and 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change and provide provisions relating to Military Honor Plates, prisoner-of-war license plates, disabled veteran license plates, and Purple Heart license plates; to provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 135.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 10-702, 13-519, 13-2507, 79-1029, 79-1098, 79-10,105, 79-10,117, and 79-10,118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-809, 32-405, 32-559, 32-1203, and 77-3444, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions regarding elections for certain purposes; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 10-703.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 136.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend sections 25-1030.01 and 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, and notices upon corporate garnishees; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 137.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to homeowners associations; to prohibit certain restrictions relating to solar energy devices and pollinator gardens; to define terms; to provide a cause of action; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 138.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-9,111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change pharmacy dispensing fees as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2239, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions against credential holders under the Real Property Appraiser Act and restrictions on ownership of appraisal management companies and violations by appraisal management companies under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to develop and adopt a policy relating to use of electronic communication devices by students as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 141.** Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Protection and Family Safety Act; to amend sections 28-710, 28-713.01, and 28-726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require reports of child abuse or neglect involving a member of a military family to be reported to appropriate military authorities and military family advocacy programs as prescribed; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 142.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Prokop, 27; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to amend section 79-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the preliminary enrollment in a school district by children of military families; to require any preliminary or advanced enrollment provisions of a school district apply to students with an individualized family service plan or individualized education program or students that receive special education as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Prokop, 27; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-225, 48-226, 48-227, and 48-238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to veterans preferences for public and private employers; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 145.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Noxious Weed Control Act; to amend section 2-958.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the Director of Agriculture to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds; to change provisions relating to intent to appropriate funds; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 146.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 147.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and safety; to amend section 71-3306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a regulation for the adding of fluoride in water; to eliminate the requirement for fluoride in water; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 71-3305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Dentistry Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for licensure and reciprocity as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 149.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-263, 79-265, and 79-267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the prohibition regarding suspending a student that is in pre-kindergarten through second grade; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 79-265.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 150.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the habitual criminal enhancement; and to repeal the original section.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 151.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act; to provide income tax adjustments relating to the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 152.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-3509.01, 77-3509.03, 77-3510, 77-3514, and 77-3516, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-3501, 77-3505.06, 77-3506.03, 77-3511, 77-3512, 77-3513, 77-3517, 77-3521, 77-3522, 77-3523, 77-3529, 77-4212, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state findings and declarations; to create a homestead exemption; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 153.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

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 submit a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program as prescribed; to provide for funding by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 154.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hearing instrument specialists; to amend sections 38-511, 38-1501, 38-1502, 38-1504, 38-1505, 38-1506, 38-1508, 38-1510, 38-1511, and 38-1514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1509, 38-1512, and 38-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to licensure and regulation of hearing instrument specialists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 155.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to justification for the use of force; to amend sections 28-1406, 28-1409, and 28-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide that there is no duty to retreat before using deadly force when lawfully present in a motor vehicle; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 156.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 13-910 and 81-8,219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow certain tort claims involving sexual assault of a child in school settings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 157.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 25-1553, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Child Tax Credit Act; to exempt certain tax credit refunds from claims of creditors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 158.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require a health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager to include amounts paid by a health benefit plan enrollee or paid on behalf of an enrollee by another person for purposes of calculating the enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost-sharing requirement under a health benefit plan as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 159.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2260, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for sentencing consideration of an offender's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the practice of barbering; to amend section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for applicants taking the barber examination; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 161.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 162.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 163.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the environment; to create the Office of Climate Action; to provide duties and deadlines; and to define a term.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 164.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Urban Development Incentive Act; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 165.** Introduced by Hunt, 8; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 28-441 and 28-442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for syringe services programs; to provide for exceptions to penalties under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act relating to drug paraphernalia; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 166.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county records; to amend section 23-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for withholding the residential address of a county treasurer from the public; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act; to amend section 81-1566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a termination date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act; to provide severability; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 169.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-382, 77-2701.16, and 77-3005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to change the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act and the Tax Expenditure Reporting Act as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal

the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-2704.53, 77-2704.56, 77-2704.65, and 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 170.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 171.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.03 and 77-2734.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to individual and corporate income tax rates; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 172.** Introduced by Hardin, 48, at the request of the Governor; Bosn, 25; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 25-21,291, 27-1301, 28-116, 28-320.02, 28-813.02, 28-833, 28-1463.01, 28-1463.02, 28-1463.06, 28-1601, 28-1602, 83-174.02, 84-205, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-813.01, 28-1463.03, 28-1463.05, 28-1701, 29-110, 29-119, 29-4003, 29-4309, and 29-4316, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography; to prohibit receipt of child pornography; to transfer provisions of the Nebraska Criminal Code and the Child Pornography Prevention Act; to provide for enhanced penalties; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-1463.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 173.** Introduced by Prokop, 27; Dover, 19; Quick, 35.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 174.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to wages subject to garnishment; to amend section 25-1558, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to an exception for medical debts; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 175.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to amend section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 176.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act; to amend section 86-1304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require resolutions of project support from political subdivisions as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cash devices; to amend sections 9-1303, 77-3001, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3003.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act; to change provisions relating to certain licenses issued under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 178.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-117.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101, 53-103, and 53-117.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for issuance of certificates related to mandatory server alcohol training as prescribed; to require employment of certified personnel; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Introduced by Clouse, 37; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to amend sections 73-101 and 73-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for public lettings and bidding; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 181.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act; to amend sections 4-110 and 43-4501, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 43-4505 and 43-4514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for coverage under the young adult bridge to independence program for young adults not lawfully present in the United States; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2506 and 81-523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2502, 77-2503, 77-2508, 77-3806, 77-7202, and 77-7204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine and eliminate terms and change provisions relating to the transfer, sale, and assignment of tax credits under the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; to authorize additional uses of the tax credits granted under the Child Care Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 183.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; to amend sections 69-1311 and 69-1317, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to abandoned property notices and access to records; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 184.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nitrous oxide; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, and 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the sale of nitrous oxide at a tobacco specialty store and in other circumstances as prescribed; to prohibit the sale of equipment to use nitrous oxide for recreational purposes; to provide penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to amend sections 76-1413, 76-1450, 76-1457, and 76-1474, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for electronic notices by landlords to tenants under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 186.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to entertainment districts; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2422, 81-885.02, 81-885.13, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to written agency agreements for brokerage services and restricted acts, issuance of licenses, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 188.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facility rates and related reports; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 189.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to employment; to amend sections 48-652 and 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act; to create a fund; to transfer funds; to change provisions relating to experience accounts under the Employment Security Law; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 190.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to amend section 50-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 191.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the One-Call Notification System Act; to amend section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to unlawful interference with telecommunications; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Introduced by Quick, 35; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove a sunset date; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LB10  
LB27  
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LB13

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

LB22  
LB41  
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(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB3:

[MO1](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO2](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO3](#)

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Rules Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Vice Chairperson.

The General Affairs Committee elected Senator J. Cavanaugh as Vice Chairperson.

The Health and Human Services Committee elected Senator Fredrickson as Vice Chairperson.

The Urban Affairs Committee elected Senator Clouse as Vice Chairperson.

The Judiciary Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Vice Chairperson.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 193.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Committee on Pacific Conflict; to amend section 81-836, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to committee membership; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the documentary stamp tax; to amend section 76-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10CA.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 15 to Article VIII:

VIII-15 Beginning January 1, 2028, the State of Nebraska shall impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services, and the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions to do the same. There shall be no exemption from such taxes except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that the State of Nebraska shall impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services, that the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions to do the same, and that there shall be no exemption from such taxes except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 11CA.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 14 to Article VIII:

VIII-14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, beginning January 1, 2028, no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that, beginning January 1, 2028, no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes.

For

Against.

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

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB129.  
Senator Hunt name added to LB31.  
Senator Meyer name added to LB89.  
Senator Murman name added to LB50.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB105.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB110.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB12.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB23.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB32.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB54.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB74.  
Senator Storm name added to LB3.  
Senator Storm name added to LB73.  
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB115.

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

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels of Lincoln.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:21 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FIFTH DAY - JANUARY 14, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, January 14, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

**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 Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeKay, Hardin, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive; and Senators Brandt and Rountree who were excused.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fourth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB82	Health and Human Services
LB83	Health and Human Services
LB84	Health and Human Services
LB85	Judiciary
LB86	Appropriations
LB87	Health and Human Services
LB88	Appropriations
LB89	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB90	Urban Affairs

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LB93	Judiciary
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LB129	Natural Resources
LR5CA	Judiciary
LR6CA	Judiciary
LR7CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB89:

MO4

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO5

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO6

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Agriculture Committee elected Senator Ibach as Vice Chairperson.

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee elected Senator Sorrentino as Vice Chairperson.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Introduced by Meyer, 17; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5.

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 overdose reversal medications; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-628.09, 48-630, and 48-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a disqualification for benefits due to a labor dispute, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 198.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to amend sections 44-4601, 44-4603, 44-4608, and 44-4611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to an appeal process; to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions; to provide for pharmacy benefit manager duties; to prohibit spread pricing as prescribed; to change enforcement provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 199.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 25-3301, 25-3302, and 25-3309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the statute of limitations for actions for personal injury; to provide for applicability; to include administrative proceedings within the Nonrecourse Civil Litigation Act, require certain disclosures by consumers, and provide for discipline against a certificate of registration; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 200.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202, 77-693, 77-801, 77-1238, 77-1239, 77-1248, and 77-1514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to reinstate the exemptions provided under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 201.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; to amend section 8-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a fee; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 202.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act; to amend section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt certain activities from disciplinary action; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 203.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-1626, 71-1630, and 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change powers and duties of health directors as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 204.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to biometric data; to adopt the Biometric Autonomy Liberty Law; and to provide an operative date.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 205.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to provide requirements for admissibility of evidence relating to damages for past or future medical expenses; to require certain disclosures by claimants in certain cases; to provide limitations on damages for medical expenses; to provide for a cap on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions against commercial motor vehicle carriers; and to provide duties for courts.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 206.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for enhanced penalties for certain offenses committed in a disaster area during an emergency period; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 207.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,191, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a fee for certain commercially registered alternative fuel vehicles; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2712.03 and 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2711, 77-2715.07, 77-27,241, 77-7012, and 77-7203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a database for sales tax zip code information, annual limits for certain tax credits, and certain tax credits for parents and legal guardians; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202 and 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses and a property tax exemption for certain skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and assisted-living facilities; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 210.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to population health information; to amend sections 81-6,123, 81-6,124, 81-6,125, and 81-6,126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-2454, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the prescription drug monitoring program, the designated health information exchange, and the Population Health Information Act; to define terms; to provide for assessments; to create a fund; to require reports regarding managed care organizations; to require sharing of vital statistics data; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 211.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act; to amend section 13-3403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 212.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to amend section 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 213.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-760.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Board of Education to adopt academic content standards on human embryology under the science education standards as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 214.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Newborn Safe Haven Act; to amend sections 43-4901, 43-4902, and 43-4903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to provide for the use of newborn safety devices as prescribed; to state intent regarding grants; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop certain procedures relating to surrendered newborn infants; to change legislative intent relating to funding; to provide an exemption from criminal liability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal justice; to amend section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Clean Slate Act;



to provide for commutations; to provide duties for the Department of Correctional Services, Board of Parole, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Pardons; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 216.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 11-119, 11-125, 11-126, 22-417, 23-120, 23-121, 23-405, 23-1114.03, 23-1114.04, 23-1114.05, 23-1114.06, 24-228, 24-337.01, 24-337.04, 24-507, 24-508, 24-509, 43-512.05, 71-915, and 71-957, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 33-106.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to transfer duties of county clerks as ex officio clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates; to provide for creation of the office of clerk of the district and county courts; to provide for consolidation of duties and the creation of consolidation plans; to require oaths as prescribed; to eliminate the elected office of clerk of the district court; to transfer clerk of the district court employees to state employment; to provide for transfers of retirement and benefits; to provide for reviews of county-provided office space or facilities; to remove a bond requirement; to provide for payment of certain district court and separate juvenile court costs by the state; to provide duties for clerks of the district court, clerk magistrates, clerks of the district and county courts, judges, and the State Court Administrator; to provide for distribution of federal reimbursements; to prohibit such clerks from serving on mental health boards; to change provisions relating to court reporters serving mental health boards; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 32-524, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 217.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare; to amend section 71-1904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-1924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of child-placing agencies and child welfare workers; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 218.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-307, 32-315, 32-1506, 60-484, 60-4,130, and 60-4,130.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-202, 32-308, 32-312, 32-1002, and 60-4,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to registration of voters and voting; to change penalty provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 32-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 219.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove a minimum period of post-release supervision for Class III and IIIA felonies; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 220.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to state findings; to provide for developmental and intellectual disability impact notes for legislation; and to provide powers and duties for the office of Legislative Research.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 221.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 50-1301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state legislative findings relating to unfilled gubernatorial appointments; to provide powers and duties; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

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LB24  
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(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 222.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 60-683 and 81-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to stopping or detaining the operator of a vehicle under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to change duties of peace officers, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and certain officers of the Nebraska State Patrol; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 223.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil rights; to amend sections 20-139, 20-301, 20-303, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321, 20-322, and 20-325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to prohibit discrimination based upon lawful source of income or compliance with public assistance requirements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 224.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state employees; to define terms; and to provide for paid maternity leave as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 225.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-168, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change application requirements for duplicate certificates of title; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 226.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-3528, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for setting aside and expunging records relating to convictions and adjudications for certain concealed weapon offenses; to define a term; to provide for retroactivity; to provide a private cause of action for violations of the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act; to waive sovereign immunity as prescribed; to provide a statute of limitations for such actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 227.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to common carriers; to amend section 75-342, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide burdens of proof; to change provisions relating to designations of authority, contract carriers, and authorization requirements; to delete obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 228.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to amend sections 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205.01, 50-1211, and 50-1213, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 50-1209, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to update obsolete provisions; to change requirements for tax incentive performance

audits as prescribed; to provide for documents that are not subject to a public records request; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that employment does not include service by a marketplace network contractor for a marketplace network platform; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to kratom; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 232.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require issuers of certain life insurance policies to provide notice of lapse and termination of such policies as prescribed; and to authorize senior citizens with certain life insurance policies to designate a third party to receive certain notifications regarding such senior citizen's life insurance policy as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 233.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Insurance Program; to amend sections 84-1607, 84-1608, and 84-1609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require coverage for in vitro fertilization as prescribed; to transfer provisions relating to special coverages; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 234.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Urban Redevelopment Act; to amend section 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 235.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to trials for actions for possession and execution of writs of restitution; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 236.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to amend section 13-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow tort claims involving child abuse or sexual assault of a child under the act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 237.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-960, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to permit counties to conduct elections by mail; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 238.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Foster Care Review Act; to amend sections 43-1304 and 43-1308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 239.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to developmental disabilities services; to amend sections 83-1216 and 83-1216.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; to change requirements relating to funding priorities; to eliminate a sunset date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change notice provisions relating to the division of taxes; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to define terms; and to provide exemption from liability for certain private entities as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 242.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 16-205, and 17-525, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 13-518, 13-3403, 13-3404, 13-3405, 13-3406, 18-1208, 77-1701, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term relating to budget limitations; to change provisions of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act relating to calculation of property tax request authority, authorized increases to such authority, and unused property tax request authority; to change provisions relating to municipal occupation taxes; to change provisions relating to property tax statements; to change certain calculations and authorize the county to retain certain funds for costs under the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 243.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend section 23-367, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision relating to special sidewalk assessments; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 244.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change legislative findings; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, and 81-2,277, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to priority items, the federal Current Good Manufacturing Practice, design and fabrication requirements, fees, establishments that are permanently closed, and service of notices and orders; to eliminate provisions relating to time/temperature control for safety food, hand washing requirements and food contact restrictions for food employees, requirements relating to date marking, sale, consumption, or discard of time/temperature control for safety food, and fingernail requirements relating to food employees; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; at the request of the Governor; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to adulterated food; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, 81-2,282, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term and prohibit cultivated-protein food products under the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to amend section 13-2042, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 66-1519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Care Licensing Act; to amend section 71-1910, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt certain federal programs from child care licensing requirements as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 249.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1017.01, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for military impact funding and change provisions relating to local system formula resources and certain certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking; to amend section 8-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the composition of the board of directors of a bank; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-113, 8-157, 8-226, 8-305, 8-1506, 21-1725.01, 21-1728, 45-190, 45-724, and 76-710.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2724, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 59-1722, 69-2103, 69-2104, and 69-2112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions related to the use of certain words, loan limits, branch banking, failing financial institutions, credit union branches, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 252.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drugs; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit disadvantaging or discouraging medicaid and commercial insurance coverage for non-opioid drugs as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 253.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for biomarker testing as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 254.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state legislative intent to transfer funds for workforce housing; to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 255.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund; to amend sections 24-1302 and 71-2492, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for use of the fund for problem solving courts; to state intent regarding appropriations; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 256.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.** Introduced by Quick, 35; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to marriage and family therapists; to amend sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to reciprocity; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend section 48-1203.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the minimum wage and the training wage; to enact a youth minimum wage; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.



**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Revenue Committee elected Senator Jacobson as Vice Chairperson.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 12CA.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article VIII, section 1, and add a new section 14 to Article VIII:

VIII-1 The necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in such manner as the Legislature may direct. Notwithstanding Article I, section 16, Article III, section 18, or Article VIII, section 4, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary: (1) Real property, as defined by the Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution, shall all be taxed in accordance with Article VIII, section 14, of this Constitution.~~Taxes shall be levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately upon all real property and franchises as defined by the Legislature except as otherwise provided in or permitted by this Constitution;~~ (2) tangible personal property, as defined by the Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution or by legislation, shall all be taxed at depreciated cost using the same depreciation method with reasonable class lives, as determined by the Legislature, or shall all be taxed by valuation uniformly and proportionately; (3) the Legislature may provide for a different method of taxing motor vehicles and may also establish a separate class of motor vehicles consisting of those owned and held for resale by motor vehicle dealers which shall be taxed in the manner and to the extent provided by the Legislature and may also establish a separate class for trucks, trailers, semitrailers, truck-tractors, or combinations thereof, consisting of those owned by residents and nonresidents of this state, and operating in interstate commerce, and may provide reciprocal and proportionate taxation of such vehicles. The tax proceeds from motor vehicles taxed in each county shall be allocated to the county and the cities, villages, and school districts of such county; (4) ~~the Legislature may provide that agricultural land and horticultural land, as defined by the Legislature, shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may provide for a different method of taxing agricultural land and horticultural land which results in values that are not uniform and proportionate with all other real property and franchises but which results in values that are uniform and proportionate upon all property within the class of agricultural land and horticultural land;~~ (5) the Legislature may enact laws to provide that the value of land actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use shall for property tax purposes be that value which such land has for agricultural or horticultural use without regard to any value which such land might have for other purposes or uses; ~~(5)(6) the~~

~~Legislature may prescribe standards and methods for the determination of the value of real property at uniform and proportionate values; (7) in furtherance of the purposes for which such a law of the United States has been adopted, whenever there exists a law of the United States which is intended to protect a specifically designated type, use, user, or owner of property or franchise from discriminatory state or local taxation, such property or franchise shall constitute a separate class of property or franchise under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and such property or franchise may not be taken into consideration in determining whether taxes are levied by valuation uniformly or proportionately upon any property or franchise, and the Legislature may enact laws which statutorily recognize such class and which tax or exempt from taxation such class of property or franchise in such manner as it determines; and (6)(8) the Legislature may provide that livestock shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may further provide for reciprocal and proportionate taxation of livestock located in this state for only part of a year. Each actual property tax rate levied for a governmental subdivision shall be the same for all classes of taxed property and franchises. Taxes uniform as to class of property or the ownership or use thereof may be levied by valuation or otherwise upon classes of intangible property as the Legislature may determine, and such intangible property held in trust or otherwise for the purpose of funding pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit plans as defined by the Legislature may be declared exempt from taxation. Taxes other than property taxes may be authorized by law. Existing revenue laws shall continue in effect until changed by the Legislature.~~

VIII-14 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, the maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on real property shall not exceed one and one-half percent of the full cash value of such property. Such tax shall be collected by the counties and apportioned as prescribed by the Legislature to the political subdivisions within the counties.

(2) The limitation provided for in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to ad valorem taxes or special assessments to pay the interest and redemption charges on any of the following:

(a) Bonded indebtedness approved by the voters prior to January 1, 2027;

(b) Bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after January 1, 2027, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition; or

(c) Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district or community college area for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school or community college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for such facilities, approved on or after January 1, 2027, by fifty-five percent of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition. This subdivision shall apply only if the proposition approved by the voters and resulting in the bonded indebtedness includes all of the following accountability requirements:

(i) A requirement that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in this subdivision;

(ii) A list of the specific school or community college facility projects to be funded and a requirement that the school board or community college board of governors conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed; and

(iii) A requirement that the school board or community college board of governors conduct an annual independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the applicable school or community college facility project.

(3)(a) For purposes of this section, full cash value means the county assessor's valuation of real property for 2027 or, thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, when newly constructed, or when a change in ownership has occurred after the 2027 assessment.

(b) Full cash value shall be adjusted from year to year by the inflationary rate, not to exceed two percent for any given year, or the deflationary rate, if applicable, as shown in the consumer price index or comparable data for the area subject to taxation, and may also be reduced to reflect substantial damage, destruction, or other factors causing a decline in value.

(4) Subject to applicable procedures and definitions as provided by statute, an individual who is over fifty-five years of age, severely disabled, or a victim of a natural disaster may transfer the full cash value of the individual's primary residence to a replacement primary residence located in this state so long as the replacement primary residence:

(a) Is similar in size, utility, and function to the original primary residence;

(b) Has a fair market value that is comparable to the fair market value of the original primary residence; and

(c) Is purchased or newly constructed by such individual within two years after the sale of the original primary residence.

(5) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the term "newly constructed" does not include the construction, installation, removal, or modification of any portion or structural component of an existing building or structure if the construction, installation, removal, or modification is for the purpose of making the building more accessible to, or more usable by, a disabled person.

(6) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the term "change in ownership" does not include the acquisition of real property as a replacement for comparable property if the person acquiring the real property has been displaced from the property replaced by eminent domain proceedings, by acquisition by a public entity, or by governmental action that has resulted in a judgment of inverse condemnation. The real property acquired shall be deemed comparable to the property replaced if it is similar in size, utility, and function.

(7) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the terms "purchased" and "change in ownership" do not include the purchase or transfer of real property between spouses since January 1, 2027, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Transfers to a trustee for the beneficial use of a spouse, or the surviving spouse of a deceased transferor, or by a trustee of such a trust to the spouse of the trustor;

(b) Transfers to a spouse that take effect upon the death of a spouse;

(c) Transfers to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation;

(d) The creation, transfer, or termination, solely between spouses, of any co-owner's interest; or

(e) The distribution of a legal entity's property to a spouse or former spouse in exchange for the interest of the spouse in the legal entity in connection with a property settlement agreement or a decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation.

(8)(a) The full cash value of qualified contaminated property may be transferred to a replacement property that is acquired or newly constructed as a replacement for the qualified contaminated property, if the replacement real property has a fair market value that is comparable to the fair market value of the qualified contaminated property if that property were not contaminated. This subdivision applies only to replacement property that is acquired or newly constructed within five years after ownership in the qualified contaminated property is sold or otherwise transferred.

(b) If the remediation of the environmental problems on qualified contaminated property requires the destruction of, or results in substantial damage to, a structure located on that property, the term "new construction" does not include the repair of a substantially damaged structure, or the construction of a structure replacing a destroyed structure on the qualified contaminated property, that is performed after the remediation of the environmental problems on that property, provided that the repaired or replacement structure is similar in size, utility, and function to the original structure.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the term "qualified contaminated property" means residential or nonresidential real property that:

(i) In the case of residential real property, is rendered uninhabitable, and in the case of nonresidential real property, is rendered unusable, as the result of either environmental problems, in the nature of and including, but not limited to, the presence of toxic or hazardous materials, or the remediation of those environmental problems, except where the existence of the environmental problems was known to the owner, or to a related individual or entity as described in subdivision (8)(d) of this section, at the time the real property was acquired or constructed. For purposes of this subdivision, residential real property is uninhabitable if that property, as a result of health hazards caused by or associated with the environmental problems, is unfit for human habitation, and nonresidential real property is unusable if that property, as a result of health hazards caused by or associated with the environmental problems, is unhealthy and unsuitable for occupancy;

(ii) Is located on a site that has been designated as a toxic or environmental hazard or as an environmental cleanup site by an agency of the State of Nebraska or the federal government; and

(iii) Has not been rendered uninhabitable or unusable, as described in subdivision (8)(c)(i) of this section, by any act or omission in which an owner of that real property participated or acquiesced.

(d) It shall be rebuttably presumed that an owner of the real property participated or acquiesced in an act or omission that rendered the real property uninhabitable or unusable, as applicable, if that owner is related to any individual or entity that committed that act or omission in any of the following ways:

(i) Is a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of that individual;

(ii) Is a corporate parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of that entity;

(iii) Is an owner of, or has control of, that entity; or

(iv) Is owned or controlled by that entity.

(e) If the presumption in subdivision (8)(d) of this section is not overcome, the owner shall not receive the relief provided for in subdivision (8)(a) or (b) of this section. The presumption may be overcome by presentation of satisfactory evidence to the county assessor.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to impose a limit on ad valorem taxes for real property, provide a new method of valuing real property for tax purposes, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13CA.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Riepe, 12.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 1C to Article VIII:

VIII-1C The state and any political subdivision thereof shall be prohibited from levying an inheritance tax.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

For

Against.

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

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

Senator Ballard name added to LB100.

Senator Conrad name added to LB101.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB102.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB104.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB107.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB12.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB127.  
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Senator Conrad name added to LB143.  
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Senator Conrad name added to LB165.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB168.  
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Senator Conrad name added to LB67.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB68.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB74.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB75.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB95.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB99.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB115.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB168.  
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB6.  
Senator Murman name added to LB156.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB103.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB107.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB108.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB118.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB120.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB14.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB28.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB5.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB53.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB70.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB71.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB86.

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

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dan Rosenquist of Columbus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:33 a.m., on a motion by Senator Wordekemper, the Legislature adjourned until 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**SIXTH DAY - JANUARY 15, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:45 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Hardin, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB58	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB130	Appropriations
LB131	Revenue
LB132	Judiciary
LB133	Judiciary
LB134	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB135	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB136	Judiciary
LB137	Judiciary

LB138	Health and Human Services
LB139	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB140	Education
LB141	Judiciary
LB142	Education
LB143	Education
LB144	Business and Labor
LB145	Agriculture
LB146	Appropriations
LB147	Health and Human Services
LB148	Health and Human Services
LB149	Education
LB150	Judiciary
LB151	Revenue
LB152	Revenue
LB153	Health and Human Services
LB154	Health and Human Services
LB155	Judiciary
LB156	Judiciary
LB157	Revenue
LB158	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB159	Judiciary
LB160	Health and Human Services
LB161	Education
LB162	Health and Human Services
LB163	Natural Resources
LB164	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB165	Judiciary
LB166	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB167	Natural Resources
LB168	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB169	Revenue
LB170	Revenue
LB171	Revenue
LB172	Judiciary
LB173	Appropriations
LB174	Judiciary
LB175	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB176	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB177	General Affairs
LB178	General Affairs
LB179	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB180	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB181	Health and Human Services
LB182	Revenue
LB183	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB184	Judiciary
LB185	Judiciary
LB186	General Affairs

LB187 Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
LB188 Appropriations  
LB189 Business and Labor  
LB190 Executive Board  
LB191 Transportation and Telecommunications  
LB192 Health and Human Services  
LB193 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
LB194 Revenue  
LR10CA Revenue  
LR11CA Revenue

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges  
Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee elected Senator Ballard as Vice Chairperson.

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee elected Senator Hallstrom as Vice Chairperson.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 1 was adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the PRESIDENT signed the following: LR 1.

**MOTION - Escort Governor**

Senator Ibach moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Armendariz, Ballard, Conrad, DeBoer, and Hughes to serve on said committee.

### STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

President Kelly, Speaker Arch, members of the 109th Legislature, tribal leaders, fellow Nebraskans.

What a time of promise and opportunity for our state and nation. What a tremendous moment for those of us who have been blessed with the privilege to serve our fellow citizens in public office. I am as grateful today for that privilege as I was when I stood in this chamber just over two years ago and swore to uphold our Constitution—and I am more invigorated than ever before.

I recently had a very real reminder of the preciousness of each moment. For the many Nebraskans whose livelihood depends on their stewardship of powerful animals, respect for that power is no mystery. I dropped my guard, and I was humbled by a reminder of that power. I am here before you today only by God's grace. But a life-GIVING moment like the one I experienced can have the effect of clarifying one's sense of mission. It reminds one of how delicate life is, and to make the most of every moment one is given. I'm grateful that almighty God has given me a second shot, and I continue on the road to recovery, instilled with a renewed commitment to spending my days fighting for the people of this state and, most importantly, making a positive difference. I am grateful beyond words to my wife and our First Lady, Suzanne, for her constant love and care. And I am grateful for the outpouring of support from so many Nebraskans, and I am especially grateful for the power of their prayers and for sending me the gift of the holy spirit. Thank you.

Okay, no more horsing around.

To all of the public servants in this room—and especially to our new senators and their families—thank you for answering the call to public life and for taking on the burdens and sacrifices of service. The road ahead is full of long days and late nights, of time away from loved ones, and of sometimes trying debates and disagreements. But with it comes the daily opportunity to leave the greatest place in the world even better than we found it for our kids and grand babies. If we keep their futures and the betterment of this state as our north star—and set our own personal political fortunes aside—there is no limit to what we can achieve here. I am excited to partner with both the veterans and the new arrivals to this Legislature. And, I assure you, every moment will be worth it.

I am pleased to report that the state of our state is extraordinarily strong. Our unemployment rate is among the lowest in America. Our state's population is growing faster than it has in decades, and our population has now topped two million people. The engines of our economy are powering

that growth—from our agricultural backbone to our powerhouse financial services and manufacturing sectors. Our state government is smaller, more efficient, and more productive. And, at long last, the tax burden on our citizens to pay for that government is less than it was two years ago. Our natural resources are plentiful, our people are the hardest-working of anywhere on earth, and it will soon be morning again in America with the return of a presidency and congress committed to making this nation prosperous, secure, strong, and healthy again. But even with these strengths, this legislative session affords us tremendous opportunities to take further steps forward.

Simply put, the work of making Nebraska a low-tax state is far from over. We should remember how we got here and why our tax system is so out of whack. In the past, during a deflationary period, city, county, and state government in Nebraska grew at an excessive rate. There was little fiscal restraint—and the result was bloated government growing unchecked on the backs of its people. The burden is upon US to correct it NOW. And to make Nebraska competitive with our neighbors, we must set the example at the state level. Despite dire warnings of budget shortfalls, I have presented a budget that SHRINKS state spending by half a percent over the next biennium. In fact, if you set aside increased and unreimbursed Medicaid spending required by the federal government, State spending in this budget is REDUCED by 2.3 percent. Even as we make a multigenerational investment in the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and significantly increase our state commitment to supporting the mission of Offutt Air Force Base and U.S. Strategic Command, we have presented to you a fully balanced budget that CUTS spending. We have achieved this historic spending restraint by having the courage to say no, and to focus on needs, not wants, and we will continue to have that courage.

Not all are happy when we work to fix the tax system. But as my dad used to tell us on the farm: what does happy have to do with it? We have work to do. Our job as public servants is not to make everyone happy—much less any one industry or special interest group. Our job is to focus on schools, public safety, roads, and critical services—the NEEDS of Nebraskans and nothing else.

This year we will prioritize improvements to Nebraska's school funding system. TEEOSA—Nebraska's thirty-year-old formula for school funding—remains broken, burdening local communities and property tax payers in districts with limited resources and shortchanging our kids. It would shock most Nebraskans to hear that 25 years ago, 226 school districts received state aid—by 2024, that number had shrunk to 60. That was not the intent with the original law. We are going to have the courage to make serious and lasting fixes to this system. I will establish a blue-ribbon commission of experts to cut through the bureaucracy and vested special interests in our current school funding system and recommend a new model for Nebraska, which THIS Legislature will be able to consider and adopt. And along with other technical changes to strengthen TEEOSA, Senator Hughes is

championing a bill that will honor the state's constitutional obligation to fund K-12 education by increasing the foundation aid per student across the state, consistent with the principle that school funding should ALWAYS follow the student, not the system.

Although you wouldn't always know it reading the papers, last year did result in real wins for Nebraskans struggling with our spiraling property tax crisis. After years in which only some Nebraska homeowners took advantage of property tax credits, now ALL homeowners receive this relief. For the first time in a generation, Nebraskans opened their property tax statements last month to find the amount they owed was LOWER than the year before. Like many of you, I have been overwhelmed by the gratitude shown by so many Nebraskans for this relief. For the first time EVER, the amount of property taxes local governments can collect will be capped, with commonsense flexibility to allow investments in public safety, police, and firefighters. But the work is not done, and we must do more this year. There are leaders in this body like Senator Clements who continue the fight to eliminate Nebraska's death tax. By making commonsense adjustments to our tax code and making it more competitive with other states, we will invest two hundred million MORE dollars into Nebraska's property tax credit fund. From Harrison to Omaha, Nebraskans of all stripes have recognized how out of whack our property taxes have become and what a burden they put on families, communities, and our ability to grow. They expect us to continue to work to solve it—and we WILL.

To shrink government we must eliminate its obsolete parts and clean out its closets. Over the years, we have created far too many boards and commissions. Many have missions duplicative of those of other government agencies, or which have grown outdated over time. All add regulatory power or more government where none is needed. Especially at a time when we must tighten our belt and treat every nickel like manhole covers, we must continually assess which parts of government are still of use to the people. The clock ran out on these efforts last session, but we must right size our boards and commissions with a commonsense, bipartisan bill that will eliminate or consolidate dozens of them. Speaker Arch has reintroduced a bill that will do just that. I am grateful for his leadership on this important issue and I look forward to signing it into law.

We have an opportunity to consolidate and streamline two of our major code agencies, as well. Water is the lifeblood of Nebraska, and what we do to protect our QUANTITY and improve our QUALITY of water will be our legacy. Through both our vast system of surface waterways and our treasured Ogallala Aquifer—we have a natural hedge against drought and therefore a God-given foundation for our agricultural and industrial economy in the toughest of times. State government bifurcates its management of this resource through two separate departments—of Environment and Energy and of Natural Resources. By doing so, we needlessly divide our focus on water quality and quantity. Given the interrelatedness of these two things, this makes no sense. Further, it places

Nebraska out of step and uncompetitive with the majority of our fellow states. For our most treasured resource to remain the envy of North America for the next seven generations, a new model of stewardship is needed. I am grateful to Senator Brandt for carrying an important measure that will combine DEE and DNR and establish the new combined Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. It will save costs, eliminate duplicative overhead, and streamline the mission of stewarding and protecting our natural resources and environment, and enhance collaboration, as well. We have begun the work of consolidating all of the important work of these two agencies under unified leadership, and I look forward to working with you to carry that work to its completion.

Now more than ever, it is vital that our state speaks with a unified voice on the national stage. For three decades, under our current allocation of electoral college votes by congressional district, we have divided our voice and diminished our impact in presidential elections. Not one of our fellow states except one has followed us down this path. Now is the time to fix it, and I thank Senator Lippincott for his leadership in giving it the priority it deserves. With no presidential election right around the corner, there is no better time to dispassionately deliver on the will of a majority of the people of this state, honor our constitutional founding, and unify our voice in our most important exercise of national democracy. I call on this body to end this thirty year experiment and pass winner take all THIS legislative session.

In the modern world, it can be extremely difficult to protect our kids and culture from the harmful effects of ever-present social media, online bullying, and attacks on our values. Every parent knows firsthand the worry of what their kids are being exposed to online and on screens. Here in Nebraska, we are going to level the playing field between parents and Big Tech giants. I am grateful to Senators Sanders, Hardin, Bosn, and Storer for introducing a package of bills to protect children from the harms of social media, ban phones in classrooms, and fix our child pornography laws to include AI-generated images. We protect kids from tobacco, alcohol, tattoos under certain ages, and even restrict the age when kids can work—there's no reason why we should not protect their mental health from the damage caused by social media, too.

We must protect our kids—and especially our daughters and granddaughters—in other ways, too. In a world where common sense has become uncommon, it remains our north star here in Nebraska. It's hard to understand, a small minority believe it is acceptable to allow biological boys to share bathrooms, locker rooms, and playing fields with girls. This is unfair, unconscionable, and a recipe for predatory behavior. Senator Kauth has brought back a new and improved Stand With Women Act, which will make sure that women's spaces are protected FOR women. I don't want my granddaughters—or ANYONE'S daughters and granddaughters, for that matter, sharing a locker room with boys, and I know the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans agree. Pass the Stand With Women Act to my desk so we can protect common sense here in Nebraska.

Last, but absolutely not least, we must take steps to protect both our farmers and producers AND the consumers of the food our state produces. I'm grateful to Senator Jacobson for his work to protect farmers' data from being taken advantage of by large corporate and big data interests. We have another opportunity to protect both our consumers and our agricultural producers in a single step. The big food industry wants to flood our supermarket shelves with deceptively-named products that purport to be "meat" on par with what our ranchers, feeders, and farmers produce throughout Nebraska. But in reality, this stuff is made in bio-reactors, and is a masquerade of the original, with unreliable protein, unknowable ingredients, and a flat-out dishonest label on the front. The backers of these products are cut from the same cloth as the anti-farmer activists who want to put our agriculture producers out of business, and we need to recognize them as such. I will never stop fighting for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers, and I stand with Senator DeKay, who has introduced a strong bill to "beef up" our consumer protections and false labeling laws to eliminate these dishonest products from Nebraska's grocery shelves.

Last year, Nebraskans experienced countless examples of public service in its purest form. 2024 was a year when we felt mother nature's wrath time after time. Record blizzards, raging wildfires, torrential floods, and vicious tornadoes set the stage for a record ELEVEN declared emergencies throughout the year. Many Nebraskans experienced the worst day of their lives, with homes destroyed, families in peril, and futures uncertain. But in the darkest moments, the people of our state were at their best. Nebraskans helped Nebraskans, and the strength and resilience of our people shone through. One of the greatest privileges of the work as your Governor is to get to know firsthand the men and women who have answered the call to be the first to respond when crisis strikes. With us today is Chris Potter, the chief of the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department from Washington County, whose fire and EMS responders were there for their community moments after a deadly tornado tore through it. Please join me in welcoming him as a representative of all of our first responders across Nebraska. Also with us is the entire Nebraska Emergency Management Agency team. These dedicated professionals are the hub of the wheel of our state's emergency response system. When the call comes in the middle of the night, they are the ones making it. Their work is often unseen and unknown to many Nebraskans, but that in no way diminishes the dedication of their work or the pride with which they do it. Join me in welcoming the NEMA team, honoring them, and thanking them.

Many important issues will consume our focus throughout this legislative session. I pledge to you that we will be your partner through it all. Thank you for your service to our state, and thank you to your families. God bless you and God bless the State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pillen from the Chamber.



**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 259.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Constitution of the United States; to adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 260.** Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 90-562, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; Laws 2023, LB814, section 150; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6; and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53 and 69; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change a transfer of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 261.** Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to appropriate funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to require program statements and a request for funding; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 262.** Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 263.** Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 264.** Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 43-2607, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1021, 79-1064, 79-1104.02, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-302, 81-407, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1216, 81-1230, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,185, 81-12,187, 81-12,193, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-15,168, 81-15,174, 81-15,175, 82-139, 84-612, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-1920, 85-2009, 86-324, 86-333, 86-1028, and 86-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 13-3315, 29-1823, 37-1804, 48-621, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308, 68-911, 68-996, 71-5328, 72-1001, 75-109.01, 75-1101, 77-4025, 77-6919, 77-6928, and 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions relating to investment and transfers of funds; to change provisions of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act and the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act; to provide for termination of applicability of the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate provisions relating to translation services under the Medical Assistance Act, a pilot program regarding patients with complex health needs, and reimbursement of counties for defendants lodged in county jails; to eliminate the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act, the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act, the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act, the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act, and the Small Business Assistance Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-405, 2-406, 2-407, 2-408, 2-409, 2-410, 57-1601, 57-1602, 57-1603, 57-1604, 57-1605, 57-1606, 57-1607, 57-1608, 57-1609, 57-1610, 57-1611, 57-1612, 57-1613, 57-1614, 57-1615, 57-1616, 57-1617, 57-1618, 57-1619, 57-1620, 57-1621, 57-1622, 57-1623, 57-1624, 68-1010, 71-2496, 71-2497, 71-2498, 71-2499, 71-24,100, 71-24,101, 71-24,102, 81-829.06, 81-829.07, 81-829.08, 81-829.09, 81-829.10, 81-829.11, 81-12,232, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, 81-12,244, 84-622, 86-1301, 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1304, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307, 86-1308, 86-1309, 86-1310, 86-1311, 86-1312, and 86-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, and 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; 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 eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board; 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 to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property; to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to provide applicability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 267.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

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 provide for removal of a cotenant or occupant who has committed an act of domestic violence from a rental agreement; to provide powers and duties for landlords; to provide for court costs and attorney's fees; to require a landlord to change locks in cases of domestic violence as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
LB5 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
LB133

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025  
LB20  
LB35  
LB43

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 268.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a provider rate increase as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 269.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to mandate an address-based boundary database for assigning taxing jurisdictions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 270.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2711, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected tax reporting irregularities or discrepancies; to create an exception to the disclosure of confidential tax information by municipalities; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 271.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Bosn, 25; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit interference with railroad infrastructure, equipment, and personnel as prescribed; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LB194

LB78

LB8

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 272.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 273.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-3417, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties relating to attorneys in fact; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 274.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care licensing; to amend section 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-1911.03 and 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change liability insurance coverage requirements for applicants under the Child Care Licensing Act; to provide for inspections and investigations as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 275.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to amend section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children under its charge for social security benefit eligibility; to require the department to manage social security benefit payments for child beneficiaries as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 276.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 29-411, 81-1414.15, and 81-1414.19, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act; to require city and county attorneys and the Attorney General to maintain public Brady and Giglio lists; to prohibit no-knock search and arrest warrants; to define a term; to change provisions relating to law enforcement officer records; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 277.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grand juries; to amend section 29-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require appointment of a special prosecutor in cases involving a death during apprehension by, or in the custody of, law enforcement; to require appointment of investigators as prescribed; to require that a law enforcement officer or detention personnel involved in the death not return to duty until grand jury proceedings are complete; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 278.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for certain insurance policies and contracts; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 279.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-399, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for only one license plate to be required to be displayed on a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 280.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 9-1202, 9-1205, 9-1206, and 9-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1202 and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the authorized uses of the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to require an authorized gaming operator to have an annual audit as prescribed; to require reports; to provide powers and duties for the Auditor of Public Accounts to review the audit report of an authorized gaming operator and examine the books, records, funds, and accounts of authorized gaming operators as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 281.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing; to amend sections 38-204, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2213, 38-2214, and 38-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167 and 38-2216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate and rename certain boards as prescribed; to change requirements and qualifications for members of the Board of Nursing; to eliminate qualifications and duties for the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-205, 38-206, and 38-2307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 282.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to allow a teacher employed at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school in this state to receive reimbursement for school supplies paid for by such teacher as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education; and to declare an emergency.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

LB126

LB135

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Friday, January 24, 2025

Daryl Bohac - Nebraska State Historical Society

Lee Will - Department of Administrative Services

Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 283.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file state plan amendments as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 284.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

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 285.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, 59-1523, and 77-4001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the sale or certification under the Tobacco Products Tax Act of flavored vapor products; to define terms; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,110 and 81-12,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an application deadline under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to change an application deadline under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; to amend sections 81-1237 and 81-1238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to grant funding considerations; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 17-201, 17-202, and 19-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the incorporation of a village and the number, election, and term of members on a village board of trustees; to provide a procedure for changing the number of members on a village board of trustees; to allow certain city councils to constitute a board of adjustment; to redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Economic Recovery Act; to amend section 81-12,241, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to grant funding for a business park; and to repeal the original section.



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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to [LB258](#):

[MO7](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO8](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

[MO9](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 291.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipalities; to amend section 13-522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act; to create a fund; to change provisions relating to budget limitations; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 292.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prefabricated housing; to amend section 81-1239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a grant to study prefabricated housing; to provide for funding; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act; to amend section 48-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-2706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to health benefit plans and employee welfare benefit plans; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Visitors Improvement Fund; to amend section 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

provisions relating to grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-2320, 42-1102, 79-902, 79-904.01, 79-915, 79-956, 79-978, 79-9103, 79-9106, 79-9117, 79-9118, 81-2014, 81-2016, 81-2017, 84-1301, 84-1307, 84-1322, 84-1502, 84-1504, and 84-1511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 23-2301, 23-2306, 24-701, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms and change provisions relating to termination, documents used to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, repayment of gross distributions or benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, deadlines for filing forms relating to survivorship annuities, and employee leave for preretirement planning programs under the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act; to change a definition in the Spousal Pension Rights Act; to restate legislative intent under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to change provisions relating to calling meetings of the Public Employees Retirement Board and paying per diems and expenses for members of the Public Employees Retirement Board; to change provisions relating to demonstrating United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for participation in a deferred compensation plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and employ registrars as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as prescribed; to change provisions related to graduation requirements; to change provisions relating to the improvement grant program established by the State Board of Education and the authorized uses of the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 298.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Clements, 2; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 28-711, 43-4302, 43-4303, 43-4317, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4322, 43-4324, 43-4326, 43-4329, 43-4330, 47-901, 47-902, 47-903, 47-904, 47-905, 47-907, 47-908, 47-909, 47-910, 47-911, 47-912, 47-913, 47-914, 47-915, 47-916, 47-917, 47-918, 47-919, 47-920, 50-406, 50-406.01, 50-407, 50-408, 50-409, 50-410, 50-416, 50-418, 50-420, 50-1201, 50-1202, 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205, 50-1205.01, 50-1206, 50-1210, 50-1211, 50-1212, 50-1303, 50-1304, 73-401, 81-8,240, 81-8,241, 81-8,242, 81-8,243, 81-8,244, 81-8,245, 81-8,246, 81-8,247, 81-8,248, 81-8,249, 81-8,250, 81-8,251, 81-8,252, 81-8,253, 81-8,254, 81-1114, 83-178, 83-1,125.01, 84-304, 84-311, 84-322, and 84-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712.01, 29-2011.02, 29-2011.03, 43-2,108, 43-4301, 43-4318, 43-4323, 43-4325, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, 43-4332, 50-401.01, 50-402, 77-2711, and 77-27,119, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Office of Public Counsel Act; to change provisions relating to the Public Counsel; to provide for confidentiality of certain information; to provide for subpoenas; to state legislative intent; to provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee; to change the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to provide penalties; to change provisions relating to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Office, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Legislative Audit Office; to change the Legislative Performance Audit Act as prescribed; to eliminate the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 43-4304, 43-4304.01, 43-4304.02, 43-4305, 43-4306, 43-4306.01, 43-4307, 43-4307.01, 43-4308, 43-4309, 43-4310, 43-4311, 43-4312, 43-4313, 43-4314, 43-4315, 43-4316, 43-4319, 47-906, and 50-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 299.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to authorize eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment; to allow such persons to participate in certain retirement programs; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 300.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-566, 79-567, 79-594, 79-1219, 79-2401, and 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act; to change provisions relating to and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 301.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-1401, 81-1410, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to allow eligible aliens to receive law enforcement officer training and certification; to authorize such eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment as a law enforcement officer; to allow such persons to participate in retirement programs for such law enforcement positions; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

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 eliminate daylight saving time; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 303.** Introduced by Hughes, 24; at the request of the Governor; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1006, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change school district levy authority; to change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates and provide for a base levy adjustment under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to create the School Finance Reform Commission; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 304.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Quick, 35; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend sections 68-1206 and 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate a sunset date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 305.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Preceptorship Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 306.** Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-304, 85-1402, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term relating to budget limitation for community colleges; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; to redefine terms 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 harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 307.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for certain tuition waivers; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 308.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to amend section 81-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 309.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to batteries; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide penalties; and to create a fund.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 310.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exemption from newborn screening as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act; to amend sections 86-111.01 and 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to nonregulated activities; and to repeal the original sections.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holderoft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

WHEREAS, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, Second Session, adopted Legislative Resolution 14 which contained an application for an Article V Convention to propose constitutional amendments identical to those proposed in this resolution, but provided that the application would be rescinded on February 1, 2027, five years after the passage of Legislative Resolution 14.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.

2. That the Legislature adopts this application with the following understandings, reservations, and declarations:

(a) An application to Congress for an Article V convention confers no power on Congress other than to perform a ministerial function to call for a convention;

(b) Such ministerial duty shall be performed by Congress only when Article V applications for substantially the same purpose are received from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states;

(c) The power of Congress to call a convention solely consists of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of the convention;

(d) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to name delegates to the convention, as this power remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states;

(e) Congress possesses no power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any of the states;

(f) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to determine any rules for such convention;

(g) By definition, a convention of states means that states vote on the basis of one state, one vote;

(h) A convention of states convened pursuant to this application is limited to consideration of topics specified in this resolution and no other;

(i) The Legislature may recall its delegates at any time for breach of their duties or violations of their instructions pursuant to the procedures adopted in this resolution;

(j) Pursuant to the text of Article V, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The Legislature recommends that Congress specify its choice on ratification methodology contemporaneously with the call for the convention;

(k) Congress possesses no power whatsoever with regard to the Article V convention beyond the two powers acknowledged in this resolution; and

(l) Nebraska places express reliance on prior legal and judicial determinations that Congress possesses no power under Article I of the Constitution relative to the Article V process, and that Congress must act only as expressly specified in Article V.

3. That this application hereby repeals, rescinds, cancels, renders null and void, and supersedes the application to the Congress for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States by this state in Legislative Resolution 14 as adopted by the One Hundred Seventh Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session, in 2022.

4. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

5. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications to Congress for an Article V convention on the same subject.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 15CA.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, sections 9 and 23:

I-9 (1) All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for treason, sexual offenses involving penetration by force or against the will of the victim, and murder, where the proof is evident or the presumption great.

(2) Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

(3) The death penalty shall not be imposed for any offense. For any individual under a sentence of death, whether before, on, or after the adoption of this amendment, such sentence is commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment.

~~I-23 In all capital cases, appeal directly to the Supreme Court shall be as a matter of right and shall operate as a supersedeas to stay the execution of the sentence of death until further order of the Supreme Court. In all other cases, criminal or civil, an aggrieved party shall be entitled to one appeal to the appellate court created pursuant to Article V, section 1, of this Constitution or to the Supreme Court as may be provided by law.~~

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty and commute any existing sentence of death to a sentence of life imprisonment.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16CA.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 22:

III-22 (1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

(2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.



(3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year 2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

WHEREAS, the city of Grand Island currently owns Camp Augustine, a 156-acre campground formerly owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and located adjacent to Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission has indicated an interest in a potential partnership with the city of Grand Island to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system to be managed in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, before the Game and Parks Commission may provide a local governmental subdivision with an indication of intent to incorporate any land or facilities owned or developed by such subdivision into the state park system, such indication of intent must first be approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission will provide the Legislature with an estimated fiscal impact of the incorporation, including the extent to which the costs of the incorporation can reasonably be expected to be paid from cash funds and the extent to which the costs will likely be required to be paid from General Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Camp Augustine into the state park system, either in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area, will create significant benefits for the Grand Island area and the people of Nebraska, including expanded hiking and biking trails, river access, and campgrounds and the ability to host local, regional, and statewide outdoor events.

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

1. That pursuant to section 37-342 the Legislature approves the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system.

2. That such approval is granted with the understanding that the costs of such incorporation will need to be approved as part of the normal budgeting process of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Laid over.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendments to LB213:

[FA2](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA3](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA4](#)

Strike Section 3.

[FA5](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA6](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA7](#)

Strike Section 3.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following motions to LB213:

[MO10](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO11](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO12](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO13](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO14](#)

Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO15](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

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

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

Senator Dover name added to LB12.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB28.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB37.  
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB62.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB65.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB70.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB71.  
Senator Clouse name added to LB90.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB130.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB137.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB141.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB143.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB151.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB152.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB156.  
Senator Dover name added to LB156.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB156.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB157.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB157.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB163.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB165.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB166.  
Senator Brandt name added to LB168.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB171.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB171.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB173.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB181.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB186.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB188.  
Senator Raybould name added to LB192.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB236.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB237.  
Senator Brandt name added to LB246.  
Senator Dover name added to LB254.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB255.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Wordekemper name withdrawn from LB179.

**VISITOR(S)**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator Juarez, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**SEVENTH DAY - JANUARY 16, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 16, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB59	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB195	Judiciary
LB196	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB197	Business and Labor
LB198	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB199	Judiciary
LB200	Revenue
LB201	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB202	Health and Human Services
LB203	Health and Human Services

LB204	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB210	Health and Human Services
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LB213	Education
LB214	Health and Human Services
LB215	Judiciary
LB216	Judiciary
LB217	Health and Human Services
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LB224	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB225	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB226	Judiciary
LB227	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB228	Executive Board
LB229	Business and Labor
LB230	Judiciary
LB231	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB232	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB233	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB234	Revenue
LB235	Judiciary
LB236	Judiciary
LB237	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB238	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB239	Health and Human Services
LB240	Urban Affairs
LB241	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB242	Revenue
LB243	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB244	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB245	Agriculture
LB246	Agriculture
LB247	Natural Resources
LB248	Health and Human Services
LB249	Education
LB250	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB251	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB252	Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LB253 Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
LB254 Appropriations  
LB255 Health and Human Services  
LB256 Transportation and Telecommunications  
LB257 Health and Human Services  
LB258 Business and Labor  
LR12CA Revenue  
LR13CA Revenue

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

### **SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR17 was referred to the Reference Committee.

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the appointments of the following members of the Legislature to the following special committees:

#### Building Maintenance

Senator Rob Clements  
Senator Myron Dorn  
Senator Tom Brandt  
Senator Jana Hughes (Chair)  
Senator Dave Wordekemper  
Senator Dan McKeon

#### Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight

Senator Carolyn Bosn (Chair)  
Senator John Cavanaugh  
Senator Rick Holdcroft  
Senator Victor Rountree  
Senator Jason Prokop

#### Education Commission of the States

Senator Jana Hughes  
Senator Margo Juarez  
Senator Dan Lonowski

#### Homeland Security Policy Group

Senator Paul Strommen  
Senator Bob Andersen

#### Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision

Senator George Dungan

Legislative Performance Audit Committee

Senator Ben Hansen  
Senator Rob Clements  
Speaker John Arch  
Senator Machaela Cavanaugh  
Senator Myron Dorn  
Senator Mike Jacobson  
Senator Merv Riepe

Legislature's Planning Committee

Speaker John Arch	Senator Dan Quick
Senator Ben Hansen	Senator Merv Riepe
Senator Rob Clements	Senator Eliot Bostar
Senator Wendy DeBoer	Senator Paul Strommen
Senator Rick Holdcroft	

Midwest Higher Education Compact

Senator Jana Hughes  
Senator John Cavanaugh

Nebraska Information Technology Commission

Senator Wendy DeBoer

Rural Broadband Task Force

Senator Mike Moser  
Senator Stan Clouse

State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision

Senator Dan Quick

State-Tribal Relations Committee

Senator Jane Raybould (Chair)  
Senator Barry DeKay (Vice-Chair)  
Senator Machaela Cavanaugh  
Senator Victor Rountree  
Senator Ashlei Spivey  
Senator Megan Hunt  
Senator Dunixi Guereca

Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) Special Committee

Speaker John Arch  
Senator Tom Brandt  
Senator Paul Strommen  
Senator Beau Ballard  
Senator Barry DeKay



Senator Rick Holdcroft  
Senator Mike Jacobson  
Senator Jane Raybould  
Senator Robert Dover  
Senator Eliot Bostar  
Senator Ben Hansen  
Senator Brad von Gillern

Streamlined Sales and Use Tax System

Senator Bostar  
Senator Stan Clouse

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Legislative Council, Executive Board

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025

Drew D Gonshorowski - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Thomas Janousek - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health  
and Human Services

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Introduced by Strommen, 47; Ballard, 21; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to students in nurse anesthesia practice programs and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 313.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend sections 48-118 and 48-118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to subrogation regarding third-party

claims under the act; to provide for the distribution of proceeds from the settlement of third-party claims in certain circumstances; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 314.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to amend section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to applicants for state assistance; to define a term; to change provisions relating to application approval; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 315.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to corporations; to amend sections 21-301, 21-303, 21-304, 21-306, 21-313, 21-323, and 21-325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sunset date for required biennial reports of and occupation taxes on domestic and foreign corporations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 2-503, 2-505, 2-515, and 28-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine hemp under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to define terms; to prohibit conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products as prescribed; to change provisions relating to transportation of hemp; to provide for regulation of cannabidiol products; to redefine terms in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment; to amend sections 2-408, 2-969, 2-1501, 2-1504, 2-1508, 2-1509, 2-1510, 2-1511, 2-1588, 2-1592, 2-1593, 2-1594, 2-1595, 2-2626, 2-3202, 2-3225, 2-3241, 2-3254, 2-3279, 2-3280, 2-4602, 2-4603, 2-4604, 2-4901, 13-1701, 13-2008, 13-2009, 13-2042.01, 16-6,106, 25-1062.01, 25-1064, 25-1920, 25-2159, 25-2160, 31-415, 31-509, 31-515, 31-516, 31-1003, 31-1015, 37-707, 37-708.01, 46-106, 46-122, 46-190, 46-192, 46-193, 46-1,155, 46-1,157, 46-205, 46-226.02, 46-226.03, 46-229, 46-229.02, 46-229.04, 46-229.06, 46-230, 46-233, 46-233.01, 46-235, 46-250, 46-252, 46-254, 46-256, 46-258, 46-261, 46-263.02, 46-273, 46-286, 46-288, 46-289, 46-290, 46-291, 46-292, 46-293, 46-294, 46-294.01, 46-294.02, 46-294.05, 46-2,104, 46-2,105, 46-2,108, 46-2,109, 46-2,110, 46-2,111, 46-2,112, 46-2,113, 46-2,114, 46-2,115, 46-2,116, 46-2,116.01, 46-2,117, 46-2,118, 46-2,119, 46-2,120, 46-2,122, 46-2,125,

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harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1596, 2-1597, 2-1598, 2-1599, 2-15,100, 2-15,101, 2-15,103, 2-15,105, 2-15,106, 2-3277, 2-3278, 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 46-199, 71-3508.02, 81-1578, 81-1579, 81-1579.01, 81-1580, 81-1581, 81-1582, 81-1583, 81-1584, 81-1584.01, 81-1585, 81-1586, 81-1586.01, 81-1587, 81-1588, 81-1589, 81-1590, 81-1590.01, 81-1591, 81-1591.01, 81-1592, 81-1593, 81-1594, 81-1595, 81-1596, 81-1597, 81-1598, 81-1599, 81-1599.01, 81-1599.02, 81-15,100, 81-15,101, 81-15,101.01, 81-15,101.02, 81-15,101.03, 81-15,101.04, 81-15,101.05, 81-15,102, 81-15,102.01, 81-15,102.02, 81-15,102.03, 81-15,103, 81-15,104, 81-15,104.01, 81-15,105, 81-15,105.01, 81-15,106, 81-15,107, 81-15,108, 81-15,109, 81-15,110, 81-15,111, 81-15,112, 81-15,112.01, 81-15,113, 81-15,113.01, 81-15,113.02, 81-15,114, 81-15,115, 81-15,116, 81-15,254, 81-15,255, 81-15,256, 81-15,257, 81-15,258, 81-15,259, 81-15,293, 81-15,294, 81-15,295, 81-15,296, 81-15,297, and 81-15,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

LB21

LB187

LB139

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

LB231

LB251

LB250

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

LB166

LB180

LB59

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Appropriations Committee elected Senator Armendariz as Vice Chairperson.

**PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her Proposed Rule Change 2, found on page 56, and Proposed Rule Change 20, found on page 99.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 318.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for incarcerated youth as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 319.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 320.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to human trafficking; to amend sections 81-1430 and 81-1431, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the human trafficking task force; to require hotels and similar public lodging establishments place posters relating to human trafficking in such establishments; to provide for training on human trafficking to employees and similar public lodging establishments; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Labor; to limit the liability of owners, operators, and employees of a hotel or similar public lodging establishment relating to human trafficking committed by a third party; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 321.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drainage; to amend section 31-735, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the election of the board of trustees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Introduced by Clouse, 37; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-115, 28-929, 28-929.01, 28-929.02, 28-930, 28-931, 28-934, 28-1351, 28-1354, and 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit assault on a pharmacist; to change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to offenses involving assault on an officer, emergency responder, certain employees, or a health care professional; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-931.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Transportation; to amend section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to solicitation of bids; to change the threshold required for legislative consent relating to certain construction projects; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 324.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Business Improvement District Act; to amend sections 19-4027, 19-4029.01, and 19-4029.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change protest procedures relating to creation of a proposed business improvement district or modification of an existing business improvement district as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-1523, 44-1524, 44-1525, 44-1527, 44-1528, 44-1529, 44-1530, 44-1532, 44-2403, 44-2405, 44-2406, 44-2407, 44-2411, and 44-6135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change powers and duties of the Director of Insurance; to change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies; to change provisions relating to the board of directors of the

Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and first-party and third-party claims; to change provisions relating to settlements, releases, compromises, and judgments; to provide for defenses as prescribed; to change requirements relating to exhaustion of remedies; to change requirements relating to annual statements as prescribed; to eliminate the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 44-5301, 44-5302, 44-5303, 44-5304, 44-5305, 44-5306, 44-5307, 44-5308, 44-5309, 44-5310, 44-5311, 44-6701, and 44-6702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 327.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend section 25-2407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2259, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for state payment of probation expenses as prescribed; to provide duties for counties, the State Court Administrator, and the Supreme Court; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 328.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 58-711, 68-1604, 76-903, and 81-12,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 58-703 and 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the disbursement of the documentary stamp tax and the funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund, the Behavioral Health Services Fund, and the Site and Building Development Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 329.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-316.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to sexual abuse by a school employee; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 330.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-27,132, and 77-4405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; to create the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 331.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-319, 13-501, 13-2813, 60-3,185, 60-3,190, 77-27,148, 77-3507, 79-1001, and 85-2231, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-2147, 77-201, 77-2004, 77-2005, 77-2006, 77-2701, 77-3506, 77-3508, 77-6406, and 77-6827, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act; to terminate the Nebraska Budget Act, tax-increment financing, the motor vehicle tax, the motor vehicle fee, the property tax, the inheritance tax, sales and use taxes, the income tax, the homestead exemption, the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, and the Community College Aid Act as prescribed; to change an application deadline under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require Medicaid coverage for psychology services provided by certain practitioners as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 333.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend sections 60-462, 60-4,131, 60-4,131.01, and 60-4,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for hazardous materials endorsements for certain persons who haul hazardous materials intrastate; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 334.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to candidate filing forms; to amend section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to make information confidential for judges desiring retention; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 336.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating labor; to create the Task Force on Supported Employment.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 337.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 23-187, 60-103, 60-123, 60-135.01, 60-153, 60-305, 60-339, 60-358.01, 60-3,143, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-471, 60-4,114, 60-4,123, 60-4,123.01, 60-6,252, 60-6,266, 60-6,270, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,135.01, 60-3,221, 60-462, 60-463, 60-4,124, 60-501, 60-601, 60-605, 60-6,279, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize county boards to regulate the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to provide for registration, fees, and taxes for certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to change certain safety provisions and to authorize the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles on certain highways as prescribed under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

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LB167

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue  
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LB209

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LB116

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025

LB208

LB182

LB115

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 338.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to prohibit the use of genetic information for purposes of determining eligibility, setting premium rates, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 339.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

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 provide a report as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 340.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to asbestos; to amend section 25-224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act and the Asbestos Claims Priorities and Over-Naming Reform Act; to change provisions relating to a statute of limitations; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to settlements; to adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 342.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hansen, 16; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 28-1101, 28-1105, and 28-1113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act; to redefine terms; to provide a gambling exception for conducting or participating in fantasy contests; to change a provision relating to possession of gambling records; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 343.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the fee for specialty license plates; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 344.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water allocation; to amend section 46-740, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to ground water allocation and the use of integrated management plans, rules, or orders; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 345.** Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Sanders, 45, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state constitutional officers; to amend sections 84-201.01 and 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and members of the Public Service Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.** Introduced by Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001, 2-5003, 20-506, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 48-622.03, 58-202, 60-1401.06, 60-1402, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706, 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-4503, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109, 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 72-2206, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431, 81-1503, 81-1504, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,239, 81-15,245, 82-703, 82-706, 82-803, 85-1008, 85-1404, 85-1607, 86-444, 86-461, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1025.01, 86-1101, 86-1102, and 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712, 38-167, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-1903, 43-3401, 43-4001, 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-4504, and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the qualifications of the State Capitol Administrator; to eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, and departments as prescribed; to provide for termination of the advisory council for the Private Postsecondary Career School Act, the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply, the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee, the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee, the Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the child abuse advisory committee, the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force, the Climate Assessment Response Committee, the Conservation Corporation Act, the Critical Incident Stress Management Council, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee, the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, the Governor's Keep

Nebraska Beautiful Committee, the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission, the Interagency Management Committee, the Natural Gas Fuel Board, the Nebraska Aquaculture Board, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, the Nebraska Conservation Corporation, the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, the Nebraska Potato Development Act, the Nebraska Potato Development Committee, the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council, the Nebraska Worker Training Board, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee, the Rural Broadband Task Force, the solid waste management advisory committee, the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services, the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee, the State Emergency Response Commission, the Suggestion Award Board, the task force on human trafficking, the technical panel for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee, the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force, the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, and the Women's Health Initiative Fund; to change provisions relating to the Board of Mental Health Practice, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Critical Incident Stress Management Act, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Environment and Energy, the Department of Labor, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council, the Environmental Quality Council, the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act, the Propane Education and Research Council, and the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services; to change and eliminate funds; to eliminate the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-7105, and 71-7106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 347.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to eliminate conditions on the issuance of securities by common carriers; and to outright repeal section 75-148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 348.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for domestic violence services; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 349.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1012.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to required applications, notices, and filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 350.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to mental health; to amend sections 71-931, 71-932, 71-933, 71-1215, 71-1216, and 71-1217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1823, 71-919, 71-937, 71-1204, and 71-1221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commitment for competency restoration; to require certain documents under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and Sex Offender Commitment Act to be filed with the court, tribal court, or appropriate tribal official; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 351.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state hospitals for the mentally ill; to amend section 83-338, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for priority of admission; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 352.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-760.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reports on student achievement and on student discipline required under the Quality Education Accountability Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 353.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 79-873, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow public school employees to join or terminate membership in a labor organization as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 354.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,139.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit cities of the first class from receiving state aid from the Municipal Equalization Fund; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to census data; to amend sections 13-1906, 81-1203, and 81-12,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2610, 18-2103, 77-6831, and 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change certain census data provisions relating to development districts and a committee formed under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to redefine terms under the Community Development Law, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Urban Redevelopment Act, a job training grant program, and the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 356.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Arts Council; to amend section 82-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the appointment of members to the council; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, 2-1203.02, 2-1204, 2-1223, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1245, 9-1101, 9-1108, 9-1203, 9-1205, 9-1206, 9-1207, 9-1208, 9-1209, and 25-21,252, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1201, 2-1202, 2-1205, 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and licenses issued by the commission; to require licensure of a racetrack enclosure as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to rename and change provisions relating to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to transfer funds; to eliminate the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-1222 and 9-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 358.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend section 83-178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide committed offenders access to certain records; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 359.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to state intent regarding an increase in rates for child welfare aid.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 360.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to homeowner associations; to provide restrictions and exceptions for the regulation of political signs as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 361.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act; to amend sections 48-1125 and 48-1126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit discrimination for exercise of rights under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to provide for jury trials; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 911 services; to amend sections 75-132.01, 86-124, 86-125, 86-163, 86-313, 86-429, 86-429.01, 86-432, 86-433, 86-435, 86-436, 86-437, 86-438, 86-439, 86-440, 86-440.01, 86-441, 86-441.01, 86-449.01, 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-458, 86-459, 86-460, 86-466, 86-467, 86-468, 86-470, 86-472, 86-802, 86-903, 86-905, 86-1001, 86-1002, 86-1003, 86-1004, 86-1006, 86-1006.01, 86-1007, 86-1011, 86-1012, 86-1013, 86-1014, 86-1015, 86-1017, 86-1018, 86-1019, 86-1020, 86-1021, 86-1022, 86-1023, 86-1024, 86-1024.01, 86-1025, 86-1025.01, 86-1026, 86-1028, 86-1029, 86-1029.01, 86-1029.02, 86-1029.03, 86-1029.04, and 86-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01, 75-126, 75-156, and 77-2703.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to eliminate provisions of and rename the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act and to change provisions of the 911 Service System Act; to change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the 911 Service System Fund, 911 service surcharges, duties and compensation of wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and county implementation of next-generation 911 service; to eliminate the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 86-420, 86-421, 86-422, 86-423, 86-424, 86-425, 86-426, 86-428, 86-430, 86-431, 86-434, 86-442, 86-443, 86-444, 86-445, 86-446, 86-447,

86-448, 86-449, 86-450, 86-450.01, 86-450.03, 86-451, 86-452, 86-453, 86-454, 86-455, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, 86-466.01, 86-469, 86-1005, 86-1008, 86-1009, 86-1010, 86-1016, and 86-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

#### **SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 363.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to apprenticeships; to adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 37-342, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to legislative approval of an indication of intent to incorporate land into the state park system; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 365.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage and reimbursement for self-measure blood pressure monitoring services as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 366.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 84-901 and 84-901.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to create the Legislative Economic Analysis Unit and the Chief Economist; to provide for regulatory impact analyses and other impact analyses; to change provisions relating to the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for judicial review; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 367.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 38-101, 38-178, and 38-2894, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit conversion therapy; to provide for disciplinary sanctions under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to provide for a deceptive trade practice; to define terms; to prohibit the use of funds for conversion therapy; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 368.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.



A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to define terms; to state intent; to create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights; and to provide powers and duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 369.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to minors; to amend section 43-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the age of majority; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 370.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Student-Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Rights Act; to amend sections 48-3601, 48-3602, 48-3603, 48-3604, 48-3605, 48-3606, and 48-3608, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to contracts or agreements for compensation for the use a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness rights or athletic reputation; to provide requirements for athlete agents and agency agreements; to change provisions relating to civil actions permitted under the act; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 371.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act; to amend sections 25-3502 and 25-3503, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to provide liability for images created by computer generation or digital manipulation; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Holdcroft, 36; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 75-109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate defined terms and provisions relating to grain inspections, special certificates, fees, powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act, labeling requirements for honey, and a deceptive trade practice; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814, 2-5501, 2-5502, 2-5503, 2-5504, 2-5505, 2-5506, 2-5507, 2-5508, and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 39-1722, 39-1724, and 39-1725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change

provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 374.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to midwives; to amend sections 38-606 and 38-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-101, 38-121, 38-131, 38-167, and 38-2025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 375.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grocery stores; to adopt the Grocer Reinvestment Option Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend sections 28-3,107, 28-705, 28-706, 43-512.11, 43-2624, 43-3301, 43-3342.04, 68-130, 68-150, 68-158, 68-716, 68-909, 68-912, 68-916, 68-1006, 68-1007, 68-1509, 68-1735.03, 68-1804, 69-2409.01, 71-2226, 71-2518, 71-7450, 81-132, 81-638, 81-642, 81-643, 81-645, 81-648, 81-649, 81-649.02, 81-664, 81-1113, 81-3116, 83-102, 83-105, 83-4,134.01, and 83-1216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-38,113, 38-1130, 38-1208.01, 38-1216, 43-4406, 43-4504, 43-4706, 68-919, 68-974, 68-995, 68-9,109, 68-1530, 71-509, 71-564, 71-604.02, 71-2489, 71-7804, 76-3501, and 76-3505, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for physicians performing or inducing an abortion; to change and eliminate various reporting requirements; to change requirements for rules and regulations as prescribed; to redefine a term; to change requirements for the Title IV-D Customer Service Unit; to change funding provisions for child care grants; to change eligibility requirements for young adults in the bridge to independence program; to change requirements relating to office space maintained by counties; to change and eliminate requirements relating to application for, determination of need for, and payment of assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled; to change notification requirements for certain test results; to change requirements for nonvoting members of the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council and the Primary Care Investment Council; to change requirements for affidavits relating to acknowledgment of maternity; to change requirements of the State Commodity Supplemental Food Program; to change requirements for new construction under the Radon Resistant New Construction Act; to change responsibility requirements for the Division of Children and Family Services; to change and eliminate powers and duties of the department; to eliminate provisions relating to spousal assets under the Medical Assistance Act, the Autism Treatment Program Act, maternal and child welfare, the

Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act, the Outpatient Surgical Procedures Data Act, and patients with complex health needs; to provide for the use of wholesale drug distributor license fees for the prescription drug monitoring program; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-3326, 48-2307, 68-921, 68-922, 68-923, 68-924, 68-925, 68-962, 68-963, 68-964, 68-965, 68-966, 68-1008, 68-1118, 68-1518, 68-1735.02, 68-2004, 71-17,115, 71-2201, 71-2202, 71-2203, 71-2204, 71-2205, 71-2207, 71-2208, 71-3005, 71-4501, 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-4741, 71-8313, 81-650, 81-6,111, 81-6,112, 81-6,113, 81-6,114, 81-6,115, 81-6,116, 81-6,117, 81-6,118, 81-6,119, and 81-3133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-1010, 71-4504, and 76-3507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Brandt, 32, Chairperson; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 37-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to term limits; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 378.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to require each public or private two-year or four-year college or university provide a report to the Attorney General and the Legislature relating to certain funding from a foreign source as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Attorney General; and to provide a civil penalty.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 379.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Dover, 19; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Welfare Reform Act; to amend section 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the maximum time limit for receipt of cash assistance; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-995 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to establish requirements for Department of Health and Human Services' contractors providing medical assistance services; to provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 381.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-974, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to program integrity and recovery audit contractors and program integrity audits as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Introduced by Meyer, 17; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Guereca, 7; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to aging services; to amend section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for appropriation of funds from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to reimburse designated area agencies on aging; and to repeal the original sections.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA.** Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Sanders, 45, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 22:

III-22 (1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

(2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

(3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year

2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12:

III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of ~~three~~<sup>two</sup> consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

For

Against.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Natural Resources Committee elected Senator DeKay as Vice Chairperson.

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025  
LB108

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

LB5 (reschedule)

LB195

LB26

LB80

LB93

LB124

LB184

Note: \*\*LB5 and LB195 will be combined in a joint hearing, Also the order which bills will be heard will be posted outside the hearing room

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025

LB65

LB70

LB99

LB136

LB174

Note: \*Order bills will be heard will be posted outside the hearing room

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Raybould name added to LB55.

Senator Raybould name added to LB115.

Senator Raybould name added to LB146.

Senator Conrad name added to LB158.

Senator Conrad name added to LB162.

Senator Dorn name added to LB216.

Senator Meyer name added to LB233.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were families with the Nebraska CPM Alliance.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matt Bogaro, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:32 a.m., on a motion by Senator Guereca, the Legislature adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**EIGHTH DAY - JANUARY 17, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, January 17, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Storer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeBoer.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 11:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Jacobson and Sorrentino who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Hansen, Hunt, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the seventh day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB9	General Affairs (rereferred)
LB259	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB260	Appropriations
LB261	Appropriations
LB262	Appropriations
LB263	Appropriations
LB264	Appropriations
LB265	Business and Labor
LB266	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LB267	Judiciary
LB268	Health and Human Services
LB269	Revenue
LB270	Revenue
LB271	Judiciary
LB272	Revenue
LB273	Judiciary
LB274	Health and Human Services
LB275	Health and Human Services
LB276	Judiciary
LB277	Judiciary
LB278	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB279	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB280	General Affairs
LB281	Health and Human Services
LB282	Education
LB283	Health and Human Services
LB284	Appropriations
LB285	General Affairs
LB286	Urban Affairs
LB287	Urban Affairs
LB288	Urban Affairs
LB289	Urban Affairs
LB290	Urban Affairs
LB291	Urban Affairs
LB292	Urban Affairs
LB293	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB294	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB295	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB296	Education
LB297	Business and Labor
LB298	Executive Board
LB299	Business and Labor
LB300	Education
LB301	Judiciary
LB302	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB303	Education
LB304	Health and Human Services
LB305	Revenue
LB306	Education
LB307	Appropriations
LB308	Business and Labor
LB309	Natural Resources
LB310	Health and Human Services
LB311	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR14	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR15CA	Judiciary
LR16CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs



(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

### 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 January 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

Houghton, David A.  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
Husch Blackwell Strategies  
BlackRock Funds Services Group, LLC  
City of Ralston  
Flock Safety  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Republic Services  
Syngenta  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
D.A. Davidson & Co.  
Kelley, Sean  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
Kolterman, Jessica A.  
Lincoln Premium Poultry  
Lowe, John  
Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska  
Lucariello, Katelin  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
Marlow, Chad  
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, INC.  
Mikolajczyk, Megan  
Nebraska Civic Engagement Table  
Nebraska Strategies  
Consumer Data Industry Association  
Lincoln Premium Poultry  
Peetz & Company  
Stonington Global, LLC  
Plucker, Julia  
Kelley Plucker, LLC

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Business and Labor Committee elected Senator Sorrentino as Vice Chairperson.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee elected Senator Andersen as Vice Chairperson.

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

Speaker Arch filed the following motion:

Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Introduced by Storer, 43; at the request of the Governor; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Dover, 19; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to social media; to adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act; to provide an operative date; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 384.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Request Act; to amend section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require a majority of the elected members of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to deceptive trade practices; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 386.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to mental health; to amend sections 71-904, 71-915, 71-922, 71-924, 71-941, 71-951, 71-952, 71-954, and 71-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-901, 71-903, 71-919, 71-920, 71-926, 71-939, 71-958, 71-1203, 71-1204, 71-1206, and 71-1223, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act; to provide for

videoconferencing of hearings and mental health evaluations under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and Sex Offender Commitment Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for detention of certain persons and mental health beds at jails as prescribed; to change provisions relating to hearings and rights of confrontation; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 387.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; Dungan, 26; Hallstrom, 1; McKinney, 11; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judicial nominating commissions; to amend sections 24-802, 24-805, 24-806, 24-808, 24-809, 24-810, and 24-810.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commission member residency requirements, terms of office, powers and duties of commissioners and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, appointments, vacancies, elections, and automatic removals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 389.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 79-1201 and 79-1225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate the levy authority of educational service units; to provide state funding to educational service units as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 391.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Give to Enable Scholarship Act; to provide for certain income tax adjustments; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 392.** Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for appropriations to the Legislative Council; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 393.** Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; to amend section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 394.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Weights and Measures Act; to amend sections 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions relating to fees; to change provisions relating to establishments that are permanently closed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 395.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend sections 28-1204.05 and 43-2,108.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender and sealed records; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-516 and 70-623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to proposed budgets of certain districts and agencies and the filing of fiscal audits of certain districts; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 44-3,158, 48-144.03, and 48-446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions relating to safety committees and a safety program; to terminate a fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-443, 48-444, and 48-445, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-4,144.01 and 60-4,144.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and

sections 18-1737, 60-107, 60-119.01, 60-169, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-3,113.04, 60-3,193.01, 60-462.01, 60-479.01, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,131, 60-4,132, 60-4,134, 60-4,144, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,168, 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265, 60-2705, 60-2909.01, 75-363, 75-364, 75-366, 75-369.03, 75-392, and 75-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law and update certain federal references; to change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits; to redefine terms; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mutual Finance Assistance Act; to amend section 35-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 35-1204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to property tax rates; to change qualifications for certain distributions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for compensability of certain cancers in firefighters; to create rebuttable presumptions; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 401.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2709, 77-2786, and 77-2796, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2727, 77-2734.01, and 77-2776, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the taxation of partnerships and small business corporations and notices of deficiency determinations, deficiencies, and denials of claims for refunds; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 402.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 48-665, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act to include collections related to overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law; to change provisions of the Employment Security Law relating to the statute of limitations for recovery of unemployment overpayment debt; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 403.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to create the Office of Grants; and to provide duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 404.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize the court to extend the term of probation on joint application of the probation officer and the probationer as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 405.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to remove redundant language relating to entertainment district licenses; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 406.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend section 2-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove redundant language; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 407.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend sections 43-252, 43-2,106.03, and 43-424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1816, 43-246.01, 43-251.01, 43-276, 43-279, 43-286, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for criminal proceedings against certain juveniles charged with felonies following unsuccessful rehabilitation under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to provide for appeals and inadmissibility of certain statements by juveniles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 408.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to adopt the Special Education Forgivable Loan Program Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 409.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Power Review Board; to amend section 70-1003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to membership of the board; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 410.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage of prosthetics and orthotics as prescribed; and to define terms.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 411.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; to amend section 79-8,114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to eligibility for grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 412.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to paternity; to amend section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to interventions in paternity actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 413.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power districts, public irrigation districts, and public power and irrigation districts; to amend section 70-655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the setting of rates by districts as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a suicide mortality review team; to define terms; to provide for powers and duties; and to require a report as prescribed.

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Business and Labor  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

LB229  
LB308  
LB144  
LB100  
LB197

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; to amend sections 2, 3, and 4, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to paid sick time; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 416.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-21,185.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the effect of releases, covenants not to sue, or similar agreements on joint and several liability; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 417.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-760.03 and 79-760.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide powers and duties to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to administer the Nebraska Promise Program; to adopt the College Promise Act; to change provisions relating to the Quality Education Accountability Act and national assessments; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 418.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; to amend section 38-1424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow a nonlicensed funeral director and embalmer to officiate at a funeral ceremony; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend sections 80-316 and 80-401.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to eligibility for admission to veterans homes and veterans aid; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 420.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5.



A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 84-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Public Employees Retirement Board as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 421.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend section 9-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to authorize an online gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to provide powers and duties to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to change provisions for the distribution of taxes collected from sports wagering; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 422.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; to amend sections 76-3401 and 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to required warnings on transfer on death deeds and insurance policies on certain real property; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 423.** Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to internships; to amend sections 81-1201.21 and 81-1210.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a grant program relating to internships; to transfer funds; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-1210.01, 81-1210.02, and 81-1210.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Legislature's Planning Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Chairperson.

The Legislature's Planning Committee elected Senator Strommen as Vice Chairperson.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 424.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to define terms; and to limit increases in property tax bills as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 425.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 426.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-724 and 79-3501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize an American flag education program as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the distribution of lottery funds used for education; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 427.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to require the State Treasurer to establish an educational savings account for students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school for use on qualified educational expenses as prescribed; to create a fund; to provide powers and duties to the State Treasurer and the State Board of Education; and to provide a penalty for fraud or theft associated with an educational savings account.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 429.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to provide restrictions involving professional employees' organizations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 430.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-265, 79-265.01, and 79-268, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to short-term and long-term suspension; to provide an additional exception to the prohibition on suspending a student in pre-kindergarten through second grade; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 431.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-401 and 28-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit kratom as a controlled substance; to define a term; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 432.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the death penalty; to amend sections 83-964, 83-965, 83-966, 83-967, 83-968, 83-969, 83-970, 83-971, and 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for execution by nitrogen hypoxia; to define terms; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 24:

III-24 (1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time.

(2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises

which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature:

(i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund;

(ii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(iii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct;

(iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; and

(v) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

(5) This section shall not apply to any law which is enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this subsection or at any time thereafter and which provides for the licensing, authorization, regulation, or

taxation of all forms of games of chance when such games of chance are conducted by authorized gaming operators within a licensed racetrack enclosure. Any authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure may allow a sports wager to be placed by means of a mobile or electronic platform that is offered by or in partnership with such authorized gaming operator as long as the individual placing the sports wager is located inside the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 21.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Ballard, 21; Murman, 38

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

1. That the Legislature hereby makes an application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the chairperson of the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, to each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

3. That this application shall be considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate and this application shall be aggregated with the applications from other states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

4. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures

of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Quick name added to LB90.

Senator Raybould name added to LB153.

Senator Raybould name added to LB159.

Senator Conrad name added to LB268.

Senator Conrad name added to LB272.

Senator Spivey name added to LB287.

Senator Conrad name added to LB304.

Senator Conrad name added to LB342.

Senator Conrad name added to LB381.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels, Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:18 p.m., on a motion by Senator McKeon, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**NINTH DAY - JANUARY 21, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****NINTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Raybould who was excused and Senators Bostar, Dover, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the eighth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB312	Health and Human Services
LB313	Business and Labor
LB314	Revenue
LB315	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB316	Judiciary
LB317	Natural Resources
LB318	Health and Human Services
LB319	Health and Human Services
LB320	Business and Labor

LB321	Urban Affairs
LB322	Judiciary
LB323	Transportation and Telecommunications
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LB355	Revenue
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LB357	General Affairs
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LB362	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB363	Business and Labor
LB364	Executive Board
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LB366	Executive Board
LB367	Health and Human Services
LB368	Judiciary
LB369	Judiciary



LB370	Business and Labor
LB371	Judiciary
LB372	Agriculture
LB373	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB374	Health and Human Services
LB375	Agriculture
LB376	Health and Human Services
LB377	Natural Resources
LB378	Education
LB379	Health and Human Services
LB380	Health and Human Services
LB381	Health and Human Services
LB382	Health and Human Services
LR17	Natural Resources
LR18CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR19CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

### BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 433.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 81-1316 and 84-1307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt state agency deputy directors and attorneys from the State Personnel System as prescribed; to change provisions relating to retirement system membership under the State Employees Retirement Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 434.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; to amend sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01, 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the adoption of fees; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 435.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Conveyance Safety Act; to amend sections 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216, 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the duties of the Conveyance Advisory Committee; to eliminate the granting of variances; to allow the granting of equivalency requests; to change provisions relating to exempted and not exempted

conveyances, alternative inspections, applications for elevator mechanic licenses and elevator contractor licenses, and the method for requesting inspections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 436.** Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act; to amend sections 71-6221, 71-6223, 71-6224, and 71-6226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to regulation of unregulated health professions and changes in scope of practice; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 437.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act; to amend sections 71-20,103 and 71-20,105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 71-20,113, 71-5801, 71-5803, 71-5803.01, 71-5803.02, 71-5803.03, 71-5803.04, 71-5803.05, 71-5803.06, 71-5803.07, 71-5803.08, 71-5803.09, 71-5803.10, 71-5803.11, 71-5803.12, 71-5803.13, 71-5803.15, 71-5829.03, 71-5829.04, 71-5829.05, 71-5829.06, 71-5830.01, 71-5836, 71-5837, 71-5846, 71-5848, 71-5848.01, 71-5859, 71-5865, 71-5868, 71-5869, and 71-5870, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 438.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend section 9-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103 and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to authorize an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act as prescribed; to change provisions for the distribution of taxes collected for sports wagering; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 439.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 440.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Education Leave and Support Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 441.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Building Construction Act; to amend section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to allow virtual inspection for certain building permits as prescribed; to require certain inspection records be made available to the public; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 442.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to establish a state child care subsidy program.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 443.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the offense of unlawful squatting; to provide duties for law enforcement officers; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 444.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to amend section 75-307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require certain minimum uninsured and underinsured insurance coverage per occupant for certain certificated intrastate motor carriers, certain motor carriers transporting household goods, and any motor carrier transporting employees of a railroad carrier; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 445.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state buildings; to amend sections 72-803, 73-307, 81-1108.15, 81-1701, 82-316, 85-106, and 85-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State Building Construction Alternatives Act; to change provisions relating to planning, bidding, construction, and procurement for state buildings; to eliminate provisions relating to procurement of art for state buildings; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 82-317, 82-318, 82-319, 82-320, 82-321, 82-322, 82-323, 82-324, 82-325, 82-326, 82-327, 82-328, 82-329, 85-106.01, 85-106.02, 85-106.03, 85-304.01, 85-304.02, and 85-304.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

LB249

LB296

LB335

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING****MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Speaker Arch offered his motion to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, found on page 234, to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

The Arch motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

LB378

LB282

LB352

LB300

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Urban Affairs  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

LB286

LB289

LB240

LB290

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 446.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to vital statistics; to amend section 71-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to standard forms and release of health data and statistical research information; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 447.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to provide requirements relating to wages and the use of apprentices for certain redevelopment contracts; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 448.** Introduced by Dungan, 26; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postconviction relief; to amend sections 29-3002, 29-3003, 29-3004, and 29-3915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Postconviction Relief Act; to provide for postconviction relief for a claim of actual innocence; to provide exceptions for time limitations and procedural defaults; to define terms; to provide for disclosure of certain files by attorneys, law enforcement, and prosecutors; to provide for discovery; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 449.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the state highway system; to amend section 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions related to the priority of projects and requirements of the state highway system plan; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 450.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; to amend sections 13-3202, 13-3203, and 13-3204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change legislative findings; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to requirements for ordinances or resolutions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 451.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to funds; to amend sections 69-1317 and 72-2211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the transfer of money from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund; to authorize the transfer of money to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 452.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to guardians and conservators; to amend section 30-2630.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-2602.02 and 30-2626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for background checks; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 454.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change powers and duties for regional behavioral health authorities; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 455.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 456.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-146.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for release of employee medical records as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Department of Education to develop model policies relating to anaphylaxis for use in school districts and licensed child care programs as prescribed; to change provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act; to require school districts to adopt a policy relating to anaphylaxis as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Health and Human Services and the

State Department of Education; to limit the out-of-pocket cost of medically necessary epinephrine injectors to a covered individual as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 458.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 18-3417, 77-1804, 77-1806, 77-1815, 77-1816, 77-1819, 77-1823, 77-1825, 77-1829, 77-1836, 77-1856, 77-1902, and 77-1909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1802, 77-1807, 77-1818, 77-1831, 77-1832, 77-1833, 77-1837, and 77-1838, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Permitting Approval Timeliness Act and the By-Right Housing Development Act; to define terms; to provide criteria and guidelines for zoning regulations; to require certain cities to allow the use of duplex housing and manufactured homes as prescribed; to require and restrict zoning regulations by municipalities relating to accessory dwelling units as prescribed; to change provisions relating to land banks, real property sold for delinquent taxes, and certain tax-related foreclosure actions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 459.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to state legislative intent; to establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse; and to provide duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 460.** Introduced by Juarez, 5; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend section 59-1608.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the Nebraska Council on Economic Education Cash Fund; to state intent regarding appropriations; to provide for a transfer from the State Settlement Cash Fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 461.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to retiring firefighters; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 462.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child abuse and neglect; amend sections 28-711, 28-714, 28-715, 28-729, and 43-292, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-707, 28-710, 28-716, 28-728, 43-247, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change reporting requirements for persons required to report suspected child abuse or neglect; to change requirements for child abuse and

neglect investigation teams, juvenile court jurisdiction, and termination of parental rights; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 463.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-3101, 79-3103, 79-3105, 79-3108, and 79-3109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the eligible uses of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the state school security director; to change provisions of the School Safety and Security Reporting Act and require school districts to develop a cardiac emergency response plan as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the School Safety and Security Fund; to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education to provide grants to school for costs associated with a cardiac emergency response plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 464.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit organized retail crimes as prescribed; to define terms; to provide for penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 465.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation network companies; to amend sections 75-305 and 75-328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to annual fees; to change provisions relating to the use of a personal vehicle as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 466.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend section 43-245, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 467.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Utilization Review Act; to amend section 44-5416, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a duty to implement a prior authorization application programming interface; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 468.** Introduced by Clements, 2.



A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 33-110, 60-158, 60-3,186, 76-901, 76-903, 77-684, 77-912, 77-1327, 77-1720, 77-1804, and 81-12,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-1120, 77-2005, 77-2006, 77-6203, 77-6815, 77-6831, and 77-6833, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to distribute certain funds to counties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to certain fees and the motor vehicle tax; to change the amount and distribution of the documentary stamp tax; to change the distribution of taxes relating to car line companies and insurance premiums; to change fee provisions relating to real estate sold for delinquent taxes; to change provisions relating to inheritance taxes and the nameplate capacity tax; to change provisions of the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to eliminate a sales tax exemption and a definition relating to data centers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.54 and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 469.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

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 provide a duty for the State Court Administrator; to require development of a form to be included in eviction notices; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 470.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unsworn declarations; to provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn declarations; and to provide declaration language.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 471.** Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to prohibit certain restrictions by state agencies, state entities, counties, cities, and villages relating to the energy source of motor vehicles; and to prohibit certain actions of the Department of Environment and Energy relating to vehicle emission standards.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 472.** Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government regulations; to adopt the Regulatory Management Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 473.** Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Jacobson, 42, Chairperson; Bostar, 29; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Riepe, 12; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; to amend sections 8-2701, 8-2702, 8-2703, 8-2704, 8-2705, 8-2706, 8-2707, 8-2708, 8-2709, 8-2710, 8-2711, 8-2712, 8-2713, 8-2714, 8-2715, 8-2716, 8-2717, 8-2718, 8-2719, 8-2720, 8-2721, 8-2722, 8-2723, 8-2725, 8-2726, 8-2727, 8-2728, 8-2731, 8-2732, 8-2733, 8-2734, 8-2736, 8-2737, 8-2738, 8-2739, 8-2740, 8-2741, 8-2742, and 8-3027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-602, 8-2724, 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, and 8-3025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change provisions relating to licenses, applicability, exemptions, powers and duties of the Director of Banking and Finance, implementation, confidentiality, examination and investigation, multistate supervision, applications, information required by the director, control, required reports, audited financials, records, authorized delegates, prohibited activities, money transmission procedures, refunds, receipts, required disclosures, surety bonds, permissible investments, suspension, cancellation, and revocation of a license or designation, orders to cease and desist, consent orders, violations, fees, charges, and costs; to provide for penalties and fines; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 8-2743, 8-2744, 8-2745, 8-2746, and 8-2747, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Jacobson, 42, Chairperson; Bostar, 29; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Riepe, 12; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to interest, loans, and debt; to amend sections 8-319, 8-330, 8-601, 8-820.01, 44-1703, 45-101.04, 45-1,110, 45-334, 45-335, 45-336, 45-337, 45-338, 45-339, 45-340, 45-341, 45-342, 45-343, 45-344, 45-345, 45-347, 45-348, 45-350, 45-351, 45-352, 45-353, 45-355, 45-356, 45-702, 45-703, 45-705, 45-729, 45-734, 45-804, and 76-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346, 45-354, and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to rename the Nebraska Installment Sales Act; to transfer the provisions of and eliminate the Nebraska Installment Loan Act; to change and eliminate provisions relating to installment sales and installment loans; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 45-351.01, 45-1001, 45-1004, 45-1007, 45-1008, 45-1009, 45-1010, 45-1011, 45-1012, 45-1013, 45-1014, 45-1015, 45-1016, 45-1017, 45-1019, 45-1020, 45-1021, 45-1022, 45-1023, 45-1024, 45-1025, 45-1026, 45-1027, 45-1028, 45-1029, 45-1030, 45-1031, 45-1032, 45-1033, 45-1033.02, 45-1034, 45-1035, 45-1036, 45-1037, 45-1038, 45-1039, 45-1040, 45-1041, 45-1042, 45-1043, 45-1044, 45-1045, 45-1046, 45-1047, 45-1048, 45-1049, 45-1050, 45-1051, 45-1052, 45-1053, 45-1054, 45-1055, 45-1056, 45-1057, 45-1058, 45-1059, 45-1060, 45-1061, 45-1062, 45-1063, 45-1064, 45-1065, 45-1066, 45-1067, 45-1068, 45-1069, and 45-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-1002, 45-1003, 45-1005, 45-1006, 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 475.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to Uniform controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to classify tianeptine as a controlled substance; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 476.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to amend sections 76-3701 and 76-3712, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide exemptions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Speaker Arch offered the following motion to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

The Arch motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

James S Brummer - State Electrical Board

Nathan Michael Lon Francis - State Electrical Board

LB177

LB357

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025

LB362

Room 1510 1:30 PM

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Josh Hohensee - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Edward Jarrett - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Robert Knapp - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aaron Krebs - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

LB23  
LB98  
LB196  
LB337

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

LB118  
LB138  
LB119  
LB162

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Thursday, January 30, 2025

LB84  
LB83  
LB148  
LB310

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025

LB82  
LB160  
LB110  
LB87

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

LB7  
LB372  
LB145

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING****BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 477.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Workplace Privacy Act; to amend sections 48-3502 and 48-3503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to prohibit employers from taking certain actions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.15, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-130, 53-134, 53-162, and 53-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101, 53-131.01, and 53-165.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an auction permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor at auction and for a wholesalers shipping license as prescribed; to change provisions relating to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, the method of notice for local governing body hearings related to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and obligations of the primary source of supply for alcoholic liquor; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 479.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 480.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Water Recreation Enhancement Act; to amend sections 37-1802 and 37-1803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to legislative findings and declarations and purposes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 481.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Foster Child Scholarships Act; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 482.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-359, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to attorney's fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 483.** Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, and 77-4303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416 and 28-476, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437; to limit permissible forms of medical cannabis to pills or liquid tinctures; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to the allowed amount of cannabis a qualified patient may possess; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 484.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1359, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine agricultural land and horticultural land; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 485.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to provide for confidentiality for train crew members involved with railroad fatalities and access to confidential information of train crew members as prescribed; to exempt train crew members from being required to display operator's licenses to law enforcement; and to define a term.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 486.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services regarding reimbursement for certain service providers.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 487.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the restitution for redlining; to amend sections 77-4310.01 and 77-4310.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Restitution and Redress for Redlining Task Force Act; to change provisions relating to transfers from the Marijuana and Controlled Substances Tax Administration Cash Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 488.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the administration of justice; to amend sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-248 and 43-286.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require a peace officer to assume custody of a probationer or temporary custody of a juvenile upon request by a probation officer as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 489.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit certain entities from operating, maintaining, constructing, or acquiring transmission lines and related facilities; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 490.** Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act; to amend section 60-137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow applications for certificates of title for certain vehicles; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 491.** Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Museum Construction and Maintenance Fund; to amend section 72-819, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent regarding appropriations for the Chief Standing Bear Museum and visitor center; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 492.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to truancy; to amend sections 79-206 and 79-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-245, 43-247, and 43-276, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to change provisions relating to juvenile court jurisdiction relating to habitual truancy and provide a defense to adjudication; to change provisions relating to compulsory attendance; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 493.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to adopt the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act; to eliminate provisions relating to actions involving public petition and participation; to provide severability; to outright repeal sections 25-21,241, 25-21,242, 25-21,243, 25-21,244, 25-21,245, and 25-21,246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 494.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-4602, 77-7304, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain transfers of General Fund net receipts; to change provisions of the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 495.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Request Act; to amend sections 77-1632 and 77-1633, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to community colleges; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 496.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain animals being led or driven on highways; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 497.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-215 and 79-2,136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the admission of students and require each school board to allow certain students that are not residents of the school district to participate in extracurricular activities as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 498.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1006, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 499.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee; to amend sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership of the committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 500.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school finance; to create the School Financing Review Commission; to provide powers and duties; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1301, 77-1307, 77-1308, 77-1309, and 77-1725.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage; to redefine and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 502.** Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Farm Labor Contractors Act; to amend section 48-1714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a penalty for certain seed corn producers and farm labor contractors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 503.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend section 77-6203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize the designation of American energy friendly counties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; at the request of the Governor; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protections; to adopt the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act; to provide an operative date; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 505.** Introduced by Prokop, 27; DeBoer, 10.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 506.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to adopt the Landlord and Tenant Radon Awareness Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 507.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to transportation expenses for children with disabilities; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 508.** Introduced by Hunt, 8; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Military Code; to amend section 55-117, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the ordering of the Nebraska National Guard into active combat; to provide a duty; to require a report; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 509.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39; Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act; to provide for tax credits; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 510.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-4405, 77-4406, and 77-4411, 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 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 511.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 25-21,302, 28-801.01, 29-4001, 29-4001.01, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-830, 28-831, 28-1354, 29-110, 29-3005, 29-3523, 29-4003, 29-4007, 29-4802, and 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the offense of solicitation of prostitution to the offense of commercial sexual exploitation and change the elements of, and penalties for, such offense; to provide for setting aside and expunging convictions for certain first offense violations of such offense; to transfer provisions relating to human trafficking; to define and redefine terms; to create a grant program to provide funding for law enforcement agencies; to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; to require registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act for solicitation of prostitution, certain trafficking offenses, and certain inchoate and related

offenses; to change procedures and requirements relating to registration for certain offenses; to state legislative intent regarding appropriations; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct education, awareness, and outreach campaigns relating to healthy families, pornography, and prostitution; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 512.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act; to redefine a term; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 513.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judges' salaries; to amend section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change judges' salaries; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 514.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities of the metropolitan class relating to housing authorities; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 515.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-28,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide requirements for certain prescription refills as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 516.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to eliminate a requirement for counties relating to office space; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to outright repeal sections 68-130 and 81-1139.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 517.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-2,144, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to duties of the state school security director; to require each school district to

provide certain security information to the school security director; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 518.** Introduced by Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend section 83-1,100.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for a report by the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 519.** Introduced by Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-4,114.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require independent confirmatory testing of potential items of contraband drugs; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 520.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bed and breakfast establishments; to amend sections 81-2,242, 81-2,292, and 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term and change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act relating to bed and breakfast establishments; to require the State Fire Code to include provisions relating to bed and breakfast establishments as prescribed; to provide requirements for bed and breakfast establishments; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 521.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-104, 32-239, 32-307, 32-315, 32-401, 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624, 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912, 32-1032, 32-1037, 32-1119, 32-1122, and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-123, 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312, 32-326, 32-405, 32-607, 32-613, 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630, 32-631, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803, 32-809, 32-811, 32-1002, 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1013, 32-1049, 32-1409, 32-1524, 32-1525, and 32-1546, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to voter registration, special elections, petitions, political parties, write-in candidates, ballots, counting watchers and observers, and counting and recounting ballots; to provide forms for petitions; to eliminate provisions relating to voter registration and political party delegates; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 32-309 and 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 522.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend sections 48-119 and 48-122.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and section 48-121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins; to provide for cost-of-living adjustments to weekly income benefits as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 523.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Student Teacher Compensation Act; to state intent relating to funding; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 524.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-8,112, 79-8,113, 79-8,114, 79-8,115, and 79-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of and authorize paraeducator grants under the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; to change provisions relating to eligible uses of the Education Future Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22CA.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 32 to Article I:

I-32 All people have a right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, balanced ecosystems, a safe climate, and diverse and abundant native flora and fauna and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, recreational, and healthful qualities of the environment. The state, and each subdivision thereof, shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of Nebraska and shall conserve, protect, and maintain such resources for the benefit of all the people, including present and future generations. The rights and obligations in this section shall be self-executing.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that people have the right to a clean and healthy natural environment and that the state and political subdivisions shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of Nebraska.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23CA.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 2:

III-2 The first power reserved by the people is the initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments adopted by the people independently of the Legislature. This power may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be signed by seven percent of the registered voters of the state, and if the petition be for the amendment of the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed by ten percent of such registered voters. In all cases the registered voters signing such petition shall be so distributed as to include five percent of the registered voters of each of two-fifths of the counties of the state, and when thus signed, the petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State. For petitions filed prior to July 7, 2028, the Secretary of State who shall submit the measure thus proposed to the electors of the state at the first general election held not less than four months after such petition shall have been filed. For petitions filed on or after July 7, 2028, the Secretary of State shall submit the measure at the next general election only if such petition is filed on or before the second Wednesday in July of the calendar year before such general election. The same measure, either in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the people by initiative petition, either affirmatively or negatively, more often than once in three years. If conflicting measures submitted to the people at the same election be approved, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall thereby become law as to all conflicting provisions. The constitutional limitations as to the scope and subject matter of statutes enacted by the Legislature shall apply to those enacted by the initiative. Initiative measures shall contain only one subject. The Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, contemporaneously with the adoption of this initiative measure or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the deadline to file an initiative petition for placement on the general election ballot.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24CA.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 7 to Article VI:

VI-7 The presidential electors designated to represent the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who receive the greatest number of votes at the general election in the state shall serve as the presidential electors for the state.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that the presidential electors designated to represent the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who receive the greatest number of votes at the general election in the state shall serve as the presidential electors for the state.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 7:

III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Until January 6, 2027, each member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her office. Beginning January 6, 2027, each member of the Legislature shall be paid at the rate of the state minimum wage set by law. In addition to his or her salary, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature and shall receive health insurance paid by the state with equivalent benefits to those offered by Medicaid in effect at the beginning of the term of office of the most recently elected members. Except as otherwise provided in this section, members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than his or her salary and expenses, and employees of the

Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the compensation of members of the Legislature to an amount based on the state minimum wage and provide for health insurance for the members.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 26.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in two thousand female births; and

WHEREAS, a complete cardiac screening is an important diagnostic tool to ensure early diagnosis of Turner syndrome in girls and women; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than a hundredfold in young and middle-aged women with Turner syndrome; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Turner syndrome have an increased risk of a nonverbal learning disorder that can cause problems in mathematics, visual-spatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention; and

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, women with Turner syndrome can live long and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, the observation of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in February 2025 provides the opportunity to share experiences and information and raise public awareness about Turner syndrome.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of February 2025 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all girls and women diagnosed with Turner syndrome and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

The Education Committee elected Senator Hughes as Vice Chairperson.

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

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



Senator Clements name added to LB3.  
Senator Hardin name added to LB140.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB275.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB282.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB283.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB375.  
Senator Brandt name added to LB421.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Brett Copley, Syracuse.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:08 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storm, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**TENTH DAY - JANUARY 22, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****TENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 22, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Hansen, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the ninth day was approved.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendments to LB512:

**FA8**

Strike Section 1.

**FA9**

Strike Section 2.

**FA10**

Strike Section 3.

**FA11**

Strike Section 1.

[FA12](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA13](#)

Strike Section 3.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following motions to [LB512](#):

[MO16](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO17](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO18](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO19](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO20](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO21](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB383	Judiciary
LB384	Revenue
LB385	Judiciary
LB386	Judiciary
LB387	Judiciary
LB388	Judiciary
LB389	Revenue
LB390	Education
LB391	Revenue
LB392	Appropriations
LB393	Appropriations
LB394	Agriculture
LB395	Judiciary
LB396	Natural Resources
LB397	Business and Labor
LB398	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB399	Revenue

LB400	Business and Labor
LB401	Revenue
LB402	Business and Labor
LB403	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB404	Judiciary
LB405	General Affairs
LB406	General Affairs
LB407	Judiciary
LB408	Education
LB409	Natural Resources
LB410	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB411	Education
LB412	Judiciary
LB413	Natural Resources
LB414	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB415	Business and Labor
LB416	Judiciary
LB417	Education
LB418	Health and Human Services
LB419	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB420	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB421	General Affairs
LB422	Judiciary
LB423	Business and Labor
LB424	Revenue
LB425	Revenue
LB426	Education
LB427	Education
LB428	Education
LB429	Education
LB430	Education
LB431	Judiciary
LB432	Judiciary
LR20CA	General Affairs
LR21	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025

LB302

LB34

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

## Rules

The Rules Committee met on January 21, 2025, and advanced the following proposal rule:

Proposed Rule Change 6, found on page 71.

The Rules Committee met on January 21, 2025, and advanced the following amended proposed rule:

**Proposed Rule Change 21****Rule 5, Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.**

(e) The introducers of all bills must submit a statement of intent for each bill to the appropriate committee chairperson within at least three legislative calendar days after prior to the referencing of the bill is reported by the Reference Committee. If any bill is re-referenced to another committee after the statement of intent was submitted pursuant to this rule, the introducer must resubmit such statement of intent to the committee chairperson of the committee to which the bill was referenced bill's hearing. The statement of intent should discuss clearly and completely the purposes and effects of the bill.

\*This rule would be effective starting with the 2026 legislative session.

(Signed) Loren Lippincott, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 were adopted.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 2, 3, 4, 8, 9.

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 525.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to adopt the Agricultural Data Privacy Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cryptocurrency mining; to amend section 70-655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide powers and duties to public power districts; to allow public power districts to require payments or letters of credit from cryptocurrency mining operations for certain infrastructure upgrades; to provide for an excise tax on cryptocurrency mining; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-2702, 44-32,180, and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to redefine a term; to provide for a tax on health maintenance organizations; to change requirements for taxes on prepaid limited health service organizations and direct writing premiums; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 528.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to learning platforms; to amend section 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to grants funded from the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Economic Development relating to grants for learning platforms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Investment Council; to amend section 84-602.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 73-801, 73-806, 73-812, and 73-817, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide certain exemptions for the Nebraska Investment Council under the State Procurement Act and the Taxpayer Transparency Act relating to contracts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 530.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 28-306, 28-394, 60-682.01, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide, motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child, speed limit violations, and passing a stopped vehicle; to define a term; to redefine

reckless driving under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to provide a requirement for motor vehicles operators who are approaching or passing vulnerable road users; to provide and change fines and penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 531.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to building codes; to amend section 58-701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide on exception to the requirement that buildings constructed with state funds comply with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code; to prohibit the Department of Economic Development from requiring certain projects receiving funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund comply with the International Energy Conservation Code as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 532.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend section 48-2911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require employers to use the E-Verify system; to prohibit knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien; to provide for penalties; to provide for discipline against an employer's license; to provide civil penalties; to provide duties for the Commissioner of Labor and the Department of Labor; to define terms; to eliminate a requirement that public employers and public contractors use the E-Verify system; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 4-1114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 533.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to amend sections 44-4601 and 44-4603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to provide requirements relating to clinician-administered drugs; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 534.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 535.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101,



28-115, 28-929, 28-929.01, 28-929.02, 28-930, 28-931, 28-934, 28-1351, 28-1354, and 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit assault on a frontline behavioral health provider or health care worker; to change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to offenses involving assault on an officer, emergency responder, certain employees, or a health care professional; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-931.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 536.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 537.** Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to amend section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for workforce development grants; to state intent regarding funding; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 538.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 85-1401 and 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require each school board to adopt a policy relating to discrimination and harassment, including antisemitism, as prescribed; to create the position of Title VI coordinator within the State Department of Education and provide powers and duties; to require each postsecondary educational institution governing board to adopt a policy relating to discrimination and harassment, including antisemitism, as prescribed; to require the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education to employ a Title VI coordinator as prescribed and provide powers and duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 539.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the regulation of handguns; to amend sections 69-2403, 69-2409.01, 69-2410, and 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions relating to handgun purchase requirements; to change provisions relating to criminal history record checks; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 69-2409, 69-2411, 69-2412, 69-2413, 69-2414, 69-2415, 69-2416, 69-2417, 69-2418, 69-2419, and 69-2423, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 540.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Apiary Act; to amend sections 81-2,165.01 and 81-2,166, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to create the Nebraska Apiary Advisory Board and provide objectives and duties for such board; to provide a requirement for the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to create a full-time educator position as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 541.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-306, 32-307, 32-310, 32-311.01, 32-312.05, 32-315, 32-320, 32-321, 32-323, 32-325, 32-806, 32-808, 32-902, 32-938, 32-1118, and 32-1119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-103, 32-202, 32-203, 32-206, 32-308, 32-312, 32-941, 32-942, 32-943, 32-947, 32-950.01, 32-960, 32-1002, 32-1041, and 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate online voter registration; to restrict voter registration by mail; to change voter registration provisions; to require watermarks on official ballots; to provide requirements to vote by means of a ballot for early voting; to provide requirements for secure ballot drop-boxes; to provide requirements for hand counts; to change provisions relating to voting and counting methods; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 32-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-304 and 32-320.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 542.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 14-2113 and 39-1304.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to utility facilities; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 543.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-392, 60-3,100, 60-3,101, and 60-3,102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the delivery of license plates and authorize fees; to change provisions relating to fees collected for license plates; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 544.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to disqualify certain individuals from receiving benefits as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 545.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to menstrual products; to provide immunity from liability for injury or death resulting from the use of donated menstrual products as prescribed; and to define terms.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 546.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to emergencies; to amend section 81-829.40, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to emergency proclamations made by the Governor; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 547.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 60-3,185, 77-202.23, and 77-202.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a motor vehicle tax exemption and a property tax exemption relating to certain disabled veterans; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural gas systems; to provide for municipalities to contract with industrial users of natural gas; and to provide requirements for such contracts.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 549.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-804, 79-805, and 79-814.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow a school board to employ a chaplain, including in a volunteer capacity, to perform various duties at a school without a certificate issued by the Commissioner of Education as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 550.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to require school districts to adopt a policy that excuses students to attend a released time course for religious instruction as prescribed; to authorize a civil action for violations; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 551.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-106, 85-304, 85-1511, and 85-1530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the practice of academic tenure at postsecondary

educational institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, or a community college board of governors for any community college area established by section 85-1504 as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and any community college board of governors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 552.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to define terms; and to prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions from having a diversity, equity, and inclusion office and taking certain actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 553.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to students in dietitian nutritionist practice programs and loan repayments for dietitian nutritionists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 554.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6207, 71-6207.02, 71-6219.01, 71-6223.02, 71-6224, 71-6225, and 71-6226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-6227, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the Nebraska Health Professions Commission; to change powers and duties; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate technical committees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 555.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1401, 38-1402, 38-1413, and 38-1424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for assistant funeral directors; to provide for credentialing, scope of practice, collaborative agreements, restrictions on practice, and disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 556.** Introduced by Riepe, 12; at the request of the Governor; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend sections 29-1816, 43-245, 43-246.01, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, and 43-260.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions

relating to jurisdiction of adult and juvenile courts; to define detention under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to change provisions relating to detention and a hearing under the code; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 557.** Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-233, 79-234, 79-235, 79-237, 79-238, 79-239, 79-240, 79-241, 79-2127, 79-2134, 79-611, 79-769, 79-1009, 79-10143, 79-2104, 79-2118, and 79-2120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the enrollment option program, student fees, student transportation, focus schools, focus programs, and magnet schools, net option funding under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, the learning community coordinating council, diversity plans for each learning community, and certification of student qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches; to provide funding to students denied option enrollment as prescribed; to eliminate provisions relating to open enrollment option students and diversity plans; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-235.01 and 79-2110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 558.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation infrastructure; to create the Infrastructure Review Task Force; and to provide duties.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-618, 28-1601, and 28-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for offenses relating to skimmer devices and continuing criminal enterprises involving financial offenses; to provide penalties; to define terms; to provide for forfeiture; to clarify and harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tourism; to amend section 81-3725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to innovative tourism grants; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 561.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change maximum weight limits for vehicles carrying raw milk as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 562.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend section 37-440, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438, 37-451, 37-455, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the issuing of certain permits; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 563.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend sections 60-301, 60-302, 60-3,101, and 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for permanent trailer license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 564.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to amend sections 77-7304 and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fund transfers to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund and the amount of tax relief granted; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 565.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide and change requirements for guidance documents; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 566.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate a sunset date relating to an income tax credit for the purchase of certain residential property as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 567.** Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require the State Board of Education to adopt a model policy relating to community engagement and authorize school districts to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 568.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-327.04, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,104.02, 60-3,129, 60-3,254, 60-495, 80-415,

80-416, 80-417, 81-2517, 82-139, and 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-112, 37-811, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,130.04, and 60-3,253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to license plates and provide for the issuance of Arbor Day Plates; to create the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund and provide for grants from such fund; to eliminate a fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate provisions relating to certain license plates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 60-3,127, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 60-3,231, 60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 60-3,257, and 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and 60-3,128, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 60-3,241, 60-3,243, 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, 60-3,251, 60-3,259, and 60-3,260, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 569.** Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act; to amend section 38-1216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for the Board of Emergency Medical Services; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 570.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing scholarships; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 571.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power districts; to require cost-of-living adjustments for any public power district that operates a defined benefit plan.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 572.** Introduced by Hughes, 24; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1028.01 and 79-3404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize a school district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for expenditures for stipends paid to a student teacher or intern as prescribed; to change the applicability of the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 573.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to meat and poultry workers; to adopt the Meat and Poultry Workers and Contractors Protection Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 574.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firefighters; to define terms; to provide rights; and to provide requirements for investigations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 575.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-1633 and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 576.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to amend sections 86-457, 86-458, and 86-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act relating to surcharges and public hearings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 577.** Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend section 71-436.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 38-2847, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change licensure requirements for remote dispensing pharmacies; to change verification requirements for pharmacists as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 578.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 29-2414, 29-2415, 29-2708, 33-157, 47-208, 48-1202, 81-1835, 83-183, 83-183.01, 83-184, 83-184.01, 83-187, 83-1,135, and 83-917, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-814, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require city and county jails and the Department of Correctional Services to pay inmates the minimum wage for work by such inmates; to provide for applicability of federal workplace safety laws; to provide that such employees and inmates are subject to the Wage and Hour Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for bank accounts for inmates; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the distribution of wages earned by inmates; to provide duties for the Jail Standards Board and the department; to require payment of the minimum wage to state and political subdivision employees; to eliminate provisions relating to establishment of industries and farms by the Department of Correctional Services; to



eliminate obsolete and inconsistent provisions relating to inmates of jails; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 47-403, 47-404, and 47-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 579.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public records; to amend sections 84-712 and 84-712.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit charging a fee for official requests for public records by members of the Legislature and establish a deadline for fulfilling such requests; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 580.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

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

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

LB6  
LB431  
LB230  
LB165  
LB316  
LB16

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025

LB92  
LB101  
LB185  
LB223  
LB235

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025

LR15CA  
LB432  
LB358  
LR5CA  
LR6CA

Note: The hearings on LR15CA & LB432 may use the annotated hearing procedures at the discretion of the chair.

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Jeff Bucher - Nebraska Board of Parole

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

LB36

LB129

LB377

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 581.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 582.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend section 81-3729, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the amount of tax imposed on cash devices and how such collected taxes are remitted; to change the revenue submitted to the Nebraska Tourism Commission Promotional Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 583.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 43-2622, 43-2624, 76-901, 76-903, 77-1327, 81-12,114, 81-12,243, and 81-3140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 55-901 and 58-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Child Care Grant Fund, child care grants, the Military Installation Development and Support Fund, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund, and the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 584.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-105.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under eighteen years of age; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 585.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; to amend section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for distribution of state aid to community-based organizations; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 586.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-944, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide a duty to ensure the voting rights of individuals who are unable to vote in-person who are housed in certain facilities; to require a plan; to provide a penalty; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 587.** Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend sections 76-1425 and 76-1427, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change deadlines for termination of a rental agreement due to noncompliance by a landlord; to provide for and change tenant remedies relating to a landlord's failure to maintain a dwelling unit or essential services; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 588.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 43-512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for determination of the maximum level of monthly assistance; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 589.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services and require school districts to provide special education staff with professional leave as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 590.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to wildlife management; to amend section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or endangered species; to provide for payment of a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county as prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Transportation; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 591.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Installment Loan Act; to amend section 45-1004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 45-1003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to when licenses are required; to provide powers to certain licensees relating to affiliates; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the achieving a better life experience program; to amend section 77-1407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt accounts from levy, execution, judgment, garnishment, and other judicial enforcement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fuels; to amend section 66-1226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to update references relating to automotive spark ignition engine fuels; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 594.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,179.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the use of handheld wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 595.** Introduced by Prokop, 27; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to research; to create a fund; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 596.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to legal notices; to amend section 25-2228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to how legal notices are published; and to repeal the original section.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

LB401

LB272

LB425

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

LB294

LB373

LB266

LB123

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 597.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1006, 79-1015.01, 79-1016, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to foundation aid, local effort rate yield; adjusted valuations of property, and certain certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 598.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1007.15, 79-1021, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, 79-1031.01, and 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide funding to school districts to cover extraordinary increases in limited English proficiency student expenditures; to change provisions relating to the elementary site allowance and certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to change eligible uses of the Education Future Fund; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services and provide additional funding to school districts for costs attributable to students with a 504 plan; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 599.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require the State Board of Education to adopt a policy relating to cybersecurity as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 600.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-696, 60-6,186, 60-6,378, and 60-3203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms, provide immunity from damage resulting from removal of certain vehicles and other objects from highways, change provisions relating to the maximum lawful speed limit, provide for enforcement of the maximum lawful speed limit for school crossing zones and highway work zones by means of a speed control enforcement system, provide duties for drivers who are approaching stopped motor vehicles, and provide for removal of certain motor vehicles or other objects from highways under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to change when an automatic license plate reader system may be used under the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Transportation; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 601.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to clarify provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING****SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING****LEGISLATIVE BILL 602.** Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Data Elimination and Limiting Extensive Tracking and Exchange Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 603.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to aging services; to amend sections 81-2234 and 81-2235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to care management units; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 604.** Introduced by Storm, 23; DeKay, 40; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to initiative and referendum measures; to amend sections 32-1405 and 32-1412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties; to change provisions relating to suits brought regarding initiative and referendum petitions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 605.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to define terms; to require each school board to adopt a policy relating to student participation as a transgender student in extracurricular activities sponsored by such school or an athletics or activities association to which such school is a member as prescribed; and to state intent.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 606.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend sections 47-624, 47-624.01, 47-627, 47-629, 47-903, 47-908, 47-919, 81-1401, 83-170, 83-171, 83-171.01, 83-173, 83-174.03, 83-174.04, 83-174.05, 83-192, 83-1,100, 83-1,100.02, 83-1,103, 83-1,103.01, 83-1,103.02, 83-1,103.03, 83-1,103.04, 83-1,104, 83-1,107, 83-1,107.01, 83-1,107.02, 83-1,109, 83-1,118, 83-1,119, 83-1,122.02, 83-1,125, 83-1,125.01, and 83-962, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-322, 29-2246, 29-2252, 29-2261, 29-2935, 29-4019, 47-1102, 47-1103, 47-1104, 47-1105, 47-1106, 47-1107, 47-1108, 47-1109, 47-1110, 47-1111, 47-1113, 47-1114, 47-1115, 47-1116, 47-1117, 47-1119, 71-961, 71-3426, and 71-3430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate the Division of Parole Supervision and the position of Director of Supervision and Services; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Correctional Services and the Director of Correctional Services; to change provisions relating to correctional system overcrowding emergencies; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 83-1,101 and 83-1,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 607.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to solid waste; to amend sections 13-2001, 13-2003, 13-2010, 13-2034, 13-2042, 81-1502, and 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Environmental Stewardship of Batteries Act, the Extended Producer Responsibility Data Collection Act, and the Minimum Recycled Content Act; to define and redefine terms and change provisions relating to regulatory authority over manufacturing facilities and disposal fees under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; to define, redefine, and alphabetize terms under the Environmental Protection Act; to change provisions relating to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to first responders; to amend sections 85-2601, 85-2602, 85-2603, 85-2603.01, and 85-2605, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 44-314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of firefighter for purposes of certain insurance protections; to include correctional officers, youth detention officers, and children of first responders within the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to require reimbursement by the state; to provide duties for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fraud; to amend sections 28-512, 28-602, 28-603, 28-639, 28-1111, 28-1463.06, 28-1601, and 28-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-416 and 28-813.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to require certain notice to purchasers of gift certificates or gift cards; to define a term; to provide for forfeiture for convictions for certain offenses involving theft by deception, forgery, and identity theft; to provide for forfeiture of controllable electronic records; to clarify and harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 610.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-982, 68-985, 68-986, 68-987, and 68-988, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to supplemental reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport; to change powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 611.** Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to buildings; to amend sections 81-1608, 81-1611, and 81-1614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-6403, 71-6406, 72-804, 72-805, and 72-806, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to building and energy codes; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 612.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37.



A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county courts; to amend section 24-514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the state to pay fifty percent of the operational costs of county courts; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2711, 77-27,144, and 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the disclosure of tax information to municipalities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 614.** Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 16-901 and 17-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to restate exemptions for farm buildings and structures within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 615.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to prohibit certain distributions of deepfakes and synthetic media; to provide for exceptions and injunctive or equitable relief; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 616.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to traffic violations; to amend sections 29-3606, 60-4,182, and 60-3203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-392 and 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for enforcement of red light violations using automatic license plate reader systems as prescribed; to define terms; to provide for waiver of a fee for a driver safety training program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 617.** Introduced by Kauth, 31; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain defenses; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 618.** Introduced by Kauth, 31; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to disapprove certain claims.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 619.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to provide for cities of the primary class and certain counties to receive grants relating to certain highways; to state legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 620.** Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Act; and to provide an operative date.

#### **PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator Kauth filed the following proposed rule change:

**Rule 6, Sec. 9. Question on Final Reading.** The question after the Final Reading of a bill shall be: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' " If the emergency clause is contained in the bill, the words "with the emergency clause attached" shall be added to the question. A vote of present and not voting on final passage of a bill shall be displayed and recorded in the journal as having voted "nay".

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**Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture.** (a) At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately.

(b) A two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful. On Final Reading, a vote of present and not voting to invoke cloture shall be displayed and recorded in the journal as having voted "nay".

(c) A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

(d) A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

(e) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until two additional hours of debate on the bill has occurred. If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.

The Rules Committee offered Proposed Rule Change 6 (Rule 3, Sec. 4), found on page 71.

The Rules Committee motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 6 prevailed with 39 ayes, 7 nays, 2 present not voting, and 1 excused.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 621.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state intent regarding transfers from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 622.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to housing assistance; to amend sections 58-701, 58-705, 58-706, 58-707, 58-708, 58-711, 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the Statewide Housing Assistance Program under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, recipients of assistance, and selection of recipients under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 623.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 624.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the State Treasurer; and to state intent regarding future appropriations.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 625.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school districts; to provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all school districts in the state; and to provide duties to the Tax Commissioner and the Department of Revenue.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 626.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-2101.02 and 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize redevelopment projects involving affordable housing as prescribed; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 627.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the University of Nebraska; to provide for design and construction of facilities for the University of Nebraska; to state intent regarding funding and appropriations; and to provide powers and duties for the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 628.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 76-214 and 77-202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act; to change provisions relating to the filing of statements of recorded easements and property tax exemptions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 629.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to adopt the County Initiative and Referendum Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 630.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act; to amend sections 38-2501, 38-2503, 38-2507, 38-2512, 38-2513, 38-2514, 38-2520, 38-2526, 38-2530, and 38-2531, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2516 and 38-2517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to provide and change scope of practice requirements for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 631.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Emergency Response Mapping Fund; to amend section 79-3111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state intent regarding funding; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unborn children; to require the disposition of the remains of an aborted unborn child as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 633.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications rejected under the enrollment option program; to define terms; to create the Nebraska Option Enrollment Tuition Account Program; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 634.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to adopt the Legislative Sunset Review Act; to eliminate the Legislature's Planning Committee; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to outright repeal sections 50-419.03, 50-435, 50-1401, 50-1402, 50-1403, and 50-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 635.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Athletic Commissioner; to amend sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01, 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the regulation of professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, amateur kickboxing, and slap fighting; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 636.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 77-1720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 33-117, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide that counties may seek reimbursement from the state for costs of providing medical services to county jail inmates; to define terms; to provide powers and duties for the Jail Standards Board; to change provisions relating to sheriffs' fees; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 637.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Destination Nebraska Act; to provide for certain taxing authority; to redefine a term under the Community Development Law; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 638.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act; to amend sections 2-414, 2-416, and 2-417, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate provisions relating to incentive payments and legislative intent; to change provisions of the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Cash Fund; to change a termination date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 639.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report to the Department of Insurance as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties to the Department of Insurance.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 640.** Introduced by Judiciary Committee: Bosn, 25, Chairperson; DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jails; to amend section 47-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a sentence reduction for good behavior during confinement in a jail; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 641.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to medicaid estate recovery by the Department of Health and Human Services; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 642.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to discrimination; to adopt the Artificial Intelligence Consumer Protection Act; and to provide severability.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 643.** Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to define terms; to prohibit deductions relating to interest or taxes paid on or maintenance of certain properties; and to provide exemptions to prohibited deductions.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 644.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to foreign entities; to amend sections 49-1480, 49-14,126, and 49-14,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 73-901, 73-903, 73-905, and 73-906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act; to provide requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act for a lobbyist engaged in lobbying activity or a consultant engaged in influencing activity on behalf of a Chinese military company; to provide for payments by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission to persons reporting certain violations; to provide civil penalties; to define terms; to provide duties; to change provisions of the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act relating to certain allowed contracts; to prohibit certain companies from receiving benefits from incentive programs; to provide requirements and restrictions relating to genetic sequencing activities by medical and research facilities; to provide storage requirements for genetic sequencing data and prohibit remote access of such data; to harmonize provisions; to an provide operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Retirement Fund; to amend section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change state contributions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Raybould, 28; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171, and 54-1,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide for exempt feedlots; to provide for a fee; to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Brand Committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 647.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend section 77-120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to net book value; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 648.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02 and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the sales and use tax rate; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to income taxes; to amend section 77-2715.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to a certain tax rate; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2701.04, 77-2701.16, 77-2703, 77-2704.36, 77-2708, 77-2715.07, 77-2716, 77-2717, 77-2733, 77-2734.03, 77-27,187.02, 77-27,188, 77-27,241, 77-3109, 77-3110, 77-3111, 77-3120, 77-3125, 77-3126, 77-3136, 77-3143, 77-3152, 77-3169, 77-3806, 77-4405, 77-6605, 77-6607, 77-6610, 77-6919, and 77-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a sunset date for applications involving sports complexes and large public stadiums under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to eliminate sales tax exemptions relating to towers used for furnishing Internet access services, net wrap, and twine; to change sales tax collection fees; to change provisions relating to nonresident income and a food donation tax credit; to change provisions relating to tax credits allowed under the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act, the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, and the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act; to provide and change sunset dates for the approval of applications under the Good Life Transformational Projects Act and the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act and provisions relating to the appointment of purchasing agents; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.56,



77-2706.02, 77-7017, 77-7018, 77-7019, 77-7020, 77-7021, and 77-7022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 651.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, 77-2701.02, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 1, 2, and 3, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

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

The Rules Committee offered Proposed Rule Change 21 (Rule 5, Sec. 4), found on page 99 and amended in this day's Journal.

The Rules Committee motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 21 as amended prevailed with 41 ayes, 2 nays, 5 present not voting, and 1 excused.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 652.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school lands; to amend section 72-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to terminate the Board of Educational Lands and Funds; to provide for the sale of school lands as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 653.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Conrad, 46; Fredrickson, 20; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-238, 79-239, 79-246, 79-1021, and 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications, capacity, and reports, and provide for reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program; to change authorized uses of the Education Future Fund; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 654.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 655.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to provide for medical conscience-based objections as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 656.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to the work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 657.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the offense of assault on a sports official; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, and 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide labeling and advertising requirements for manufactured-protein food products; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Agriculture; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 659.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Holdcroft, 36; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-101 and 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to vote counting devices; to provide for watchers and observers; to provide duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government procurement; to adopt the Secure Drone Purchasing Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 661.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 72-1246, 72-1254, and 84-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-1239.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for the Nebraska Investment Council regarding investment of retirement system funds; to provide duties for the state investment officer regarding investment of retirement system funds; to require a report relating to certain investments of retirement system funds; to provide a duty for the State Treasurer; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 662.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to provide for a federal funding inventory from each state agency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 663.** Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for required education for members of county planning commissions and county boards; to change provisions relating to conditional use or special exception determinations by county planning commissions and county boards; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 664.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Conrad, 46; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend sections 84-906.02 and 84-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require agencies to allow for public comment and submissions relating to proposals or adoptions of rules or regulations as prescribed; to provide for venue to challenge rules or regulations; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

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

Senator Kauth offered her proposed rule change, found in this day's Journal.

Pending.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 665.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Animal Health and Disease Control Act; to amend sections 54-2901, 54-2902, 54-2939, and 54-2948, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to restate legislative findings and declarations; to prohibit electronic identification devices relating to foreign adversaries as prescribed; to prohibit certain actions by the Department of Agriculture; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 666.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Communications Sustainability Act; to amend section 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to duties of the Public Service Commission; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to amend section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compensation for diagnostic work and compensation for parts; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 668.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend sections 28-374.01 and 28-720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-713.01, 28-718, and 68-1212, Revised Statutes

Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and the central registry of child protection cases as prescribed; to change provisions relating to case managers; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 669.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to abortion; to amend sections 28-325, 28-327.03, 28-327.04, 28-327.06, 28-327.11, and 28-327.12, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-326, 28-327, and 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate legislative intent; to eliminate defined terms; to change requirements for voluntary and informed consent; to change requirements relating to civil actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 670.** Introduced by Murman, 38; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-308, 79-609, 79-706, 79-2704, and 81-527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-2606, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to required trainings for providers of child care and school-age-care programs, teachers, paraeducators, school resource officers, and security guards; to require each school district and each governing board of a nonpublic school to adopt a safety plan as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the state school security director and the State Fire Marshal; to change provisions relating to transportation of pupils by school bus; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 671.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-239, 79-266, 79-308, 79-528, 79-816, 79-8,114, 79-1035, 79-11,157.01, 79-3407, 79-3703, and 79-3704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reports and documents required by the State Department of Education, alternative schools, classes, and educational programs, teacher's institutes and conferences, the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program, grants for teachers, and the College Pathway Program Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate legislative intent relating to the Junior Mathematics Prognosis Examination; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-309.01 and 79-718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 672.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative

Supplement, 2024; to provide a limit on contributions made to a candidate committee as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 673.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to amend sections 61-302 and 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to transfer money from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 674.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to amend sections 61-302 and 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent regarding the Perkins County Canal Project; to transfer money from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund and the Water Sustainability Fund; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 675.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school lands; to amend sections 72-212 and 72-253, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-232, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide requirements for the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of school lands located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to certified nurse midwives; to amend sections 38-206, 38-601, 38-603, 38-604, 38-606, 38-607, 38-608, 38-610, 38-611, and 44-2803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to eliminate practice agreements; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the authorized scope of practice; to provide for applicability of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-609, 38-613, and 38-614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 677.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, 77-2701.02, and 77-27,132, Revised

Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 678.** Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 679.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1802, 77-1807, 77-1818, and 77-1837, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for negotiated sales of multiple parcels of real property for delinquent taxes by a county board; to change notice provisions relating to the issuance of a tax certificate; to change provisions relating to the award of attorney's fees in foreclosure proceedings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 680.** Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to educational service units; to amend section 79-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the role and mission of educational service units; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 681.** Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-931, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the definition of graduate degree programs; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 682.** Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-770, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to update terminology related to an individualized education program for a student for provisions regarding a certificate of attendance at a school district or participation in high school graduation; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 683.** Introduced by Raybould, 28; Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1601, 77-1632, and 77-1776, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to duties of the county assessor regarding notification of real property assessments; to eliminate and change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-1630, 77-1631, 77-1633, and 77-1634, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 684.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Prokop, 27; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend sections 25-2407, 29-2248, 29-2252.01, 29-2253, 29-2260.01, 29-2260.02, 29-2270, 29-2271, 29-2272, 29-2273, 43-260, 43-290.01, 43-297.01, 43-412, 43-1304, 43-1309, 43-1503, 43-4101, 43-4102, 43-4304, 43-4314, 43-4316, 43-4319, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4324, 43-4326, 50-1203, 68-1732, 79-303.01, 79-2121, 81-1401, 81-1427, and 83-1216, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-726, 29-2246, 29-2257, 29-2258, 29-2292, 29-4803, 43-247.03, 43-250, 43-254, 43-258, 43-260.01, 43-281, 43-286, 43-286.01, 43-2,108, 43-2,108.05, 43-2,113, 43-425, 43-1302, 43-1303, 43-1311.03, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 43-2411, 43-2412, 43-4203, 43-4206, 43-4318, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, and 43-4703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Juvenile Probation Administration Act; to transfer juvenile probation functions from the Office of Probation Administration in the judicial branch to the Juvenile Probation Agency in the executive branch; to eliminate the following terminated entities: the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, a child welfare practice model work group, and a child welfare strategic leadership group; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-4307.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-1306, 43-4411, 43-4412, 43-4413, 43-4414, 43-4415, and 43-4416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 685.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-3108, 79-3109, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school to install a secure master key box as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the state school security director; to change provisions relating to a grant program for security-related infrastructure projects and the School Safety and Security Fund; to provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 686.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to define terms; to prohibit governmental entities and officials from keeping certain lists relating to the ownership of firearms; to prohibit using merchant category codes to distinguish firearm retailers from other retailers; and to provide a duty, penalty, and defense.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 687.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government contracting; to adopt the Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 688.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems; to prohibit advertising of electronic nicotine delivery systems; and to define a term.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 689.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Guereca, 7; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 79-930 and 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 690.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Murman, 38; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 23-187, 60-103, 60-123, 60-135.01, 60-153, 60-305, 60-339, 60-358.01, 60-3,143, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-471, 60-4,114, 60-4,123, 60-4,123.01, 60-6,252, 60-6,266, 60-6,270, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Reissue Revised

Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,135.01, 60-3,221, 60-462, 60-463, 60-4,124, 60-501, 60-601, 60-605, 60-6,279, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize county boards to regulate the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to provide for registration, fees, and taxes for certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to change certain safety provisions and to authorize the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles on certain highways as prescribed under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 691.** Introduced by Murman, 38; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require school districts and governing boards of certain approved or accredited private, denominational, and parochial schools to display the Ten Commandments in school buildings as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 692.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to amend sections 79-3403 and 79-3406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority and the carrying forward of unused property tax request authority; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 693.** Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that it is a deceptive trade practice to receive compensation for engaging in certain conduct relating to veterans benefits matters; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 694.** Introduced by Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to discrimination; to amend sections 18-1724, 20-113, 20-132, 20-134, 20-139, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321, 20-322, 20-325, 23-2525, 23-2531, 23-2541, 29-401, 45-1056, 48-215, 48-628.13, 48-1101, 48-1104, 48-1105, 48-1106, 48-1107, 48-1108, 48-1111, 48-1113, 48-1115, 48-1117, 48-1119, 48-1122, 48-1124, 48-1125, 49-801, 51-211, 58-216, 58-808, 58-809, 58-810, 68-1605, 75-325, 76-1495, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-1645, 32-221, 32-230, 39-210, and 45-1303, Revised Statutes Cumulative

Supplement, 2024; to prohibit discrimination based upon military or veteran status as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 695.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to state findings; and to require the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District to construct a dam, secure funding, and engage in flood control measures.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 696.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Landscape Architects Act; to amend sections 81-8,184, 81-8,192, 81-8,196, 81-8,199, 81-8,200, 81-8,206, and 81-8,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to the State Board of Landscape Architects, the complete roster of professional landscape architects, applications for licensure, certificates of registration, certificates of licensure, and disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 697.** Introduced by Strommen, 47; Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend sections 38-2849 and 38-2884, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 38-2867.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for the Board of Pharmacy; to change requirements relating to compounding and delegated dispensing permits; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 698.** Introduced by Strommen, 47; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; to amend sections 2 and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to enforcement; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 699.** Introduced by Strommen, 47; Bosn, 25; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to amend section 77-6831, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain sales and use tax incentives; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 700.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend sections 28-105.02, 29-401, 43-248.01, and 43-249, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-105.01, 29-2204, 43-245, 43-250, 43-253, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require confidentiality for criminal prosecutions of minors tried as adults and certain adjudications under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to change provisions relating to sentences for crimes committed by persons under twenty-two years of age; to extend jurisdiction under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to twenty-six years of age; to provide requirements for custodial interrogations of juveniles and young adults; to define terms; to prohibit the use of certain statements in court proceedings as prescribed; to provide for using and reimbursing day reporting and evening reporting centers for juveniles; to prohibit sending juveniles out-of-state as prescribed; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 701.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state legislative intent; to provide for reimbursement of doula services as prescribed; to establish a work group; to define a term; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 702.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Neighborhood Empowerment Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 703.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for an exchange program; to state intent regarding appropriations; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 704.** Introduced by McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child support; to amend section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the review and modification of an incarcerated individual's child support order; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 705.** Introduced by McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 1, 2, and 3, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Justice Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 706.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to require that APS social workers accompany law enforcement officers as prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and law enforcement agencies; to provide for sanctions; to provide for discipline of law enforcement officers; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 707.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Good Life Transformational Projects Act; to amend section 77-4405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to project eligibility; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 708.** Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend section 85-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change boundaries of certain community college areas; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 709.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Adoption Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 710.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase the earned income tax credit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 711.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1007.11, 79-1007.21, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the new school adjustment and certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 712.** Introduced by Hughes, 24; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to amend section 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the tax rate on sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 713.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Employees Retirement Act; to amend sections 79-902 and 79-930, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the definition of prior service; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 714.** Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-3,186, 60-3,187, and 60-3,190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the percentage of fees retained by county treasurers; to change and provide motor vehicle tax schedules and motor vehicle fees; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 715.** Introduced by Hunt, 8; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis medication as prescribed.

### RESOLUTION(S)

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 27CA.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12:

III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of ~~three~~two consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

For

Against.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 28CA.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To repeal Article VII, section 6:

Article VII, section 6, of the Constitution of Nebraska is repealed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions creating the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and providing for management of certain land owned by the state.

For

Against.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Hallstrom, 1.

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Services held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new prison facility on August 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Service values providing the best possible care for incarcerated individuals and staff within the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Services promotes connection and engagement with community members and associated stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the new prison facility has yet to be named; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is an important holiday to the history of the state and represents growth and new beginnings which aligns with the goals of the Department of Correctional Services in building the new prison facility; and

WHEREAS, naming the new prison facility after such an important holiday will promote the mission of the Department of Correctional Services and represent the anticipated outcomes for incarcerated individuals.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby names the prison facility being built at 9440 North 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the Arbor Correctional Center.

Laid over.

#### **SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR29 was referred to the Reference Committee.

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

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to [LB43](#):

##### [AM11](#)

- 1 1. On page 6, line 7, after "that" insert "modifications to"; and in
- 2 lines 8 and 31 after "or" insert "electronic-related".
- 3 2. On page 10, line 5, after "or" insert "electronic-related".

#### **MOTION - Print in Journal**

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to [LB512](#):

##### [MO22](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

##### [MO23](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

##### [MO24](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).



**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Building and Maintenance Committee will hold an executive session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. under the South Balcony.

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

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB13.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB61.  
Senator Dungan name added to LB65.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB115.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB400.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB408.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB417.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB421.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB424.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB425.  
Senator McKinney name added to LB448.  
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB569.  
Senator Brandt name added to LR20CA.  
Senator Conrad name added to LR20CA.  
Senator Hardin name added to LR21.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Conservation and Environmental Advocates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:30 p.m., on a motion by Senator Spivey, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Clint Chiles, Grace Bible Fellowship, Central City.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dorn.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

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

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the tenth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB433	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB434	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB435	Business and Labor
LB436	Health and Human Services
LB437	Health and Human Services
LB438	General Affairs
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LB475	Judiciary
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LB479	Revenue
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LB522	Business and Labor
LB523	Education
LB524	Education
LR22CA	Natural Resources
LR23CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR24CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR25CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendments to LB295:

**AM18**

- 1 1. On page 37, line 5, strike "one hundred twenty", show as  
2 stricken, and insert "two hundred seventy".
- 3 2. On page 51, line 3, strike "creditable", show as stricken, and  
4 insert "membership".

**PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator Kauth withdrew her proposed rule change (Rule 6, Sec. 9), found on page 298 and considered on page 308.

Senator Kauth offered the following proposed rule change:

**Rule 6, Sec. 9. Question on Final Reading.** The question after the Final Reading of a bill shall be: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' " If the emergency clause is contained in the bill, the words "with the emergency clause attached" shall be added to the question. A vote of present and not voting on final passage of a bill shall be both displayed on the voting board and recorded in the Journal as having voted "nay", except that in cases where a member has properly filed a conflict of interest statement indicating that the member will abstain from voting on the proposed legislation, that member may vote present and not voting and both the voting board and the Journal shall indicate the vote as such.

...

**Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture.** (a) At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately.

(b) A two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be required for the cloture motion to be successful. On Final Reading, a vote of present and not voting to invoke cloture shall be both displayed on the voting board and recorded in the Journal as having voted "nay", except that in cases where a member has properly filed a conflict of interest statement indicating that the member will abstain from voting on the proposed legislation, that member may vote present and not voting on the motion to invoke cloture and both the voting board and the Journal shall indicate the vote as such.

(c) A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment,

following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

(d) A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

(e) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until two additional hours of debate on the bill has occurred. If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present not voting, and 1 excused.

The Kauth motion to adopt her proposed rule change prevailed with 31 ayes, 17 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendments to LB509:

[FA14](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

[FA15](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB323:

[AM20](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 28, strike the second underscored period and  
2 insert an underscored comma; and in line 29 reinstate the stricken  
3 "without the consent of the Legislature."

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB184:

[AM21](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 28-1418.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:  
5 28-1418.01 For purposes of sections 28-1418 to 28-1429.07 and  
6 sections 4 and 5 of this act:  
7 (1) Alternative nicotine product means any noncombustible product  
8 containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether  
9 chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. Alternative  
10 nicotine product does not include any electronic nicotine delivery  
11 system, cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco product, or any product  
12 regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug

13 Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic  
14 Act;

15 (2) Cigarette means any product that contains nicotine, is intended  
16 to be burned or heated under ordinary conditions of use, and consists of  
17 or contains (a) any roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or in any substance  
18 not containing tobacco, (b) tobacco, in any form, that is functional in  
19 the product which, because of its appearance, the type of tobacco used in  
20 the filler, or its packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to, or  
21 purchased by, consumers as a cigarette, or (c) any roll of tobacco  
22 wrapped in any substance containing tobacco which, because of its  
23 appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or its packaging and  
24 labeling, is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as a  
25 cigarette described in subdivision (2)(a) of this section;

26 (3) Delivery sale means to sell, give, or furnish products (a) by  
27 mail or delivery service, (b) through the Internet or a computer network,  
1 (c) by telephone, or (d) through any other electronic method;

2 (4)(a) Electronic nicotine delivery system means any product or  
3 device containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives that employs  
4 a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic,  
5 chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to simulate  
6 smoking by delivering the nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives in  
7 vapor, fog, mist, gas, or aerosol form to a person inhaling from the  
8 product or device.

9 (b) Electronic nicotine delivery system includes, but is not limited  
10 to, the following:

11 (i) Any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco  
12 derivatives, whether sold separately or sold in combination with a  
13 product or device that is intended to deliver to a person nicotine,  
14 tobacco, or tobacco derivatives in vapor, fog, mist, gas, or aerosol  
15 form;

16 (ii) Any product or device marketed, manufactured, distributed, or  
17 sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo,  
18 electronic pipe, electronic hookah, or similar products, names,  
19 descriptors, or devices; and

20 (iii) Any component, part, or accessory of such a product or device  
21 that is used during operation of the product or device when sold in  
22 combination with any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco  
23 derivatives.

24 (c) Electronic nicotine delivery system does not include the  
25 following:

26 (i) An alternative nicotine product, cigarette, cigar, or other  
27 tobacco product, or any product regulated as a drug or device by the  
28 United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Federal  
29 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

30 (ii) Any component, part, or accessory of such a product or device  
31 that is used during operation of the product or device when not sold in  
1 combination with any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco  
2 derivatives;

3 (5) Self-service display means a retail display that contains a  
4 tobacco product, a tobacco-derived product, an electronic nicotine  
5 delivery system, or an alternative nicotine product and is located in an  
6 area openly accessible to a retailer's customers and from which such  
7 customers can readily access the product without the assistance of a  
8 salesperson. Self-service display does not include a display case that  
9 holds tobacco products, tobacco-derived products, electronic nicotine  
10 delivery systems, or alternative nicotine products behind locked doors;  
11 and

12 (6) Tobacco specialty store means a retail store that (a) derives at  
13 least seventy-five percent of its revenue from tobacco products, tobacco-  
14 derived products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or alternative



15 nicotine products and (b) does not permit persons under the age of  
16 twenty-one years to enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or  
17 legal guardian.

18 Sec. 2. Section 28-1425, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
19 2024, is amended to read:

20 28-1425 Any licensee who shall sell, give, or furnish in any way to  
21 any person under the age of twenty-one years, or who shall willingly  
22 allow to be taken from his or her place of business by any person under  
23 the age of twenty-one years, any cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, cigarette  
24 material, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or alternative nicotine  
25 products is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Any officer, director, or  
26 manager having charge or control, either separately or jointly with  
27 others, of the business of any corporation which violates sections  
28 28-1419, 28-1420 to 28-1429, and 28-1429.03 to 28-1429.07 and sections 4  
29 and 5 of this act, if he or she has knowledge of such violation, shall be  
30 subject to the penalties provided in this section. In addition to the  
31 penalties provided in this section, such licensee shall be subject to the  
1 additional penalty of a revocation and forfeiture of his, her, their, or  
2 its license, at the discretion of the court before whom the complaint for  
3 violation of such sections may be heard. If such license is revoked and  
4 forfeited, all rights under such license shall at once cease and  
5 terminate and a new license shall not be issued until the expiration of  
6 the period provided for in section 28-1429.

7 Sec. 3. Section 28-1429, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
8 2024, is amended to read:

9 28-1429 (1) If a license issued under sections 28-1420 to 28-1429 is  
10 revoked and forfeited as provided in section 28-1425 or section 4 of this  
11 act for a violation of section 28-1429.04, or 28-1429.05, or section 4 of  
12 this act, no new license shall be issued to such licensee until the  
13 expiration of five years after the date of such revocation and  
14 forfeiture.

15 (2) If a license issued under sections 28-1420 to 28-1429 is revoked  
16 and forfeited as provided in section 28-1425 for any other violation of  
17 sections 28-1418 to 28-1429.03, 28-1429.06, and 28-1429.07 and section 5  
18 of this act, no new license shall be issued to such licensee until the  
19 expiration of one year after the date of such revocation and forfeiture  
20 except as otherwise provided in section 28-1423.

21 Sec. 4. (1) No tobacco specialty store shall sell, including by  
22 delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any  
23 consumer in this state any object containing nitrous oxide in any form or  
24 willingly allow such an object to be taken from such store by any person.  
25 A person holding a license for a tobacco specialty store under sections  
26 28-1420 to 28-1429 who violates this subsection shall:

27 (a) Be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor for the first offense;

28 (b) Be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor for any second or subsequent  
29 offense; and

30 (c) Be subject to the additional penalty of revocation and  
31 forfeiture of such license, at the discretion of the court before whom  
1 the complaint for a violation of this subsection may be heard. If such  
2 license is revoked and forfeited, all rights under such license shall at  
3 once cease and terminate and a new license shall not be issued until the  
4 expiration of the period provided for in section 28-1429.

5 (2) All objects containing nitrous oxide that are sold, offered for  
6 sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to  
7 seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of such seizure,  
8 forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the  
9 objects are seized.

10 (3) Any common carrier that knowingly transports any object  
11 containing nitrous oxide in any form for a person who is in violation of  
12 subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

13 (4) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section  
 14 shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive  
 15 Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties  
 16 available for a violation of such act.  
 17 (5) This section does not apply to the following:  
 18 (a) The shipment of an object containing nitrous oxide to a foreign  
 19 trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a et seq., and that is  
 20 located in this state if the products are from outside of this country,  
 21 were ordered by a distributor in another state, and are not distributed  
 22 in this state; or  
 23 (b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the  
 24 employee's official duties.  
 25 Sec. 5. (1) A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute  
 26 an object that is specifically designed for inhaling nitrous oxide for  
 27 recreational purposes or that the person knows will be used to inhale  
 28 nitrous oxide for recreational purposes.  
 29 (2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section shall:  
 30 (a) For the first offense, be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor; and  
 31 (b) For the second and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class  
 1 II misdemeanor.  
 2 (3) All objects containing nitrous oxide that are sold, offered for  
 3 sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to  
 4 seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of such seizure,  
 5 forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the  
 6 objects are seized.  
 7 Sec. 6. Section 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 8 2024, is amended to read:  
 9 59-1523 (1) The cigarette tax division of the Tax Commissioner may,  
 10 after notice and hearing, revoke or suspend for any violation of section  
 11 59-1520 the:  
 12 (a) License or licenses of any person licensed under sections  
 13 28-1418 to 28-1429.07 and sections 4 and 5 of this act or sections  
 14 77-2601 to 77-2622; or  
 15 (b) License or certification of any person licensed or certified  
 16 under the Tobacco Products Tax Act.  
 17 (2) Cigarettes that are acquired, held, owned, possessed,  
 18 transported, sold, or distributed in or imported into this state in  
 19 violation of section 59-1520 are declared to be contraband goods and are  
 20 subject to seizure and forfeiture. Any cigarettes so seized and forfeited  
 21 shall be destroyed. Such cigarettes shall be declared to be contraband  
 22 goods whether the violation of section 59-1520 is knowing or otherwise.  
 23 Sec. 7. Original sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, and  
 24 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources  
 Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025

LB121

LB163

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
 Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025

LB3

Note: LB3 will be a combined hearing with LR24CA

LR24CA

Note: LR24CA will be a combined hearing with LB3

The hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025

LB305

LB391

LB458

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025

LB314

LB117

LB212

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### **PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator McKinney offered Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19.

Pending.

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

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB33:

[AM23](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 4, strike "alcohol," show as stricken, and  
2 insert "one-half of one percent or more alcohol by volume"; and in line 5  
3 strike "spirits, wine, or beer" and show as stricken.

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB432:

[AM28](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. For purposes of sections 1 to 11 of this act:  
4 (1) Department means the Department of Correctional Services;  
5 (2) Director means the Director of Correctional Services;  
6 (3) Legislative firing squad means a firing squad composed of all  
7 members of the Legislature, who shall use firearms to shoot the convicted  
8 person; and

9 (4) Lethal injection means intravenous injection of a substance or  
10 substances in a quantity sufficient to cause death.

11 Sec. 2. Section 83-964, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
12 amended to read:

13 ~~83-964~~ A sentence of death shall be enforced by either lethal  
14 injection or legislative firing squad, with the method to be determined  
15 by the departmentthe intravenous injection of a substance or substances  
16 in a quantity sufficient to cause death. The execution shall be carried  
17 outlethal substance or substances shall be administered in compliance  
18 with an execution protocol created and maintained by the  
19 departmentDepartment of Correctional Services.

20 Sec. 3. Section 83-965, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 ~~83-965~~ (1) A sentence of death shall be enforced by the  
23 ~~directorDirector of Correctional Services.~~ Upon receipt of an execution  
24 warrant, the director shall proceed at the time named in the warrant to  
25 enforce the sentence, unless the director is informed that enforcement of  
26 the sentence has been stayed by competent judicial authority, the  
27 sentence has been commuted, or the conviction has been pardoned.

1 (2) The director shall create, modify, and maintain a written  
2 execution protocol describing the process and procedures by which an  
3 execution will be carried out consistent with this section. The director  
4 shall (a) select the substance or substances to be employed in an  
5 execution by lethal injection, (b) select the equipment, methods, and any  
6 nonlegislative personnel to be employed in an execution by legislative  
7 firing squad, (c) create a documented process for obtaining the necessary  
8 substances or equipment, (d) for executions by lethal injection,(e)  
9 designate an execution team composed of one or more executioners and any  
10 other personnel deemed necessary to effectively and securely conduct an  
11 execution, (e)(d) describe the respective responsibilities of each member  
12 of the execution team, (f)(e) describe the training required of each  
13 member of the execution team, and (g)(f) perform or authorize any other  
14 details deemed necessary and appropriate by the director.

15 (3) For an execution by lethal injection, theThe execution protocol  
16 shall require that the first or only substance injected be capable of  
17 rendering the convicted person unconscious and that a determination  
18 sufficient to reasonably verify that the convicted person is unconscious  
19 be made before the administration of any additional substances, if any.

20 Sec. 4. Section 83-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
21 amended to read:

22 ~~83-966~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

23 (1) Any prescription, preparation, compounding, dispensing,  
24 obtaining, or administration of the substances or equipment deemed  
25 necessary to perform an execution bya lethal injection shall not  
26 constitute the practice of medicine or any other profession relating to  
27 health care which is subject by law to regulation, licensure, or  
28 certification;

29 (2) A pharmacist or pharmaceutical supplier may dispense the  
30 designated substances, without a prescription, to the ~~directorDirector of~~  
31 ~~Correctional Services~~ or the director's designee upon production of a  
1 written request from the director for the designated substances necessary  
2 to conduct an execution;

3 (3) Obtaining, preparing, compounding, dispensing, and administering  
4 the substance or substances designated by the execution protocol does not  
5 violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act or sections 71-2501 to  
6 71-2512; and

7 (4) If a person who is a member of the execution team is licensed by  
8 a board or department, the licensing board or department shall not  
9 censure, reprimand, suspend, revoke, or take any other disciplinary  
10 action against that person's license as a result of that person's  
11 participation in a court-ordered execution.

12 Sec. 5. For an execution by lethal injection, the director may  
 13 designate any person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol  
 14 to administer to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply  
 15 with the execution protocol.  
 16 Sec. 6. Section 83-967, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 17 amended to read:  
 18 ~~83-967 (1) The Director of Correctional Services may designate any~~  
 19 ~~person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol to administer~~  
 20 ~~to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply with the~~  
 21 ~~execution protocol.~~  
 22 Except for the members of a legislative firing squad, the(2) The  
 23 identity of all members of the execution team, and any information  
 24 reasonably calculated to lead to the identity of such members, shall be  
 25 confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to sections 84-712 to  
 26 84-712.09 and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction as  
 27 evidence in any civil proceeding unless extraordinary good cause is shown  
 28 and a protective order is issued by a district court limiting  
 29 dissemination of such information.  
 30 Sec. 7. Section 83-968, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 31 amended to read:  
 1 ~~83-968~~ No death sentence shall be voided or reduced as a result of a  
 2 determination that a method of execution was declared unconstitutional  
 3 under the Constitution of Nebraska or the Constitution of the United  
 4 States. In any case in which an execution method is declared  
 5 unconstitutional, the death sentence shall remain in force until the  
 6 sentence can be lawfully executed by any valid method of execution.  
 7 Sec. 8. Section 83-969, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 8 amended to read:  
 9 ~~83-969~~ When any convicted person is sentenced to death, such  
 10 punishment shall be inflicted at a ~~department~~ Department of Correctional  
 11 Services facility under the supervision of the ~~director~~ Director of  
 12 Correctional Services and in such a manner as to exclude the view of all  
 13 persons except those permitted to be present as provided in sections 9  
 14 and 10 of this act~~83-970 and 83-971.~~  
 15 Sec. 9. Section 83-970, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:  
 17 ~~83-970~~ Besides the ~~director~~ Director of Correctional Services and  
 18 those persons required to be present under the execution protocol, the  
 19 following persons, and no others, except as provided in section 10 of  
 20 this act~~83-971~~, may be present at the execution: (1) The member of the  
 21 clergy in attendance upon the convicted person; (2) no more than three  
 22 persons selected by the convicted person; (3) no more than three persons  
 23 representing the victim or victims of the crime; and (4) such other  
 24 persons, not exceeding six in number, as the director may designate. At  
 25 least two persons designated by the director shall be professional  
 26 members of the Nebraska news media.  
 27 Sec. 10. Section 83-971, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 28 amended to read:  
 29 ~~83-971~~ Whenever the ~~director~~ Director of Correctional Services shall  
 30 deem the presence of a military force necessary to carry into effect the  
 31 provisions of sections 2 and 8 of this act~~83-964 and 83-969~~, he or she  
 1 shall make the fact known to the Governor ~~of the state, who mayis hereby~~  
 2 ~~authorized to~~ call out so much of the military force of the state as in  
 3 his or her judgment may be necessary for the purpose.  
 4 Sec. 11. Section 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 5 amended to read:  
 6 ~~83-972~~ Whenever the ~~director inflicts~~ Director of Correctional  
 7 ~~Services shall inflict~~ the punishment of death upon a convicted person,  
 8 in obedience to the command of the court, he or she shall make return of  
 9 his or her proceedings as soon as may be to the clerk of the court where  
 10 the conviction was had, and the clerk shall subjoin the return to the  
 11 record of conviction and sentence.

12 Sec. 12. Original sections 83-964, 83-965, 83-966, 83-967, 83-968, 13 83-969, 83-970, 83-971, and 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 14 are repealed.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 30.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

WHEREAS, the Shelton High School girls' volleyball team won the 2024 Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship, giving the team its first state title; and

WHEREAS, Shelton defeated the Leyton High School team to win the championship on November 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Shelton girls' volleyball team is coached by Misti Potter; and

WHEREAS, Shelton's victory was a sweep, with Shelton winning each set; and

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

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Shelton High School girls' volleyball team on winning the 2024 Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Shelton volleyball team and to Coach Misti Potter.

Laid over.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Building and Maintenance Committee elected Senator Wordekemper as Vice Chairperson.

### PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Hughes offered the following motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 1:

Strike the last sentence and replace with "Bills introduced under Rule 5, Sec. 3(a) and Rule 5, Sec. 4(c)(3) shall not be included in the limitation. Bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall be included in the limitation.".

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB3.  
Senator Rountree name added to LB12.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB27.  
Senator Prokop name added to LB383.  
Senator Murman name added to LB550.  
Senator Dorn name added to LB550.  
Senator McKeon name added to LB550.  
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB550.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Rountree name withdrawn from LB669.  
Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB689.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Cattlemen YCC; Raúl Torrez, New Mexico Attorney General; Nasha Torrez, Dean of Students at University of New Mexico.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**TWELFTH DAY - JANUARY 24, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWELFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, January 24, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Joshua Jones, Beth-El Community Church, Milford.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dover who was excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, Dungan, Hunt, and Moser who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the eleventh day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB483	General Affairs (rereferred)
LB525	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB526	Revenue
LB527	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB528	Education
LB529	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB530	Judiciary
LB531	Urban Affairs
LB532	Business and Labor

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LB577	Health and Human Services
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LB622	Revenue
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LB625	Education
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LB627	Appropriations
LB628	Revenue
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LB703	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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LB705	General Affairs
LB706	Judiciary
LB707	Revenue
LB708	Education
LB709	Revenue
LB710	Revenue
LB711	Education
LB712	Revenue
LB713	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB714	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB715	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR27CA	Executive Board
LR28CA	Education
LR29	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB258:

AM14

1 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".

[AM15](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "three".

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025

Patrick Bourne - Public Employees Retirement Board

Jacob Curtiss - Public Employees Retirement Board

LB295

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB94

LB297

LB265

LB353

LB320

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**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 January 23, 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

Amack, Angela K.

Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC

Blomstedt, Matthew L.

University of Nebraska

Davis, Jeffrey N.

Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway Company

DeGarmo, Alexander

Alzheimer's Association

Dodge, Wesley

Represent Us Omaha/Nebraska

Eggers, Crista  
     NMM  
 Espinoza, Audra L  
     Center for Rural Affairs  
 Hannon, Bryan  
     Healthcare Distribution Alliance  
 Kelley Plucker, LLC  
     American Staffing Association  
 Kratochvil, Chris  
     University of Nebraska  
 Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
     Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition  
 Melotz, Shawn  
     Papio Valley Preservation Association, Inc.  
 Mueller Robak  
     Millard Roofing and Gutter Company (Withdrawn 01/22/2025)  
     Sugar Creek Capital  
 Nebraska Strategies  
     Philip Morris International  
 Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
     American Kratom Association  
     Nebraska Votes  
 Rubin, Barry R.  
     Omaha Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO  
     Omaha Professional Firefighters Association  
 Simpson, Schmeeka  
     The Malcolm X Memorial Foundation  
 Wogsland, Ben  
     Delta Dental of Nebraska

#### **PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19 and considered on pages 331 and 334.

Senator Hughes renewed her amendment to Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 334.

Senator Hughes withdrew her amendment to Proposed Rule Change 1.

Pending.

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the following appointments to Special Committees:

State-Tribal Relations Committee  
Senator Raybould (Chairperson)  
Senator DeKay (Vice Chairperson)  
Senator Guereca  
Senator Hunt  
Senator Rountree  
Senator Spivey  
Senator Meyer

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Legislative Council, Executive Board

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, Joe Thomas Vosoba, retired lawyer, former state senator, and Czech leader, died January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a founder of the Nebraska Czechs, which sponsored the Wilber Czech Festival; and

WHEREAS, Joe promoted the Czech language and culture through his efforts; and

WHEREAS, Joe volunteered to help the Czech people convert to democracy and learn English after the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia; and

WHEREAS, Joe earned his Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Joe volunteered to serve in the Korean War as an infantryman in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Joe was elected to serve as state senator in 1958 and was reelected in 1960; and

WHEREAS, as a state senator, Joe introduced a constitutional amendment to permit industrial development bonds, helped pass the point system to prevent repeated traffic violations, and fought to keep billboards off the interstate highway.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the friends and family of Joe Thomas Vosoba.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Vosoba.

Laid over.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson



**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB478  
LB33  
LB186  
LB178  
LB113

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

LB274  
LB248  
LB154  
LB374

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025

LB339  
LB304  
LB46  
LB102  
LB192

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

LB104  
LB203  
LB312  
LB257

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**WITHDRAW - Motions to LB213**

Senator Holdcroft withdrew the following motions to LB213:

[MO10](#), found on page 202, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO11](#), found on page 202, to Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO12](#), found on page 202, to Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO13](#), found on page 202, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO14](#), found on page 202, to Recommit to the Education Committee.

[MO15](#), found on page 202, to Indefinitely postpone.

#### **WITHDRAW - Motions to LB512**

Senator Holdcroft withdrew the following motions to [LB512](#):

[MO16](#), found on page 276, to Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO17](#), found on page 276, to Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO18](#), found on page 276, to Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO19](#), found on page 276, to Indefinitely postpone.

[MO20](#), found on page 276, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO21](#), found on page 276, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

#### **PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)**

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19, and considered on pages 331, 334, and in this day's Journal.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting, and 2 excused.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 1.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Riepe	Wordekemper
Ballard	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Bosn	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Brandt	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dover	Moser
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The McKinney motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 1 failed with 16 ayes, 31 nays, and 2 excused not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### **MOTION - Adopt Permanent Rules**

Senator Lippincott moved to adopt the permanent rules for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session and Second Session, and any special sessions held during the 2025-2026 calendar year.

The Lippincott motion to adopt the permanent rules prevailed with 33 ayes, 6 nays, 8 not voting, and 2 excused not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the permanent rules.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the permanent rules failed with 13 ayes, 28 nays, 6 not voting, and 2 excused not voting.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB13:

AM34

1 1. On page 5, line 2, strike "The" and insert "No later than July 1,  
2 2026, the".

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Agriculture  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

LB245

LB394

LB375

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Duane Gangwish - Nebraska Brand Committee

LB646

LB665

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator Kauth announced the Business and Labor Committee will hold an executive session Monday, January 27, 2025, immediately following the hearing in Room 2102.

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

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

Senator Quick name added to LB41.  
Senator Quick name added to LB42.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB52.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB57.  
Senator Prokop name added to LB116.  
Senator Hunt name added to LB151.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB188.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB193.  
Senator DeBoer name added to LB336.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB413.  
Senator Andersen name added to LB550.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB660.  
Senator Holdcroft name added to LR21.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Lillia Cherkasskiy, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**THIRTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 27, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, January 27, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Jacob Richardson, Citylight Mosaic Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Conrad, Dover, Hunt, Lippincott, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twelfth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM48**

1 1. On page 3, line 24, strike "7.4", show as stricken, and insert

2 "791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB538  
LB143  
LB625  
LB390  
LB306

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB698

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB97  
LB114  
LB207  
LB398  
LB543  
LB714

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

LB134  
LB279  
LB343  
LB563  
LB568

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025

LB609  
LB504

LB525  
LB241  
LB602

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

LB315  
LB293  
LB527  
LB168

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB77  
LB467  
LB457  
LB109

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

LB482  
LB338  
LB326  
LB325  
LB232

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

LB474  
LB473  
LB201  
LB591

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB19:

AM46

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 14 through 26 and insert the following  
2 new subsection:  
3 "(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance or home rule  
4 charter to the contrary, commencing with the statewide primary election  
5 in 2028, and every four years thereafter, candidates for elective office  
6 of a city of the metropolitan class shall be nominated at the statewide  
7 primary election and elected at the statewide general election. The terms

8 of office of such elective officers shall commence on the fourth Monday  
 9 after such election, except that the terms of office of such elective  
 10 officers elected at the statewide general election in 2028 shall commence  
 11 on the fourth Monday after the second Monday in May 2029.  
 12 (b) The term of any elective officer of a city of the metropolitan  
 13 class serving a term that commenced on the fourth Monday after the  
 14 general election held in May 2025 shall end on the fourth Monday after  
 15 the second Monday in May 2029, except that any such elective officer may  
 16 file for office as a candidate in 2028 for reelection for the term  
 17 commencing in 2029 as provided in subdivision (2)(a) of this section."

### MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lonowski filed the following motion to LB418:

MO25

Withdraw LB418.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 32.** Introduced by DeKay, 40; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Jack Hoffman, a native Nebraskan, was a beacon of hope, strength, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Jack was diagnosed with a cancerous glioma when he was five years old; and

WHEREAS, Jack inspired millions when he ran for a 69-yard touchdown during the University of Nebraska football spring game at Memorial Stadium in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jack's run helped launch the Team Jack Foundation which has raised more than fourteen million dollars to aid in pediatric brain cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the video of Jack's run has been watched millions of times and won Jack an ESPY for Best Moment in Sports; and

WHEREAS, Jack began his freshman year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the pre-law program in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Jack passed away on January 15, 2025, at the age of nineteen, after a long battle with brain cancer.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Jack Hoffman for his perseverance and strength.



2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Jack Hoffman.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Jack Hoffman.

Laid over.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM17](#)

- 1 1. On page 6, strike lines 16 through 18 and insert the following
- 2 new subdivision:
- 3 "(2)(a) Each member shall serve for terms of five years terminating
- 4 on the last day of February."
- 5 2. On page 10, line 9, after "oath" insert "or affirmation".
- 6 3. On page 29, line 20, after "including" insert ", but not limited
- 7 to," and strike the fourth comma, show as stricken, and insert an
- 8 underscored semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM43](#)

- 1 1. On page 6, line 7, after "that" insert "modifications to"; and in
- 2 lines 8 and 31 after "or" insert "electronic-related".
- 3 2. On page 10, line 5, after "or" insert "electronic-related".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Urban Affairs

Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

LB324

LB441

LB288

LB291

LB292

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

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

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB6.  
Senator Andersen name added to LB6.  
Senator Brandt name added to LB115.  
Senator Dungan name added to LB115.  
Senator DeBoer name added to LB136.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB411.  
Senator Clements name added to LB550.  
Senator Dorn name added to LB569.  
Senator DeKay name added to LB694.  
Senator DeKay name added to LR21.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitor to the Chamber was Eric Storer, Whitman.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 1:14 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sorrentino, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FOURTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 28, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FOURTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Arin Hess, Chaplain and President of Capitol Studies, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hardin.

**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 Senators Bostar, Dover, Hunt, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirteenth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

LB489

LB593

LB413

Room 1023 - 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025

LB459  
LB247  
LB396

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

LB79  
LB132  
LB199  
LB205  
LB341

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025

LB172  
LB371  
LB383  
LB642

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

LB141  
LB368  
LB369  
LB462

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB150  
LB206  
LB322  
LB535  
LB657

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025

LB216  
LB387  
LB612  
LB640

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025  
LB468  
LB608  
LB501  
LB592

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025  
LB670  
LB140  
LB567  
LB31  
LB428

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

## Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

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

Senator Moser filed the following motion to LB714:

MO26

Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on LB714.

**MOTION - Escort Chief Justice**

Senator Clouse moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of delivering the State of the Judiciary Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Hallstrom, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, and Storm to serve on said committee.

**STATE OF THE JUDICIARY**

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

Thank you for inviting me here today to report on the current State of the Judicial Branch, to highlight some of our successes, and to identify future opportunities yet to be acted upon. It is an honor to address this legislative body.

I am joined by my fellow members of the Nebraska Supreme Court. May I introduce, in order of seniority as to years of service on the Court, Justice Lindsey Miller-Lerman of Omaha, Justice William Cassel of O'Neill, Justice Stephanie Stacy of Lincoln, Justice Jonathan Papik of Omaha, and Justice John Freudenberg of Rushville. I would also like to acknowledge soon-to-be Supreme Court Justice Jason Bergevin of Columbus.

I appear before you as the newest Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Though the giving of this address is new to me, seeing the excellent work of the men and women of the Judicial Branch is not. The extraordinary efforts of these dedicated professionals ensure that all Nebraskans have a forum to peacefully resolve disputes.

Many of you I have known for years, and some of you I have met for the first time these last few months. When speaking with you, it is abundantly clear that although the Judiciary and the Legislature are separate branches of

government, we share the common goal of serving Nebraskans to the best of our abilities.

Over the years we have collaborated to find new and innovative ways to administer justice. In doing so the Judicial Branch has expanded its core functions, which has proven to be a benefit to our citizens.

The partnerships and cooperation between our branches are vital to maintain a society where the law is applied fairly, and justice is accessible to all. Some of these partnerships include probation, post-release supervision, problem-solving courts, and public guardianships. Our joint efforts have increased public safety and saved taxpayer dollars.

But as I stand here today, we can all agree that there is more work to be done. Our past accomplishments have built a strong foundation for our future successes. And this legislative session marks the next opportunity for our branches to work together to serve the people of Nebraska.

### **Adult Probation**

Back in 2014 and again in 2021, all three branches of Nebraska's government participated in criminal justice reinvestment efforts. The principal goal of these efforts was to reduce the costly utilization of incarceration. Even though our state's crime rate has decreased, the rate of incarceration has increased. We continue to have one of the most overcrowded prison systems in the United States.

These criminal justice reinvestment efforts identified a need to divert less serious felons from prison and place them on probation. As a result, Probation has been tasked with supervising more people with higher risks to recidivate and higher needs to rehabilitate. Despite this increase in more complex cases, the work of our Adult Probation Office continues to provide excellent results. The recidivism rate for those successfully completing probation is an exceptional 19%.

Today, Adult Probation supervises over 14,000 individuals across Nebraska. Our probation officers are educated and trained in evidence-based practices focused on behavioral change. The success of these strategies requires a high degree of involvement with families, service providers, employers, and community members to ensure accountability for offenders and safety for victims and the public.

We currently operate 17 community reporting centers throughout the state, which provide a central location for a continuum of services. Last year, over 7,000 probationers accessed our reporting centers.

In 2022, Nebraska Probation was selected by a national foundation as one of three innovation sites in the country to work with young people aged 18 to 25, referred to as emerging adults. Our work focuses on redefining strategies to improve outcomes for this age group, as data has shown emerging adults to be the group most likely to re-offend.

This past June, the Supreme Court approved the first-ever strategic plan for Probation. The goals outlined in this plan will ensure that Nebraska Probation remains a national model of proven sentencing alternatives for our courts. Furthermore, Nebraska Probation is cost-effective. The average cost of incarceration in Nebraska is \$41,000 per person per year. The average cost of adult probation is \$3,500 per person per year.

### **Post-Release Supervision**

As part of the 2014 justice reinvestment effort, research showed that Nebraska's felony sentencing system failed to provide adequate supervision of individuals upon their release from incarceration. Accordingly, when this body enacted LB 605 in 2015, it turned to the Judicial Branch and Nebraska Probation to administer post-release supervision. On a daily average, 1,300 individuals are supervised under this program.

Those on post-release supervision must comply with court-ordered conditions, including maintaining employment, participating in behavioral health services, and refraining from criminal activity, all while being intensely supervised by a probation officer. Less than 10% of those under post-release supervision returned to the Department of Correctional Services because of a probation revocation.

There is no doubt that the administration of this program by Probation has prevented future crime and kept thousands of individuals from returning to our prison system—and has done so at a substantially lower cost to taxpayers.

### **Problem-Solving Courts**

Another partnership between our branches is our state's problem-solving courts. To date, adult drug courts have been established in every judicial district. Additionally, our trial court judges have implemented four veteran's treatment courts, two re-entry courts, one young adult court, a mental health court, and a DUI court. Our juvenile court judges have implemented two family treatment courts and a juvenile drug court. Nebraska judges volunteer to preside over these labor-intensive courts, and their role is vital to the success of these programs.

The recidivism rate for those who successfully graduate from a problem-solving court is 24%. There are over 800 participants in these courts, which is nearly an all-time high. However, more Nebraskans can and should be served. To do so we will need your continued commitment to provide additional resources.

The Strategic Plan for Problem-Solving Courts identified the need for growth and expansion. Following the plan, in 2024, the Supreme Court invited judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, treatment providers, and probation staff to participate in a summit to address these



needs. Summit attendees made recommendations to assist with the expansion and growth of problem-solving courts, and they will continue working on these goals in 2025.

### **Juvenile Probation**

Juvenile Probation is yet another example of the collaborative work between our two branches. In 2013, the Legislature shifted full responsibility of juvenile supervision from the Executive Branch to the Judicial Branch. You did so because Nebraska had the country's highest rate -- more than double the national average -- of children being removed from their homes and made wards of the state. Since taking on this additional responsibility, we have cut the rate of out-of-home placement nearly in half.

On any given day in Nebraska, nearly 2,700 youth are on juvenile probation. In executing its duties, Nebraska's Juvenile Probation has become a nationwide leader in juvenile justice, and our results exceed national standards. Our recidivism rate continues to decrease and is now at an all-time low of 17%.

We have achieved these successes despite supervising an increasing number of youth who again have a higher risk to recidivate and higher needs to rehabilitate.

However, juveniles who are responsible for violent offenses remain an area of priority focus. Though this population comprises only 3% of the total juveniles on probation, it requires our full attention. To address this issue, we continually review supervision techniques and services in connection with subject matter experts, including the National Center for State Courts and various universities.

We have also commenced a joint effort with the Department of Health and Human Services. This effort is aimed at transitioning youth out of our Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers and stabilizing them within the community.

The focus on community safety will continue, but it must involve all of us, including the courts and probation, this Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services, schools, law enforcement, service providers, community leaders, and family members.

Our successes in probation, post-release supervision, and problem-solving courts are reducing crime, rebuilding families, increasing workforces, and improving our communities.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the excellent work of our probation administrator, Deb Minardi. At the end of this month, Ms. Minardi will retire after 44 years of dedicated service to Nebraska Probation. Her legacy of being a servant leader, an unparalleled visionary, and an outstanding person will endure well after her retirement. Deb, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, we thank you.

### **Office of the Public Guardian**

Also in 2014, the Legislature enacted the Public Guardianship Act and created the Office of Public Guardian. In doing so, you placed that Office with the Judicial Branch to make certain there would be well-qualified guardians to serve Nebraskans. The Office acts as a guardian of last resort for vulnerable individuals when no one else is available. From the time of its inception, the Office of Public Guardian has been asked to serve over 1,100 Nebraskans and has a current caseload of nearly 400 individuals.

Since the creation of the Office of Public Guardian, you have approved additional funding to hire more associate public guardians, resulting in reduced numbers of those in need. However, there are still too many individuals on a waitlist. I am confident that with your support, the Office of Public Guardian can continue to serve more Nebraskans.

### **Personnel**

The work of the Judicial Branch cannot be completed without our outstanding judges and workforce. Chief Justice Mike Heavican opened each of the past two State of the Judiciary addresses by discussing the dire but improving staffing challenges faced by the Judiciary. The improvement is due in large part to this body's acknowledgment of the need to increase wages.

Besides wage increases, we have partnered with institutions of higher learning to allow students to obtain college credits for participating in our new probation officer training program. This opportunity will help create a pipeline for probation officers who are ready to work on day one.

Along with the successes I have already mentioned, we have had other accomplishments that I would like to share with you, specifically involving access to justice in Nebraska.

### **Access to Justice Commission**

Our Access to Justice Commission identifies barriers to equal access to the courts so that we can determine effective solutions. For example, anecdotal evidence from judges and court staff suggests that self-represented litigants continue to have difficulty navigating the court system and this, in turn, compromises the efficiencies of the courts.

In response, we have developed a pilot project that will establish an in-person self-help center in Douglas County to assist self-represented litigants in filing and processing their cases. Over time, our goal is to expand in-person and virtual self-help access statewide, especially in our rural communities and for our low-income court users.

### **Nebraska Court Improvement Project**

Another example of improving access to justice is Nebraska's Court Improvement Project, which focuses on the needs of children and families involved in the juvenile court system. In 2024 our Court Improvement Project, in partnership with the National Center for State Courts, hosted community engagement sessions in Red Willow and Cheyenne Counties. These groups identified strategies for prevention and intervention and developed action plans for children and families in need of assistance.

### **Language Access**

Over 50 years ago, this Legislature recognized that those unable to communicate in the English language could not fully participate in the legal process without available court interpreters. You enacted legislation for the appointment of interpreters to guarantee that "[a]ll courts shall be open [for] every person." I am pleased to report that the Judicial Branch continues to be successful in realizing that promise. Our Language Access Program plays a critical role to ensure state and federal mandates are met.

Last year, we used interpretation services for over 60 different languages. In addition, we have recruited, trained, and certified court-specific interpreters and have coordinated the appointment of those interpreters across the state. Recently, we began collaborating with foreign consulates to produce videos in our court users' native languages detailing the court process and the role of the interpreter.

### **Hearing Assistance**

We have also expanded the ability for court users who have hearing loss or difficulty hearing to fully participate in court proceedings. As a result of improvements in technology, nearly every courtroom in the state has been equipped with infrared assistive listening devices at no expense to county governments.

The Judicial Branch remains committed to the principle that every individual can fully participate in and avail themselves of judicial services.

### **Technology**

We continue to make advances in technology. Our emphasis has been on security, electronic exhibits, and remote access to court proceedings.

To protect our systems and operations, the Nebraska Judicial Branch has implemented robust cybersecurity measures to reduce risk. Our new Information Security Officer centralizes oversight and provides consistent application of policies and standards.

In the area of electronic court exhibits, we have built the Nebraska Judicial Electronic Exhibit System. It plays a critical role in modernizing courtroom operations by enabling the digital presentation of evidence. The system will

be instrumental in creating more efficient courtroom workflows and more effective evidence retention.

Regarding remote access, our trial court judges have made significant strides in using technology to enable communication, document sharing, and teamwork between courthouses. Our technology improvements have opened virtual courtrooms and have allowed remote hearings which reduce travel needs and provide greater scheduling flexibility – and this, in turn, improves access to justice.

### **Current Needs** **JUSTICE 2.0**

However, even with a well-connected and highly trained staff, the successes of the Judicial Branch are impaired by our inefficient and outdated case management system, referred to as JUSTICE. That system was implemented in 1994 -- the same year Ben Nelson was Nebraska's Governor, and the Cornhuskers won a national championship in football. We can no longer operate in the past.

To address this archaic infrastructure, we have begun a comprehensive review of our current system's architecture, workflows, and user needs. This review is supported by a \$1.7 million grant, which will assist us in determining how to design and build JUSTICE 2.0. The modernized system will enable judges, attorneys, and court staff to be more efficient and effective. But to make the plan a reality, we must have the financial support of this legislative branch.

### **Behavioral Health Funding**

Another area of concern, which is largely outside the purview of the Judiciary, is the availability of behavioral health services. Substance use disorders or mental health issues put many Nebraskans in direct contact with the Judicial Branch, particularly by way of criminal charges, guardianships, and the abuse and neglect of children. The lack of treatment options means that our citizens are not getting the care they need, which reduces their chances of stability and recovery.

In 2024, over 6,000 probationers accessed Probation's financial assistance programs for behavioral health services. However, our behavioral health partners continue to report a significant shortage of available providers, and reimbursement rates are not keeping pace with the cost of delivering those services.

These issues negatively impact judges' sentencing options and the work of Probation, post-release supervision, problem-solving courts, and the Office of Public Guardian—the very work you have asked us to do. Our branches must prioritize behavioral health services.

**Additional Considerations**

Lastly, in 2022, this body supported our efforts to make Nebraska's Judicial Branch a competitive employer in the job market. In doing so, you agreed that salary increases were necessary to recruit and retain quality personnel. However, you asked us to use our existing funds to pay the salary increases, and no new funds were appropriated.

We also sought funding in 2023 to increase the rate of pay for our interpreters, to add an adult drug court for Platte County and a veteran's treatment court for Sarpy County, and to hire three additional IT staff members to improve cybersecurity and cloud-based management. Those efforts were supported by this body by increasing our personnel spending limits. But again, you asked us to implement these efforts using existing funds, and no new funds were appropriated.

We have done what you have asked. The existing funds we relied upon will soon be exhausted, and we will be unable to support these advancements. Therefore, it is essential that the Judicial Branch receive adequate funding for the next biennium to sustain the progress we have made.

**Conclusion**

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to you, the members of the Legislature, for your support of the Judicial Branch. Over the years, I have seen the positive impact of the work of this body, from approving funds that enable us to maintain and improve court and probation operations across the state, to passing legislation so that our laws remain responsive to the needs of our citizens.

Your dedication directly strengthens the foundation of our system of justice. I look forward to working together with you.

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB645:

MO27

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO28

Recommit to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

MO29

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

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

Josh Hohensee - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Edward Jarrett - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Robert Knapp - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

#### Health and Human Services

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

Thomas Janousek Director - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Drew D Gonshorowski Director - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker Arch announced the Health and Human Services Committee will conduct its hearing on January 30, 2025, in Room 1023, and the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

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

Visitors to the Chamber were members from the Nebraska Bankers Association Leadership Class; Tim Anderson and Laura Tomaka, CSG; Dan Coke, Lincoln; Stephen Gealy and Julie Shipman-Burns from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation; Honorable John Gerrard, Ken Hartman, and Liz Neeley from the Nebraska State Bar Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**FIFTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 29, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FIFTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Jesse Randolph, Indian Hills Community Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

**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 Senators Bostar, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fourteenth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

Brian Christensen - Nebraska Investment Council  
LB179  
LB461

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
LB164  
LB47  
LB536  
LB278

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025  
LB198  
LB533  
LB158

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
LB111  
LB40  
LB39

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025  
LB410  
LB639  
LB715

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025  
LB686  
LB687  
LB204

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

LB183  
LB529  
LB345  
LB445

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025

LB19  
LB74  
LB32

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

LB89

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 33.** Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that its approach to biannual time changes is antiquated, and causes disruptions and negative impacts to individual health and business productivity; and

WHEREAS, common-sense reforms to modernize the approach that are sensible, fair, and practical are necessary and desired by a wide majority of Nebraskans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, the present options available to the states under the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 can create uncertainty and result in a patchwork approach that is confusing and unworkable; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the United States Senate voted unanimously in support of the Sunshine Protection Act, which would have made daylight saving time the permanent standard time; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has publicly called for an end to daylight saving time; and

WHEREAS, pending legislation on this topic will be before the United States Congress which would accomplish comprehensive reform.

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

1. That the Legislature recommends that the Nebraska Congressional delegation take affirmative action to reform the present approach to daylight saving time.

2. That such reform should advance Nebraska's commitment to enhancing individual and family health, growing economic productivity, protecting agriculture, advancing Nebraska's public safety goals, and ensuring national uniformity.

3. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation.

Laid over.

#### **SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR33 was referred to the Reference Committee.

#### **MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB418**

Senator Lonowski offered [MO25](#), found on page 352, to withdraw LB418.

The Lonowski motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

#### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Moser offered [MO26](#), found on page 358, to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on LB714.

The Moser motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025  
LB714 (cancel)

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM58](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 5, after "residences" insert "(a)" and after the  
2 underscored comma insert "(b)"; in line 6 after the underscored comma  
3 insert "(c)"; and in line 8 after "or" insert "(d)".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM12](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 71-7455 (1) A wholesale drug distributor engaged in the wholesale  
6 distribution of prescription drugs in this state shall establish and  
7 maintain accurate records of all transactions regarding the receipt and  
8 distribution or other disposition of prescription drugs as provided in  
9 this section.  
10 (2) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
11 to require that all prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution  
12 chain be accompanied by a paper or electronic pedigree as provided in  
13 section 71-7456. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted and  
14 promulgated no later than July 1, 2007.  
15 (3) A wholesale drug distributor engaged in the wholesale  
16 distribution of prescription drugs as part of the Prescription Drug  
17 Donation Program Act shall not be required to maintain a paper or  
18 electronic pedigree pursuant to section 71-7456.  
19 (4)(3) The department shall develop standards and requirements for  
20 electronic pedigrees in order to effectively authenticate, track, and

21 trace prescription drugs. Prior to the development of such standards and  
 22 requirements, the department shall consult with the federal Food and Drug  
 23 Administration, manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, pharmacies,  
 24 and other interested parties regarding the feasibility and the ways,  
 25 means, and practicality of requiring that all prescription drugs that  
 26 leave the normal distribution chain be accompanied by an electronic  
 27 pedigree. The standards and requirements may prescribe the information  
 1 required to be included as part of the electronic pedigree. Such  
 2 standards and requirements shall be developed no later than July 1, 2008.  
 3 All prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution chain shall not  
 4 be required to be accompanied solely by an electronic pedigree prior to  
 5 such date.  
 6 ~~(5)~~(4) A retail pharmacy or chain pharmacy warehouse shall comply  
 7 with the requirements of this section only if the pharmacy or chain  
 8 pharmacy warehouse engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription  
 9 drugs in this state.  
 10 ~~(6)~~(5) A wholesale drug distributor, other than the original  
 11 manufacturer of the finished form of the prescription drug, shall verify  
 12 all transactions listed on the pedigree before attempting to further  
 13 distribute such drug.  
 14 ~~(7)~~(a) The department may receive prescription drugs and supplies  
 15 directly under the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act and dispense  
 16 such prescription drugs and supplies through licensed personnel during,  
 17 or in preparation for, a state of emergency declared by the Governor.  
 18 ~~(b) The department may receive and distribute prescription drugs and~~  
 19 ~~supplies to any individual who is impacted as a result of a state of~~  
 20 ~~emergency declared by the Governor.~~  
 21 Sec. 2. Original section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 22 Nebraska, is repealed.  
 23 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed  
 24 and approved according to law.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

#### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue  
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025  
 LB509

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Legislative Performance Audit Committee has selected Senator Dorn as  
 Chairperson, and Senator Jacobson as Vice Chairperson.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Title read. Considered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[AM69](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 2, strike "recovering" and insert "establishing"

2 the rates or fees necessary to fully cover"; and after line 3 insert the  
3 following new subsection:  
4 "(3) An owner-generator shall notify the local distribution utility  
5 of such owner-generator's intent to install an agricultural self-  
6 generation facility."

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM48](#), found on page 349, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

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

Senator Wordekemper name added to LB173.

Senator Conrad name added to LB569.

Senator Raybould name added to LB626.

Senator McKeon name added to LR21.

Senator Lonowski name added to LR21.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Leadership Scotts Bluff, Scottsbluff and Gering.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. James Watson, Papillion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:13 a.m., on a motion by Senator Lippincott, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**SIXTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 30, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SIXTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 30, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Shawn Kitzing, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Staplehurst.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

**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 Conrad who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifteenth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 34.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Walter "Walt" Horner Radcliffe, lobbyist and political commentator, passed away on December 26, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Walt was born September 11, 1947, to Wesley and Zora Radcliffe in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Walt graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law with a Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Walt was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, Lincoln Bar Association, Nebraska Golf Association, The Nebraska Club Board of Directors, and Hillcrest Country Club Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Walt began service in the Nebraska Legislature as a legislative page in 1969. He later served as Assistant Clerk to the Legislature, Counsel to the Speaker, Counsel to the Judiciary Committee, and Counsel to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walt registered as a lobbyist in 1977 and founded Nebraska's oldest lobbying and governmental relations law firm; and

WHEREAS, Walt represented the interests of countless Nebraskans in the Legislature and made a lasting mark on Nebraska statutes and the Constitution of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the friends and family of Walter Horner Radcliffe.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Walter Radcliffe.

Laid over.

#### REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB105	Natural Resources (rereferred)
LR33	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Josh Hohensee

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Armendariz McKinney

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar Conrad Dover Hansen Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Edward Jarrett

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 3:

Armendariz   McKinney   von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar   Conrad   Dover   Hansen   Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Robert Knapp

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Armendariz   McKinney   Raybould   von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar          Conrad          Dover          Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services  
Thomas Janousek

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Juarez	Riepe
Guereca	McKinney	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad          Dover          Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 367:

Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services  
Drew D Gonshorowski

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M.    Guereca    Spivey

Present and not voting, 9:

Bostar	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Riepe	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad          Dover          Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM30

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following new  
2 subdivision:  
3 "(2) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and  
4 loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, whether  
5 chartered by the United States, the department, or a foreign state  
6 agency; any other similar organization which is covered by federal  
7 deposit insurance; a trust company; or a digital asset depository that is  
8 not a digital asset depository institution."  
9 2. On page 2, lines 5, 20, and 31; page 3, lines 1, 3, 7, 10, 13,  
10 and 15; page 5, lines 20, 24, 25, 29, and 30; page 6, lines 3, 14, 19,  
11 20, and 24; page 7, lines 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 23, 27, 29, and 30; page 8,  
12 lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28; page 9, lines  
13 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, and 26; and page 10, lines  
14 1, 4, and 6, strike each occurrence of "bank" and insert "financial  
15 institution".  
16 3. On page 7, line 3; and page 8, line 3, strike "bank's" and insert  
17 "financial institution's".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

## General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Placed on General File.

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

James S Brummer - State Electrical Board

Nathan Michael Lon Francis - State Electrical Board

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

## Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM13](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "automatic" and insert "automated".

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

Daryl Bohac Director - Nebraska State Historical Society

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Lee Will Director - Department of Administrative Services

Aye: 7. Andersen, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. Cavanaugh, J..

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

Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB68

LB64

LB252

LB253

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB280

LB60

LB635

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 35.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Softball Championships were held from October 16 through October 21, 2024, at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings, Nebraska, and at Connie Claussen Field at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska; and



WHEREAS, the Gretna High School Dragons softball team competed in the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons roared to an 8-0 six-inning victory over the Millard North Mustangs to win the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Gretna's Alexis Jensen struck out fifteen batters, walked none, allowed just two singles in six scoreless innings of pitching, and blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field wall, ending the game in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons dug in and endeavored relentlessly to win this championship after finishing as runner-up to Omaha Marian in 2022 and being beat out by Millard North for a spot in the championship game in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this championship is the first Class A State Softball Championship for the Dragons; and

WHEREAS, with the championship victory, the Dragons secured a 38-0 overall record and became the second Class A softball program to post a perfect season and just the third Class A softball team ever to be undefeated in a season; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Gretna High School Dragons softball team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A State Softball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Gretna High School Dragons softball team and head coach Bill Heard.

Laid over.

## GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM17](#), found on page 353, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM43](#), found on page 353, was offered.

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

Senator DeKay withdraw [AM11](#), found on page 320.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Title read. Considered.

#### **ARCH PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

David Nelson - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee  
Shawn Eatherton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
Candice Batton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025  
LB650

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Speaker Arch announced the Revenue Committee will conduct its hearing Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1510.

The Judiciary Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1507.

The Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

The Health and Human Services Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1023.

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

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

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB81.  
Senator Ballard name added to LB108.  
Senator Quick name added to LB138.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB144.  
Senator Andersen name added to LR21.

**VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dan Rosenquist, Columbus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**SEVENTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 31, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SEVENTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, January 31, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Juan Carlos Huertas, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ibach.

**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 Senators Bosn and Raybould who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixteenth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB112

LB225

LB490

LB191

LB449

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

LB4

LB311

LB347

LB18

LB666

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**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 January 30, 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

Amack, Angela K.

Heartland Strategy Group, LLC

American Communications Group, Inc.

Lighthouse Autism Center

Baird Holm LLP

Holistic Alternative Recovery Trust

Christensen, Alicia

Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha

Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.

ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING

City of Grand Island

Veteran Benefits Guide

Keener, Chris

U.S. Term Limits

Kelley Plucker, LLC

Millard Roofing

Kirk, Melanie

Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition

Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC

Nebraska Defense Counsel Association

Roblox

Lindsay Harr MacDonald

Intralot

Lyons, Liz

Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC  
Mallett, Rochelle  
Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC  
Mollard, Elizabeth  
Nebraska Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives  
Mueller Robak  
Gainwell Holding Corp.  
NAR Solutions, Inc.  
Nebraska Strategies  
Federation for Responsible Development  
Tesla, Inc.  
Peetz & Company  
Jasper Stone Partners LLC  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
Blackshirt Feeders LP  
Southard, Mike  
Amplify Education, Inc.  
Taylor, Kaitlin  
Nebraska Corn Growers Association  
Vaughan, Dustin  
Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Title read. Considered.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to LB144:

[AM103](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section"
- 2 in line 3 and show as stricken; in line 12 strike "promotion"; and in
- 3 line 25 after the period insert "If two or more preference eligibles are
- 4 being considered for the position, the veterans preference shall be
- 5 applied equally to all such preference eligibles.".
- 6 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "as" in line 27 through
- 7 "section" in line 28.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB95

LB181

LB668

LB217

LB481



Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025

LB512

This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Revenue

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

LB650 (cancel)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

LB389

LB709

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Education

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

Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Aye: 8. Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders.

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 36.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, February is recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated as Black History Month across the country; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in the history of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was originally established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observation, and later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have contributed significantly to the cultural, social, economic, and political fabric of our state by navigating historic and systemic inequities to drive progress and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the history for racial equity and justice, honor the resilience of Black communities, and commit to creating a more abundant and equitable future.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes February 2025 as Black History Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time this month to celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of Black Americans and their contributions to the United States of America and Nebraska.

Laid over.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1524.

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

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

Senator Bosn name added to LB15.

Senator Rountree name added to LB108.

Senator Sanders name added to LB266.

Senator Sanders name added to LB294.

Senator Brandt name added to LB381.

Senator Juarez name added to LB676.

Senator Juarez name added to LR21.

#### **WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB665.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students and parents from Community Home School, Gretna; delegation of Red Cross officials from Iowa and Indonesia; Connie McKeon, Ravenna; Teresa McKeon Hendrickson, Kearney.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**EIGHTEENTH DAY - FEBRUARY 3, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****EIGHTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, February 3, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Stephen Hilgendorf, St. Barnabas Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, and DeBoer who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the seventeenth day was approved.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB595	Natural Resources (rereferred)

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

## Nebraska Retirement Systems

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

Patrick Bourne - Public Employees Retirement Board

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Jacob Curtiss - Public Employees Retirement Board

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB303

LB500

LB597

LB498

LB161

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor

Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB75

LB45

LB402

LB299

LB363

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Urban Affairs  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

LB90  
LB450  
LB287  
LB514

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Agriculture  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

LB246  
LB658

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

LB540  
LB476  
LB638  
LB502

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Dawn Caldwell - State Fair Board

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 37.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Arch, 14; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Fredrickson, 20; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro announced that the United States Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class Guided Missile Destroyer has been named the USS Robert Kerrey; and

WHEREAS, Del Toro honors Joseph Robert Kerrey, the former United States Senator, Nebraska Governor, and naval officer, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism displayed during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Robert Kerrey was born August 27, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey entered the navy in 1966 and was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam as a platoon officer with Delta Platoon, SEAL Team 1 in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey was leading his team on a mission to capture Viet Cong political leaders when a grenade exploded at Kerrey's feet, severely injuring his right leg; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey continued directing his team despite his injuries and secured an enemy camp; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey served as the thirty-fifth Governor of Nebraska and as a United States Senator from Nebraska from 1989 through 2001.

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

1. That the Legislature honors and thanks Joseph Robert Kerrey for his service and dedication to Nebraska and the United States.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph Robert Kerrey.

Laid over.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR32 was adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR32.

### **MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 383:

State Electrical Board

James S Brummer

Nathan Michael Lon Francis

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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



Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Dover          McKinney      Raybould      Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar          DeBoer          Juarez          Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 383:

Nebraska State Historical Society  
Daryl Bohac

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.      Dover          McKinney      Raybould

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar          DeBoer          Juarez          Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 383:

Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission  
Michael R Gloor

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

McKinney

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
DeBoer	Dungan	Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 384:

Department of Administrative Services  
Lee Will

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:

Recommit the nomination of Lee Will to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 12 nays, and 13 not voting.

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 12 ayes, 29 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	von Gillern
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Wordekemper
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	
Bostar	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Raybould	Spivey

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Dungan	Guereca	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Dover	Juarez	Riepe	Storer	Strommen
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The appointment was confirmed with 31 ayes, 6 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 384:

State Personnel Board  
Kevin Workman

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.	McKinney	Spivey	von Gillern
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Excused and not voting, 5:

Dover          Juarez          Riepe          Storer          Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 26, 30, and 31 were adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 26, 30, and 31.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB357:

AM120

1 1. On page 24, line 31, strike "2-1208" and insert "2-1208.01".

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Executive Board  
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB366

LB364

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

LB298

LB579

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LR7CA

LR25CA

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LR27CA

LR19CA

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
LB228  
LB190

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025  
LB634  
LB220

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025  
LB221  
LB356

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB272.  
Senator Clements name added to LB285.  
Senator Prokop name added to LB342.  
Senator Dungan name added to LB425.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Hannah, Maria, John, Joseph, Isaac, and Edmund Hilgendorf, Omaha; students representing Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board; youth with the Connected Youth Initiative, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Strommen, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**NINETEENTH DAY - FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**NINETEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Dale Alder, Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Kauth.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Dover, Hunt, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the eighteenth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

LB408

LB598

LB589

LB653

LB507

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Appropriations  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

LB260

LB261

LB262

LB263

LB264

Note: Budget Bills Scheduled at this time for official record purposes.  
Testimony on the overall budget is appropriate, However testimony on specific issues and/or agencies should be presented at the date scheduled for the relevant agency.

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

Agency 40 - Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, Nebraska

Agency 63 - Public Accountancy, Nebraska Board of

Agency 41 - State Real Estate Commission

Agency 53 - Real Property Appraiser Board

Agency 58 - Board of Engineers and Architects

Agency 59 - Board of Geologists

Agency 66 - Abstracters Board of Examiners

Agency 73 - Landscape Architects, State Board of

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

Agency 7 - Governor

Agency 8 - Lieutenant Governor

Agency 9 - Secretary of State

Agency 10 - Auditor of Public Accounts

Agency 11 - Attorney General

Agency 87 - Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

Agency 18 - Agriculture, Department of

Agency 39 - Brand Committee, Nebraska

Agency 56 - Wheat Board, Nebraska

Agency 60 - Ethanol Board, Nebraska

Agency 61 - Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska

Agency 86 - Dry Bean Commission

Agency 88 - Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board

Agency 89 - Hemp Commission

Agency 92 - Grain Sorghum Board, Nebraska

Agency 95 - Dry Pea & Lentil Commission



LB654  
Agency 52 - State Fair Board

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

January 23, 2025

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 Tourism Commission:

Rachel Kreikemeier, 1017 Frontier Rd, Beatrice, NE 68310, District 3  
Josh Moenning, 1202 W Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701, District 6  
Paul Younes, 6 21st Avenue Place, Kearney, NE 68845, District 8  
David Fudge, 921 Otoe Trail, North Platte, NE 69101, District 9  
David Wolf, 40747 CR 26, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, District 11  
Courtney Dentlinger, 1309 N 30th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701, Chamber of  
Commerce

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

January 23, 2025

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 Tourism Commission:

Robert Sabin, 7818 Shirley Street, Omaha, NE 68124, District 1

Roger Kuhn, 28512 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, District 4

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

January 23, 2025

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 the Nebraska State Fair Board:

Anna Castner Wightman, 5204 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68132, 2nd 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

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Considered.

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

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Quick
DeBoer	Prokop	Raybould

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Juarez
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The motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer
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Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar            Juarez

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 12 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER2](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 11, after the first comma insert "certificates of  
2 authorization, fees, enrollment of geologist-interns, reciprocity,  
3 temporary permits,".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER1](#)

1 1. On page 9, line 29, after "[repair](#)" insert an underscored comma.  
2 2. On page 13, line 24, strike "subdivision", show as stricken, and  
3 insert "[subdivisions](#)".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to [LB66](#):

[AM52](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to [LB229](#):

[AM112](#)

1 1. On page 12, strike beginning with the period in line 23 through  
2 "[compensation](#)" in line 26.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB664

LB565

LB29

LB472

Room 2102 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025

LB403

LB560

LB346

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB526

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 38.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Football Championship was held on November 25, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars football team competed for the Class D-1 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars defeated the Stanton Mustangs football team 44 to 42, earning the program its first state football championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars completed a perfect season with a record of 13-0; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Creek quarterback Ethan Shaw was named the Class D-1 Player of the Year; 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 Sandy Creek Cougars football team and its coach on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Football Championship.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Ethan Shaw for being named Class D-1 Player of the Year.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Sandy Creek Cougars football team, Coach Andrew Kuta, and Ethan Shaw.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB468.

Senator Lippincott name added to LB468.

Senator Bosn name added to LB468.

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB468.

Senator Spivey name added to LB701.

Senator Prokop name added to LR20CA.

Senator Hallstrom name added to LR21.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Dave and Nancy Allder, Lincoln; student officer leaders representing DECA, Educators Rising, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA; members from American Physical Therapist Association-Nebraska Chapter; Tyler Wright, Omaha; students from Friedel Academy Jewish Day School, Omaha; members of Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:10 p.m., on a motion by Senator Andersen, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**TWENTIETH DAY - FEBRUARY 5, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****TWENTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Deacon Brian Thomas, Saint Columbkille Catholic Church, Papillion.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Juarez and Meyer who were excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Hansen, Hunt, Murman, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING****CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the nineteenth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Dorn filed the following motion to LB577:

[MO30](#)

Withdraw LB577.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025

LB692  
LB355  
LB384

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Appropriations  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

Agency 12 - State Treasurer  
LB451  
LB624

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Agency 50 - Nebraska State College System  
Agency 51 - University of Nebraska System  
LB11  
LB307  
LB460  
LB678  
LB627

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Agency 19 - Banking, Department of  
Agency 22 - Insurance, Department of  
Agency 37 - Workers' Compensation Court  
Agency 77 - Industrial Relations, Commission of  
Agency 74 - Power Review Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Agency 13 - Education, Department of  
Agency 48 - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
Agency 83 - Community College Aid  
LB173



Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

Agency 14 - Public Service Commission

Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal

Agency 30 - Electrical Board, State

Agency 57 - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska

Agency 81 - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

Agency 24 - Motor Vehicles, Department of

Agency 27 - Transportation, Department of

Agency 33 - Game and Parks Commission

LB491

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of

Agency 31 - Military Department

Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska

Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of

LB25

LB62

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Agency 54 - Historical Society, Nebraska State

Agency 69 - Arts Council, Nebraska

Agency 91 - Nebraska Tourism Commission

Agency 72 - Economic Development, Department of

LB254

LB88

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Agency 67 - Equal Opportunity Commission

Agency 68 - Latino-American Commission

Agency 76 - Indian Commission, Nebraska

Agency 82 - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Agency 90 - African American Affairs Commission

Agency 97 - Asian-American Affairs, Commission On

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM12](#), found on page 373, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Title read. Considered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:

[AM140](#)

1 1. On page 42, line 1, reinstate the stricken matter.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Title read. Considered.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB504](#):

[FA16](#)

Strike the comma after "Alone" on page 2, line 31.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB38](#):

[AM141](#)

1 1. On page 4, line 30, strike the new matter and insert an

2 underscored period and strike "and" and show as stricken.

3 2. On page 9, line 11, strike "the board for"; and in line 12 after

4 "roster" insert "from the board".  
 5 3. On page 11, strike lines 8 through 10 and show as stricken.  
 6 4. On page 16, line 7, strike "sections 81-3539 and", show the old  
 7 matter as stricken, and insert "section"; in line 8 strike "sections 32  
 8 to 40" and insert "section 38"; in line 13, strike the first comma and  
 9 insert "or" and strike the second comma; in line 24 strike "81-3539 or"  
 10 and show the old matter as stricken; strike beginning with the second  
 11 occurrence of "or" in line 24 through "40" in line 25 and insert "section  
 12 38"; in line 28 strike "81-3539 or" and show the old matter as stricken;  
 13 and strike beginning with the second occurrence of "or" in line 28  
 14 through "40" in line 29 and insert "section 38".  
 15 5. On page 17, line 31, after "charges" insert "and" and strike  
 16 "with" and show as stricken.  
 17 6. On page 18, line 1, after "hearing" insert "to be delivered to  
 18 the accused"; in line 2 strike "of the charges"; in line 10, strike the  
 19 first comma, show as stricken, and insert "or" and strike the second  
 20 comma, show as stricken, and insert "a license"; and in line 16, strike  
 21 "section 81-3539" and insert "sections 34 to 37 of this act".  
 22 7. On page 21, line 31, strike "(1)(a)" and insert "(1)".  
 23 8. On page 22, line 2, strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 5  
 24 strike "(ii)" and insert "(b)"; and in line 7 strike "(iii)" and insert  
 25 "(c)".  
 26 9. On page 26, line 22, strike "licensure" and insert "a temporary  
 27 permit".  
 1 10. On page 27, strike beginning with "The" in line 22 through line  
 2 25 and show the old matter as stricken; and in line 31 strike beginning  
 3 with "grading" through "the" and insert "examination procedure, grading  
 4 procedure, acceptable examination grade requirement, or other examination  
 5 or grading guideline of the".

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Business and Labor  
 Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB477

LB415

LB397

LB573

LB258

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

General Affairs  
 Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB9

LB125

LB285

LB688

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 39.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, John Cook was born April 19, 1956, in Chula Vista, California; and

WHEREAS, John Cook became the head coach of the University of Nebraska volleyball team in 2000 and led the team to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I championship in his first year. He then led the Nebraska volleyball team to championship titles in 2006, 2015, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Cook was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Coach of the Year in 2000, 2005, and 2023, and conference coach of the year seven times across Nebraska's participation in the Big 12 and Big Ten Conferences, received the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award in 2008, and was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, while John Cook was head coach, Nebraska volleyball produced five Olympians, three American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Players of the Year, seventy-two American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans of the Year, twenty-five Academic All-Americans, and ten conference players of the year; and

WHEREAS, John Cook and the Nebraska Cornhuskers hosted the Omaha Mavericks at Memorial Stadium for Volleyball Day in Nebraska, where the official attendance was 92,003, the highest ever attendance at Memorial Stadium and the world record for attendance at any women's sporting event; and

WHEREAS, John Cook announced his retirement on January 29, 2025, after having served as head coach for twenty-five years.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates John Cook on his many accomplishments over his outstanding career.
2. That the Legislature thanks John Cook for his contributions to the State of Nebraska.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to John Cook.

Laid over.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM30](#), found on page 382, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Holdcroft offered [AM120](#), found on page 404.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM13](#), found on page 383, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM58](#), found on page 373, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM102

1 1. On page 6, line 30, after "children" insert "six months of age  
2 or"; strike beginning with "than" in line 30 through "age" in line 31;  
3 and in line 31 strike "or the Children's Health Insurance Program".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM62

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 71-502.03 (1) ~~Subject to subsection (2) of this section, every~~Every  
6 physician, or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics, who  
7 is attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her  
8 pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery shall take, or  
9 ~~shall direct an authorized person to take, cause to be taken~~ a sample of  
10 the blood of such woman at the time of the first examination, ~~third~~  
11 trimester examination, and birth and shall submit such sample to an  
12 approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. Every  
13 other person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the state, but  
14 not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall ~~direct~~cause such a  
15 sample of the blood of such pregnant women to be taken by a physician,  
16 duly licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or obstetrics, or  
17 other person authorized by law to take such sample of blood and have such  
18 sample submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard serological  
19 test for syphilis.  
20 (2) ~~Each pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and~~  
21 ~~understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by~~  
22 ~~law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be~~  
23 ~~declined verbally or in writing.~~  
24 (3) The results of all such laboratory tests shall be reported to  
25 the Department of Health and Human Services on standard forms prescribed  
26 and furnished by the department. For the purpose of this section, a  
27 standard serological test shall be a test for syphilis approved by the  
1 department and shall be made at a laboratory approved to make such tests  
2 by the department. Such laboratory tests, as are required by this  
3 section, shall be made on request at the Department of Health and Human  
4 Services Laboratory. A fee may be established by rule and regulation by  
5 the department to defray no more than the actual cost of such tests. Such  
6 fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Health  
7 and Human Services Cash Fund. In reporting every birth and stillbirth,  
8 physicians and others required to make such reports shall state on the  
9 portion of the certificate entitled For Medical and Health Use Only  
10 whether a blood test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen of blood  
11 taken from the woman who bore the child for which a birth or stillbirth  
12 certificate is filed and the approximate date when the specimen was  
13 taken. No birth certificate shall show the result of such test. If no  
14 test was made, the reason shall be stated. The department shall provide  
15 the necessary clerical, printing, and other expenses in carrying out this  
16 section.

17 ~~(4)(a) Subject to subdivision (4)(b) of this section, every~~(2) Every  
 18 physician or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics who is  
 19 attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her  
 20 pregnancy during the period of gestation shall administer or cause to be  
 21 administered a test of the pregnant woman's blood for the presence of the  
 22 human immunodeficiency virus infection ~~unless the pregnant woman has~~  
 23 ~~given written informed consent that she does not want to be tested.~~  
 24 (b) The pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and  
 25 understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by  
 26 law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be  
 27 declined verbally or in writing.  
 28 Sec. 2. Original section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 29 Nebraska, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM124](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "third" and insert "fourth".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

LB376

LB516

LB332

LB382

LB281

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

LB554

LB676

LB436

LB569

LB570

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

LB655

LB515

LB555

LB697

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Appropriations  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

Agency 25 - Health and Human Services

LB348

LB359

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

LB146

LB54

LB55

LB57

LB188

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

Agency 3 - Legislative Council

Agency 16 - Revenue, Department of

Agency 34 - Library Commission, Nebraska

LB130

LB392

LB393

LB623

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

Agency 23 - Labor, Department of

Agency 32 - Educational Lands and Funds, Board of

Agency 62 - Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for

Agency 75 - Investment Council, Nebraska

Agency 85 - Public Employees Retirement Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

Agency 46 - Correctional Services, Department of

Agency 64 - State Patrol, Nebraska

Agency 94 - Public Advocacy, Commission on



Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025

Agency 45 - Barber Examiners, Board of  
Agency 70 - Foster Care Review Board, State  
LB284  
LB452  
LB505  
LB581  
LB621

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Agency 29 - Natural Resources, Department of  
Agency 84 - Environmental Quality, Department of  
LB673  
LB674  
LB86  
LB580

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Agency 5 - Supreme Court  
Agency 15 - Parole, Nebraska Board of  
Agency 78 - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal  
Justice  
LB15

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Agency 35 - Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska  
Agency 36 - Racing Commission, Nebraska State  
Agency 93 - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB309  
LB590  
LB105

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 city of Lincoln removed the stop sign at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound traffic; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln changed the flow of traffic on Fourteenth Street between Lincoln Mall and K Street from one-way to two-way; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the stop sign has created an unsafe pedestrian crossing outside of the West entrance to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students visit the State Capitol every year and frequently use the West entrance; and

WHEREAS, the parking spots on Fourteenth Street have caused a blind spot for pedestrians and for drivers on Lincoln Mall who wish to turn either north or south onto Fourteenth Street; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol receives a large number of visitors who are unfamiliar with the dangerous traffic pattern at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission have been unable to reach an agreement to place stop signs on the northbound and southbound corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall.

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

1. That the Legislature calls on the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission to place stop signs on the corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound and southbound traffic.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission.

Laid over.

**SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR40 was referred to the Reference Committee.

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

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB42.

Senator McKeon name added to LB468.

Senator Kauth name added to LB468.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dungan, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**TWENTY-FIRST DAY - FEBRUARY 6, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWENTY-FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, February 6, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor John Schnell, Encounter Life Church, Mead.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twentieth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

## Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM148

1 1. On page 7, line 8, strike "director on an annual" and insert  
2 "department on a quarterly"; and strike lines 18 and 19 and insert the  
3 following new subdivision:  
4 "(iii) Confirmation of a stop-loss insurance policy that provides  
5 coverage in excess of the health benefit plan's retention of one hundred  
6 twenty-five percent of the health benefit plan's expected health claims  
7 costs as determined on an aggregate basis listing the professional  
8 employer organization as a named insured. A policy issued to satisfy the  
9 requirements of this subdivision (8)(b)(iii) shall be evidenced in a  
10 binder or policy by an insurer licensed to transact the business of  
11 insurance in this state and contain a provision that the coverage shall  
12 not be terminated by the insurer unless the professional employer  
13 organization and the Commissioner of Labor receive a written notice of  
14 termination from the insurer at least thirty days before the effective  
15 date of the termination; and".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM137

1 1. Strike original section 8.  
2 2. On page 3, line 17, after the period insert "The tax established  
3 by this section shall not apply to a premium received during calendar  
4 year 2025 that is attributable to an individual contract or policy held  
5 by an entity not offering that contract or policy in calendar year  
6 2026".  
7 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
8 accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM157

1 1. Strike original sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and  
2 22 and insert the following new section:  
3 Sec. 13. Section 29-817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 29-817 Sections 29-812 to 29-821 do not modify any act inconsistent  
6 with it relating to search warrants, their issuance, and the execution of  
7 search warrants and acts relating to disposition of seized property in  
8 circumstances for which special provision is made. The term property is  
9 used in sections 29-812 to 29-821 to include documents, books, papers,  
10 and any other tangible objects, and controllable electronic records as  
11 defined in section 8-3003. Nothing in sections 29-812 to 29-821 shall be  
12 construed as restricting or in any way affecting the constitutional right  
13 of any officer to make reasonable searches and seizures as an incident to  
14 a lawful arrest nor to restrict or in any way affect reasonable searches  
15 and seizures authorized or consented to by the person being searched or  
16 in charge of the premises being searched, or in any other manner or way  
17 authorized or permitted to be made under the Constitution of the United  
18 States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.  
19 All search warrants shall be issued with all practicable secrecy and  
20 the complaint, affidavit, or testimony upon which it is based shall not  
21 be filed with the clerk of the court or made public in any way until the

22 warrant is executed. Whoever discloses, prior to its execution, that a  
 23 warrant has been applied for or issued, except so far as may be necessary  
 24 to its execution, shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor, or he or  
 25 she may be punished as for a criminal contempt of court.  
 26 2. On page 2, strike lines 15 through 18 and insert the following  
 27 new subdivision:  
 1 "(4) Controllable electronic record has the same meaning as in  
 2 section 8-3003;"; and in line 29 after "person" insert ". or a third  
 3 party acting on behalf of another person,".  
 4 3. On page 3, line 18, strike "thirty" and insert "fourteen"; and in  
 5 lines 19 and 23 strike "thirty-day" and insert "fourteen-day".  
 6 4. On page 4, strike beginning with "pursuant" in line 1 through  
 7 "Act" in line 2 and insert "under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act  
 8 pursuant to section 8-2725"; and strike lines 3 through 18 and insert the  
 9 following new subsections:  
 10 "(2) A controllable electronic record kiosk operator shall report  
 11 each controllable electronic record kiosk as an authorized delegate under  
 12 the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act pursuant to section 8-2730.  
 13 (3) In addition to the required reporting of authorized delegates  
 14 pursuant to section 8-2730, each controllable electronic record kiosk  
 15 operator shall submit to the department within forty-five days after the  
 16 end of each calendar quarter a list of all associated controllable  
 17 electronic record addresses utilized by each controllable electronic  
 18 record kiosk, on a form as prescribed by the department."  
 19 5. On page 6, line 28; and page 9, line 19, strike "five thousand"  
 20 and insert "ten thousand five hundred".  
 21 6. On page 10, line 7, strike "and regulatory agencies"; and strike  
 22 lines 25 through 28 and insert the following new subsection:  
 23 "(3) The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney  
 24 General shall release model notice language. Entities listed in  
 25 subsection (2) of this section may use the model notice or a notice  
 26 substantially in the same form to comply with such subsection."  
 27 7. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 28 accordingly.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary  
 Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

LB219  
 LB585  
 LB327  
 LB488  
 LB404

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

LB17  
 LB469  
 LB506

LB587

LB267

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

LB412

LB340

LB388

LB513

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

LB601

LB215

LB226

LB704

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LB493

LB360

LB416

LB137

LB422

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

LB475

LB684

LB530

LB519

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

LB443

LB518

LB464

LB559

LB127

LB271



Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

LB641  
LB385  
LB453  
LB499  
LB669  
LB53

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

LB578  
LB103  
LB159  
LB606  
LB511

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

LB556  
LB584  
LB407  
LB694  
LB470

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

LB155  
LB539  
LB448  
LB44

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

LB620  
LB56  
LB273  
LB66  
LB545

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

LB73  
LB301  
LB222  
LB276  
LB277

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

LB329  
LB12  
LB156  
LB236

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025

LB395  
LB466  
LB492  
LB706  
LB700

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, March 28, 2025

LB350  
LB351  
LB386  
LB616  
LB600

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

January 24, 2025

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 Game and Parks Commission-District 6-Republican:

Kurt Arganbright, 808 Desirae Drive-PO Box 117, Valentine, NE 69201, 6th  
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

January 30, 2025

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 Power Review Board:

Chuck Hutchison, 13904 Rahn Blvd, Bellevue, NE 68123, Engineer

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

January 30, 2025

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 Educational Lands and Funds:

Duane Kime, 36323 N Falls Road, Mullen, NE 69152, District 4

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

January 30, 2025

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 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

Steve Mattoon, 907 Jackson Street, Sidney, NE 69162, Oil and Gas  
Production Experience

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

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

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB118:

AM179

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 38-2866.01 (1) A pharmacist may supervise any combination of
- 6 pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns at any time up to a total of
- 7 ~~four~~three people.
- 8 (2) A pharmacist intern shall be supervised at all times while
- 9 performing the functions of a pharmacist intern which may include all
- 10 aspects of the practice of pharmacy unless otherwise restricted. This
- 11 ~~subsection~~section does not apply to a pharmacist intern who is receiving
- 12 experiential training directed by the accredited pharmacy program in
- 13 which he or she is enrolled.
- 14 (3) For any pharmacist supervising four pharmacy technicians or
- 15 pharmacy interns, at least one person shall be a certified pharmacy

16 technician pursuant to section 38-2890.

17 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative

18 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

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

Senator Rountree filed the following motion to LB574:

MO31

Withdraw LB574.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR34 was adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR34.

### **EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 10:19 a.m. until 10:33 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB182:

AM106

1 1. On page 3, after line 20 insert the following new subdivision:

2 "(6) Pass-through entity means (a) a partnership, (b) a limited

3 liability company, or (c) a corporation having an election in effect

4 under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;" in

5 line 21 strike "(6)", show as stricken, and insert "(7)"; and in line 26

6 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.

7 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "A" in line 6 through the period

8 in line 8, show as stricken, and insert "An owner shall be allowed a

9 nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that (a) the project

10 for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project and (b) tax

11 credits are available."; and strike lines 22 through 31, show as

12 stricken, and insert the following new subsection:

13 "(3) If the owner of the qualified project is a pass-through entity,

14 the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit shall be allocated among some  
 15 or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the owner of the  
 16 qualified project. Any pass-through entity that receives an allocation of  
 17 the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit, either from the owner of the  
 18 qualified project or from another pass-through entity, may (a) further  
 19 allocate the tax credit among some or all of the partners, members, or  
 20 shareholders, or (b) transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the  
 21 tax credit to a taxpayer. A pass-through entity may allocate the tax  
 22 credit in any manner agreed to by its partners, members, or shareholders.  
 23 A partner, member, or shareholder allocated a tax credit must have been  
 24 admitted as a partner or member, or have acquired his or her shares, on  
 25 or prior to February 15 of the year in which the tax return, or amended  
 26 return, claiming the tax credit is filed. A partner, member, or  
 27 shareholder of a pass-through entity may transfer, sell, or assign all or  
 1 part of his or her ownership interest, including his or her interest in  
 2 the tax credits authorized in this section. A taxpayer may transfer,  
 3 sell, or assign all or a portion of the tax credit to another taxpayer. A  
 4 taxpayer must have received a transfer or assignment of a tax credit  
 5 prior to the date a tax return, or amended return, claiming the tax  
 6 credit is filed. For any tax year in which a credit is allocated,  
 7 transferred, sold, or assigned pursuant to this subsection, the pass-  
 8 through entity allocating the tax credit, or taxpayer transferring,  
 9 selling, or assigning the tax credit, as applicable, shall notify the  
 10 Department of Revenue of the allocation, transfer, sale, or assignment  
 11 and provide the tax identification number of the allocatee or transferee  
 12 at least thirty days prior to the taxpayer claiming the tax credit. The  
 13 notification shall be in the manner prescribed by the department."  
 14 3. On page 5, strike lines 1 through 10 and show the old matter as  
 15 stricken.  
 16 4. On page 6, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following  
 17 new subsection:  
 18 "(2) The changes made in sections 77-2502, 77-2503, and 77-2506 by  
 19 this legislative bill shall apply to taxable years beginning or deemed to  
 20 begin on or after January 1, 2024."

#### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources  
 Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025  
 LB317  
 LB344

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

#### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025, in Room 1524 instead of Room 2102.

#### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were physicians, residents, and student members of the Nebraska Medical Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Marlon Weiss, Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 10:35 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**TWENTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 7, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****TWENTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 7, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-first day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Brandon Jones - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Jeffrey D Grady - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Trevor Roth - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

James Saville - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aaron Krebs - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Note: Rescheduled from 01-27-25

LB667

LB561

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**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 February 6, 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

Andersen, Matt

Lincoln Electric System

Behrens, Mark A.

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company

CP Strategies LLC

Satoshi Action Fund

Edwards Westerhold Moore

Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Woodsonia Real Estate Inc

Eickholt, Christopher/Spike

Immersed Games

Forbes, Meagan

Institute for Justice

JOSH PRUETT SERVICES, LLC

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO OUTLETS INC

Lindsay Harr MacDonald

American Legal Finance Association

Independent Payroll Providers Association c/o National Strategies, LLC

Western Union  
Mueller Robak  
DailyPay, LLC  
DirecTV, LLC  
Nebraska Strategies  
CoinFlip  
Hausmann Construction  
ShiftKey, LLC  
Underdog Fantasy  
Pomerantz, Mike  
DoorDash, Inc.  
Schweska, Patrick  
Amazon.com Services LLC (Withdrawn 01/31/2025)  
Shellnutt, Tonya  
ADF Action  
Sitorius, Michelle  
Pando PEO  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Black Hills Energy  
Economic Development Council of Buffalo County, Inc.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 41.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, the County Official of the Year is awarded to any elected or appointed county official currently holding office that has modeled leadership by example and has contributed to county government and local community activities both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Mark Schoenrock was nominated and received the County Official of the Year at the business meeting on December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mark led the effort to establish the Jefferson County Diversion and School Attendance programs, saving Jefferson County taxpayers thousands of dollars yearly in jail and legal costs; and

WHEREAS, Mark showcased his leadership and dedication to his position by spearheading multiple efforts to eradicate methamphetamine from the county, revising the county's personnel policies to retain a quality and connected workforce, improving veteran's services, optimizing county support services, upgrading cybersecurity efforts, and focusing on a new county website; and

WHEREAS, Mark's consistent coordination with the Nebraska Legislature, his focus on the importance of county government, and his dedication to making Jefferson County a better county has earned him well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the 2023 County Official of the Year Mark Schoenrock for his dedication to Jefferson County.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mark Schoenrock.

Laid over.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB577**

Senator Dorn offered [MO30](#), found on page 416, to withdraw LB577.

The Dorn motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB574**

Senator Rountree offered [MO31](#), found on page 437, to withdraw LB574.

The Rountree motion to withdraw prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 393:

Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges  
 Connie Edmond  
 Robert Engles

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	McKinney
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:

Public Employees Retirement Board  
Patrick Bourne

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

DeBoer      McKinney      Raybould      Riepe

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:

Public Employees Retirement Board  
Jacob Curtiss

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Holdcroft	McKinney	Raybould	Riepe	Rountree
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Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### **AM54**

1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "two" and insert "five"; and in line  
2 16 strike "five hundred".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB462:  
AM74 is available in the Bill Room.

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM192](#)

1 1. On page 6, lines 11 and 12, strike the new matter and reinstate  
2 the stricken matter.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM197](#)

1 1. Strike sections 4 and 5.  
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
3 accordingly.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storer
Arch	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Ballard	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Riepe	
Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	
DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Moser

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Clements	Hansen	McKinney
Cavanaugh, J.	Clouse	Hardin	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Jacobson	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** [ER2](#), found on page 412, was offered.

ER2 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM141](#), found on page 418.

#### **PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.



Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 15:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Holdcroft	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Hunt	Raybould	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Senator von Gillern offered the Bostar amendment, [AM106](#), found on page 437.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Meyer
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Hunt	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez	Spivey
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Placed on General File with amendment.**AM169**

- 1 1. On page 3, line 29, strike "or"; in line 30 after the semicolon
- 2 insert "or"; and after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:
- 3 "(d) A streaming service that provides only licensed media in a
- 4 continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user
- 5 and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder
- 6 by agreement to its terms of service;"
- 7 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 18 through line 31
- 8 and insert the following new subsection:
- 9 "(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
- 10 a covered online service shall exercise reasonable care in the creation
- 11 and implementation of any covered design feature to prevent and mitigate
- 12 the following harms to minors:
- 13 (a) Consistent with evidence-informed medical information, the
- 14 following mental health disorders: Anxiety, depression, eating disorders,
- 15 substance use disorders, and suicidal behaviors;
- 16 (b) Patterns of use that indicate or encourage compulsive usages by
- 17 minors;
- 18 (c) Physical violence, cyber bullying, and discriminatory harassment
- 19 of a minor;
- 20 (d) Sexual exploitation and abuse of minors;
- 21 (e) Harms caused by the promotion and marketing of narcotic drugs,
- 22 tobacco products, gambling, or alcohol; and
- 23 (f) Financial or other harms caused by predatory, unfair, or
- 24 deceptive marketing practices."
- 25 3. On page 8, strike line 1.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB500:**AM123**

- 1 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "twenty-one" and insert "twenty-three";
- 2 strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following new subsections:
- 3 "(g) One school board member and one school administrator each
- 4 representing a Class I school district;
- 5 (h) One school board member and one school administrator each
- 6 representing a Class II school district;
- 7 (i) One school board member and one school administrator each
- 8 representing a Class III school district;" in line 22 strike "(i)" and
- 9 insert "(j)"; in line 28 strike "(j)" and insert "(k)"; and in line 30
- 10 strike "(k)" and insert "(l)".
- 11 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "(k)" and insert "(l)"; in line 14
- 12 strike "four" and insert "six"; and strike "and (h)" and insert "through

13 (i)".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB597:  
AM183

1 1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new section:  
2 Section 1. Section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:  
4 77-3442 (1) Property tax levies for the support of local governments  
5 for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1998, shall be limited to  
6 the amounts set forth in this section except as provided in section  
7 77-3444.  
8 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (2)(b) and (2)(e) of this  
9 section, school districts and multiple-district school systems may levy a  
10 maximum levy of:  
11 (i) Through fiscal year 2024-25, one dollar and five cents per one  
12 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy;  
13 and-  
14 (ii) For fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
15 ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
16 property subject to the levy.  
17 (b) For each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, learning  
18 communities may levy a maximum levy for the general fund budgets of  
19 member school districts of ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of  
20 taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The proceeds from the  
21 levy pursuant to this subdivision shall be distributed pursuant to  
22 section 79-1073.  
23 (c) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e) of this section, for  
24 each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, school districts that are  
25 members of learning communities may levy for purposes of such districts'  
26 general fund budget and special building funds a maximum combined levy of  
27 the difference of one dollar and five cents on each one hundred dollars  
28 of taxable property subject to the levy minus the learning community levy  
29 pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of this section for such learning  
30 community.  
31 (d) Excluded from the limitations in subdivisions (2)(a) and (2)(c)  
32 of this section are (i) amounts levied to pay for current and future sums  
33 agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in  
34 exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to  
35 September 1, 2017, (ii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at  
36 the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay  
37 for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for  
38 certificated teachers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 79-8,142 that  
39 are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d)  
40 of this section, (iii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at  
41 the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay  
42 for seventy-five percent of the current and future sums agreed to be paid  
43 to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of  
44 employment occurring between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, as a  
45 result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on  
46 September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion  
47 pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (iv) amounts levied by a  
48 school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)  
49 (a) of this section to pay for fifty percent of the current and future  
50 sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a  
51 voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2018,  
52 and August 31, 2019, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in  
53 force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in  
54 an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (v) amounts  
55 levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to  
56 subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for twenty-five percent of the

30 current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in  
31 exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between  
1 September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, as a result of a collective-  
2 bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are  
3 not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of  
4 this section, (vi) amounts levied in compliance with sections 79-10,110  
5 and 79-10,110.02, and (vii) amounts levied to pay for special building  
6 funds and sinking funds established for projects commenced prior to April  
7 1, 1996, for construction, expansion, or alteration of school district  
8 buildings. For purposes of this subsection, commenced means any action  
9 taken by the school board on the record which commits the board to expend  
10 district funds in planning, constructing, or carrying out the project.  
11 (e) Federal aid school districts may exceed the maximum levy  
12 prescribed by subdivision (2)(a) or (2)(c) of this section only to the  
13 extent necessary to qualify to receive federal aid pursuant to Title VIII  
14 of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001. For  
15 purposes of this subdivision, federal aid school district means any  
16 school district which receives ten percent or more of the revenue for its  
17 general fund budget from federal government sources pursuant to Title  
18 VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001.  
19 (f) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum  
20 levy of one-half cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable property  
21 subject to the levy for elementary learning center facility leases, for  
22 remodeling of leased elementary learning center facilities, and for up to  
23 fifty percent of the estimated cost for focus school or program capital  
24 projects approved by the learning community coordinating council pursuant  
25 to section 79-2111.  
26 (g) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum  
27 levy of one and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable  
28 property subject to the levy for early childhood education programs for  
29 children in poverty, for elementary learning center employees, for  
30 contracts with other entities or individuals who are not employees of the  
31 learning community for elementary learning center programs and services,  
1 and for pilot projects, except that no more than ten percent of such levy  
2 may be used for elementary learning center employees.  
3 (3) For each fiscal year through fiscal year 2023-24, community  
4 college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)(a) through  
5 (c) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such  
6 subdivisions. For fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter,  
7 community college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)  
8 (a) and (b) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such  
9 subdivisions. A community college area may exceed the levy provided in  
10 subdivision (2)(a) of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to generate  
11 sufficient revenue as described in section 85-1543 or 85-2238. A  
12 community college area may exceed the levy provided in subdivision (2)(b)  
13 of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to retire general obligation  
14 bonds assumed by the community college area or issued pursuant to section  
15 85-1515 according to the terms of such bonds or for any obligation  
16 pursuant to section 85-1535 entered into prior to January 1, 1997.  
17 (4)(a) Natural resources districts may levy a maximum levy of four  
18 and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
19 property subject to the levy.  
20 (b) Natural resources districts shall also have the power and  
21 authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their  
22 restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water  
23 management activities and integrated management activities under the  
24 Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their  
25 restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water  
26 management activities and integrated management activities for FY2003-04,  
27 not to exceed one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation

28 annually on all of the taxable property within the district.

29 (c) In addition, natural resources districts located in a river  
30 basin, subbasin, or reach that has been determined to be fully  
31 appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or designated as overappropriated  
1 pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources shall  
2 also have the power and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar  
3 amount by which their restricted funds budgeted to administer and  
4 implement ground water management activities and integrated management  
5 activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act  
6 exceed their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground  
7 water management activities and integrated management activities for  
8 FY2005-06, not to exceed three cents on each one hundred dollars of  
9 taxable valuation on all of the taxable property within the district for  
10 fiscal year 2006-07 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year  
11 2017-18.

12 (5) Any educational service unit authorized to levy a property tax  
13 pursuant to section 79-1225 may levy a maximum levy of one and one-half  
14 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
15 the levy.

16 (6)(a) Incorporated cities and villages which are not within the  
17 boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of forty-five  
18 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
19 the levy plus an additional five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable  
20 valuation to provide financing for the municipality's share of revenue  
21 required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the  
22 Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum  
23 levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library  
24 pursuant to section 51-201, museum pursuant to section 51-501, visiting  
25 community nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to  
26 section 71-1637, or statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section  
27 80-202.

28 (b) Incorporated cities and villages which are within the boundaries  
29 of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of ninety cents per one  
30 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The  
31 maximum levy shall include amounts paid to a municipal county for county  
1 services, amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to  
2 section 51-201, a museum pursuant to section 51-501, a visiting community  
3 nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to section  
4 71-1637, or a statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.  
5 (7) Sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence  
6 for more than five years may levy a maximum levy of forty cents per one  
7 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy, and  
8 sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for five  
9 years or less shall not have a maximum levy. Unconsolidated sanitary and  
10 improvement districts which have been in existence for more than five  
11 years and are located in a municipal county may levy a maximum of eighty-  
12 five cents per hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject  
13 to the levy.

14 (8) Counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of fifty cents per  
15 one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy,  
16 except that five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
17 property subject to the levy may only be levied to provide financing for  
18 the county's share of revenue required under an agreement or agreements  
19 executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public  
20 Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums  
21 to support a library pursuant to section 51-201 or museum pursuant to  
22 section 51-501. The county may allocate up to fifteen cents of its  
23 authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of  
24 property tax authority under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 and not  
25 specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law

26 which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of  
27 taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property. The county  
28 may allocate to one or more other political subdivisions subject to  
29 allocation of property tax authority by the county under subsection (1)  
30 of section 77-3443 some or all of the county's five cents per one hundred  
31 dollars of valuation authorized for support of an agreement or agreements  
1 to be levied by the political subdivision for the purpose of supporting  
2 that political subdivision's share of revenue required under an agreement  
3 or agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the  
4 Joint Public Agency Act. If an allocation by a county would cause another  
5 county to exceed its levy authority under this section, the second county  
6 may exceed the levy authority in order to levy the amount allocated.  
7 (9) Municipal counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of one  
8 dollar per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject  
9 to the levy. The municipal county may allocate levy authority to any  
10 political subdivision or entity subject to allocation under section  
11 77-3443.  
12 (10) Beginning July 1, 2016, rural and suburban fire protection  
13 districts may levy a maximum levy of ten and one-half cents per one  
14 hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy if  
15 (a) such district is located in a county that had a levy pursuant to  
16 subsection (8) of this section in the previous year of at least forty  
17 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
18 the levy or (b) such district had a levy request pursuant to section  
19 77-3443 in any of the three previous years and the county board of the  
20 county in which the greatest portion of the valuation of such district is  
21 located did not authorize any levy authority to such district in such  
22 year.  
23 (11) A regional metropolitan transit authority may levy a maximum  
24 levy of ten cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of  
25 property subject to the levy for each fiscal year that commences on the  
26 January 1 that follows the effective date of the conversion of the  
27 transit authority established under the Transit Authority Law into the  
28 regional metropolitan transit authority.  
29 (12) Property tax levies (a) for judgments, except judgments or  
30 orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a  
31 political subdivision which require or obligate a political subdivision  
1 to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not paid by  
2 liability insurance coverage of a political subdivision, (b) for  
3 preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to July 1, 1998, (c)  
4 for bonds as defined in section 10-134 approved according to law and  
5 secured by a levy on property except as provided in section 44-4317 for  
6 bonded indebtedness issued by educational service units and school  
7 districts, (d) for payments by a public airport to retire interest-free  
8 loans from the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of  
9 Transportation in lieu of bonded indebtedness at a lower cost to the  
10 public airport, and (e) to pay for cancer benefits provided on or after  
11 January 1, 2022, pursuant to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act are not  
12 included in the levy limits established by this section.  
13 (13) The limitations on tax levies provided in this section are to  
14 include all other general or special levies provided by law.  
15 Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the only exceptions to the  
16 limits in this section are those provided by or authorized by sections  
17 77-3442 to 77-3444.  
18 (14) Tax levies in excess of the limitations in this section shall  
19 be considered unauthorized levies under section 77-1606 unless approved  
20 under section 77-3444.  
21 (15) For purposes of sections 77-3442 to 77-3444, political  
22 subdivision means a political subdivision of this state and a county  
23 agricultural society.

24 (16) For school districts that file a binding resolution on or  
25 before May 9, 2008, with the county assessors, county clerks, and county  
26 treasurers for all counties in which the school district has territory  
27 pursuant to subsection (7) of section 79-458, if the combined levies,  
28 except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of the  
29 school district and levies for the refinancing of such bonded  
30 indebtedness, are in excess of the greater of (a) one dollar and twenty  
31 cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to  
1 the levy or (b) the maximum levy authorized by a vote pursuant to section  
2 77-3444, all school district levies, except levies for bonded  
3 indebtedness approved by the voters of the school district and levies for  
4 the refinancing of such bonded indebtedness, shall be considered  
5 unauthorized levies under section 77-1606.  
6 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
7 accordingly.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

LB380  
LB381  
LB610  
LB365  
LB603

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LB379  
LB656  
LB486  
LB463  
LB446

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

LB454  
LB255  
LB275  
LB553

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Hardin offered [AM179](#), found on page 436.



Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA17](#)

In AM179, on page 1, line 15, strike "pharmacy" and insert "pharmacist".

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

The Hardin amendment, AM179, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to [LB160](#):

[AM189](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM124)

1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:

2 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

3 sections:

4 Section 1. Section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

5 is amended to read:

6 71-216.01 (1) An applicant who fails to pass the barber examination

7 may take the examination a second time when the examination is offered by

8 the board without being required to take any further course of study. If

9 an applicant fails the examination a second time, the applicant shall be

10 required to complete a further course of study in barbering, consisting

11 of five hundred hours with not more than ten hours completed in any one

12 working day in a school of barbering prior to further examination.

13 (2) An applicant may be given an opportunity to demonstrate

14 proficiency to waive the remainder of the course of study after

15 completion of two hundred fifty hours with the approval of the board. If

16 such applicant fails the examination after being given such opportunity,

17 the applicant shall complete the remaining two hundred fifty hours before

18 such applicant shall be permitted to take the examination a fourth time.

19 A graduate from a school of barbering who fails to pass a

20 satisfactory examination may take the examination next time that the

21 examination is given by the Board of Barber Examiners without being

22 required to take any further course of study. Should the applicant fail

23 the examination a second time, the applicant shall be required to

24 complete a further course of study of not less than five hundred hours to

25 be completed within three months of not more than ten hours in any one

26 working day in a school of barbering approved by the Board of Barber

~~1 Examiners before the applicant may be permitted to take the examination a~~  
~~2 third time.~~  
3 Sec. 2. Original section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
4 Nebraska, is repealed.

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

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

Senator Prokop name added to LB421.  
Senator Dorn name added to LB468.  
Senator Andersen name added to LB468.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB485.  
Senator Murman name added to LB561.  
Senator Lonowski name added to LB693.  
Senator Clouse name added to LB693.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Sandy Creek High School, Fairfield; Trippe Bracco, Edgar; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; students and teacher from Bryan High School, Omaha; students with Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association; Keston Rubek, Creighton.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Snowleopard Tyler, Omaha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**TWENTY-THIRD DAY - FEBRUARY 10, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWENTY-THIRD DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, February 10, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Daniel Potts, Christ Lincoln, Lincoln.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Guereca, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-second day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM75**

- 1 1. On page 6, line 17, after "time" insert "without the imposition  
2 of any conditions or consequences"; strike lines 18 through 19; in line  
3 20 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)"; in line 22 strike "(iv)" and insert  
4 "(iii)"; and in line 26 strike "(v)" and insert "(iv)".
- 5 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "that" in line 16 through  
6 "consent" in line 17.
- 7 3. On page 9, strike beginning with "that" in line 10 through  
8 "consent" in line 11.
- 9 4. On page 12, line 8, after "time" insert "without the imposition  
10 of any conditions or consequences"; strike lines 9 through 10; in line 11  
11 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)"; in line 13 strike "(iv)" and insert

12 "(iii)"; and in line 17 strike "(v)" and insert "(iv)".  
 13 5. On page 13, strike beginning with "that" in line 7 through  
 14 "consent" in line 8.  
 15 6. On page 15, strike beginning with "that" in line 1 through  
 16 "consent" in line 2.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM135

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 4 2024, is amended to read:  
 5 28-470 (1) A health professional who is authorized to prescribe or  
 6 dispense an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~, if acting with  
 7 reasonable care, may prescribe, administer, or dispense such  
 8 ~~medicationnaloxone~~ to any of the following persons without being subject  
 9 to administrative action or criminal prosecution:  
 10 (a) A person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to  
 11 experience an opioid-related overdose; or  
 12 (b) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist  
 13 a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an  
 14 opioid-related overdose.  
 15 (2) A family member, friend, or any other person, including school  
 16 personnel, who is in a position to assist a person who is apparently  
 17 experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose,  
 18 other than an emergency responder or peace officer, is not subject to  
 19 actions under the Uniform Credentialing Act, administrative action, or  
 20 criminal prosecution if the person, acting in good faith;  
 21 (a) Obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~obtains naloxone~~  
 22 from a health professional, pursuant to or a prescription, or over the  
 23 ~~counter; for naloxone from a health professional and~~  
 24 (b) Administers such medication~~administers the naloxone obtained~~  
 25 ~~from the health professional or acquired pursuant to the prescription to~~  
 26 a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.  
 27 (3) An emergency responder who, acting in good faith, obtains an  
 1 opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the emergency  
 2 responder's emergency medical service organization and administers such  
 3 ~~medicationthe naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an  
 4 opioid-related overdose shall not be:  
 5 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or  
 6 (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a  
 7 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in  
 8 the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out  
 9 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical  
 10 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an  
 11 opioid-related overdose, unless the emergency responder caused damage or  
 12 injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of  
 13 commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability  
 14 of such emergency medical service organization for the emergency  
 15 responder's acts of commission or omission.  
 16 (4) A peace officer or law enforcement employee who, acting in good  
 17 faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the  
 18 peace officer's or employee's law enforcement agency and administers such  
 19 ~~medicationthe naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an  
 20 opioid-related overdose shall not be:  
 21 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or  
 22 (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a  
 23 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in  
 24 the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out  
 25 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical

26 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an  
 27 opioid-related overdose, unless the peace officer or employee caused  
 28 damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act  
 29 of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the  
 30 liability of such law enforcement agency for the peace officer's or  
 31 employee's acts of commission or omission.  
 1 (5) For purposes of this section:  
 2 (a) Administer has the same meaning as in section 38-2806;  
 3 (b) Dispense has the same meaning as in section 38-2817;  
 4 (c) Emergency responder means an emergency medical responder, an  
 5 emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician,  
 6 or a paramedic licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act  
 7 or practicing pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;  
 8 (d) Health professional means a physician, physician assistant,  
 9 nurse practitioner, or pharmacist licensed under the Uniform  
 10 Credentialing Act;  
 11 (e) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town  
 12 marshal, the office of sheriff, or the Nebraska State Patrol;  
 13 (f) Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement  
 14 agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such  
 15 contractor who regularly, as part of his or her duties, handles,  
 16 processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or  
 17 property which may include or contain opioids;  
 18 (g) Opioid overdose reversal medication means any lifesaving  
 19 medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for  
 20 reversing an opioid overdose, whether obtained by prescription, from a  
 21 health care practitioner, or over the counter, and includes, but is not  
 22 limited to, naloxone and nalmefene ~~Naloxone means naloxone hydrochloride;~~  
 23 and  
 24 (h) Peace officer has the same meaning as in section 49-801.  
 25 Sec. 2. Original section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 26 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM176**

1 1. On page 2, line 13, strike "thirty-five" and insert "forty".  
 2 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "and" in line 17 through "mail"  
 3 in line 19.  
 4 3. On page 5, strike beginning with "who" in line 2 through  
 5 "43-2101" in line 3 and insert "under nineteen years of age"; and strike  
 6 lines 9 through 17.

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

Jeff Bucher - Nebraska Board of Parole

Aye: 7. Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm. Nay:  
 1. McKinney. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM77](#)

1 1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. Section 76-3702, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 76-3702 For purposes of the Foreign-owned Real Estate National  
5 Security Act:

6 (1) Foreign corporation means a corporation incorporated under the  
7 laws of a jurisdiction outside of the United States that would be a  
8 business corporation if incorporated under the laws of this state. A  
9 corporation incorporated in any state, territory, or Indian tribe of the  
10 United States is not a foreign corporation;

11 (2) Foreign government means a government other than the federal  
12 government of the United States, the government of any territory or  
13 possession of the United States, or the government of any state,  
14 political subdivision of a state, or Indian tribe;

15 (3) Indian tribe means an Indian tribe or band which is located in  
16 whole or in part within Nebraska and which is recognized by federal law  
17 or formally acknowledged by the state;

18 (4)(4) Nonresident alien means any human beingperson who:

19 (a) Is not a citizen of the United States;

20 (b) Is not a national of the United States;

21 (c) Is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States; and

22 (d) Has not been physically present in the United States for at  
23 least one hundred eighty-three days during a three-year period that  
24 includes the current year and the two years immediately preceding the  
25 current year; and

26 (5) Person means a human being, corporation, business trust, estate,  
27 trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint  
1 venture, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial  
2 entity; and

3 (6)(2) Restricted entity means:

4 (a) Any person ~~or entity~~ identified on the sanctions lists  
5 maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States  
6 Department of the Treasury as such sanctions lists existed on January 1,  
7 2025; or

8 (b) Any person or foreign government ~~or entity~~ determined by the  
9 United States Secretary of Commerce to have engaged in a long-term  
10 pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the  
11 national security of the United States pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.47-4, as  
12 such regulation existed on January 1, 2025.

13 2. On page 2, line 4, after "802.211(b)(3)" insert ", as such  
14 regulation existed on January 1, 2025".

15 3. On page 4, after line 28 insert the following new subsection:

16 "(3) Any person, nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign  
17 government, or agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, of an excepted real  
18 estate foreign state as determined by the Committee on Foreign Investment  
19 in the United States pursuant to 31 C.F.R. 802.1001(a) and 802.214, as  
20 such regulations existed on January 1, 2025, is exempt from the Foreign-  
21 owned Real Estate National Security Act except for any restricted entity,  
22 or agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof."

23 4. On page 10, line 25, after "and" insert "the Clerk of".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM81](#)

1 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2.

2 2. On page 2, strike beginning with "2-5501" in line 12 through the  
3 first comma in line 13.

4 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)****LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 42.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship was held on November 9, 2024, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Minden High School volleyball team played against the Wahoo High School team in four sets, scoring 25-22, 25-12, 21-25, and 25-12, which led the Minden team to win the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Minden volleyball team finished the 2024 season with a winning record of 37-1; and

WHEREAS, the Minden volleyball team also won the 2023 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship and finished the 2023 season with a winning record of 36-1; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, commitment, passion, and care for fellow members of the Minden volleyball team is the root of their success; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2024 Class C-1 State Championship volleyball team are the seniors, Makenna Betty, Aubree Bules, Meredith Johnson, Mattie Kamery, Kinsie Land, Lydia Petty, Makenna Starkey, and Carmin Gramke; the juniors, Makenna Anderson, Myla Emery, and Rebecca Lempka; the freshmen, Kaleigh Carr, Aly Cederburg, and Riley Eden; the assistant coaches, Allie Prososki, Jady Branson, Buffi Kamery, and Ali Lovin; and the head coach Julie Ratka; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community and is the culmination of years of dedication, determination, and hard work by the members of the Minden volleyball team; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Minden volleyball team on winning the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minden volleyball team and to Head Coach Julie Ratka.

Laid over.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 35, 36, and 37 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR 35, 36, and 37.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM102](#), found on page 422, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM62](#), found on page 422, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM124](#), found on page 423, was offered.

Senator Riepe offered [AM189](#), found on page 457, to the committee amendment.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Title read. Considered.



Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER3](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 6 strike "sections"  
2 and insert "section; and to declare an emergency".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Placed on General File.

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

Brian Christensen - Nebraska Investment Council

Aye: 5. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Juarez. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB420](#):

[AM198](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 24-703 (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four  
6 percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum  
7 benefit as limited in subsection (1) of section 24-710 has been earned.

8 It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services in  
9 accordance with subsection (7) of this section to make a deduction of  
10 four percent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a  
11 judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of  
12 the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the  
13 county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate  
14 county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her  
15 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'  
16 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to  
17 the fund. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer  
18 shall credit the four percent as shown on the payroll and the amounts  
19 received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the  
20 director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an  
21 accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

22 (2)(a) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision  
23 (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, each future member who  
24 became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who has not elected to make  
25 contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall  
26 contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the  
27 fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section  
1 24-710 has been earned. After the maximum benefit as limited in  
2 subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such future member  
3 shall make no further contributions to the fund, except that (i) any time  
4 the maximum benefit is changed, a future member who has previously earned  
5 the maximum benefit as it existed prior to the change shall contribute  
6 monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until  
7 the maximum benefit as changed and as limited in subsection (2) of  
8 section 24-710 has been earned and (ii) such future member shall continue  
9 to make the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this  
10 subsection.

11 (b) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c)  
12 of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, a judge who became a  
13 member prior to July 1, 2015, and who first serves as a judge on or after  
14 July 1, 2004, or a future member who became a member prior to July 1,  
15 2015, and who elects to make contributions and receive benefits as  
16 provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly eight percent of  
17 his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as  
18 limited by subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. In addition  
19 to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection,  
20 after the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710  
21 has been earned, such judge or future member shall contribute monthly  
22 four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund for the  
23 remainder of his or her active service.

24 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a member or judge described in  
25 subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection shall contribute monthly an  
26 additional one percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

27 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2015, a judge who first serves as a judge  
28 on or after such date shall contribute monthly ten percent of his or her  
29 monthly compensation to the fund.

30 (e) It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services  
31 to make a deduction on the monthly payroll of each such future member who  
1 is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge  
2 of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of  
3 the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an  
4 associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her  
5 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'

6 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to  
7 the fund. This shall be done each month. The Director of Administrative  
8 Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the amount as shown on the  
9 payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund  
10 and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement  
11 system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each  
12 judge.

13 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a Nebraska  
14 Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars through June 30, 2021,  
15 eight dollars beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, nine dollars  
16 beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, ten dollars beginning July  
17 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, eleven dollars beginning July 1, 2024,  
18 through June 30, 2025, and twelve dollars beginning July 1, 2025, shall  
19 be taxed as costs in each (i) civil cause of action, criminal cause of  
20 action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, and city or village ordinance  
21 violation filed in the district courts, the county courts, and the  
22 separate juvenile courts, (ii) filing in the district court of an order,  
23 award, or judgment of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any  
24 judge thereof pursuant to section 48-188, (iii) appeal or other  
25 proceeding filed in the Court of Appeals, and (iv) original action,  
26 appeal, or other proceeding filed in the Supreme Court. In county courts  
27 a sum shall be charged which is equal to ten percent of each fee provided  
28 by sections 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, rounded to the  
29 nearest even dollar. No judges retirement fee shall be charged for filing  
30 a report pursuant to sections 33-126.02 and 33-126.06.

31 (b) The fee increases described in subdivision (a) of this  
1 subsection shall not be taxed as a cost in any criminal cause of action,  
2 traffic misdemeanor or infraction, or city or village ordinance violation  
3 filed in the district court or the county court. The fee on such criminal  
4 causes of action, traffic misdemeanors or infractions, or city or village  
5 ordinance violations shall remain six dollars on and after July 1, 2021.

6 (c) When collected by the clerk of the district or county court,  
7 such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer within ten days after  
8 the close of each calendar month for credit to the Nebraska Retirement  
9 Fund for Judges. In addition, information regarding collection of court  
10 fees shall be submitted to the director in charge of the judges  
11 retirement system by the State Court Administrator within ten days after  
12 the close of each calendar month.

13 (d) The board may charge a late administrative processing fee not to  
14 exceed twenty-five dollars if the information is not timely received or  
15 the money is delinquent. In addition, the board may charge a late fee of  
16 thirty-eight thousandths of one percent of the amount required to be  
17 submitted pursuant to this section for each day such amount has not been  
18 received. Such late fees shall be remitted to the director who shall  
19 promptly thereafter remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to  
20 the fund.

21 (e) No Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee which is  
22 uncollectible for any reason shall be waived by a county judge as  
23 provided in section 29-2709.

24 (4) All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by voucher in  
25 the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The fund shall be used for the  
26 payment of all annuities and other benefits to members and their  
27 beneficiaries and for the expenses of administration.

28 (5)(a) Prior to July 1, 2021:  
29 (i) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
30 board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will  
31 value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions  
1 required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an  
2 actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions  
3 recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with

4 the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method,  
5 the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate,  
6 plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial  
7 accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost  
8 under this method shall be determined for each individual member on a  
9 level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed  
10 for all members;

11 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing unfunded liabilities shall  
12 be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period, and during each  
13 subsequent actuarial valuation through June 30, 2021, changes in the  
14 unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits,  
15 actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or  
16 losses shall be measured and amortized over a thirty-year period  
17 beginning on the valuation date of such change;

18 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry  
19 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial  
20 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities  
21 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued  
22 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period  
23 as of the actuarial valuation date; and

24 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate  
25 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,  
26 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the  
27 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the  
28 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act.  
29 (b) Beginning July 1, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter:

30 (i) The board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be  
31 performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the  
1 contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board  
2 shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of  
3 actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board,  
4 and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost  
5 method. Under such method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal  
6 to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize  
7 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary  
8 basis. The normal cost under such method shall be determined for each  
9 individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost  
10 amount is then summed for all members;

11 (ii) Any changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to  
12 changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method,  
13 or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a  
14 twenty-five-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;

15 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry  
16 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial  
17 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities  
18 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued  
19 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a twenty-five-year  
20 period as of the actuarial valuation date; and

21 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate  
22 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,  
23 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the  
24 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the  
25 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the act.

26 (c) Upon the recommendation of the actuary to the board, and after  
27 the board notifies the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the  
28 Legislature, the board may combine or offset certain amortization bases  
29 to reduce future volatility of the actuarial contribution rate. Such  
30 notification to the committee shall be in writing and include, at a  
31 minimum, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan  
1 if the combination or offset were not implemented, the actuary's

2 projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or  
3 offset were implemented, and the actuary's explanation of why the  
4 combination or offset is in the best interests of the plan at the  
5 proposed time.

6 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the rate of all contributions  
7 required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act includes (i) member  
8 contributions, (ii) state contributions pursuant to subsection (6) of  
9 this section which shall be considered as a contribution for the plan  
10 year ending the prior June 30, (iii) court fees as provided in subsection  
11 (3) of this section, and (iv) all fees pursuant to sections 25-2804,  
12 33-103, 33-103.01, 33-106.02, 33-123, 33-124, 33-125, 33-126.02,  
13 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, as directed to be remitted to the fund.  
14 (6)(a) In addition to the contributions otherwise required by this  
15 section, beginning July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter,  
16 ~~the state shall contribute or as soon thereafter as administratively~~  
17 ~~possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the~~  
18 ~~Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges~~ an amount equal to five percent of  
19 the total annual compensation of all members of the retirement system  
20 except as otherwise provided in this subsection and as such rate shall be  
21 adjusted or terminated by the Legislature. No adjustment may cause the  
22 total contribution rate established in this subsection to exceed five  
23 percent. For purposes of this subsection, (i) total annual compensation  
24 is based on the total member compensation reported in the most recent  
25 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for  
26 the board pursuant to section 84-1503 and (ii) the contribution described  
27 in this subsection shall be considered as a contribution for the plan  
28 year ending the prior June 30.

29 (b) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is at or  
30 above one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the  
31 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the  
1 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on  
2 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded  
3 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several  
4 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be  
5 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the  
6 annual actuarial valuation report.

7 (c) If the state contribution rate has been adjusted to less than  
8 five percent and the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is  
9 below one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the  
10 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the  
11 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on  
12 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded  
13 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several  
14 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be  
15 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the  
16 annual actuarial valuation report.

17 (d) If an annual actuarial valuation report includes a  
18 recommendation from the actuary to adjust the contribution rate as  
19 described in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, the board shall  
20 provide written notice electronically to the Nebraska Retirement Systems  
21 Committee of the Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Supreme Court  
22 of such recommendation within seven business days after voting to approve  
23 an annual actuarial valuation report. The notice shall include the  
24 actuary's recommendation and analysis regarding such adjustment.

25 (e) Following receipt of the actuary's recommendation and analysis  
26 pursuant to this subsection, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of  
27 the Legislature shall determine the amount of any adjustment of the  
28 contribution rate and, if necessary, shall propose any such adjustment to  
29 the Legislature.

30 (7) The state or county shall pick up the member contributions

31 required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1,  
 1 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer  
 2 contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 3 in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be  
 4 included as gross income of the member until such time as they are  
 5 distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as  
 6 member contributions, shall be paid by the state or county in lieu of  
 7 member contributions. The state or county shall pay these member  
 8 contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying  
 9 earnings to the member. The state or county shall pick up these  
 10 contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the  
 11 compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be  
 12 treated for all purposes of the Judges Retirement Act in the same manner  
 13 and to the extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked  
 14 up.  
 15 Sec. 2. Original section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 16 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.  
 17 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 18 passed and approved according to law.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
 Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
 LB701

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
 LB275 (cancel)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education  
 Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
 LB417  
 LB599  
 LB517  
 LB685  
 LB631

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 296, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker Arch announced the Agriculture Committee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in Room 1524 instead of Room 2102.

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

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB296.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator M. Cavanaugh, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**TWENTY-FOURTH DAY - FEBRUARY 11, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 11, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Matt Prose, GLOW Church, Ralston.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Murman.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, and Hughes who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-third day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM55**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 16 of this act shall be known and may be  
4 cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.  
5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act:  
6 (1) Attractive to children means products:  
7 (a) Manufactured in the shape of humans, cartoons, or animals; or  
8 (b) Manufactured in a form that bears any reasonable resemblance to  
9 an existing candy product that is familiar to the public as a widely  
10 distributed or a branded food product such that a product could be  
11 mistaken for the branded food product, especially by children;

12 (2) Department means the Department of Revenue;  
13 (3) Kratom extract means the material obtained by extraction of  
14 kratom leaves with a solvent consisting of water, ethanol, or food-grade  
15 carbon dioxide, or any other solvent allowed by federal or state  
16 regulation to be used in manufacturing a food ingredient;  
17 (4) Kratom leaf means any part of the leaf of the mitragyna speciosa  
18 plant in a fresh, dehydrated, or dried form that has been subjected to no  
19 post-harvest processing other than drying or size reduction, including,  
20 but not limited to, cutting, milling, or a similar procedure, and  
21 cleaning or sterilization through the application of heat, steam,  
22 pressurization, irradiation, or other standard treatments applied to food  
23 ingredients;  
24 (5) Kratom product means a food, ingredient, or dietary supplement  
25 that:  
26 (a) Consists of or contains kratom leaf or kratom leaf extract;  
27 (b) Does not contain any synthesized kratom alkaloids, other  
1 synthesized kratom constituents, or synthesized metabolites of any kratom  
2 constituent; and  
3 (c) Does not contain a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid  
4 fraction that is greater than two percent of the alkaloid composition of  
5 the kratom product;  
6 (6) Processor means a person that manufactures, packages, labels,  
7 or distributes kratom products or advertises, represents, or holds itself  
8 out as manufacturing, preparing, packaging, labeling, or distributing  
9 kratom products;  
10 (7) Retailer has the same meaning as in section 77-2701.32; and  
11 (8) Synthesized means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has  
12 been created, in full or in part, by directed chemical, physical, or  
13 biosynthetic conversion, including, but not limited to, fermentation,  
14 recombinant techniques, yeast-derived, or enzymatic techniques, rather  
15 than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or  
16 extracting.  
17 Sec. 3. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or  
18 distribute kratom leaf or a kratom product to a person under twenty-one  
19 years of age.  
20 (2) An online retailer or marketplace that sells or offers for sale  
21 kratom leaf or a kratom product shall implement an age-verification  
22 system to ensure compliance with this section.  
23 Sec. 4. No person shall produce, manufacture, distribute, offer for  
24 sale, sell, or introduce into commerce a kratom product in the State of  
25 Nebraska if the product is manufactured in a manner that is attractive to  
26 children.  
27 Sec. 5. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into  
28 commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:  
29 (1) Be manufactured, packaged, labeled, and held in compliance with  
30 federal regulations for current good manufacturing practice in  
31 manufacturing, packaging, labeling, or holding operations for dietary  
1 supplements as codified in 21 C.F.R. Part 111, as such regulations  
2 existed on January 1, 2025; and  
3 (2) Be manufactured, processed, packed, or held by a processor who  
4 has registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration as a food  
5 facility.  
6 Sec. 6. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into  
7 commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:  
8 (1) Be labeled in compliance with all applicable federal food or  
9 dietary supplement labeling regulations, including, but not limited to,  
10 21 C.F.R. Part 101, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2025;  
11 (2) Be labeled in compliance with all applicable federal retail  
12 package labeling requirements for allergen labeling; and  
13 (3) Have a label on each retail package that clearly and

14 conspicuously provides the following information:

15 (a) The product is not recommended for use by individuals who are  
 16 under twenty-one years of age, who are pregnant, or who are  
 17 breastfeeding;

18 (b) A health care practitioner should be consulted prior to using  
 19 the product;

20 (c) The product may be habit-forming;

21 (d) The following statements: "These statements have not been  
 22 evaluated by the federal Food and Drug Administration. This product is  
 23 not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.";

24 (e) The name and place of business of the processor;

25 (f) Directions for use that include a recommended amount of the  
 26 kratom product per serving that is:

27 (i) Clearly described on the label for product forms such as  
 28 capsules, gummies, prepackaged, single-serving units, and similar product  
 29 forms; or

30 (ii) A clear instruction or a mark on the package or container for  
 31 beverages or liquids;

1 (g) A recommended number of servings that can be safely consumed in  
 2 a twenty-four-hour period;

3 (h) A listing of the servings per container; and

4 (i) A listing of kratom alkaloids mitragynine and  
 5 7-hydroxymitragynine and other ingredients in the product, including  
 6 quantitative declarations of the amount per serving of mitragynine.

7 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall establish, operate, and administer  
 8 a program to register kratom products. The Tax Commissioner shall  
 9 designate an implementation date for such program which date is on or  
 10 before January 1, 2026.

11 (2) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax  
 12 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

13 (a) No processor may manufacture, package, label, or distribute a  
 14 kratom product to be offered for sale in the State of Nebraska unless the  
 15 product has been registered with the department;

16 (b) Applications for product registration shall be submitted on a  
 17 form prescribed by the department. Each application shall include:

18 (i) The name, address, and state of organization for the processor  
 19 of the product;

20 (ii) A principal point of contact for the processor and contact  
 21 information for the point of contact;

22 (iii) The name of the product;

23 (iv) The product label;

24 (v) A certificate of analysis for the kratom product that states the  
 25 kratom product's alkaloid content and certifies that the kratom product  
 26 has a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine that is less than two percent of the  
 27 alkaloid composition of the kratom product from an independent

28 laboratory. Such laboratory shall obtain and maintain an International  
 29 Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical

30 Commission (ISO/IEC) 17025 accreditation for testing and calibration  
 31 laboratories from an accreditation body that is a signatory to the

1 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition  
 2 Arrangement;

3 (vi) A valid good manufacturing practice certificate issued by an  
 4 accredited third-party certification body in compliance with 21 C.F.R.  
 5 Part 117; and

6 (vii) A current food facility registration certificate issued by the  
 7 federal Food and Drug Administration for all facilities where kratom  
 8 products are manufactured, prepared, packaged, or labeled;

9 (c) A certificate of registration shall be valid for one calendar  
 10 year after the date of issue and shall not be transferable; and

11 (d) The department may charge a fee for product registration

12 applications and may adjust such fee annually. The fee shall be  
13 reasonable and shall not exceed any reasonable or necessary costs to  
14 administer the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.  
15 (3) If an application is incomplete or deficient, the department  
16 shall, in a timely manner, notify the applicant in writing describing the  
17 reason or reasons and request additional information. If such application  
18 is not corrected or supplemented within thirty days after the  
19 department's request, the department shall deny the application.  
20 (4) If any false statement is made in any part of an application,  
21 the department shall deny the application.  
22 (5) A person aggrieved by the denial of an application may request a  
23 hearing pursuant to section 11 of this act.  
24 (6) A processor or retailer is not prohibited from selling,  
25 preparing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, advertising,  
26 representing, or holding itself out as selling, preparing, or maintaining  
27 kratom products in the State of Nebraska prior to the implementation date  
28 designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
29 section, or while the first product registration applications submitted  
30 by processors operating in the State of Nebraska as of January 1, 2025,  
31 are pending approval or denial by the department.  
1 Sec. 8. Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax  
2 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 7 of this act, the  
3 department shall make public a list of all registered kratom products on  
4 its website.  
5 Sec. 9. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or  
6 distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.  
7 (2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:  
8 (a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including  
9 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom  
10 product under section 2 of this act; or  
11 (b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom  
12 substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom  
13 ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a  
14 controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.  
15 (3) Upon receipt of evidence that suggests a product may be an  
16 adulterated kratom product, the department may require the person  
17 selling, providing, or distributing the product to obtain an independent  
18 third-party test of the product by a laboratory of the department's  
19 choosing.  
20 Sec. 10. (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of  
21 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the  
22 application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted  
23 and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom  
24 products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.  
25 (2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil  
26 penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the  
27 department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars.  
28 For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall  
29 impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than  
30 twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the  
31 department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such  
1 processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.  
2 (3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a period  
3 of four consecutive years, any violation shall be treated as a new first  
4 violation.  
5 (4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made  
6 until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax  
7 Commissioner as provided in section 11 of this act if requested by the  
8 processor or retailer.  
9 (5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the Kratom

10 Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence  
11 that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation of a  
12 processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as defined  
13 in section 9 of this act or otherwise conformed to the act.  
14 Sec. 11. (1) Any person aggrieved by a notice of denial of an  
15 application issued under section 7 of this act or a notice of violation  
16 issued under section 10 of this act may request a hearing on any such  
17 notice issued by the Tax Commissioner.  
18 (2) Such request shall be made within twenty days after the receipt  
19 of any such notice.  
20 (3) At such hearing the Tax Commissioner, or any officer or employee  
21 of the Tax Commissioner designated in writing, may examine any books,  
22 papers, memoranda, or other evidence bearing upon the matter at issue and  
23 require the attendance of any officer or employee of the processor or  
24 retailer or any person having knowledge pertinent to such hearing. The  
25 Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee may administer oaths  
26 to persons testifying at such hearing.  
27 (4) During the hearing, the Tax Commissioner or the Tax  
28 Commissioner's designee shall not be bound by the technical rules of  
29 evidence, and no informality in any proceeding or in the manner of taking  
30 testimony shall invalidate any order or decision made or approved by the  
31 Tax Commissioner.  
1 Sec. 12. (1) Within a reasonable time after the hearing pursuant to  
2 section 11 of this act, the Tax Commissioner shall make a final decision  
3 or final determination and notify the processor or retailer by mail of  
4 such decision or determination.  
5 (2) If it is determined that a processor intentionally and  
6 materially falsified any information contained in an application under  
7 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor shall be ineligible to  
8 obtain a certification of registration for a period of twelve months  
9 after the date of such determination.  
10 (3) A processor or retailer may appeal the decision of the Tax  
11 Commissioner, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the  
12 Administrative Procedure Act.  
13 Sec. 13. The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the  
14 Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act  
15 and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be  
16 construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom  
17 Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the  
18 Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.  
19 Sec. 14. (1) If a registered processor has been convicted by any  
20 court of a violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor  
21 may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of  
22 the certificate of registration for its kratom products and all money  
23 that had been paid for such certificate of registration.  
24 (2) If any false statement is made in any part of an application  
25 submitted under section 7 of this act, the applicant shall be subject to  
26 prosecution for perjury and if convicted may, in addition to the  
27 penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of any certificate of  
28 registration that was issued for the applicant's kratom products and all  
29 money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.  
30 Sec. 15. Except as otherwise provided in the Kratom Consumer  
31 Protection Act, no political subdivision shall impose additional  
1 restrictions on the manufacturing, packaging, labeling, distribution, or  
2 sale of kratom leaves, kratom leaf extracts, or kratom products greater  
3 than or in addition to those enumerated in the act.  
4 Sec. 16. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
5 regulations to carry out the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

6 Sec. 17. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

7 Sec. 18. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
8 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Urban Affairs  
Room 2102 2:15 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

LB447

LB520

LB531

LB611

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

LB76

LB433

LB420

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 43.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

WHEREAS, Ethan Hardin of Malcolm, Nebraska, a member of Lincoln Boy Scout Troop 56 and son of Mike and Alicia Hardin, 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, tested, and received recognition 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, Ethan was inspired to serve the community in Lincoln, Nebraska, by planning and installing a dry creek bed to help solve an erosion problem at the Turpin Outdoor Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Ethan was awarded Eagle rank on August 22, 2024, at the Cornhusker Council; and

WHEREAS, Ethan, through his dedication to excellence, 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 Ethan Hardin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ethan Hardin.

Laid over.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR38 was adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR38.

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM148](#), found on page 430, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM137](#), found on page 430, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM157](#), found on page 430, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER8](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 13, after the second "to" insert "transfer and";
- 2 in line 14 strike "and rename"; and in line 15 strike the second "and"
- 3 and insert a semicolon.
- 4 2. On page 3, line 30, strike the new matter.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER6](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 30, strike "act", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "Real Property Appraiser Act".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER5](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 3 through "bidding"
- 2 in line 4 and insert "to change requirements relating to public lettings
- 3 and biddings; to provide an exception for certain contracts under the
- 4 State Procurement Act".



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER4](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 8, strike "in", show as stricken, and insert

2 "on".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB558	Revenue (rereferred)
LR40	Executive Board

Arganbright, Kurt - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources  
Dentlinger, Courtney - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government,  
Military and Veterans Affairs  
Fudge, David - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and  
Veterans Affairs  
Hutchison, Chuck - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources  
Kime, Duane - Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Education  
Kreikemeier, Rachel - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government,  
Military and Veterans Affairs  
Kuhn, Roger - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and  
Veterans Affairs  
Mattoon, Steve - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission - Natural  
Resources  
Moenning, Josh - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military  
and Veterans Affairs  
Sabin, Robert - Nebraska Tourism Commission - General Affairs  
Wightman, Anna Castner - Nebraska State Fair Board - Agriculture  
Wolf, David - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and  
Veterans Affairs  
Younes, Paul - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and  
Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

LB644

LB193

LB660

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

LB659  
LB604  
LR23CA  
LB521

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

LR29  
LB224  
LB233

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 44.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Jordon Harms is a fourth-generation corn and soybean farmer; and

WHEREAS, Jordon has taken an active role in Nebraska's farming industry by participating in 4-H, FFA, the Clay County Farm Bureau, the Nebraska Farm Bureau State Legislative Policy Committee, and the Nebraska Farm Bureau Leadership Academy program; and

WHEREAS, young farmers like Jordon represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; and

WHEREAS, Jordon was recognized as the winner of the Nebraska Farm Bureau's 2024 Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jordon Harms for his achievement and contributions to Nebraska's agricultural economy.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jordon Harms.

Laid over.

**SENATOR FREDERICKSON PRESIDING**

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Title Read. Considered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM246](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 4, after "system" insert ". Cybersecurity event  
 2 includes, but is not limited to, a breach of the security of the system  
 3 as defined in section 87-802".  
 4 2. On page 3, line 1, after the period insert "If the cybersecurity  
 5 event was a breach of the security of the system as defined in section  
 6 87-802, this subsection applies only if the private entity has provided  
 7 notice as required pursuant to section 87-803 and the Attorney General  
 8 has issued written certification to the private entity that any  
 9 investigation pursued by the Attorney General pursuant to section 87-806  
 10 has been completed.".

Pending.

## COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

### Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM203

1 1. On page 2, lines 10 and 16, after the second "school" insert  
 2 "instructional"; in line 18 strike "cell phones" and insert "electronic  
 3 communication devices"; in line 23 after "school" insert "instructional";  
 4 and in line 29 strike "a teacher" and insert "the school district".  
 5 2. On page 3, line 6, strike "communicating" and insert  
 6 "communication".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 300.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM168

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 79-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 79-566 The board of education of a Class IV school district shall at  
 6 a regular meeting elect from outside its own members a superintendent, an  
 7 associate superintendent of instruction, an associate superintendent of  
 8 business affairs, a school district treasurer, and the number of  
 9 employees the board of education may deem necessary for the proper  
 10 conduct of the affairs of the school district at such  
 11 compensationsalaries as the board of education may determine, except that  
 12 the compensation of the superintendent shall comply with the  
 13 Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. The board may contract with them for  
 14 terms not to exceed three years. The election of all officers of the  
 15 board of education and all elections for filling vacancies on the board  
 16 of education shall be by ballot. No person shall be declared elected  
 17 unless he or she receives the vote of a majority of all the members of  
 18 the board of education.  
 19 Sec. 2. Section 79-567, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 20 amended to read:  
 21 79-567 The members of the board of education of a Class V school  
 22 district, at their regular meeting in January each year, shall elect a

23 president and vice president from their own members, who shall serve for  
24 terms of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

25 The members of the board of education may also select from outside their  
26 own members one superintendent of public schools, one secretary, one  
27 treasurer, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary for  
1 the administration of the affairs of the school district, at such  
2 ~~compensationsalary~~ as the board may deem just, except that the  
3 compensation of the superintendent shall comply with the Superintendent  
4 Pay Transparency Act. The members of the board of education ~~and~~ in their  
5 discretion they may enter into contracts with such officers for terms of  
6 not to exceed three years. The board shall have the power to elect its  
7 president and vice president and to select its officers and employees in  
8 accordance with rules adopted by the board.

9 Sec. 3. Section 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 79-594 The school board in a Class I, II, III, or IV school district  
12 may also elect at any regular meeting one superintendent of public  
13 instruction with such ~~compensationsalary~~ as the board deems best, except  
14 that such compensation shall comply with the Superintendent Pay  
15 Transparency Act. The board ~~and~~ may enter into contract with the  
16 superintendenthim or her at its discretion, for a term not to exceed  
17 three years.

18 Sec. 4. Section 79-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
19 amended to read:

20 79-1219 Each board of an educational service unit deciding to  
21 provide supplementary services shall appoint and fix the ~~compensation and~~  
22 duties of an administrator, who shall be a person experienced in public  
23 school administration and who shall hold at least a standard  
24 administrative certificate. The board shall fix the compensation of the  
25 administrator, and such compensation shall comply with the Superintendent  
26 Pay Transparency Act. With the advice of the administrator, the board  
27 shall also employ and fix the compensation and duties of such  
28 professional and clerical assistants as shall be necessary. No board  
29 member of an educational service unit shall be employed by the  
30 educational service unit board on which he or she is a board member.

31 Sec. 5. Section 79-2401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
1 amended to read:

2 79-2401 Sections 79-2401 to 79-2405 and sections 6 and 7 of this act  
3 shall be known and may be cited as the Superintendent Pay Transparency  
4 Act.

5 Sec. 6. For purposes of the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act:

6 (1)(a) Benefit means any amount, not included in salary, to be paid  
7 during the contract year or to be paid in the future by a school district  
8 or educational service unit in exchange for the personal services  
9 performed during such contract year resulting in a benefit for the  
10 employee or the family of the employee including, but not limited to, (i)  
11 employer contributions pursuant to the School Employees Retirement Act or  
12 the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, (ii) early retirement  
13 inducements as defined in section 79-978 for employees of Class V school  
14 districts and as defined in section 79-902 for employees of all other  
15 school districts and educational service units, (iii) cash awards paid by  
16 the school district or educational service unit, (iv) severance pay, (v)  
17 employer contributions made for the purpose of separation payments to be  
18 made at retirement, (vi) employer contributions to annuities, (vii)  
19 employer contributions to group life, health, or disability insurance  
20 premiums, and (viii) payments made to an employee in lieu of employer  
21 contributions to insurance premiums; and

22 (b) Benefit does not include any amount, not included in salary, to  
23 be paid during the contract year or to be paid in the future by a school  
24 district or educational service unit in exchange for the personal

25 services performed during such contract year relating to an award or  
26 payment for longevity of service to the school district or educational  
27 service unit;

28 (2) Compensation means a reasonable estimate of the total amount of  
29 salary and benefits to be paid by a school district or educational  
30 service unit in exchange for personal services performed during a  
31 contract year;

1 (3) Compensation for a beginning teacher means compensation expected  
2 to be paid by a school district or educational service unit for the first  
3 year of teaching by a certificated teacher assuming such certificated  
4 teacher receives the maximum benefits generally available to a teacher  
5 who does not receive additional compensation for duties beyond the  
6 standard teaching contract; and

7 (4) Salary means gross wages to be paid in exchange for personal  
8 services performed during the contract year and includes (a) overtime  
9 pay, (b) member contributions pursuant to the School Employees Retirement  
10 Act or the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, and (c) amounts  
11 contributed to plans under section 125, 403(b), or 457 of the Internal  
12 Revenue Code or any other section of the code which defers or excludes  
13 such amounts from income.

14 Sec. 7. (1) Beginning with school year 2027-28, no school district  
15 or educational service unit may enter into any contract with a  
16 superintendent for services to be rendered to a school district or an  
17 administrator for services to be rendered to an educational service unit  
18 if such contract will cause, by the terms of such contract or in  
19 combination with existing contracts, such school district or educational  
20 service unit to pay compensation for any contract year to or on behalf of  
21 such superintendent or administrator that is in conflict with the  
22 requirements of section 9 of this act relating to the compensation for a  
23 beginning teacher in such school district or educational service unit for  
24 the same contract year.

25 (2) For purposes of this section:

26 (a) If a superintendent of a school district also receives  
27 compensation from an educational service unit in which such school  
28 district is a member, such compensation shall be deemed compensation from  
29 such school district; and

30 (b) If an administrator of an educational service unit receives  
31 compensation from a school district which is a member of such educational  
1 service unit, such compensation shall be deemed compensation from such  
2 educational service unit.

3 (3) Any contract entered into in violation of this section shall be  
4 invalid, and money belonging to a school district or educational service  
5 unit shall not be expended on such a contract.

6 (4) Any compensation received by a superintendent or administrator  
7 in violation of the limitations in this section shall be forfeited by  
8 such superintendent or administrator and returned to the school district  
9 or educational service unit, and a notice regarding such excess  
10 compensation shall be filed with the Commissioner of Education within  
11 thirty days after the superintendent, administrator, school board, or  
12 board of the educational service unit becomes aware of such violation.

13 (5) This section does not apply to a superintendent or administrator  
14 that has been employed as a certified employee by the contracting school  
15 district for more than twenty years.

16 Sec. 8. Section 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 79-2402 (1) Before the school board of any school district or the  
19 board of any educational service unit approves a proposed contract, or  
20 any proposed amendment to an existing contract, for future superintendent  
21 services to be rendered to such school district by the current  
22 superintendent or future administrator services to be rendered to such

23 educational service unit by the current administrator, the board shall  
 24 publish a copy of such proposed contract or amendment, ~~and~~ a reasonable  
 25 estimate and description of all current and future costs to the school  
 26 district or educational service unit if the proposed contract or  
 27 amendment were to be approved, and the compensation for a beginning  
 28 teacher required pursuant to section 9 of this act based on the total  
 29 compensation for the superintendent or administrator under the proposed  
 30 contract or amendment, at least three days before the meeting of the  
 31 board at which such proposed contract or amendment will be considered.  
 1 Such publication shall also specify the date, time, and place of the  
 2 public meeting at which the proposed contract or amendment will be  
 3 considered. Electronic publication on the website of the school district  
 4 or educational service unit shall satisfy the requirement of this  
 5 subsection if such electronic publication is prominently displayed and  
 6 allows public access to the entire proposed contract or amendment and all  
 7 other information required by this section.  
 8 (2) After the school board of any school district or the board of  
 9 any educational service unit approves a contract for future  
 10 superintendent services to be rendered to such school district by a new  
 11 superintendent or future administrator services to be rendered to such  
 12 educational service unit by a new administrator, the board shall publish  
 13 a copy of such contract, and a reasonable estimate and description of all  
 14 current and future costs to the school district or educational service  
 15 unit that will be incurred as a result of such contract, within two days  
 16 after the meeting of the board at which such contract was approved.  
 17 Electronic publication on the website of the school district or  
 18 educational service unit shall satisfy the requirement of this subsection  
 19 if such electronic publication is prominently displayed and allows public  
 20 access to the entire contract.  
 21 Sec. 9. (1) For purposes of this section, the definitions found in  
 22 section 6 of this act apply.  
 23 (2) Beginning with school year 2027-28, the school board of any  
 24 school district or the board of any educational service unit shall pay  
 25 compensation for a beginning teacher for the first contract year in an  
 26 amount that is at least twenty percent of the compensation of the  
 27 superintendent or administrator of such school district or educational  
 28 service unit for such contract year.  
 29 (3) This section does not apply if the superintendent or  
 30 administrator of the school district has been employed as a certified  
 31 employee by the contracting school district for more than twenty years.  
 1 Sec. 10. Original sections 79-566, 79-567, 79-594, 79-1219,  
 2 79-2401, and 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM97

1 1. On page 2, line 7, strike "an online" and insert "a".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM196

1 1. On page 3, line 1, strike "thirty" and insert "fifteen".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
LB599 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
LB429

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025  
LB50  
LB503  
LB637  
LB710

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025  
LB399  
LB575  
LB613  
LB628

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025  
LB328  
LB622  
LB269  
LB583

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to LB300:

[FA18](#)

In AM168 Strike Section 1.

[FA19](#)

In AM168 Strike Section 2.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB390:

[FA20](#)

In AM97 Strike Section 1.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB428:

[FA21](#)

In AM196 Strike Section 1.

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

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LB331:

[MO32](#)

Withdraw LB331.

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LR11CA:

[MO33](#)

Withdraw LR11CA.

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LR10CA:

[MO34](#)

Withdraw LR10CA.

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

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB6.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB10.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB25.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB139.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB195.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB198.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB250.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB313.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB424.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB515.  
Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB527.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB555.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB559.  
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB630.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Community Action, Fairbury and Lincoln; Archer Schwartz, Fairbury; Heather Loughman, Lincoln; Shari Weber, Fairbury; Ben Schwartz, Fairbury; students with Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association; students from Paddock Road Elementary and Prairie Lane Elementary, Omaha; participants from Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership's Senior Longevity Program, Omaha; students from Immanuel Lutheran School, Columbus.



The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Pat Hotovy, York.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**TWENTY-FIFTH DAY - FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWENTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

**PRESENTATION OF COLORS**

In recognition of the 216th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, the Colors are being posted by the Nebraska Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Quick.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Jacobson, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-fourth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

**ER9**

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 26. Section 44-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 44-708 (1) Insurers authorized to deliver or issue for delivery life

5 insurance policies in this state may deliver or issue for delivery one or  
6 more funding agreements, but the delivery or issuance for delivery of  
7 funding agreements shall not be deemed the business of insurance, life  
8 insurance or an annuity or other line of business as set forth in section  
9 44-201, a security as defined in subdivision ~~(14)~~(15) of section 8-1101,  
10 or receipt of gross premiums as set forth in section 77-908. The delivery  
11 or issuance for delivery of a funding agreement by an admitted life  
12 insurer in this state shall constitute a lawful activity of that insurer  
13 that is reasonably related to and incidental to its insurance activities  
14 as provided in this section. However, this section shall not authorize  
15 any insurer to transact, under the guise of funding agreements, any line  
16 of insurance not authorized by its certificate of authority.  
17 (2) No amounts shall be guaranteed or credited under any funding  
18 agreement except upon reasonable assumptions as to investment income and  
19 expenses and on a basis equitable to all holders of funding agreements of  
20 a given class.  
21 (3) Amounts paid to the insurer, and proceeds applied under optional  
22 modes of settlement, under funding agreements may be allocated by the  
23 insurer to one or more separate accounts.  
24 (4) The Director of Insurance may adopt and promulgate rules and  
25 regulations to implement this section, including rules and regulations  
26 setting forth the terms and conditions under which an insurer may issue  
27 funding agreements.  
1 (5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director shall  
2 have sole authority to regulate the issuance and sale of funding  
3 agreements, including the persons selling funding agreements on behalf of  
4 insurers.  
5 (6) Nothing in this section is intended to affect the order in which  
6 allowed claims shall be given preference under section 44-4842. Holders  
7 of funding agreements shall retain the priority in allowance of claims  
8 described in subdivision (2) of section 44-4842.  
9 (7) For purposes of this section, funding agreement means an  
10 agreement that authorizes an admitted life insurer to accept funds and  
11 that provides for an accumulation of those funds for the purpose of  
12 making one or more payments at future dates in amounts that are not based  
13 on mortality or morbidity contingencies. Funding agreement does not  
14 include any agreement in connection with the funding of one or more  
15 payments that are excludable from the gross income of the recipient under  
16 section 104(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.  
17 Sec. 27. Section 45-101.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
18 amended to read:  
19 45-101.04 The limitation on the rate of interest provided in section  
20 45-101.03 shall not apply to:  
21 (1) Other rates of interest authorized for loans made by any  
22 licensee or permittee operating under a license or permit duly issued by  
23 the Department of Banking and Finance pursuant to the Credit Union Act,  
24 the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, subsection (4) of section 8-319, or  
25 sections 8-815 to 8-829;  
26 (2) Loans made to any corporation, partnership, limited liability  
27 company, or trust;  
28 (3) The guarantor or surety of any loan to a corporation,  
29 partnership, limited liability company, or trust;  
30 (4) Loans made when the aggregate principal amount of the  
31 indebtedness is twenty-five thousand dollars or more of the borrower to  
1 any one financial institution, licensee, or permittee;  
2 (5) Loans insured, guaranteed, sponsored, or participated in, either  
3 in whole or part, by any agency, department, or program of the United  
4 States or state government;  
5 (6) Loans or advances of money, repayable on demand, which are made  
6 solely upon securities, as defined in subdivision ~~(14)~~(15) of section

7 8-1101, pledged as collateral for such repayment and in which such loans  
8 or advances are used by the borrower only for the purchase of securities  
9 as so defined. It shall be lawful to contract for and receive any rate of  
10 interest on such transaction as the parties thereto may expressly agree;  
11 (7) Interest charges made on open credit accounts by a person who  
12 sells goods or services on credit when the interest charges do not exceed  
13 one and one-third percent per month for any charges which remain unpaid  
14 for more than thirty days following rendition of the statement of  
15 account;  
16 (8) A minimum charge of ten dollars per loan which may be charged by  
17 the lender in lieu of all interest charges;  
18 (9) Loans described in subsection (4) of section 8-319 made by a  
19 state or federal savings and loan association at a rate not to exceed  
20 nineteen percent per annum;  
21 (10) Loans made primarily for business or agricultural purposes or  
22 secured by real property when such loans are made (a) by a licensee,  
23 registrant, or permittee operating under a license, registration, or  
24 permit duly issued by the Department of Banking and Finance except for  
25 licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, (b) by any  
26 financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance  
27 Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration, or (c) by any  
28 insurance company organized under the laws of this state and subject to  
29 regulation by the Department of Insurance;  
30 (11) Loans secured solely by real property when such loans are (a)  
31 made by licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act and  
32 (b) made to finance or refinance the purchase of the property or  
33 construction on or improvements to the property, if the Department of  
34 Banking and Finance has the authority to examine such loans for  
35 compliance with sections 45-101.02 and 45-101.03. A licensee making a  
36 loan pursuant to this subdivision may obtain an interest in any fixtures  
37 attached to such real property and any insurance proceeds payable in  
38 connection with such real property or the loan;  
39 (12) Loans secured by a reverse mortgage pursuant to section  
40 45-702.01;  
41 (13) Interest charges made on any goods or services sold under an  
42 installment contract pursuant to the Nebraska Installment Sales Act.  
43 Subject to section 45-338, it shall be lawful to contract for and receive  
44 any rate of interest on such contract as the parties may expressly agree  
45 to in writing; or  
46 (14) Fees which may be charged by a licensee for services pursuant  
47 to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act.  
48 Sec. 30. Section 59-1715, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
49 amended to read:  
50 59-1715 A seller-assisted marketing plan shall not include a  
51 security as defined by subdivision (14)(15) of section 8-1101.  
52 2. On page 1, line 2, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04,";  
53 in line 3 after "45-724," insert "59-1715,"; and in line 11 after the  
54 first comma insert "securities,".  
55 3. On page 29, line 7, after "may" insert "use".  
56 4. On page 63, line 31, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04,"  
57 and after "45-724," insert "59-1715,".  
58 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER7](#)

1 1. On page 1, lines 2 and 3, strike "the composition" and insert  
2 "qualifications".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

## Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM175](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section"
- 2 in line 3 and show as stricken; in line 12 strike "promotion,"; and in
- 3 line 25 after the period insert "If two or more preference eligibles are
- 4 being considered for the position, the veterans preference shall be
- 5 applied equally to all such preference eligibles."
- 6 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "as" in line 27 through
- 7 "section" in line 28.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

## General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM232](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, lines 24 and 26; page 3, line 29; page 5, line 5; and
- 2 page 6, line 30, strike "ten" and insert "eight".
- 3 2. On page 5, line 28, strike "five", show as stricken, and insert
- 4 "three", after "thousand" insert "five", and reinstate the stricken
- 5 "hundred".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM87](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 178.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM199](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 8, strike "programs".
- 2 2. On page 5, line 2, strike "Beginning" and insert "Except as
- 3 provided in subsection (4) or (5) of this section, beginning"; in lines 6
- 4 and 8 strike "a" and after "server" insert "alcohol"; in lines 7 and 9
- 5 strike "program"; and after line 17 insert the following new subsections:
- 6 "(4) A special designated license issued by the commission for an
- 7 event that is staffed primarily by volunteers shall only require the
- 8 manager on duty to have completed mandatory server alcohol training
- 9 approved by the commission and have received a certification as provided
- 10 in section 53-117.03.
- 11 (5) A peace officer as defined in section 60-646 is exempt from the
- 12 mandatory server alcohol training and certification requirements of this
- 13 section."

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

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

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to [LB43](#):

[AM215](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 45.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Football Championship was held on November 26, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed for the Class C-1 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed against the Wahoo Warriors and earned the runner-up state title; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison ended their season with an outstanding 11-2 win-loss record; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship appearance for the Bison in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison 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 Central City Bison football team and its coach on earning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 State Football Runner-up Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Central City Bison football team and Coach Troy Huebert.

Laid over.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR39 was adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR39.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Senator Conrad renewed [AM246](#), found and considered on page 482.

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

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 9 nays, and 7 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 30:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dorn	Hughes	McKeon	Storer
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Riepe
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Excused and not voting, 3:

Clouse	Juarez	von Gillern
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The Conrad amendment lost with 14 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 6 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.



Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bostar	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Brandt	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hunt	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 5:

Fredrickson	Guereca	Prokop	Quick	Raybould
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Excused and not voting, 2:

Clouse	Juarez
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Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 9 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM225](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 11 and 18, strike "distributor or".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

LB480

Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

LB548

LB471

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB565:

AM239

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 84-901.03 (1) Upon the issuance of a guidance document, an agency  
6 shall make such document available at one public location and on the  
7 agency's website. The agency shall also publish on its website an index  
8 summarizing the subject matter of all currently applicable rules and  
9 regulations and guidance documents. Such agency shall provide the index  
10 electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by December 31 of each  
11 year.  
12 (2) An agency shall ensure that the first page of each guidance  
13 document includes the following notice: This guidance document is  
14 advisory in nature but is binding on an agency until amended by such  
15 agency. A guidance document does not include internal procedural  
16 documents that only affect the internal operations of the agency and does  
17 not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or  
18 include confidential information or rules and regulations made in  
19 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that  
20 this guidance document imposes additional requirements or penalties on  
21 regulated parties, you may request a review of the document.  
22 (3) A person may request in writing that an agency revise or repeal  
23 a guidance document or convert a guidance document into a rule or  
24 regulation. No later than sixty calendar days after the agency receives  
25 such a request, the agency shall advise the requestor in writing of its  
26 decision to (a) revise or repeal the guidance document, (b) initiate a  
27 proceeding to consider a revision or repeal of a guidance document, (c)  
1 initiate the rulemaking or regulationmaking process to convert the  
2 guidance document into a rule or regulation, or (d) deny the request and  
3 state the reason for the denial.  
4 (4) All decisions made by an agency under this section shall be made  
5 available at one public location and on the agency's website.  
6 (5) All guidance documents and provider bulletins issued by the  
7 Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and  
8 Human Services on or after July 1, 2022, and before July 1, 2025, are  
9 revoked pending a formal rulemaking process as provided in the  
10 Administrative Procedure Act unless explicitly required for federal  
11 compliance. The Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department  
12 of Health and Human Services shall not issue guidance documents on or  
13 after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2027, unless specifically required  
14 by amendments to existing federal rules or to become compliant with new  
15 federal rules and regulations.  
16 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
17 Sec. 3. Original section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
18 Nebraska, is repealed.  
19 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
20 passed and approved according to law.

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB590:

AM214

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 37-335 (1) Commencing January 1, 1977, whenever the commission

6 acquires title to private lands for wildlife management purposes, the  
 7 commission shall annually make payments in lieu of taxes to the county  
 8 treasurer of the county in which the land is located. Commencing January  
 9 1, 1997, the payments shall be the same as the real property taxes which  
 10 would have been paid on the land if it were owned by a private owner. The  
 11 value of the land shall be determined by the county assessor pursuant to  
 12 sections 77-201 and 77-1301 to 77-1371 as if it were being used for the  
 13 use it had immediately before acquisition by the commission excluding any  
 14 improvements on the land either before or after its acquisition. The  
 15 commission may protest the valuation of such land to the county board of  
 16 equalization pursuant to section 77-1502 if the commission believes the  
 17 land is not properly valued. The county board of equalization shall treat  
 18 such protest in the same manner as any other protest pursuant to sections  
 19 77-1502 to 77-1509. The action of the county board of equalization on  
 20 such protest may be appealed as provided in section 77-1510. The county  
 21 treasurer shall allocate such payments to each taxing unit levying taxes  
 22 on such property in the county in which the land has tax situs in the  
 23 same proportion that the levy on the property of such taxing unit bears  
 24 to the total levy on such real property of all the taxing units in which  
 25 the property is taxed.

26 (2) The Department of Transportation may adopt and promulgate rules  
 27 and regulations to establish, use, and operate a mitigation bank or an  
 1 in-lieu-fee program in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

2 (3) The purpose of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program is to  
 3 provide compensatory mitigation for the following when compensatory  
 4 mitigation is required for any transportation project administered by the  
 5 Department of Transportation:

6 (a) The taking of threatened or endangered species or such species'  
 7 habitat;

8 (b) The dredging or filling of wetlands; and

9 (c) Restoration, creation, enhancement, or preservation of, or any  
 10 combination thereof, of habitats, wetlands, or other resources.

11 (4) State regulatory agencies shall make a good faith effort to use  
 12 and give priority to the mitigation bank and in-lieu-fee program  
 13 established by the Department of Transportation when consulting on or  
 14 reviewing mitigation plans for the impacts of any transportation project  
 15 administered by the Department of Transportation.

16 (5) If the Department of Transportation establishes a mitigation  
 17 bank or an in-lieu-fee program pursuant to subsection (2) of this  
 18 section, the Department of Transportation may:

19 (a) Enter into one or more cooperative agreements with a state or  
 20 local public agency or private party, including for-profit and not-for-  
 21 profit entities, for the establishment, use, operation, and maintenance  
 22 of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program;

23 (b) Acquire title to real property through purchase, bequest,  
 24 donation, or eminent domain for use with the mitigation bank or in-lieu-  
 25 fee program to mitigate the impacts of any transportation project  
 26 administered by the Department of Transportation;

27 (c) Establish or restore habitats, wetlands, and natural resources  
 28 for threatened and endangered species and impacts to the environment and  
 29 natural resources across Nebraska;

30 (d) Provide a consistent and simplified approach to address  
 31 mitigation requirements associated with permits or authorizations issued  
 1 by federal and state agencies;

2 (e) Streamline the permitting and consultation process, minimize  
 3 delays in permit decisions, and decrease the burden of permit applicants  
 4 of planning and performing compensatory mitigation for the following  
 5 relating to any transportation project administered by the Department of  
 6 Transportation:

7 (i) The taking of any threatened or endangered species;

8 (ii) The loss of any habitat of such species; and  
 9 (iii) Any adverse effect on any environmental or natural resources;  
 10 (f) Increase the ecological efficiency and effectiveness of  
 11 compensatory mitigation;  
 12 (g) Replace impacted acres of land by providing for the  
 13 establishment of a net increase in suitable acres, functions, and values  
 14 for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other  
 15 natural resources by using a fair, reasonable, and practicable ratio of  
 16 compensatory mitigation acres to offset the impacts of any transportation  
 17 project administered by the Department of Transportation;  
 18 (h) Achieve a net increase in conservation land functions and values  
 19 for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other  
 20 natural resources impacted by any transportation project administered by  
 21 the Department of Transportation; and  
 22 (i) Provide research and educational opportunities to advance the  
 23 understanding and conservation of threatened and endangered species,  
 24 habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources impacted by any  
 25 transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation.  
 26 (6) Any state agency, local agency, public party, or private party,  
 27 including any for-profit or not-for-profit entity, that owns the  
 28 mitigation bank acquired to restore, enhance, preserve, or create habitat  
 29 or wetlands shall also pay a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the  
 30 county. This subsection (6) only applies to property acquired after July  
 31 1, 2026.  
 1 Sec. 2. Original section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 2 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB22:

AM258

1 1. On page 7, line 2, after "68-996" insert ", and not to use the  
 2 General Fund.".

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Title read. Considered.

Pending.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:

AM261

1 1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:  
 2 "(4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Board is created. The board  
 3 shall consist of the following members:

4 (i) One person representing employers in Nebraska;  
 5 (ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person  
 6 shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;  
 7 (iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;  
 8 (iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;  
 9 (v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and  
 10 (vi) One representative of the public.  
 11 (b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to  
 12 confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of  
 13 four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for  
 14 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided  
 15 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.  
 16 (c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a  
 17 workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and  
 18 shall approve or deny such applications. The Department of Labor shall  
 19 not award any workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of  
 20 this section unless it has been approved by the board.  
 21 (d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the  
 22 Legislature which includes:  
 23 (i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the  
 24 most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of  
 25 this section;  
 26 (ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants  
 27 awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;  
 1 (iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development  
 2 grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and  
 3 (iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce  
 4 development grants."

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:

AM259

1 1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:  
 2 "4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Advisory Board is created.  
 3 The board shall consist of the following members:  
 4 (i) One person representing employers in Nebraska;  
 5 (ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person  
 6 shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;  
 7 (iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;  
 8 (iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;  
 9 (v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and  
 10 (vi) One representative of the public.  
 11 (b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to  
 12 confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of  
 13 four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for  
 14 expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided  
 15 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.  
 16 (c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a  
 17 workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and  
 18 shall advise the Department of Labor on which grant applications to  
 19 approve.  
 20 (d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the  
 21 Legislature which includes:  
 22 (i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the  
 23 most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of  
 24 this section;  
 25 (ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants  
 26 awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;  
 27 (iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development  
 1 grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and  
 2 (iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce  
 3 development grants."

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025  
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board  
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission  
LB562  
LB409

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB653.  
Senator Hardin name added to LB657.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**TWENTY-SIXTH DAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWENTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, February 13, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Randall Klynsma, Omaha Reformed Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

**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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, Prokop, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-fifth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB426  
LB213  
LB549  
LB691  
LB122

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**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 February 12, 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

CP Strategies LLC  
Fortinet, Inc.  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
Regional Metropolitan Transit Authority of Omaha  
Reed, Tegan  
Nebraska Diaper Bank  
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP  
Online Lenders Alliance  
Seaward, Ashley  
Redwood Materials, Inc.  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Audubon Nebraska

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB331**

Senator Hardin offered [MO32](#), found on page 488, to withdraw LB331.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR11CA**

Senator Hardin offered [MO33](#), found on page 488, to withdraw LR11CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR10CA**

Senator Hardin offered [MO34](#), found on page 488, to withdraw LR10CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.



**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 461:

Nebraska Board of Parole  
Jeff Bucher

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKinney Spivey

Present and not voting, 2:

Dungan Fredrickson

Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hansen	Juarez
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hunt	

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 465:

Nebraska Investment Council  
Brian Christensen

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dungan	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould	Spivey
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Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hansen	Juarez
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hunt	

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** [ER1](#), found on page 412, was offered.

ER1 was adopted.

Senator DeKay offered [AM215](#), found on page 494.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Senator Hallstrom offered [AM112](#), found on page 412.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 279.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 13.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM249](#)

1 1. On page 5, line 2, strike "The" and insert "No later than July 1,  
2 2026, the".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025  
LB323  
LB594  
LB542

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025  
LB106  
LB496  
LB120

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB298:  
AM238 is available in the Bill Room.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 46.** Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Dani Busboom Kelly was announced as the new University of Nebraska women's volleyball head coach on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kelly grew up in Cortland, NE and attended Freeman High School from 1999 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Kelly led Freeman High School to a volleyball state title, two state basketball championships, and a gold medal in 100-meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Kelly continued her athletic career at the University of Nebraska where she played on the women's volleyball team from 2003 to 2006 as a setter and libero; and

WHEREAS, in Kelly's senior year, as captain, she led the Cornhuskers to the 2006 National Championship and was named the Big 12's Co-libero of the Year. She ended her collegiate career with a 124-10 winning record; and

WHEREAS, Kelly proceeded to serve as assistant coach for a number of schools before taking a head coaching job at the University of Louisville. As head coach, Kelly led the team to multiple titles and championships and left Louisville with a winning record of 203-44; and

WHEREAS, Kelly has received several accolades including the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year in 2020, 2021, and 2022, the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2016, and the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2021.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dani Busboom Kelly on her position as the new head coach of the University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball team.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dani Busboom Kelly.

Laid over.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Senator Hallstrom renewed [AM112](#), found on page 412, and considered in this day's Journal.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 35.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST1](#)

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

1. On page 1, line 2; and page 15, line 29, "13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717," has been struck and "81-3717" inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to [LB231](#):

[AM216](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM30)

1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "department" and insert "Department of  
 2 Banking and Finance".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB265](#):

[AM262](#)

1 1. On page 23, line 2, after "grants" insert "in accordance with  
 2 subsection (4) of this section"; in line 4 after "program" insert  
 3 "described in subsection (4) of this section"; and after line 13 insert  
 4 the following new subsection:  
 5 "(4)(a) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund may be used to  
 6 provide workforce development grants. Grants shall be disbursed through  
 7 the Nebraska Workforce Development Board. Grants shall be used for:  
 8 (i) Support of public and private job training programs designed to  
 9 train, retrain, or upgrade work skills of existing Nebraska workers of  
 10 for-profit and not-for-profit businesses;  
 11 (ii) Recruitment of workers to Nebraska;  
 12 (iii) Training new employees of expanding Nebraska businesses; and  
 13 (iv) Retention of existing employees of Nebraska businesses.  
 14 (b) By July 1 of each year, the Nebraska Workforce Development Board

15 shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal year  
 16 containing guidelines for the workforce development grant program  
 17 described in this subsection. The guidelines shall include, but not be  
 18 limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers, criteria for  
 19 evaluating workforce development grant requests, and guidelines for  
 20 requiring employers to provide matching funds. The guidelines shall give  
 21 priority to training that contributes to the expansion of the Nebraska  
 22 workforce and increasing the pool of highly skilled workers in Nebraska.  
 23 (c) For purposes of this subsection, Nebraska Workforce Development  
 24 Board means the state workforce development board authorized by the  
 25 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and established in  
 26 Nebraska."

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:  
AM265

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 4. Section 48-626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 3 2024, is amended to read:  
 4 48-626 (1) For any benefit year beginning before July 21, 2022, any  
 5 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year  
 6 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)  
 7 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his  
 8 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of  
 9 his or her base period; except that when any individual has been  
 10 separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under  
 11 circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined  
 12 disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total benefit  
 13 amount based on the employment from which he or she was so separated  
 14 shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection (2) of  
 15 this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for each  
 16 separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for  
 17 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual  
 18 was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.  
 19 (2) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described  
 20 in subsection (1) of this section:  
 21 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
 22 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
 23 determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit  
 24 amount shall be reduced by:  
 25 (i) Two times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left  
 26 work voluntarily for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured,  
 27 permanent, full-time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which  
 1 offers a reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working  
 2 conditions, or both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him  
 3 or her; or  
 4 (ii) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she  
 5 left work voluntarily without good cause for any reason other than that  
 6 described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section; and  
 7 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
 8 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
 9 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit  
 10 amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit  
 11 amount.  
 12 (3) For any benefit year beginning on or after July 21, 2022, any  
 13 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year  
 14 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)  
 15 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his  
 16 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of  
 17 his or her base period; except that when any individual has been  
 18 separated from his or her employment with the most recent insured

19 employer under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
 20 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total  
 21 benefit amount based on the employment from which he or she was so  
 22 separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection  
 23 (4) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for such  
 24 separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for  
 25 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual  
 26 was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.  
 27 (4) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described  
 28 in subsection (3) of this section:  
 29 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
 30 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
 31 determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit  
 1 amount shall be reduced by thirteen times his or her weekly benefit  
 2 amount if he or she left work voluntarily without good cause; and  
 3 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment  
 4 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been  
 5 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit  
 6 amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit  
 7 amount.  
 8 (5) For purposes of sections 48-623 to 48-626, wages shall be  
 9 counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to  
 10 any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date  
 11 on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the  
 12 conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661 with  
 13 respect to becoming an employer.  
 14 (6) In order to determine the benefits due under this section and  
 15 sections 48-624 and 48-625, each employer shall make reports, in  
 16 conformity with reasonable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated  
 17 by the commissioner, of the wages of any claimant. If any employer fails  
 18 to make such a report within the time prescribed, the commissioner may  
 19 accept the statement of such claimant as to his or her wages, and any  
 20 benefit payments based on such statement of earnings, in the absence of  
 21 fraud or collusion, shall be final as to the amount.  
 22 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount of benefits  
 23 to which an eligible individual is entitled shall not be affected by any  
 24 changes made in this legislative bill.  
 25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 26 accordingly.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB362:

AM255

1 1. On page 37, line 21, reinstate the stricken "and".

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:

AM248

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 79-958 (1)(a)(4) Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to  
 6 January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for  
 7 formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the  
 8 School Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent  
 9 of compensation. Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and  
 10 in the same manner as required employer contributions.  
 11 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the  
 12 funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to  
 13 deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:

14 (i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is  
 15 less than ninety-six percent, nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one  
 16 percent of compensation; and

17 (ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund  
 18 is ninety-six percent or greater, seven and twenty-eight hundredths of  
 19 one percent of compensation.

20 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same  
 21 time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.

22 (2)(a) Prior to January 1, 2026, for~~(2) For~~ the purpose of providing  
 23 the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required  
 24 to deposit in the School Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the  
 25 required contributions of the school employees of each employer. Such  
 26 deposits shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time  
 27 and in the same manner as such required employee contributions.

1 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the  
 2 funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to  
 3 deposit in the School Retirement Fund an amount equal to nine and eighty-  
 4 eight hundredths of one percent of compensation of the school employees  
 5 of the employer.

6 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted to the  
 7 retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as required  
 8 employee contributions.

9 (3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by  
 10 this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and  
 11 the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions  
 12 pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining  
 13 federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross  
 14 income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made  
 15 available. The contributions, although designated as member  
 16 contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member  
 17 contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the  
 18 same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The  
 19 employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction  
 20 through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member  
 21 contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School  
 22 Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as  
 23 member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

24 (4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through  
 25 irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921  
 26 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be  
 27 treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions  
 28 picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

29 Sec. 2. Section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 30 amended to read:

31 79-966 (1)(a) On the basis of all data in the possession of the  
 1 retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are  
 2 recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted by  
 3 the retirement board, the retirement board shall annually, on or before  
 4 July 1, determine the state deposit to be made by the state in the School  
 5 Retirement Fund for that fiscal year. The amount of such state deposit  
 6 shall be determined pursuant to section 79-966.01. The retirement board  
 7 shall thereupon certify the amount of such state deposit, and on the  
 8 warrant of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer  
 9 shall, as of July 1 of such year, transfer from funds appropriated by the  
 10 state for that purpose to the School Retirement Fund the amount of such  
 11 state deposit.

12 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, the contingent state transfer described  
 13 in this subsection shall be calculated as a percent of compensation of  
 14 all members of the retirement system. For any year in which a deposit is  
 15 made to the School Retirement Fund under this subsection, if the actuary



16 for a retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees  
17 Retirement Act determines that the actuarially required contribution  
18 rate, for the fiscal year of the retirement system that begins before the  
19 state deposit, exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to  
20 the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, using the amortization  
21 period specified in section 79-966.01, the Class V district school board  
22 may request a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the  
23 Legislature to ask the state to transfer to the Class V school district  
24 for transfer to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the  
25 Class V School Employees Retirement Act an amount determined by  
26 multiplying the compensation of all members of such retirement system by  
27 the lesser of the percent of compensation transferred into the School  
28 Retirement Fund under this subsection or the percent of compensation of  
29 the members of the retirement system provided for under the Class V  
30 School Employees Retirement Act needed to meet the actuarially required  
31 contribution rate for such system, using the amortization period  
1 specified in section 79-966.01. Any additional amount of transfer so  
2 calculated, recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the  
3 Legislature, and approved by the Legislature, shall be added to the two  
4 percent specified in subsection (2) of this section for the amount  
5 required by subsection (2) of section 79-916 to be transferred to the  
6 Class V school district, which shall transfer such amount to the funds of  
7 the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees  
8 Retirement Act.

9 ~~(2)(a)(2)~~ For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and prior to  
10 July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections  
11 (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School  
12 Retirement Fund an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all  
13 members of the retirement system.

14 (b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in addition to the  
15 state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the  
16 state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund the following  
17 amounts:

18 (i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is  
19 less than ninety-six percent, an amount equal to two percent of the  
20 compensation of all members of the retirement system;

21 (ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund  
22 is ninety-six percent or greater and less than one hundred percent, an  
23 amount equal to seven-tenths of one percent of the compensation of all  
24 members of the retirement system; and

25 (iii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund  
26 is one hundred percent or greater, the state shall not be required to  
27 transfer an amount under this subsection.

28 (3) In addition to the state deposits and transfers required by  
29 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2005, and  
30 each fiscal year thereafter for employees who become members prior to  
31 July 1, 2016, the state shall transfer into the Service Annuity Fund such  
1 amounts as may be necessary to pay the normal cost and amortize the  
2 unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the service annuity benefit  
3 established pursuant to sections 79-933 and 79-952 as accrued through the  
4 end of the previous fiscal year of the school employees who are members  
5 of the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School  
6 Employees Retirement Act.

7 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-958 and 79-966, Reissue Revised  
8 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

9 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
10 passed and approved according to law.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to LB229:

[MO35](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Ibach filed the following motion to LB708:

[MO36](#)

Withdraw LB708.

**RESOLUTION(S)****LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

WHEREAS, the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament was in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College men's soccer team competed as the fifth-seed; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College Hawks won the National Championships after defeating Neosho County Community College Panthers 2-1 in the championship match; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Adam Potter was named the Region 11 Coach of the Year and the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, guiding the Hawks to a 22-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, Edouard Nys was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II's National Player of the Year, Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, and First Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, this is the first national championship for Northeast Community College; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of faculty, staff, and the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Northeast Community College men's soccer team on winning the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Northeast Community College Men's Soccer Head Coach Adam Potter and Athletic Director Jerrett Mills.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB182.  
Senator Sanders name added to LB628.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island; members from Northeast Nebraska Manager's Group with NREA; members of League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matthew Halfar, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY - FEBRUARY 18, 2025**

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Jim Keck, First Plymouth, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sorrentino.

**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 Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, DeKay, Guereca, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-sixth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Appropriations  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of (cancel)

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

February 13, 2025

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 Game and Parks Commission-District 3-Independent:

Lisa Roskens, 4359 Far Hills Lane, Omaha, NE 68152, 3rd 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

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 41, 42, 43, and 44 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business,  
the President signed the following: LRs 41, 42, 43, and 44.

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708**

Senator Ibach offered [MO36](#), found on page 514, to withdraw LB708.

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

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with  
17 ayes, 3 nays, and 29 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, and 7 not voting.

The Ibach motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 135.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM99

1 1. On page 11, strike lines 23 through 30 and insert the following  
2 new subdivision:  
3 "(b)(i) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this  
4 subsection, the election shall be held:  
5 (A) In conjunction with a statewide primary or general election;  
6 (B) In an odd-numbered year, in conjunction with a regularly  
7 scheduled general election of a political subdivision;  
8 (C) In an odd-numbered year, on the first Tuesday after the second  
9 Monday in May; or  
10 (D) In an odd-numbered year, on the first Tuesday after the first  
11 Monday in November.  
12 (ii) The school board shall file the order or certify the question  
13 for the issue to be on the ballot by March 1 for a statewide primary  
14 election, September 1 for a statewide general election, the eighth Friday  
15 prior to the general election of a political subdivision, March 1 for an  
16 election held in May of an odd-numbered year pursuant to subdivision (b)  
17 (i)(C) of this subsection, or September 1 for an election in November of  
18 an odd-numbered year."; and in line 31 strike "(ii)" and insert "(iii)".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM27

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 73-803 For purposes of the State Procurement Act:  
6 (1) Contract includes any contract for services and contract for  
7 personal property;  
8 (2) Contract for personal property means any contract entered into  
9 by the state with another party for a stated consideration, which  
10 provides that the state agency is to receive the personal property or use  
11 of such personal property furnished by the other party. Contract for  
12 personal property includes leases;  
13 (3) Contract for services means any contract that directly engages  
14 the time or effort of an independent contractor whose purpose is to  
15 perform an identifiable task, study, or report rather than to furnish an  
16 end item of supply, goods, equipment, or material;  
17 (4) Cooperative agreement means a legal instrument reflecting a  
18 relationship between the State of Nebraska and any other entity where (a)  
19 the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value

20 to the entity to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation by  
21 law instead of acquiring property or services for the direct benefit of  
22 the State of Nebraska and (b) substantial involvement is expected between  
23 the State of Nebraska and the entity when carrying out the activity  
24 contemplated in the agreement;  
25 (5) Division means the materiel division of the Department of  
26 Administrative Services;  
27 (6) Emergency means necessary to meet an urgent or unexpected  
1 requirement or when health and public safety or the conservation of  
2 public resources is at risk;  
3 (7) Grant agreement means a legal instrument reflecting a  
4 relationship between the State of Nebraska and any other entity where (a)  
5 the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value  
6 to the entity to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation by  
7 law instead of acquiring property or services for the direct benefit of  
8 the State of Nebraska and (b) substantial involvement is not expected  
9 between the State of Nebraska and the entity when carrying out the  
10 activity contemplated in the agreement;  
11 (8) Occasional means seasonal, irregular, or fluctuating in nature;  
12 (9) Personal property includes all materials, supplies, furniture,  
13 equipment, printing, stationery, automotive and road equipment, and other  
14 chattels, goods, wares, and merchandise;  
15 (10) Sole source means of such a unique nature that the contractor  
16 selected is clearly and justifiably the only practicable source to  
17 provide the service or personal property. Determination that the  
18 contractor selected is justifiably the sole source is based on either the  
19 uniqueness of the service or personal property or sole availability at  
20 the location required;  
21 (11) State agency means any agency, board, or commission of this  
22 state, except for the University of Nebraska or the Nebraska state  
23 colleges. For purposes of procurement of services, state agency does not  
24 include the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, the  
25 Nebraska Investment Council, the courts, the Legislature, or any officer  
26 or state agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska. Changes made  
27 to this subdivision by this legislative bill shall be construed to apply  
28 to any action taken on or after July 19, 2024; and  
29 (12) Temporary means a finite period of time with respect to a  
30 specific task or result relating to a contract for services.  
31 Sec. 2. Original section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
1 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.  
2 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
3 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson



**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

LB557  
LB633  
LB427  
LB14

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

LB532  
LB423  
LB537  
LB544  
LB435

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708**

Senator Conrad offered the following motion to LB708:

[MO38](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO36.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST4](#)

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

1. In the Jacobson amendment, AM141, on page 1, lines 11 and 14, "or" has been inserted before "section".

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST3](#)

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

1. On page 1, line 1, the first occurrence of "relating to" has been struck.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST2](#)

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

1. On page 1, line 4, "redefine" has been struck and "define, redefine," inserted; and in line 5 "allocation," has been inserted after "the".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER10](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 38-2866.01 (1) A pharmacist may supervise any combination of
- 6 pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns at any time up to a total of
- 7 ~~four~~three people.
- 8 (2) A pharmacist intern shall be supervised at all times while
- 9 performing the functions of a pharmacist intern which may include all
- 10 aspects of the practice of pharmacy unless otherwise restricted. This
- 11 ~~subsection~~section does not apply to a pharmacist intern who is receiving
- 12 experiential training directed by the accredited pharmacy program in
- 13 which he or she is enrolled.
- 14 (3) For any pharmacist supervising four pharmacy technicians or
- 15 pharmacist interns, at least one person shall be a certified pharmacy
- 16 technician pursuant to section 38-2890.
- 17 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 18 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
- 19 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 3 through
- 20 "pharmacist" in line 4 and insert "provisions relating to supervision of
- 21 pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER11](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "requirements" and insert "provisions".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB229:  
AM303

1 1. On page 12, strike beginning with "Marketplace" in line 23  
2 through "compensation" in line 26 and insert "Marketplace network  
3 contractor does not include a person transporting, for compensation, any  
4 of the following to which postage is affixed: Freight, sealed or closed  
5 envelopes, boxes, parcels, or other similar sealed or closed containers".

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

LB662

LR14

LR21

LB259

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LB636

LR18CA

Note: \*This will be a combined hearing with LR16CA

LR16CA

Note: \*This will be a combined hearing with LR18CA

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

LB334

LB663

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Urban Affairs  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

LB321

LB614

LB626

LB702

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

LB81

LB354

LB495

LB679

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 8, Sec. 3, the Appropriations Committee presented its preliminary report on February 18, 2025, summarizing the recommended appropriations for the following biennium.

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

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB42.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB108.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB117.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB140.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB174.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB192.  
Senator Ballard name added to LB193.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB303.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB319.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB547.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB710.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator von Gillern, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Major Scott Shelbourn, Western Division Salvation Army, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Strommen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dorn, Dover, Guereca, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

Page 523, line 31, strike "Room 1023" and replace with "Room 2102."  
The Journal for the twenty-seventh day was approved, as corrected.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
LB559 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
LB559

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708**

Senator Conrad renewed [MO38](#), found and considered on page 521, to reconsider the vote taken on MO36.

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 0 ayes, 31 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Senator Hallstrom renewed [AM112](#), found on page 412, and considered on pages 507 and 509.

Senator Conrad offered [MO35](#), found on page 514, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following motion:

[MO41](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Hallstrom moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

The Hallstrom motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Conrad motion to recommit failed with 14 ayes, 34 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 16 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM292](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 568.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM269](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to [LB441](#):  
[AM291](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 21, after the semicolon insert "and"; strike  
2 lines 22 and 23; and in line 24 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)".

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to [LB513](#):  
[MO39](#)  
Indefinitely postpone.

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to [LB345](#):  
[MO40](#)  
Indefinitely postpone.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025  
LB651

Note: Joint hearing with LB 677

LB677

Note: Joint hearing with LB 651

LB483

LB705

This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

LR20CA

LB63

LB421

LB438

LB342

LB406

LB405

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

LB424

LB131

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** [ER3](#), found on page 465, was offered.

ER3 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** [ER8](#), found on page 480, was offered.

ER8 was adopted.

Senator DeBoer offered [AM255](#), found on page 511.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.



Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** [ER6](#), found on page 480, was offered.

ER6 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Senator Hallstrom offered [AM216](#), found on page 509.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** [ER5](#), found on page 480, was offered.

ER5 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** [ER4](#), found on page 481, was offered.

ER4 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER12](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 23, strike "numbers" and insert "number".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER13](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be

4 cited as the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

6 (1) Wide discrepancies between medicaid reimbursement rates and  
7 rates of other payers have created challenges to health care access for  
8 Nebraska residents covered by medicaid;

9 (2) Approximately one-third of pregnant women, newborns, and  
10 children are covered by medicaid and access to health care services is  
11 critical for them. Access to labor and delivery services is critical to  
12 fostering healthy mothers and babies;

13 (3) Access to primary care is vital to the health of Nebraska  
14 communities. Investment in preventative care will help reduce future  
15 health care costs to the state and its residents. Improved health  
16 outcomes are more likely when patients have access to, and positive  
17 relationships with, their primary care provider;

18 (4) Health care access challenges in rural areas have reached a  
19 critical point, which requires bold investment and leadership from the  
20 state to maintain the health of our rural citizens and communities; and

21 (5) Investment in physical health care access and quality in the  
22 medicaid program is an investment in bolstering Nebraska's health care  
23 landscape as a whole, addressing health care deserts across the state,  
24 and improving the health and prosperity of Nebraska communities.

25 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act:

26 (1) Nonhospital provider means a provider of physical health  
27 services that does not hold a license as a hospital under the Health Care  
1 Facility Licensure Act;

2 (2) Physical health services means services billed under the  
3 medicaid practitioner fee schedule to meet the physical health needs of a  
4 patient; and

5 (3) Rural means any county in Nebraska having a population of less  
6 than one hundred thousand residents.

7 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of  
8 Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of six  
9 percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums  
10 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority  
11 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal  
12 law, during the preceding calendar year for business done in the state.

13 The director shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State  
14 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the  
15 tax remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.

16 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human  
17 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal  
18 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial  
19 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

20 (3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January  
 21 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received the previous calendar year for  
 22 all contractual obligations that remain in force by continuing  
 23 obligation, renewal, or new issuance on or after January 1, 2026. The tax  
 24 established by this section shall not apply to a premium received during  
 25 calendar year 2025 that is attributable to an individual contract or  
 26 policy held by an entity not offering that contract or policy in calendar  
 27 year 2026.  
 28 Sec. 5. The Medicaid Access and Quality Fund is created. Interest  
 29 earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund  
 30 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
 31 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
 1 State Funds Investment Act.  
 2 Sec. 6. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the  
 3 Medicaid Access and Quality Fund for the following purposes:  
 4 (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, forty million dollars annually shall  
 5 be used to obtain federal financial participation for the purpose of  
 6 enhancing rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health  
 7 services, as published in the medicaid practitioner fee schedule. This  
 8 funding shall not be used to replace or offset existing state funds paid  
 9 to providers for providing services under the medical assistance program:  
 10 (a) In calculating a rate enhancement under subdivision (1)(a) of  
 11 this section, the department shall work with a statewide association  
 12 exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 13 of 1986 that primarily represents health care providers in multiple  
 14 specialties who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the  
 15 Uniform Credentialing Act; and  
 16 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that a rate enhancement  
 17 provided by subdivision (1) of this section should aim to improve access  
 18 to care through increasing rates across a broad range of physical health  
 19 services provided by nonhospital providers, with an emphasis on  
 20 evaluation and management services, labor and delivery services, and  
 21 rural services;  
 22 (2) Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, five million dollars  
 23 annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation to pay a  
 24 monthly per-member fee of not less than seventy-five dollars to qualified  
 25 primary care providers who meet criteria established by the Department of  
 26 Health and Human Services to serve as a primary care medical home for  
 27 target populations;  
 28 (3) Any remaining funds shall be transferred to the medical  
 29 assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program; and  
 30 (4) Use of the funds described in this section are subject to all  
 31 required federal approvals including any approvals necessary for the use  
 1 of the funds to obtain federal financial participation.  
 2 Sec. 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the medicaid  
 3 practitioner fee schedule rates and the General Fund appropriations for  
 4 rates established in the fee schedule shall not be reduced in amounts  
 5 lower than the rates published as of July 1, 2024.  
 6 Sec. 8. Section 44-32,180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 7 amended to read:  
 8 44-32,180 (1) Any health maintenance organization subject to the  
 9 Health Maintenance Organization Act shall also be subject to (a) the  
 10 premium taxation provisions of Chapter 77, article 9, to the extent that  
 11 the direct writing premiums are not otherwise subject to taxation under  
 12 such article; and (b) the retaliatory taxation provisions of section  
 13 44-150, and (c) the tax levied by section 4 of this act.  
 14 (2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical  
 15 Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation  
 16 imposed by subsection (1) of this section.  
 17 Sec. 9. Section 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

18 amended to read:

19 44-4726 (1) The same taxes provided for in section 44-32,180 shall  
20 be imposed upon each prepaid limited health service organization, and  
21 such organizations also shall be entitled to the same tax deductions,  
22 reductions, abatement, and credits that health maintenance organizations  
23 are entitled to receive.

24 (2) ~~Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical~~  
25 ~~Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation~~  
26 ~~imposed by subsection (1) of this section.~~

27 Sec. 10. Section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
28 2024, is amended to read:

29 77-908 (1) Every insurance company organized under the stock,  
30 mutual, assessment, or reciprocal plan, except fraternal benefit  
31 societies, which is transacting business in this state shall, on or  
1 before March 1 of each year, pay a tax to the director of one percent of  
2 the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by it during the  
3 preceding calendar year for business done in this state, except that (a)  
4 (1) for group sickness and accident insurance the rate of such tax shall  
5 be five-tenths of one percent, (b) ~~and (2)~~ for property and casualty  
6 insurance, excluding individual sickness and accident insurance, the rate  
7 of such tax shall be one percent, and (c) ~~in addition to the tax paid~~  
8 ~~under this section, for health maintenance organizations subject to the~~  
9 ~~Health Maintenance Organization Act, the tax levied by section 4 of this~~  
10 ~~act.~~

11 (2) A captive insurer authorized under the Captive Insurers Act that  
12 is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each  
13 year, pay to the director a tax of one-fourth of one percent of the gross  
14 amount of direct writing premiums received by such insurer during the  
15 preceding calendar year for business transacted in the state.

16 (3) The taxable premiums shall include premiums paid on the lives of  
17 persons residing in this state and premiums paid for risks located in  
18 this state whether the insurance was written in this state or not,  
19 including that portion of a group premium paid which represents the  
20 premium for insurance on Nebraska residents or risks located in Nebraska  
21 included within the group when the number of lives in the group exceeds  
22 five hundred. The tax shall also apply to premiums received by domestic  
23 companies for insurance written on individuals residing outside this  
24 state or risks located outside this state if no comparable tax is paid by  
25 the direct writing domestic company to any other appropriate taxing  
26 authority. Companies whose scheme of operation contemplates the return of  
27 a portion of premiums to policyholders, without such policyholders being  
28 claimants under the terms of their policies, may deduct such return  
29 premiums or dividends from their gross premiums for the purpose of tax  
30 calculations. Any such insurance company shall receive a credit on the  
31 tax imposed, ~~except the tax paid under subdivision (1)(c) of this~~  
1 ~~section,~~ as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act,  
2 the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New  
3 Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit  
4 Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax  
5 Credit Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, and the  
6 Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.

7 Sec. 11. Original sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised  
8 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
9 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

10 Sec. 12. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
11 passed and approved according to law.

12 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "44-2702" in line 1 through line  
13 8 and insert "44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
14 Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
15 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to change provisions

16 relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited  
17 health service organizations, and insurance companies; to repeal the  
18 original sections; and to declare an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER14](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER15](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 6 and 13, strike "Spark Ignition", show as  
2 stricken, and insert "Spark-Ignition".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 83.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture

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

Duane Gangwish - Nebraska Brand Committee

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould,  
Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Randy L Gard - Nebraska Ethanol Board

Stephen D Mossman - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Kurt Arganbright - Game and Parks Commission

LB695

LR22CA

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025  
LB607  
LR17

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025  
LB349  
LB595

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
LB661  
LB571

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Title read. Considered.

Pending.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR45 was adopted.

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR45.

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

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB76.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB173.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Leadership Beatrice; members of Leadership York; members of Nebraskans for the Arts; Kearney High School Clarinet Choir and String Quartet.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dover, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jim Haack, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, La Vista.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, DeKay, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, Ibach, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-eighth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 90.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Appropriations  
Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of

Note: OCIO ONLY

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

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

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB345:

[AM337](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 84-721 ~~There~~ Until January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries  
6 ~~to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the~~  
7 ~~sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,~~  
8 ~~the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of~~  
9 ~~sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of~~  
10 ~~sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall~~  
11 ~~be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows:~~  
12 ~~Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;~~  
13 ~~Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per~~  
14 ~~year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;~~  
15 ~~and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per~~  
16 ~~year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments. Until~~  
17 ~~January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public~~  
18 ~~Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year. Commencing~~  
19 ~~January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public~~  
20 ~~Accounts, the sum of XX thousand dollars per year.~~  
21 Sec. 2. Original section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
22 Nebraska, is repealed.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Senator Conrad offered [AM261](#), found on page 500.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered [AM259](#), found on page 501.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered [AM262](#), found on page 509.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered [AM265](#), found on page 510.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 10 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Title read. Considered.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 183.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### **AM308**

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 69-1311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 69-1311 (a) ~~The Between March 1 and March 10 of each year the State~~  
5 Treasurer shall annually cause notice to be published once in an English  
6 language legal newspaper of general circulation in ~~each~~ the county in this  
7 state in which is located the last-known address of any person to be  
8 named in the notice. If no address is known, then the notice shall be  
9 published in a legal newspaper having statewide circulation.

10 (b) The published notice shall be entitled Notice to Owners of  
11 Abandoned Property, and shall contain:

12 (1) The names in alphabetical order and counties of last-known  
13 addresses, if any, of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice  
14 as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

15 (2) A statement that information concerning the amount or  
16 description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be  
17 obtained by any person possessing an interest in the property by  
18 addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer.

19 (c) The State Treasurer is not required to publish in such notice  
 20 any item of less than fifty dollars unless he or she deems such  
 21 publication to be in the public interest.  
 22 (d) Within one hundred twenty days from the receipt of the report  
 23 required by section 69-1310, the State Treasurer shall mail a notice to  
 24 each person having an address listed therein who appears to be entitled  
 25 to property of the value of fifty dollars or more presumed abandoned  
 26 under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.  
 27 (e) The mailed notice shall contain:  
 1 (1) A statement that, according to a report filed with the State  
 2 Treasurer, property is being held to which the addressee appears  
 3 entitled.  
 4 (2) The name and address of the person holding the property and any  
 5 necessary information regarding changes of name and address of the  
 6 holder.  
 7 (3) A statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is presented by  
 8 the owner to the State Treasurer, arrangements will be made to transfer  
 9 the property to the owner as provided by law.  
 10 (f) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's  
 11 checks or money orders presumed abandoned under section 69-1302.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
 Nebraska Retirement Systems  
 Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025  
 LB645

Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 28, 2025  
 LB713  
 LB689

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Revenue  
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
 LR12CA  
 LB479  
 LB439  
 LB712

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications  
 Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

LB227  
LB444  
LB465  
LB176

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

LB619  
LB714 (reschedule)  
LB576  
LB690

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Brandt filed the following motion to LB695:

MO42

Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow the cancellation of the public hearing.

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

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB7:

AM310 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB321:

AM29

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 2. Section 31-752, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:  
4 31-752 (1) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not  
5 assess real property that is (a) not assessable or (b) not included  
6 within the corporate boundaries of the district for any of the  
7 improvements that are constructed or installed outside of the corporate  
8 boundaries of the district, except as provided in subsection (3) of this  
9 section.  
10 (2) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not assess real  
11 property that has not been specially benefited by any public improvements  
12 constructed or installed by the district that are located outside of the  
13 corporate boundaries of the district.  
14 (3) In cases where real property located outside the corporate  
15 boundaries of the district has been specially benefited by the  
16 improvements constructed or installed by the district outside of the  
17 corporate boundaries of the district, cause to be assessed for any of the  
18 improvements herein provided, property by law not assessable, or property  
19 not included within the district defined in the preliminary resolution,  
20 and shall not assess property not benefited; Provided, in cases when such  
21 exempt property has been specially benefited by the improvements, the  
22 owner of such property shall pay the district a sum equivalent to the  
23 amount the property has been specially benefited, which amount may be  
24 recovered by the district in an action against the property owner. If the  
25 parties do not agree as to the amount of the special benefits, the amount

26 may be determined by the district court in an action brought by the  
27 district for such purpose.

1 (4) The board of trustees or the administrator may ~~determine~~find  
2 that any part or all of such public improvements made are of general  
3 benefit to the district, in which case the board or administrator shall  
4 ~~have the power to except that the board or administrator shall levy~~  
5 special assessments on all lots, parcels, or pieces of real estate  
6 specially benefited to the extent that any such public improvements  
7 ~~constructed or installed by the district confer~~of the special benefits to  
8 such real property. The cost of such improvements installed or  
9 ~~constructed outside of the corporate boundaries of the district may~~shall  
10 be paid from the ~~tax~~assessments levied against all the real property  
11 ~~within the corporate boundaries of~~in the district, in the manner provided  
12 by section 31-755, ~~or~~ may be paid from unappropriated money in its  
13 general fund, or may be paid from the collection of special assessments  
14 levied against all lots, parcels, or pieces of real property located  
15 outside of the corporate boundaries of the district to the extent of the  
16 special benefit conferred. The cost of the improvements shall draw  
17 interest and shall be payable in the same manner as special assessments  
18 levied against all real property located within the corporate boundaries  
19 of the district in accordance with section 31-753 at the rate of six  
20 percent per annum from the date of acceptance thereof by the board or  
21 administrator until warrants are issued in payment of the contract price.  
22 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer  
23 accordingly.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with  
24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present  
and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 104.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Agriculture  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Anna Castner Wightman - Nebraska State Fair Board

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

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

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LB333:

MO43

Withdraw LB333.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB193.

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB660.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members the Midlands African Chamber, Inc, Omaha; members of Leadership Nebraska; members of the American Council of Engineering Companies; members of the Nebraska Nurses Association.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clements, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**THIRTIETH DAY - FEBRUARY 21, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, February 21, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Marcus Kramer, Faith, Hope & Love Fellowship, Creighton.

**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., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Ballard, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the twenty-ninth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 292.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM257](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 30, strike "five hundred" and insert "two hundred  
2 fifty".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

### Natural Resources

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

Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission  
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board  
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

### 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 February 20, 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

Gay, Mary Margaret  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Husch Blackwell Strategies  
Cargill  
National Association of Theatre Owners  
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
Reset Tech Action  
Kelley Plucker, LLC  
Bitcoin Depot  
Lindahl, Leah  
Healthcare Distribution Alliance  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Siena Francis House  
Nebraska Strategies  
Ford Motor Company  
Hims & Hers Health, Inc.  
Neilan Strategy Group  
FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC  
Peetz & Company

KMRO Group Corp.  
 Sanchez, Sarah  
 ALS Association (Withdrawn 02/20/2025)

### **MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 533:

Nebraska Brand Committee  
 Duane Gangwish

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hunt	Spivey	Storer
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Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney
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The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### **MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB333**

Senator Hardin offered [MO43](#), found on page 543, to withdraw LB333.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Brandt offered [MO42](#), found on page 541, to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow the cancellation of the public hearing on LB695.

The Brandt motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025  
LB695 (cancel)

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 609, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 344.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 480.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**BILLS ON FINAL READING**

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1.** With Emergency Clause.

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.

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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

## **LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB38 with 45 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.**

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, certificates of authorization, fees, enrollment of geologist-interns, reciprocity, temporary permits, 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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB43 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** With Emergency Clause.

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.

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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 51.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB52 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB72 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Hunt\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for collection of personal property by affidavit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-650.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 108.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act; to amend sections 16-1024 and 16-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to contributions to the retirement system; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the redemption of certain bonds; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act; to amend section 81-1566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a termination date; to repeal the original section; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M. \*

Excused and not voting, 1:

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.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB182 with 45 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2506 and 81-523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2502, 77-2503, 77-2508, 77-3806, 77-7202, and 77-7204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms and change provisions relating to the allocation, transfer, sale, and assignment of tax credits under the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; to authorize additional uses of the tax credits granted under the Child Care Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Juarez            Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the documentary stamp tax; to amend section 76-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.



Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB208 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2712.03 and 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2711, 77-2715.07, 77-27,241, 77-7012, and 77-7203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a database for sales tax zip code information, annual limits for certain tax credits, and certain tax credits for parents and legal guardians; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB209 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 209.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202 and 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses and a property tax exemption for certain skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and assisted-living facilities; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M.    McKinney

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

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e.

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM54](#), found on page 446, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

#### **[AM358](#)**

1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike "serious concerns about" and insert  
2 "awareness of issues relating to"; in line 11 strike "Numerous" and  
3 insert "Some"; in line 17 strike "may" and insert "can"; in line 23  
4 strike "ensure" and insert "expect" and strike "are" and insert "to be";  
5 in line 25 strike "for" and insert "in"; strike beginning with "under" in  
6 line 28 through "advancing" in line 29 and insert "to advance"; and  
7 strike beginning with "not" in line 29 through "evade" in line 30 and  
8 insert "be balanced against personal liberty rights and".  
9 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "considered" in line 5 through  
10 "or" in line 6; in line 8 strike the second comma; in line 9 after "each"  
11 insert "student"; in line 16 after "tracking" insert "technology"; in  
12 lines 17 and 20 after "surveillance" insert an underscored comma; in line  
13 21 strike "proper" and insert "reasonable"; in line 24 strike beginning  
14 with the first comma through "with" and insert "or shared with or sold  
15 by"; in line 27 after "for" insert "alleged" and after "such" insert  
16 "student"; and strike beginning with the second comma in line 28 through  
17 "79-2,104" in line 30.  
18 3. On page 4, line 11, strike the comma; and strike beginning with  
19 "to" in line 12 through "act" in line 13.

### **SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

Pending.

**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on February 21, 2025, at 10:35 a.m. were the following: LBs 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e..

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 473.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM217](#)

1 1. On page 49, line 23, strike "The" and insert "If not available on  
2 the licensee's website or mobile application, the".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 482.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM243](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 19, strike "of rights or benefits".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

LB239

LB268

LB319

LB202

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

LB214

LB630

LB210

LB632

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

LB437

LB147

LB48

LB275 (reschedule)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

LB318

LB96

LB283

LB588

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

LB67

LB153

LB442

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

LB367

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

LB695 (reschedule)

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB160:

[AM264](#)

(Amendments to AM189)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 7, strike "a second time" and insert "up to two
- 2 additional times"; in line 9 strike "second" and insert "third"; and in
- 3 line 18 strike "fourth" and insert "fifth".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB195:

[AM240](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM135)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 28-470 (1) A health professional who is authorized to prescribe or
- 6 dispense ~~an opioid overdose reversal medication naloxone~~, if acting with
- 7 reasonable care, may prescribe, administer, or dispense ~~such~~
- 8 ~~medication naloxone~~ to any of the following persons without being subject

9 to administrative action or criminal prosecution:

10 (a) A person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to  
11 experience an opioid-related overdose; or  
12 (b) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist  
13 a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an  
14 opioid-related overdose.

15 (2) A family member, friend, or any other person, including school  
16 personnel, who is in a position to assist a person who is apparently  
17 experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose,  
18 other than an emergency responder or peace officer, is not subject to  
19 actions under the Uniform Credentialing Act, administrative action, or  
20 criminal prosecution if the person, acting in good faith:

21 (a) Obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication, obtains naloxone  
22 from a health professional, pursuant to or a prescription, or over the  
23 counter; for naloxone from a health professional and

24 (b) Administers such medication; administers the naloxone obtained  
25 from the health professional or acquired pursuant to the prescription to  
26 a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.

1 (3) An emergency responder who, acting in good faith, obtains an  
2 opioid overdose reversal medication; naloxone from the emergency  
3 responder's emergency medical service organization and administers such  
4 medication; the naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an  
5 opioid-related overdose shall not be:

6 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or

7 (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a  
8 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in  
9 the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out  
10 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical  
11 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an  
12 opioid-related overdose, unless the emergency responder caused damage or  
13 injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of  
14 commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability  
15 of such emergency medical service organization for the emergency  
16 responder's acts of commission or omission.

17 (4) A peace officer or law enforcement employee who, acting in good  
18 faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication; naloxone from the  
19 peace officer's or employee's law enforcement agency and administers such  
20 medication; the naloxone to a person who is apparently experiencing an  
21 opioid-related overdose shall not be:

22 (a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or

23 (b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a  
24 result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in  
25 the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out  
26 of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical  
27 treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an  
28 opioid-related overdose, unless the peace officer or employee caused  
29 damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act  
30 of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the  
31 liability of such law enforcement agency for the peace officer's or  
1 employee's acts of commission or omission.

2 (5) For purposes of this section:

3 (a) Administer has the same meaning as in section 38-2806;

4 (b) Dispense has the same meaning as in section 38-2817;

5 (c) Emergency responder means an emergency medical responder, an  
6 emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician,  
7 or a paramedic licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act  
8 or practicing pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;

9 (d) Health professional means a physician, physician assistant,  
10 nurse practitioner, or pharmacist licensed under the Uniform  
11 Credentialing Act;

12 (e) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town  
 13 marshal, the office of sheriff, or the Nebraska State Patrol;  
 14 (f) Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement  
 15 agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such  
 16 contractor who regularly, as part of his or her duties, handles,  
 17 processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or  
 18 property which may include or contain opioids;  
 19 (g) Opioid overdose reversal medication means any lifesaving  
 20 medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for  
 21 reversing an opioid overdose, whether obtained by prescription, from a  
 22 health professional, or over the counter, and includes, but is not  
 23 limited to, naloxone and nalmefene. ~~Naloxone means naloxone hydrochloride;~~  
 24 and  
 25 (h) Peace officer has the same meaning as in section 49-801.  
 26 Sec. 2. Original section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 27 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB250:

AM256

1 1. On page 2, line 5, before "residences" insert "primary".

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB357:

AM320

1 1. On page 8, strike beginning with "An" in line 28 through  
 2 "license" in line 29 and insert "Such license may be renewed".  
 3 2. On page 9, after line 4 insert the following new subsection:  
 4 "(4) A licensee holding a license to conduct horseracing meets at a  
 5 designated place within the state pursuant to section 2-1204 prior to the  
 6 effective date of this act shall be deemed to hold a racetrack enclosure  
 7 license for such designated place within the state for purposes of this  
 8 section and the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act until the commission acts  
 9 upon the licensee's application for a racetrack enclosure license under  
 10 this section.".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB31:

AM345

1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike "serious concerns about" and insert  
 2 "awareness of issues relating to"; in line 11 strike "Numerous" and  
 3 insert "Some"; strike beginning with "with" in line 15 through "funds" in  
 4 line 16; in line 17 strike "may" and insert "can"; in line 20 strike  
 5 "have" through "control" and insert "should play an active role in"; in  
 6 line 23 strike "ensure" and insert "expect" and strike "are" and insert  
 7 "to be"; in line 25 strike "for" and insert "in"; strike beginning with  
 8 "under" in line 28 through "advancing" in line 29 and insert "to  
 9 advance"; and strike beginning with "not" in line 29 through  
 10 "transparency" in line 30 and insert "be balanced against personal  
 11 liberty rights and citizenship transparency".  
 12 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "At" in line 3 through line 6  
 13 and insert "Such policy may encourage school districts to specifically  
 14 identify and inventory the type of surveillance tools or student surveys  
 15 which gather personal information actually used in the school district,  
 16 including:"; in line 7 strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 9 strike  
 17 "(ii)" and insert "(b)"; in line 11 strike "(iii)" and insert "(c)";  
 18 strike lines 15 and 16; in line 17 strike "(v)" and insert "(d)"; in line  
 19 20 strike "(vi)" and insert "(e)"; in line 21 strike "proper" and insert  
 20 "reasonable"; in line 23 strike "(vii)" and insert "(f)"; in line 26  
 21 strike "(viii)" and insert "(g)"; in line 27 after "for" insert  
 22 "alleged"; strike beginning with the second comma in line 28 through line

23 30 and insert an underscored period; and strike line 31.

24 3. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 4; in lines 5 and 8 strike

25 "shall" and insert "may"; in line 9 strike "minimum"; in line 11 strike

26 the comma; and strike beginning with "to" in line 12 through "act" in

27 line 13.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 48.** Introduced by Kauth, 31; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Kyle McAcy, badge number 302, was an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Kyle graduated West High School and Metro Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a member of the Omaha Police Department's Police Explorer Program from 2009 to 2013, attended the Nebraska State Patrol's Junior Law Cadet program in 2010 after his junior year of high school, and graduated from Nebraska State Patrol Camp 56 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a ten-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol, served in Carrier Enforcement and the Patrol Division, served as a range officer and a Crisis Negotiator, volunteered with the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Omaha, and represented the Nebraska State Patrol at community events to connect with the public; and

WHEREAS, Kyle passed away at the age of 31 on February 17, 2025, after a traffic incident; and

WHEREAS, because of Kyle's dedication to the Nebraska State Patrol and protecting the community, the Nebraska State Patrol will retire his badge number allowing him to forever hold badge number 302.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Kyle McAcy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Kyle McAcy.

Laid over.

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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



Senator Conrad name added to LB61.  
Senator Sanders name added to LB193.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB253.  
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB338.  
Senator Hansen name added to LB468.  
Senator Dungan name added to LB628.  
Senator Sanders name added to LB644.  
Senator Sanders name added to LB660.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Annie Kramer, Creighton; members of Nebraska School Counselor Association; Nicki Hanseling and Mattie Trejo Amen, Lincoln; students from Spirit and Grace Academy, Elkhorn.

The Doctors of the Day were Jayashree Paknikar and Subhash Paknikar, Omaha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Armendariz, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Ryan Lewis, St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

**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 Senators Bostar, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirtieth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

## Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 562.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Jerry and Bill Adams at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Bill Adams grew up in Broken Bow, Nebraska, and were born with a love of agriculture, especially cattle, and developed their work ethic by milking cows, feeding calves, and farming; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, they returned home to help their father with his growing cattle-feeding and farming operation. Jerry and Bill grew the operation into Adams Land and Cattle with a finishing capacity of one hundred twenty-five thousand head of cattle, a backgrounding network of up to one hundred twenty-five thousand head of cattle in over eighty-five locations, and six thousand acres of farmland; and

WHEREAS, Adams Land and Cattle has been using data, technology, and innovation, since 1951, and more recently artificial intelligence, and has changed the dynamics of cattle feeding utilizing sustainable practices and partnerships with Climate Smart Beef and its software, Revoro; and

WHEREAS, Jerry volunteered and served on the boards of CattleFax Board, Beef Alliance, Kansas City Federal Reserve Agricultural Board, Bellevue University, and Custer Economic Development; formed the Nebraska Beef Producers; co-organized the Beef Alliance; co-founded Full Value Agriculture, a Nebraska Agriculture Sustainability Initiative through Aksarben; and is a Governor of Aksarben; and

WHEREAS, Bill has volunteered his time at Custer Economic Development, the Broken Bow City Council, and Broken Bow Golf Club, and is an engineering mentor both inside and outside Adams Land and Cattle; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Jerry's dedication to agriculture and voluntary leadership with statewide impact earns them well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jerry and Bill Adams as recipients of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jerry and Bill Adams.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Kenneth E. Stinson at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Ken Stinson is the Chairman Emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., one of North America's largest and most respected construction and engineering organizations, dating back to 1884, the employee-owned organization operates a network of subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, and Mexico with 2024 revenues of sixteen billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a 1964 civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, served two and a half tours in Vietnam as an officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps serving as Company Commander in a Seabee Mobile Construction Battalion, and after his military service, he earned his master's in civil engineering from Stanford University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Ken joined Kiewit in 1969 as a field engineer on a Bay Area Rapid Transit project, and was subsequently assigned to some of Kiewit's more notable projects. He then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1982 to establish a new private client business development initiative to complement Kiewit's traditional public sector contracting and in subsequent years was later named President and CEO of Kiewit's construction and mining division in 1992 and in 1998, he was named Chairman, President, and CEO of the parent company and retired as CEO in 2005 and chairman in 2013; and

WHEREAS, while working for Kiewit, Ken began taking on leadership roles in a variety of community projects, including chairing the non-profit organization overseeing the transformation of the Aksarben race track to what is now the vibrant Aksarben Village; the planning and designing of the CHI Arena and Convention Center, Lasting Hope Mental Health Recovery Center, and in collaboration with Rhonda Hawks, Charles Schwab College World Series Baseball Stadium, RiverFront Park in partnership with fellow Civic Leader, Mogens Bay, and currently a new comprehensive mental health center for children and adolescents at Children's Nebraska in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a trustee emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and civic leader emeritus for the U.S. Air Force Civic Leaders Program, and in the construction industry, he is a member of the National Academy of

Engineering, the National Academy of Construction, and is former chairman of the Construction Industry Round Table; and

WHEREAS, Ken's dedication to innovation in public service and voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns him well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Kenneth E. Stinson as a recipient of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kenneth E. Stinson.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman is Nebraska's longest serving Governor from January 2005 to January 2015, was elected to his first full term on November 7, 2006, and re-elected on November 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dave worked with the Nebraska Legislature to pass two of the largest tax relief packages in Nebraska history, was a strong supporter of education, helped open Nebraska's first international trade office in Tokyo, Japan, and secured several trade agreements for Nebraska agriculture products; and

WHEREAS, Dave is currently the Chair of the Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority and serves on the Advisory Board of the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows, which provides political leaders from across the country with the knowledge they need to cultivate smart and effective education agendas; and

WHEREAS, Dave is a native Nebraskan, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, served five years in the United States Army, rose to the rank of captain, and graduated from the Army's Airborne and Ranger schools; and

WHEREAS, Former First Lady Sally Ganem was an elementary school teacher and principal for over thirty years in the Fremont and Gretna public schools; and

WHEREAS, Sally received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and received their Outstanding UNO Alumni Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sally currently serves on the Fremont City Council, the Uniquely Yours Board of Directors, the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District as the treasurer, the Keene Memorial Library Board of Directors as the Fremont City Council liaison, Keep Fremont Beautiful board, and Ridge Cemetery Board and has been active in many local, state, and national organizations, including MADD, Serve Nebraska, United Way, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman and former First Lady Sally Ganem's dedication to their community and their voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns them well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem as recipients of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem.

Laid over.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 46 and 47 were adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 46 and 47.

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 31.** Senator Conrad renewed [AM358](#), found and considered on page 563.

Senator von Gillern moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Conrad amendment lost with 16 ayes, 27 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM345](#), found on page 567.

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 625.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM108](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 1, strike "Revenue" and insert "Administrative  
2 Services"; and strike beginning with "Tax" in line 6 through  
3 "Commissioner" in line 7 and insert "budget administrator of the budget  
4 division of the Department of Administrative Services".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to [LB289](#):

#### [AM309](#)

1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 3. (1) Pursuant to petitions filed or a vote of the village  
3 board of trustees under subsection (2) of this section, the registered  
4 voters in any village may vote at any statewide general election as to  
5 whether the village board of trustees shall consist of three or five  
6 members. Upon the completion of the canvass by the county canvassing  
7 board, the proposition shall be decided and, if the number of members is:  
8 (a) Increased from three to five members, vacancies shall be deemed  
9 to exist and the procedures set forth in sections 32-568 and 32-569 shall  
10 be followed; or  
11 (b) Decreased from five to three members, the procedures set forth  
12 in section 17-202 shall be followed.  
13 (2)(a) A registered voter of a village may file a petition or  
14 petitions for the submission of the question regarding the number of  
15 members on the village board of trustees. The petition or petitions shall  
16 be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least five percent  
17 of the electors registered to vote in the village at the preceding  
18 statewide general election. The petitions shall conform with the  
19 requirements of section 32-628 and be procured from the village clerk  
20 with assistance from the election commissioner or county clerk. The  
21 petitions shall be filed with the election commissioner or county clerk  
22 not less than seventy days prior to the date of the general election. No  
23 signatures shall be added or removed from the petitions after they have  
24 been filed. Petitions shall be verified as provided in section 32-631.  
25 (b) A village board of trustees may, by majority vote of all  
26 members, adopt a resolution for the submission of the question regarding  
27 the number of members on the village board. The resolution shall be filed  
1 with the election commissioner or county clerk not less than seventy days  
2 prior to the date of the general election.  
3 (3) If the resolution is so filed or the petition or petitions are  
4 found to contain the required number of valid signatures, the election  
5 commissioner or county clerk shall cause the question to be submitted to



6 the voters of the village at such statewide general election and give  
 7 notice thereof in the general notice of such election. The form of the  
 8 ballot shall be respectively: For three members of the village board of  
 9 trustees or for five members of the village board; and the same shall be  
 10 printed upon the regular ballots cast for officers voted for at such  
 11 election and shall be counted and canvassed in the same manner.  
 12 (4) If a majority of votes cast at the election favor the  
 13 proposition for three members of the village board of trustees,  
 14 thereafter the village shall have three members, and if a majority of the  
 15 ballots cast at the election favor the proposition for five members of  
 16 the village board, thereafter the village shall have five members.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB14:  
AM321

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 6. The department may grant a waiver of the requirement under  
 3 subdivision (3) of section 4 of this act to a qualified school if (1) the  
 4 school lacks facilities, equipment, or staff to offer a school breakfast  
 5 program and acquisition of such facilities, equipment, or staff would  
 6 cause extreme hardship to the school or (2) the number of participants in  
 7 the school breakfast program is so small that the program is not cost-  
 8 effective or would create substantial scheduling difficulties. The waiver  
 9 may be permanent or for a specified length of time as determined by the  
 10 department.  
 11 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education  
 Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

LB528  
 LB550  
 LB497  
 LB142  
 LB572

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
 Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

LB586  
 LB541

This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

LB414  
 LB696  
 LB434

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Business and Labor  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

LB361  
LB522  
LB400  
LB455  
LB456  
LB313  
LB617

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025

LB189  
LB370  
LB336  
LB534  
LB618

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Roskens, Lisa - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 52.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Academic Decathlon State Championship was held on February 15, 2025, at Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Academic Decathlon is a series of online and in-person tests in economics, literature, math, language arts and social science, additionally, the students were required to present a speech, have a personal interview, and write an essay including the State Championship's special theme "Our Changing Climate"; and

WHEREAS, Seward High School competed in the Medium School Division and won the State Championship, beating six other schools; and

WHEREAS, the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team includes Nathan Shafer, Abigayil Wunderlich, Elizabeth Pracheil, Lukas Howe, Liam

Krahulik, David Shiner, Jack Schulz, Connor Sveeggen, Lincoln Stockwell, Dylan Hochstein, Kyla Novak, and Nathan Weber; and

WHEREAS, Seward High School received twenty-two medals total, including one for Jack Schulz for being the top team scorer; 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 congratulates the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team on earning the State Championship in the Medium School Division.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team and Coach Noelle Baker.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB143.

Senator Hansen name added to LB512.

Senator McKinney name added to LR48.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Angela Dye, Washington; Tanya Christensen, Elkhorn; Tracy Zahn, Syracuse; Shari Anderson, Lincoln; members of Groundwork with the Nebraska Cooperative Council; Leadership Hastings; Robert Navarro, Atlanta, GA.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**THIRTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Father Jeremy Hazuka, St. Michaels Catholic Church, Hastings.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

**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 Sanders who was excused, and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Hughes, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-first day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 50.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Placed on General File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 709.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB307:

[AM346](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$XXX from the General Fund  
 3 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$XXX from the General Fund for FY2026-27 as aid to  
 4 community colleges, for Agency 83, Program 151, to provide state aid to  
 5 community colleges for tuition waivers.  
 6 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 7 \$XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the First Responder  
 8 Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty Dependent  
 9 Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only be used  
 10 for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program  
 11 for FY2026-27 \$XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the  
 12 First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty  
 13 Dependent Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only  
 14 be used for such purpose.  
 15 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

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

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to [LR48](#):

[MO44](#)

Withdraw LR48.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the appointment of the following members of the Legislature to the following special committee:

Economic Recovery Special Committee

Speaker Arch

Senator Armendariz

Senator Guereca

Senator Juarez

Senator McKinney (Chair)

Senator Prokop (Appropriations designee)

Senator Spivey

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
 Legislative Council, Executive Board

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49.** Read. Considered.

LR49 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50.** Read. Considered.

LR50 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51.** Read. Considered.

LR51 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 49, 50, and 51.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Senator Holdcroft offered [AM320](#), found on page 567.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** [ER9](#), found on page 491, was offered.

ER9 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** [ER7](#), found on page 493, was offered.

ER7 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM256](#), found on page 567.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** [ER10](#), found on page 522, was offered.

ER10 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Senator Rountree offered the following amendment:

[AM391](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Rountree amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** [ER11](#), found on page 522, was offered.

ER11 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Senator Riepe offered [AM264](#), found on page 565.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** [ER14](#), found on page 533, was offered.

ER14 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:

[AM352](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER14)

1 1. On page 7, line 31; and page 8, line 8, strike "ninety" and

2 insert "thirty".

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.



Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM169](#), found on page 451, was offered.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 32 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Riepe	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar          Hughes          Sanders

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 14 nays, 1 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Sanders

The committee amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO45](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM169.

Pending.

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to [LB22](#):

[AM348](#)

1 I. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be

3 cited as the Family Home Visitation Act.

4 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Family Home Visitation Act:

5 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

6 and

7 (2) Home visitation program means a voluntary program carried out in  
8 relevant settings, primarily in the homes of families with one or more  
9 children, five years of age or younger, or pregnant persons.

10 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall only fund a home visitation  
11 program that includes periodic home visits to improve the health, well-  
12 being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children.

13 (2) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall  
14 provide visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and  
15 health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers.

16 (3) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall  
17 accomplish one or more of the following:

18 (a) Improve maternal, infant, or child health outcomes including  
19 reducing preterm births;

20 (b) Promote positive parenting practices;

21 (c) Build healthy parent and child relationships;

22 (d) Enhance social and emotional development;

23 (e) Support cognitive development;

24 (f) Improve the health and well-being of the family;

25 (g) Empower families toward economic self-sufficiency;

26 (h) Reduce child maltreatment and injury; and

27 (i) Increase school readiness.

1 Sec. 4. The department shall only fund an evidence-based home  
2 visitation program. An evidenced-based home visitation program:

3 (1) Is founded on a clear, consistent program model;

4 (2) Is associated with, or certified by, a national organization, an  
5 institution of higher education, or a national or state public health  
6 institute;

7 (3) Has comprehensive home visitation standards that ensure high  
8 quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement;

9 (4) Follows a program manual or design that specifies the purpose,  
10 outcomes, duration, and frequency of service;

11 (5) Employs well-trained and culturally competent staff;

12 (6) Provides continual professional development relevant to the  
13 specific program model being delivered;

14 (7) Demonstrates strong links to other community-based services;

15 (8) Operates within an organization that ensures compliance with  
16 home visitation standards; and

17 (9) Operates with fidelity to the program model.

18 Sec. 5. Home visitation program funds may be used for workforce  
19 purposes and to assist the programs and individuals in receiving and  
20 maintaining certification for home visitation providers.

21 Sec. 6. The Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program  
22 that provides a single home visit or infrequent home visits.

23 Sec. 7. Families may decline home visitation program services at  
24 any time.

25 Sec. 8. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
26 regulations to carry out the Family Home Visitation Act.

27 Sec. 9. (1) No later than February 15, 2026, and through February  
28 15, 2028, the department shall submit an electronic report to the Clerk  
29 of the Legislature. Such report shall be made available on the  
30 department's website and shall include the following information, if  
31 available:

1 (a) The type and location of home visitation programs;

2 (b) The goals and achieved outcomes of home visitation programs;

3 (c) The number of families served by each home visitation program;

4 (d) Demographic data on the families served;

5 (e) The total amount of funds expended for home visitation programs;

6 (f) Program model descriptions and model-specific outcomes;

7 (g) The training and professional credentials required for each  
8 program model;

- 9 (h) Eligibility criteria for each program model;  
10 (i) Target populations for each program model;  
11 (j) Wait list information, if applicable; and  
12 (k) Referral sources.  
13 (2) The department shall only include outcomes from federally funded  
14 or state-funded home visitation programs.  
15 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

#### **Transportation and Telecommunications**

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

Underground Excavation Safety Committee:

Jeffrey D Grady  
Brandon Jones  
Aaron Krebs  
Trevor Roth  
James Saville

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Brad Sherman and Brett Kerkman, Sidney; Paula Petersen, Waverly; Jana Soldevila Alcoverro, Catalonia; Juli Wiese, Germany; students from Trinity Lutheran School, Lincoln; members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; students from Sunset Hills Elementary, Omaha; Rockbrook Elementary, Omaha; Hattie Brotzel, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**THIRTY-THIRD DAY - FEBRUARY 26, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**THIRTY-THIRD DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Tom Barnes, Minden Evangelical Free Church, Minden.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-second day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

February 25, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e were received in my office on February 21, 2025, and signed on February 25, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on February 25, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 640.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 546:

Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission  
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board  
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.    Dungan    McKinney    Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Dover	Hansen	Raybould

The appointments were confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 588:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Jeffrey D Grady  
Brandon Jones  
Aaron Krebs  
Trevor Roth  
James Saville

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

McKinney

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Dover	Hansen	Raybould

The appointments were confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Senator Dungan renewed [MO45](#), found and considered on page 586.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 0 ayes, 29 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA22](#)

On Page 13, Line 7, strike beginning with "The" through Line 9 "act."

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER17](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 3, after "48-622.02," insert "48-626,"; and in
- 2 line 7 after the semicolon insert "to state intent;".
- 3 2. On page 24, line 29, after "48-622.02," insert "48-626,".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER16](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 5, strike "of" and insert "on".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER18](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 24, after "central" insert "time".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 60.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 186.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 191.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM394](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 76-2325.01 Any person who willfully and maliciously breaks, injures,
- 6 destroys, or otherwise interferes with the poles, wires, or other
- 7 facilities of any telecommunications, broadband, communications, wireless
- 8 infrastructure, or railroad company or electric light and power company



9 in this state or who willfully and purposely interrupts or interferes  
 10 with the transmission of telecommunications, broadband, communications,  
 11 ~~messages or the transmission of~~ light, heat, ~~and~~ power in this state  
 12 shall be subject to the action and penalty prescribed in section 28-519.  
 13 Sec. 2. Original section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 14 Nebraska, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 561.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM316](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
 Natural Resources  
 Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025  
 Steve Mattoon - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

General Affairs  
 Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025  
 Julie J Jacobson - Nebraska Arts Council  
 Clark Kolterman - Nebraska Arts Council  
 Jeanne Salerno - Nebraska Arts Council  
 Karen Harris - Nebraska Arts Council

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue  
 Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
 LB211  
 LB242  
 LB699

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB230:  
[AM381](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM55)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 15 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act:

6 (1) Attractive to children means products:

7 (a) Manufactured in the shape of humans, cartoons, or animals; or

8 (b) Manufactured in a form that bears any reasonable resemblance to

9 an existing candy product that is familiar to the public as a widely

10 distributed or a branded food product such that a product could be

11 mistaken for the branded food product, especially by children;

12 (2) Department means the Department of Revenue;

13 (3) Kratom means the plant mitragyna speciosa or any part of that

14 plant, including, but not limited to, all components present in the

15 natural plant;

16 (4) Kratom extract means the material obtained by extraction of

17 kratom leaves with a solvent consisting of water, ethanol, or food-grade

18 carbon dioxide, or any other solvent allowed by federal or state

19 regulation to be used in manufacturing a food ingredient;

20 (5) Kratom product means a food, ingredient, or dietary supplement

21 that:

22 (a) Consists of or contains kratom or kratom extract;

23 (b) Does not contain any synthesized kratom alkaloids, other

24 synthesized kratom constituents, or synthesized metabolites of any kratom

25 constituent;

26 (c) Does not contain a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid

1 fraction that is greater than two percent of the alkaloid composition of

2 the kratom product; and

3 (d) Does not include any kratom product in any form that is

4 combustible, intended to be used for vaporization, or is injectable;

5 (6) Processor means a person that manufactures, packages, labels,

6 or distributes kratom products or advertises, represents, or holds itself

7 out as manufacturing, preparing, packaging, labeling, or distributing

8 kratom products;

9 (7) Retailer has the same meaning as in section 77-2701.32; and

10 (8) Synthesized means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has

11 been created, in full or in part, by directed chemical, physical, or

12 biosynthetic conversion, including, but not limited to, fermentation,

13 recombinant techniques, yeast-derived, or enzymatic techniques, rather

14 than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or

15 extracting.

16 Sec. 3. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or

17 distribute a kratom product to a person under twenty-one years of age.

18 (2) An online retailer or marketplace that sells or offers for sale

19 a kratom product shall implement an age-verification system to ensure

20 compliance with this section.

21 Sec. 4. No person shall produce, manufacture, distribute, offer for

22 sale, sell, or introduce into commerce a kratom product in the State of

23 Nebraska if the product is manufactured in a manner that is attractive to

24 children.

25 Sec. 5. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into

26 commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:

27 (1) Be manufactured, packaged, labeled, or held in a facility that

28 meets the requirements of 21 C.F.R. Part 111, as such regulations existed

29 on January 1, 2025; and

30 (2) Be manufactured, processed, packed, or held by a processor who

31 has registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration as a food

1 facility.

2 Sec. 6. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into

3 commerce in the State of Nebraska shall have a label on each retail

4 package that clearly and conspicuously provides the following

5 information:

6 (1) The product is not recommended for use by individuals who are

7 under twenty-one years of age, who are pregnant, or who are

8 breastfeeding;

9 (2) A health care practitioner should be consulted prior to using  
10 the product;

11 (3) The product may be habit-forming;

12 (4) The following statements: "These statements have not been  
13 evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not  
14 intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.";

15 (5) The name and place of business of the processor;

16 (6) Directions for use that include a recommended amount of the  
17 kratom product per serving that is:

18 (a) Clearly described on the label for product forms such as  
19 capsules, gummies, prepackaged, single-serving units, and similar product  
20 forms; or

21 (b) A clear instruction or a mark on the package or container for  
22 beverages or liquids;

23 (7) A recommended number of servings that can be safely consumed in  
24 a twenty-four-hour period;

25 (8) A listing of the servings per container; and

26 (9) A listing of kratom alkaloids mitragynine and  
27 7-hydroxymitragynine and other ingredients in the product, including  
28 quantitative declarations of the amount per serving of mitragynine.

29 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall establish, operate, and administer  
30 a program to register kratom products. The Tax Commissioner shall  
31 designate an implementation date for such program which date is on or  
1 before January 1, 2026.

2 (2) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax  
3 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:

4 (a) No processor may manufacture, package, label, or distribute a  
5 kratom product to be offered for sale in the State of Nebraska unless the  
6 product has been registered with the department;

7 (b) Applications for product registration shall be submitted on a  
8 form prescribed by the department. Each application shall include:

9 (i) The name, address, and state of organization for the processor  
10 of the product;

11 (ii) A principal point of contact for the processor and contact  
12 information for the point of contact;

13 (iii) The name of the product;

14 (iv) The product label;

15 (v) A certificate of analysis for the kratom product that states the  
16 kratom product's alkaloid content and certifies that the kratom product  
17 has a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine that is less than two percent of the  
18 alkaloid composition of the kratom product from an independent  
19 laboratory. Such laboratory shall obtain and maintain an International  
20 Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical  
21 Commission (ISO/IEC) 17025 accreditation for testing and calibration  
22 laboratories from an accreditation body that is a signatory to the  
23 International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition  
24 Arrangement;

25 (vi) A valid good manufacturing practice certificate issued by an  
26 accredited third-party certification body in compliance with 21 C.F.R.  
27 Part 111; and

28 (vii) A current food facility registration certificate issued by the  
29 federal Food and Drug Administration for all facilities where kratom  
30 products are manufactured, prepared, packaged, or labeled;

31 (c) A certificate of registration shall be valid for one calendar  
1 year after the date of issue and shall not be transferable; and

2 (d) The department may charge a fee for product registration  
3 applications and may adjust such fee annually. The fee shall be  
4 reasonable and shall not exceed any reasonable or necessary costs to  
5 administer the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

6 (e) A product that contains the same kratom ingredients in the same  
7 kratom delivery form, but is packaged, sold, or offered for sale in a  
8 different container, package, or volume shall be included in a single  
9 registration.  
10 (3) If an application is incomplete or deficient, the department  
11 shall, in a timely manner, notify the applicant in writing describing the  
12 reason or reasons and request additional information. If such application  
13 is not corrected or supplemented within thirty days after the  
14 department's request, the department shall deny the application.  
15 (4) If any false statement is made in any part of an application,  
16 the department shall deny the application.  
17 (5) A person aggrieved by the denial of an application may request a  
18 hearing pursuant to section 11 of this act.  
19 (6) A processor or retailer is not prohibited from selling,  
20 preparing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, advertising,  
21 representing, or holding itself out as selling, preparing, or maintaining  
22 kratom products in the State of Nebraska prior to the implementation date  
23 designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
24 section, or while the first product registration applications submitted  
25 by processors operating in the State of Nebraska as of January 1, 2025,  
26 are pending approval or denial by the department.  
27 Sec. 8. Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax  
28 Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 7 of this act, the  
29 department shall make public a list of all registered kratom products on  
30 its website.  
31 Sec. 9. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or  
1 distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.  
2 (2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:  
3 (a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including  
4 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom  
5 product under section 2 of this act; or  
6 (b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom  
7 substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom  
8 ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a  
9 controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.  
10 (3) Upon receipt of evidence that suggests a product may be an  
11 adulterated kratom product, the department may require the person  
12 selling, providing, or distributing the product to obtain an independent  
13 third-party test of the product by a laboratory of the department's  
14 choosing.  
15 Sec. 10. (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of  
16 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the  
17 application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted  
18 and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom  
19 products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.  
20 (2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil  
21 penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the  
22 department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars.  
23 For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall  
24 impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than  
25 twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the  
26 department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such  
27 processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.  
28 (3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a period  
29 of four consecutive years, a new violation shall be treated as a first  
30 violation.  
31 (4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made  
1 until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax  
2 Commissioner as provided in section 11 of this act if requested by the  
3 processor or retailer.

4 (5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the Kratom  
5 Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence  
6 that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation of a  
7 processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as defined  
8 in section 9 of this act or otherwise conformed to the act.  
9 Sec. 11. (1) A processor or retailer aggrieved by a notice of  
10 denial of an application issued under section 7 of this act or a notice  
11 of violation issued under section 10 of this act may request a hearing.  
12 (2) Such request shall be made within twenty days after the receipt  
13 of any such notice.  
14 (3) At such hearing the Tax Commissioner, or any officer or employee  
15 of the Tax Commissioner designated in writing, may examine any books,  
16 papers, memoranda, or other evidence bearing upon the matter at issue and  
17 require the attendance of any officer or employee of the processor or  
18 retailer or any person having knowledge pertinent to such hearing. The  
19 Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee may administer oaths  
20 to persons testifying at such hearing.  
21 (4) During the hearing, the Tax Commissioner or the Tax  
22 Commissioner's designee shall not be bound by the technical rules of  
23 evidence, and no informality in any proceeding or in the manner of taking  
24 testimony shall invalidate any order or decision made or approved by the  
25 Tax Commissioner.  
26 (5) Within a reasonable time after the hearing the Tax Commissioner  
27 shall make a final decision or final determination and notify the  
28 processor or retailer by mail of such decision or determination.  
29 (6) If it is determined that a processor intentionally and  
30 materially falsified any information contained in an application under  
31 the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor shall be ineligible to  
1 obtain a certification of registration for a period of twelve months  
2 after the date of such determination.  
3 (7) A processor or retailer may appeal the decision of the Tax  
4 Commissioner, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the  
5 Administrative Procedure Act.  
6 Sec. 12. The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the  
7 Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act  
8 and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be  
9 construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom  
10 Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the  
11 Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.  
12 Sec. 13. (1) If a registered processor has been convicted by any  
13 court of a violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor  
14 may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of  
15 the certificate of registration for its kratom products and all money  
16 that had been paid for such certificate of registration.  
17 (2) If any materially false statement is made in any part of an  
18 application submitted under section 7 of this act, the applicant shall be  
19 subject to prosecution for perjury and if convicted may, in addition to  
20 the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of any certificate of  
21 registration that was issued for the applicant's kratom products and all  
22 money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.  
23 Sec. 14. Except as otherwise provided in the Kratom Consumer  
24 Protection Act, no political subdivision shall impose additional  
25 restrictions on the manufacturing, packaging, labeling, distribution, or  
26 sale of kratom products greater than or in addition to those enumerated  
27 in the act.  
28 Sec. 15. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
29 regulations to carry out the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.  
30 Sec. 16. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
31 Sec. 17. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
1 passed and approved according to law.

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

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to [LB675](#):

[MO46](#)

Withdraw LB675.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 53.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis has retired after more than fifty years of devoted service to the Sarpy County community; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis began his service at eighteen as a dispatcher for the Sarpy County Emergency 911 Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis obtained his law enforcement officer certification and rose through the ranks to be sworn in as Sarpy County Sheriff in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis adopted the Project Lifesaver program which provides tracking bracelets for people with Autism, Alzheimer's, and Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis brought the Standard Response Protocol and Active Shooter Training to the school districts and law enforcement departments in Sarpy County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis's career and years of personal service to the Sarpy County community are worthy of recognition and admiration and have earned him several well-deserved awards and titles.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates retired Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis on a successful and impactful career of public service.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Sheriff Jeff Davis and to the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office.

Laid over.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB185.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM135](#), found on page 460, was offered.

Senator Bosn offered [AM240](#), found on page 565, to the committee amendment.

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM176](#), found on page 461, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 54.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, in his final days as president, former President Joe Biden posthumously pardoned Marcus Garvey, the leader of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), on January 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Marcus formed UNIA in 1914 in Jamaica with an intentional focus on Black self-reliance and a back-to-Africa movement; and

WHEREAS, Marcus moved to Harlem, New York, in 1916, where Marcus organized the International Conference for the Negro Peoples of the World and created the Black Star Line; and

WHEREAS, the Black Star Line eventually failed due to the company being heavily affected by the Great Depression and due to J. Edgar Hoover's sabotage by using the Federal Bureau of Investigation to infiltrate the shipping company; and

WHEREAS, Marcus lost his credibility after the collapse, was prosecuted for mail fraud, and was eventually deported, and in 1940, Marcus suffered a stroke causing the media to prematurely publish obituaries focused on his mail fraud conviction. The action caused Marcus so much distress that he suffered a second stroke and passed away; and

WHEREAS, Marcus was posthumously pardoned to undo the hate garnered towards his ideas and to restore respect to his name and ideas.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the hard work of the people fighting continuously to provide evidence for Marcus Garvey's posthumous pardon.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Marcus Garvey, his family, and his descendents on his posthumous pardon.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 55.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the Black wrestling community and the longstanding commitment to inspiring, connecting, and empowering Black wrestlers through attitude, words, and actions; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edmondson posthumously earned the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Joe broke his neck in a trampoline accident making him a quadriplegic and was told he would only live for ten more years, but, in 1968, Joe started his own wrestling program while earning his master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Joe also developed the nationally respected Exploradories and ran the Edmondson Youth Outreach Center of the YMCA to provide opportunities for inner-city youth to be mentored and to learn about wrestling; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Joe earned many awards and recognition, including reaching the Gold level certification in the National Coaches Education Program, being named USA Wrestling's 1985 Kids Person of the Year, being named a Point of Light by George H. W. Bush in 1991, and being named to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Joe's impact on wrestling and his community is not forgotten and has been revived through posthumously earning the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Joe Edmondson and the family of Joe Edmondson on posthumously earning the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Edmondson.

Laid over.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Health Care LEAD Class; Leadership Wayne; members of the Nebraska Community College Association; Kurt, Kase, and Kade Arganbright, Valentine; students from Bruning Davenport, Davenport.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**THIRTY-FOURTH DAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-FOURTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, February 27, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Brenda Peters, Unity of Omaha, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Raybould.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-third day was approved.

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

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB123:  
AM407

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 2. Section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:  
4 13-3407 (1) The auditor shall prepare forms to be used by political  
5 subdivisions for the purpose of calculating property tax request  
6 authority and unused property tax request authority. Each political  
7 subdivision shall calculate such amounts and submit the forms to the  
8 auditor on or before September 30, 2025, and on or before September 30 of  
9 each year thereafter. If a political subdivision fails to submit such  
10 forms to the auditor or if the auditor determines from such forms that a  
11 political subdivision is not complying with the limits provided in the

12 Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, the auditor shall notify the  
 13 political subdivision and the State Treasurer of the noncompliance.  
 14 ~~(2)(a) Upon receiving notice from the auditor, the State~~  
 15 Treasurer shall then suspend distribution of state aid allocated to the  
 16 political subdivision until the political subdivision complies. The funds  
 17 shall be held for six months. If the political subdivision complies  
 18 within the six-month period, it shall receive the suspended funds. If the  
 19 political subdivision fails to comply within the six-month period, the  
 20 suspended funds shall be forfeited and shall be (i) redistributed to  
 21 other recipients of the state aid in the county where such noncompliant  
 22 political subdivision is located or returned to the Highway Allocation  
 23 Fund if there is no eligible recipient or (ii), in the case of a  
 24 homestead exemption reimbursement, returned to the General Fund.  
 25 (b) The political subdivision shall continue to forfeit state aid  
 26 until the political subdivision reaches compliance and the State  
 27 Treasurer has received notification of such compliance from the auditor.  
 1 All state aid that was forfeited shall remain forfeited and redistributed  
 2 according to subdivision (a)(i) of this subsection.  
 3 (3) If any political subdivision fails to reach compliance within  
 4 twelve months after the time of the order and notice of delinquency given  
 5 by the auditor to the State Treasurer, such political subdivision shall  
 6 be ineligible for future distributions of state aid. Upon reaching  
 7 compliance, the political subdivision shall be eligible for future  
 8 distributions of state aid.  
 9 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 10 accordingly.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB567:

AM128

1 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "may" and insert "shall"; and strike  
 2 beginning with "if" in line 26 through "Education" in line 27.

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

LB494

LB564

LB270

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator McKinney filed the following motion to LR55:

MO48

Withdraw LR55.

#### **MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB675**

Senator Raybould offered MO46, found on page 598, to withdraw LB675.

The Raybould motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM75](#), found on page 459, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM77](#), found on page 461, was offered.

Senator DeKay offered [AM310](#), found on page 541, to the committee amendment.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM81](#), found on page 462, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 635.** Placed on General File with amendment.AM399

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 81-8,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 81-8,129 The State Athletic Commissioner shall have sole direction,  
6 management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional mixed martial  
7 arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed  
8 martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,  
9 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, and  
10 professional sparring matches and exhibitions, ~~and all amateur mixed~~  
11 ~~martial arts, amateur muay thai, and amateur kickboxing matches and~~  
12 ~~exhibitions to be held within the state, except such as are conducted by~~  
13 ~~universities, colleges, high schools, the military, and recognized~~  
14 ~~amateur associations for contestants under sixteen years of age. No~~  
15 ~~professional boxers, professional mixed martial arts contestants,~~  
16 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestants, professional  
17 mixed martial arts on ice contestants, professional muay thai  
18 contestants, professional kickboxers, professional bare-knuckle boxers,  
19 ~~or amateur mixed martial arts contestants, amateur muay thai contestants,~~  
20 ~~or amateur kickboxing contestants who have attained the age of sixteen,~~  
21 ~~shall participate in a match or exhibition for a prize or purse, or at~~  
22 ~~which an admission fee is charged, either directly or indirectly, in the~~  
23 ~~form of dues or otherwise, in this state except by a club, association,~~  
24 ~~organization, or person licensed by the commissioner, as provided in~~  
25 ~~section 81-8,130, and in pursuance of a license granted by the~~  
26 ~~commissioner for such match or exhibition under section 81-8,130.01.~~  
27 Sec. 2. Section 81-8,130, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
1 amended to read:  
2 81-8,130 The State Athletic Commissioner may issue an annual license  
3 for conducting amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur  
4 kickboxing matches or exhibitions to any club, association, or  
5 organization. Each application for a license shall be accompanied by a  
6 fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not  
7 less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.  
8 Sec. 3. Section 81-8,130.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
9 is amended to read:  
10 81-8,130.01 Licenses and permits may be issued to professional mixed  
11 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
12 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,  
13 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing promoters,  
14 whether persons, clubs, or associations, for the sole purpose of  
15 conducting professional matches under such rules and regulations as the

16 State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt. Each application for such  
17 license shall be accompanied by a fee set by the commissioner in rule and  
18 regulation. Such fee shall be not less than one hundred dollars and not  
19 more than three hundred dollars. If the promoter is an individual, the  
20 application shall include his or her social security number.

21 Sec. 4. Section 81-8,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
22 amended to read:

23 81-8,132 No license shall be granted unless the licensee has  
24 executed a bond in the sum of not less than one thousand dollars in the  
25 case of amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur  
26 kickboxing nor less than five thousand dollars in the case of  
27 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial  
28 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,  
29 professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-  
30 knuckle boxing. The license shall be approved by the State Athletic  
31 Commissioner, conditioned on the faithful compliance by the licensee with  
1 the provisions of sections 81-8,129 to 81-8,142.01, the rules and  
2 regulations of the commissioner, and such other laws of the state as may  
3 be applicable to anything done by the licensee in pursuance of the  
4 license.

5 Sec. 5. Section 81-8,133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
6 amended to read:

7 81-8,133 The State Athletic Commissioner is authorized to grant  
8 licenses to competent referees, upon an application and the payment of a  
9 fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not  
10 less than ten dollars and not more than forty dollars per annum. The  
11 commissioner may revoke any license so granted for such cause as may be  
12 deemed sufficient. At every professional boxing, professional mixed  
13 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
14 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional  
15 kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts,  
16 amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, or professional sparring match or  
17 exhibition, there shall be in attendance a duly licensed referee, who  
18 shall direct and control the match. The referee shall stop the match  
19 whenever he or she deems it advisable, (1) because of the physical  
20 condition of the contestants or one of them, (2) when one of the  
21 contestants is clearly outclassed by his or her opponent, or (3) for any  
22 other sufficient reason. The referee shall, at the termination of every  
23 professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-  
24 knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice,  
25 professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-  
26 knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, amateur  
27 kickboxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition, indicate a  
28 winner. The fees of the referee and other licensed officials may be fixed  
29 by the commissioner and shall be paid by the licensed organization.

30 Sec. 6. Section 81-8,133.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
31 is amended to read:

1 81-8,133.01 The State Athletic Commissioner may grant licenses to  
2 qualified physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional mixed  
3 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
4 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,  
5 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or  
6 professional sparring match or exhibition judges upon an application and  
7 payment of an annual fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation.  
8 Such fee for matchmakers shall be not less than ten dollars and not more  
9 than one hundred dollars. Such fee for physicians, managers, and  
10 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial  
11 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,  
12 professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle  
13 boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition judges shall be not

14 less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The commissioner  
15 may also grant licenses to qualified timekeepers, contestants, and  
16 seconds upon an application and payment of an annual fee set by the  
17 commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than ten  
18 dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The application shall include  
19 the applicant's social security number. No person shall serve as  
20 physician, manager, matchmaker, or judge at any professional mixed  
21 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
22 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,  
23 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or  
24 professional sparring match or exhibition who is not licensed as such. No  
25 person shall serve as timekeeper or contestant at any professional mixed  
26 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
27 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,  
28 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match who is  
29 not licensed as such. The commissioner shall have summary authority to  
30 stop any match at which any person is serving in violation of the  
31 provisions of this section. Any license granted under the provisions of  
1 this section may be revoked for cause.

2 Sec. 7. Section 81-8,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 81-8,134 (1) Any professional boxing match, professional mixed  
5 martial arts match, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts match,  
6 professional mixed martial arts on ice match, professional muay thai  
7 match, professional kickboxing match, professional bare-knuckle boxing  
8 match, or amateur mixed martial arts match, amateur muay thai match, or  
9 amateur kickboxing match conducted in this state which is labeled or  
10 promoted as a championship match shall have regional or national  
11 significance and the approval of a nationally recognized professional  
12 boxing, mixed martial arts, bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, mixed  
13 martial arts on ice, muay thai, kickboxing, or bare-knuckle boxing, or  
14 kickboxing association.  
15 (2) Professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-  
16 knuckle boxing, or professional sparring matches or exhibitions shall not  
17 exceed ten rounds in length, except in a championship match, which shall  
18 not exceed fifteen rounds. No round shall be longer than three minutes.  
19 At least one minute shall intervene between rounds. Except for  
20 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional kickboxing, or  
21 professional bare-knuckle boxing matches, the contestants shall wear  
22 during the contest gloves weighing at least eight ounces each.  
23 (3) Professional mixed martial arts, professional muay thai, and  
24 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts matches or exhibitions shall  
25 not exceed three rounds in length, except in a championship match, which  
26 shall not exceed five rounds in length. No round shall be longer than  
27 five minutes. At least one minute shall intervene between rounds.  
28 (4) No professional boxing contestant, professional mixed martial  
29 arts contestant, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestant,  
30 professional mixed martial arts on ice contestant, professional muay thai  
31 contestant, professional kickboxing contestant, professional bare-knuckle  
1 boxing contestant, or amateur mixed martial arts contestant, amateur muay  
2 thai contestant, or amateur kickboxing contestant shall be allowed to  
3 participate or take part in any contest in this state unless a duly  
4 licensed physician shall certify in writing that such contestant has  
5 taken a physical examination the day of the contest and is physically fit  
6 to engage in the proposed contest.  
7 Sec. 8. Section 81-8,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:  
9 81-8,135 Every licensee conducting or holding any professional mixed  
10 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
11 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial

12 arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing,  
 13 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match shall  
 14 furnish to the State Athletic Commissioner a written report showing the  
 15 articles of agreement between the contestants, the number of tickets sold  
 16 for each contest, the amount of the gross receipts thereof, the gross  
 17 receipts from sale of any television rights, and such other matters as  
 18 the commissioner shall prescribe. Within such time the licensee shall pay  
 19 to the commissioner a tax of five percent of the total gross receipts of  
 20 any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed  
 21 martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay  
 22 thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-  
 23 knuckle boxing match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes,  
 24 except the gross receipts from sale of television rights, and five  
 25 percent of such rights, and five percent of the total gross receipts of  
 26 any amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing  
 27 match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes, except that if  
 28 such match or exhibition is conducted as an incidental feature in any  
 29 event or entertainment of a different character, such portion of the  
 30 total receipts shall be paid to the state as the commissioner may  
 31 determine, or as may be fixed by rule adopted under section 81-8,139.

1 Sec. 9. Section 81-8,138, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 2 amended to read:

3 81-8,138 No contestant in any match or exhibition shall be paid for  
 4 services until the same are rendered, and should it be determined by the  
 5 State Athletic Commissioner that a contestant did not give an honest  
 6 exhibition of his or her skill, he or she shall not be paid. Any  
 7 contestant who shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing,  
 8 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial  
 9 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,  
 10 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or amateur  
 11 mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or  
 12 exhibition shall be disqualified and shall not thereafter be permitted to  
 13 contend in any match or exhibition in this state, and any contestant who  
 14 shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing, professional  
 15 mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts,  
 16 professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,  
 17 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or amateur  
 18 mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or  
 19 exhibition shall be guilty of a violation of sections 81-8,128 to  
 20 81-8,142.01.

21 Sec. 10. Section 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 22 amended to read:

23 81-8,139 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
 24 the State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules and  
 25 regulations for the administration and enforcement of sections 81-8,128  
 26 to 81-8,142.01 as he or she may deem necessary. Such rules and  
 27 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of  
 28 written criteria for the granting and revoking of licenses, the setting  
 29 of license fees, and the qualification requirements for those to be  
 30 licensed as referees, physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional  
 31 boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed  
 1 martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay  
 2 thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or  
 3 professional sparring match or exhibition judges. He or she shall have  
 4 the power and may control and limit the number of professional mixed  
 5 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional  
 6 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial  
 7 arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing,  
 8 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or  
 9 professional sparring matches or exhibitions given, or to be held, each

10 year, or within one week, in any city or town, or by any organization. He  
 11 or she may fine any licensee, except amateur contestants, an amount not  
 12 to exceed one thousand dollars and may suspend for a period, not to  
 13 exceed one year, any licensee's right to participate in or conduct any  
 14 match or exhibition for unsportsmanlike conduct while engaged in or  
 15 arising directly from any match or exhibition, failure to compete in good  
 16 faith, engaging in any sham match or exhibition, or the use of  
 17 threatening and abusive language toward officials, other contestants, or  
 18 spectators.

19 (2) The State Athletic Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules  
 20 and regulations to identify a list of substances banned for use by any  
 21 amateur or professional contestant and may require any contestant to  
 22 submit to a test for banned substances as a condition for allowing the  
 23 contestant's participation in a match or exhibition.

24 (3) The State Athletic Commissioner may suspend an amateur or  
 25 professional contestant from competition for a period not to exceed one  
 26 year and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed one  
 27 thousand five hundred dollars or forty percent of the prize or purse,  
 28 whichever is greater, for a first offense of failing a test for a banned  
 29 substance on the list developed pursuant to subsection (2) of this  
 30 section or for refusing to submit to such a test. He or she may suspend  
 31 an amateur or professional contestant from competition for a period not  
 1 to exceed three years and may fine a professional contestant an amount  
 2 not to exceed three thousand dollars or seventy percent of the prize or  
 3 purse, whichever is greater, for any second such offense. He or she may  
 4 suspend an amateur or professional contestant from competition for life  
 5 and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed five  
 6 thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the prize or purse, whichever  
 7 is greater, for any third or subsequent such offense. For purposes of  
 8 determining if an offense under this subsection is a first, second,  
 9 third, or subsequent offense, failing a test for banned substances and  
 10 refusing to submit to such a test shall be considered the same offense.

11 (4) Before levying an administrative fine pursuant to this section,  
 12 the State Athletic Commissioner shall set the matter for hearing.  
 13 Proceedings to levy an administrative fine shall be contested cases  
 14 prosecuted and appealable pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.  
 15 At least ten days before the hearing, the State Athletic Commissioner  
 16 shall serve notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing upon the  
 17 licensee or other violator by personal or certified mail service.

18 (5) The State Athletic Commissioner shall remit any administrative  
 19 fines collected under this section to the State Treasurer for  
 20 distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the  
 21 Constitution of Nebraska.

22 Sec. 11. Original sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01,  
 23 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and  
 24 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

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

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB698:

MO49

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO50

Bracket until June 9, 2025.



[MO51](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Dungan filed the following motions to [LB509](#):

[MO52](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO53](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO54](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB527](#):

[AM373](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER13)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 6 (1) Wide discrepancies between medicaid reimbursement rates and
- 7 rates of other payers have created challenges to health care access for
- 8 Nebraska residents covered by medicaid;
- 9 (2) Approximately one-third of pregnant women, newborns, and
- 10 children are covered by medicaid and access to health care services is
- 11 critical for them. Access to labor and delivery services is critical to
- 12 fostering healthy mothers and babies;
- 13 (3) Access to primary care is vital to the health of Nebraska
- 14 communities. Investment in preventative care will help reduce future
- 15 health care costs to the state and its residents. Improved health
- 16 outcomes are more likely when patients have access to, and positive
- 17 relationships with, their primary care provider;
- 18 (4) Health care access challenges in rural areas have reached a
- 19 critical point, which requires bold investment and leadership from the
- 20 state to maintain the health of our rural citizens and communities; and
- 21 (5) Investment in physical health care access and quality in the
- 22 medicaid program is an investment in bolstering Nebraska's health care
- 23 landscape as a whole, addressing health care deserts across the state,
- 24 and improving the health and prosperity of Nebraska communities.
- 25 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act:
- 26 (1) Nonhospital provider means a provider of physical health
- 1 services that does not hold a license as a hospital under the Health Care
- 2 Facility Licensure Act;
- 3 (2) Physical health services means services billed under the
- 4 medicaid practitioner fee schedule to meet the physical health needs of a
- 5 patient; and
- 6 (3) Rural means any county in Nebraska having a population of less
- 7 than one hundred thousand residents.
- 8 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of
- 9 Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of six
- 10 percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums
- 11 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority
- 12 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal

13 law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director  
14 shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The  
15 State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to  
16 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.  
17 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human  
18 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal  
19 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial  
20 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.  
21 (3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January  
22 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar  
23 year and each year thereafter.  
24 Sec. 5. The Medicaid Access and Quality Fund is created. Interest  
25 earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund  
26 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
27 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
28 State Funds Investment Act.  
29 Sec. 6. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall use  
30 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund for the following purposes:  
31 (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, forty million dollars annually shall  
1 be used to obtain federal financial participation for the purpose of  
2 enhancing rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health  
3 services, as published in the medicaid practitioner fee schedule. This  
4 funding shall not be used to replace or offset existing state funds paid  
5 to providers for providing services under the medical assistance program.  
6 In calculating a rate enhancement under this subdivision, the department  
7 shall work with a statewide association exempt from taxation under  
8 section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that primarily  
9 represents health care providers in multiple specialties who are licensed  
10 to practice medicine and surgery under the Uniform Credentialing Act. It  
11 is the intent of the Legislature that a rate enhancement provided by this  
12 subdivision should aim to improve access to care through increasing rates  
13 across a broad range of physical health services provided by nonhospital  
14 providers, with an emphasis on evaluation and management services, labor  
15 and delivery services, and rural services;  
16 (b) Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, five million dollars  
17 annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation to pay a  
18 monthly per-member fee of not less than seventy-five dollars to qualified  
19 primary care providers who meet criteria established by the Department of  
20 Health and Human Services to serve as a primary care medical home for  
21 target populations; and  
22 (c) Any remaining funds shall be transferred to the medical  
23 assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program.  
24 (2) Use of the funds described in this section is subject to all  
25 required federal approvals including any approvals necessary for use of  
26 such funds to obtain federal financial participation.  
27 Sec. 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the medicaid  
28 practitioner fee schedule rates and the General Fund appropriations for  
29 rates established in the fee schedule shall not be reduced in amounts  
30 lower than the rates published as of July 1, 2024.  
31 Sec. 8. The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt and  
1 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Medicaid  
2 Access and Quality Act.  
3 Sec. 9. Section 44-32,180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 44-32,180 (1) Any health maintenance organization subject to the  
6 Health Maintenance Organization Act shall also be subject to (a) the  
7 premium taxation provisions of Chapter 77, article 9, to the extent that  
8 the direct writing premiums are not otherwise subject to taxation under  
9 such article; and (b) the retaliatory taxation provisions of section  
10 44-150, and (c) the tax levied by section 4 of this act.

11 (2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical  
12 Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation  
13 imposed by subsection (1) of this section.

14 Sec. 10. Section 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16 44-4726 ~~(1)~~ The same taxes provided for in section 44-32,180 shall  
17 be imposed upon each prepaid limited health service organization, and  
18 such organizations also shall be entitled to the same tax deductions,  
19 reductions, abatements, and credits that health maintenance organizations  
20 are entitled to receive.

21 ~~(2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical~~  
22 ~~Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation~~  
23 ~~imposed by subsection (1) of this section.~~

24 Sec. 11. Section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
25 2024, is amended to read:

26 77-908 ~~(1)~~ Every insurance company organized under the stock,  
27 mutual, assessment, or reciprocal plan, except fraternal benefit  
28 societies, which is transacting business in this state shall, on or  
29 before March 1 of each year, pay a tax to the director of one percent of  
30 the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by it during the  
31 preceding calendar year for business done in this state, except that ~~(a)~~  
1 ~~(4)~~ for group sickness and accident insurance the rate of such tax shall  
2 be five-tenths of one percent, ~~(b) and (2)~~ for property and casualty  
3 insurance, excluding individual sickness and accident insurance, the rate  
4 of such tax shall be one percent, and (c) for health maintenance  
5 organizations subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the tax  
6 levied by section 4 of this act shall be in addition to the tax paid  
7 under this section.

8 ~~(2)~~ A captive insurer authorized under the Captive Insurers Act that  
9 is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each  
10 year, pay to the director a tax of one-fourth of one percent of the gross  
11 amount of direct writing premiums received by such insurer during the  
12 preceding calendar year for business transacted in the state.

13 ~~(3)~~ The taxable premiums shall include premiums paid on the lives of  
14 persons residing in this state and premiums paid for risks located in  
15 this state whether the insurance was written in this state or not,  
16 including that portion of a group premium paid which represents the  
17 premium for insurance on Nebraska residents or risks located in Nebraska  
18 included within the group when the number of lives in the group exceeds  
19 five hundred. The tax shall also apply to premiums received by domestic  
20 companies for insurance written on individuals residing outside this  
21 state or risks located outside this state if no comparable tax is paid by  
22 the direct writing domestic company to any other appropriate taxing  
23 authority. Companies whose scheme of operation contemplates the return of  
24 a portion of premiums to policyholders, without such policyholders being  
25 claimants under the terms of their policies, may deduct such return  
26 premiums or dividends from their gross premiums for the purpose of tax  
27 calculations. Any such insurance company shall receive a credit on the  
28 tax imposed, except the tax paid under subdivision (1)(c) of this  
29 section, as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act,  
30 the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New  
31 Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit  
1 Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax  
2 Credit Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, and the  
3 Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.

4 Sec. 12. Original sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised  
5 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
6 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

7 Sec. 13. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
8 passed and approved according to law.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications  
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

LB37

LB128

LB175

LB256

LB485

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 56.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body; and

WHEREAS, although there has been significant progress in MS research, including more than twenty disease modifying treatments to slow the progression of MS, there is still no known cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million people in the United States are living with MS, including more than three thousand two hundred people in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Month is recognized annually in March to unite people in Nebraska, the United States, and the world in the fight to end MS, to create connections stronger than the ones MS destroys, and to educate people about MS and what they can do to make a difference.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2025 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 57.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Daniel "Danny" Woodhead became the first Chadron State College player inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead was born in North Platte, Nebraska, on January 25, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played multiple varsity sports for North Platte High School where he set records in track and field, soccer, basketball, and football; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football for Chadron State College where he finished his college career with 9,259 all-purpose yards and 109 touchdowns, and was twice awarded the Harlon Hill trophy; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football in the National Football League, including for the New York Jets, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, and Baltimore Ravens, where he finished his professional career with thirty-two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead scored a touchdown during Super Bowl XLVI while playing for the New England Patriots.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Danny Woodhead for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Danny Woodhead and to President Ron K. Patterson of Chadron State College.

Laid over.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing on March 5, 2025, in Room 2102, instead of Room 1023, at 1:30 p.m.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM55](#), found on page 473, was offered.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM381](#), found on page 593, to the committee amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 300.** Title read. Considered.

#### **SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Committee [AM168](#), found on page 483, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA18](#), found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA19](#), found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 124.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 371.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM251](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 28-1008 For purposes of sections 28-1008 to 28-1017, 28-1019, and

6 28-1020:

7 (1) Abandon means to leave any animal in one's care, whether as  
8 owner or custodian, for any length of time without making effective  
9 provision for its food, water, or other care as is reasonably necessary  
10 for the animal's health;

11 (2) Animal means any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom. Animal  
12 does not include an uncaptured wild creature or a livestock animal as  
13 defined in section 54-902;

14 (3) Animal control officer means a person authorized by a city,  
15 village, or county to enforce any state or local animal control law,  
16 rule, regulation, resolution, or ordinance concerning animal welfare;  
17 (4)(3) Cruelly mistreat means to knowingly and intentionally kill,  
18 maim, disfigure, torture, beat, kick, hit, strike in any manner,  
19 mutilate, burn, scald, or otherwise inflict harm upon any animal;

20 (5)(4) Cruelly neglect means to fail to provide any animal in one's  
21 care, whether as owner or custodian, with food, water, or other care as  
22 is reasonably necessary for the animal's health;

23 (6)(5) Humane killing means the destruction of an animal by a method  
24 which causes the animal a minimum of pain and suffering;

25 (7)(6) Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska  
26 State Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police  
27 force of any city or village, or any other public official authorized by  
1 a city or village to enforce state or local animal control laws, rules,  
2 regulations, or ordinances. Law enforcement officer also includes a  
3 special investigator appointed as a deputy state sheriff as authorized  
4 pursuant to section 81-201 while acting within the authority of the  
5 Director of Agriculture under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator  
6 Inspection Act;

7 (8)(7) Mutilation means intentionally causing permanent injury,  
8 disfigurement, degradation of function, incapacitation, or imperfection  
9 to an animal. Mutilation does not include conduct performed by a  
10 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this  
11 state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices;

12 (9)(8) Owner or custodian means any person owning, keeping,  
13 possessing, harboring, or knowingly permitting an animal to remain on or  
14 about any premises owned or occupied by such person;

15 (10)(9) Police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by  
16 the State of Nebraska or any county, city, or village for the purpose of  
17 assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her  
18 official enforcement duties;

19 (11)(10) Repeated beating means intentional successive strikes to an  
20 animal by a person resulting in serious injury or illness or death to the  
21 animal;

22 (12)(11) Serious injury or illness includes any injury or illness to  
23 any animal which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes  
24 broken bones, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or  
25 impairment of the function of any bodily organ; and

26 (13)(12) Torture means intentionally subjecting an animal to extreme  
27 pain, suffering, or agony. Torture does not include conduct performed by  
28 a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in  
29 this state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices.

30 Sec. 2. Section 28-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
31 2024, is amended to read:

1 28-1012 (1) AnyA law enforcement officer or animal control officer  
2 who has reason to believe that an animal has been abandoned or is being  
3 cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated may seek a warrant authorizing  
4 entry by a law enforcement officer or an animal control officer who is  
5 accompanied by a law enforcement officer upon private property to  
6 inspect, care for, or impound the animal.

7 (2) It shall be the duty of anya law enforcement officer or animal  
8 control officer who has reason to believe that an animal has been

9 abandoned or is being cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated to make  
10 prompt investigation of such violation. AnyA law enforcement officer or  
11 animal control officer may, in lieu of making an arrest, issue a citation  
12 to the owner or custodian as prescribed in sections 29-422 to 29-429.

13 (3) Any equipment, device, or other property or things involved in a  
14 violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010 shall be subject to seizure, and  
15 distribution or disposition may be made in such manner as the court may  
16 direct. Any animal involved in a violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010  
17 shall be subject to seizure. Distribution or disposition shall be made  
18 under section 28-1012.01 as the court may direct.

19 (4) Any law enforcement officer or animal control officer acting  
20 under this section shall not be liable for damage to property if such  
21 damage is not the result of the law enforcement officer's or animal  
22 control officer's negligence.

23 Sec. 3. Section 28-1012.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
24 2024, is amended to read:

25 28-1012.01 (1) Any animal seized under a search warrant or validly  
26 seized without a warrant may be kept on the property of the owner or  
27 custodian by the law enforcement officer or animal control officer  
28 seizing the animal. When a criminal complaint has been filed in  
29 connection with a seized animal, the court in which such complaint was  
30 filed shall have exclusive jurisdiction for disposition of the animal and  
31 to determine any rights therein, including questions respecting the  
1 title, possession, control, and disposition thereof as provided in this  
2 section.

3 (2) Within ten business days after the date an animal has been  
4 seized pursuant to section 28-1006 or 28-1012, the county attorney of the  
5 county where the animal was seized shall file an application with the  
6 court having appropriate jurisdiction for a hearing to determine the  
7 disposition and the cost for the care of the animal. Notice of such  
8 hearing shall be given to the owner or custodian from whom such animal  
9 was seized and to any holder of a lien or security interest of record in  
10 such animal specifying the date, time, and place of such hearing. Such  
11 notice shall be served by personal or residential service or by certified  
12 mail. If such notice cannot be served by such methods, service may be  
13 made by publication in the county where such animal was seized. Such  
14 publication shall be made after application and order of the court. The  
15 hearing shall be held as soon as practicable and not more than ten  
16 business days after the date of application for the hearing unless  
17 otherwise determined and ordered by the court.

18 (3) If the court finds that probable cause exists that an animal has  
19 been abandoned or cruelly neglected or mistreated, the court may:

20 (a) Order immediate forfeiture of the animal to the agency that took  
21 custody of the animal and authorize appropriate disposition of the animal  
22 including adoption, donation to a suitable shelter, humane destruction,  
23 or any other manner of disposition approved by the court. The court may  
24 consider adoption alternatives through humane societies or comparable  
25 institutions and the protection of such animal's welfare. For a humane  
26 society or comparable institution to be considered as an adoption  
27 alternative under this subsection, it must first be licensed by the  
28 Department of Agriculture as having passed the inspection requirements in  
29 the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act and paid the fee for  
30 inspection under the act. The court may prohibit an adopting or  
31 purchasing party from selling such animal for a period not to exceed one  
1 year;

2 (b) Issue an order to the owner or custodian setting forth the  
3 conditions under which custody of the animal shall be returned to the  
4 owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized or to any other person  
5 claiming an interest in the animal. Such order may include any management  
6 actions deemed necessary and prudent by the court, including reducing the



7 number of animals harbored or owned by the owner or custodian by humane  
8 destruction or forfeiture and securing necessary care, including  
9 veterinary care, sufficient for the maintenance of any remaining animals;  
10 or  
11 (c) Order the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized to  
12 post a bond or other security or to otherwise order payment in an amount  
13 that is sufficient to reimburse all reasonable expenses, as determined by  
14 the court, for the care of the animal including veterinary care incurred  
15 by the agency from the date of seizure and necessitated by the possession  
16 of the animal. Payments shall be for a succeeding thirty-day period with  
17 the first payment due on or before the tenth day following the hearing.  
18 Payments for each subsequent thirty-day period, if any, shall be due on  
19 or before the tenth day of such period. The bond or security shall be  
20 placed with, or payments ordered under this subdivision shall be paid to,  
21 the agency that took custody of the animal. The agency shall provide an  
22 accounting of expenses to the court when the animal is no longer in the  
23 custody of the agency or upon request by the court. The county attorney  
24 of the county where the animal was seized may apply to the court for a  
25 subsequent hearing under this section at any time. The hearing shall be  
26 held as soon as practicable and not more than ten business days after the  
27 date of application for the hearing unless otherwise determined and  
28 ordered by the court. When all expenses covered by the bond or security  
29 are exhausted and subsequent bond or security has not been posted, or if  
30 a person becomes delinquent in his or her payments for the expenses of  
31 the animal, the animal shall be forfeited to the agency.

1 (4) If custody of an animal is returned to the owner or custodian  
2 prior to seizure, any proceeds of a bond or security or any payment or  
3 portion of payment ordered under this section not used for the care of  
4 the animal during the time the animal was held by the agency shall be  
5 returned to the owner or custodian.

6 (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the humane destruction of  
7 a seized animal at any time as determined necessary by a licensed  
8 veterinarian or as authorized by court order.

9 (6) An appeal may be filed within ten days after a hearing held  
10 under this section. Any person filing an appeal shall post a bond or  
11 security sufficient to pay reasonable costs of care of the animal for  
12 thirty days. Such bond or surety shall be required for each succeeding  
13 thirty-day period until the appeal is final.

14 (7) If the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized is  
15 found not guilty in an associated criminal proceeding, all funds paid for  
16 the expenses of the animal remaining after the actual expenses incurred  
17 by the agency have been paid shall be returned to the owner or custodian.

18 (8) This section shall not preempt any ordinance of a city of the  
19 metropolitan or primary class.

20 Sec. 4. Section 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
21 2024, is amended to read:  
22 28-1019 (1)(a) If a person is convicted of a felony under section  
23 28-1005 or 28-1009, the sentencing court shall order such person not to  
24 own, possess, or reside with any animal for at least five years after the  
25 date of conviction, but such time restriction shall not exceed fifteen  
26 years. Any person violating such court order shall be guilty of a Class I  
27 misdemeanor.

28 (b) If a person is convicted of a Class I misdemeanor under section  
29 28-1005.01 or 28-1009 or a Class III misdemeanor under section 28-1010,  
30 the sentencing court may order such person not to own, possess, or reside  
31 with any animal after the date of conviction, but such time restriction,  
1 if any, shall not exceed five years. Any person violating such court  
2 order shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

3 (c) Any animal involved in a violation of a court order under  
4 subdivision (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be subject to seizure by

5 ~~any law enforcement officer or animal control officer~~. Distribution or  
 6 disposition shall be made under section 28-1012.01.  
 7 (2) This section shall not apply to any person convicted under  
 8 section 28-1005, 28-1005.01, or 28-1009 if a licensed physician confirms  
 9 in writing that ownership or possession of or residence with an animal is  
 10 essential to the health of such person.  
 11 Sec. 5. Original sections 28-1008, 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and  
 12 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.  
 13 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 14 passed and approved according to law.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 136.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM283**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 25-1030.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 25-1030.01 (1) Upon filing an application for determination of  
 6 liability of the garnishee, the plaintiff shall give the garnishee and  
 7 the defendant in the original action notice of the filing thereof and of  
 8 the time and place of trial thereon. Subject to subsections (2) and (3)  
 9 of this section, the notice shall be given within such time and in  
 10 such manner as the court shall direct.  
 11 (2) For purposes of this section:  
 12 (a) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability  
 13 company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability  
 14 company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of  
 15 Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska;  
 16 and  
 17 (b) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution as  
 18 described in subsection (6) of section 25-1056.  
 19 (3)(a) If the garnishee is a corporate entity, notice under  
 20 subsection (1) of this section shall be served upon the location of the  
 21 corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state.  
 22 (b) If service is unable to be accomplished as provided in  
 23 subdivision (3)(a) of this section, such notice shall be served in  
 24 accordance with section 25-509.01.  
 25 (4) In a case involving a garnishment served upon a corporate entity  
 26 against wages due to a judgment debtor, the corporate entity shall not be  
 27 liable as a garnishee under this section unless the plaintiff shows:  
 1 (a) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(a) of  
 2 this section; or  
 3 (b) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(b) of  
 4 this section and:  
 5 (i) That a copy of the notice described in subsection (1) of this  
 6 section was sent to the location of the corporate entity's registered  
 7 agent;  
 8 (ii) That the garnishee requested no such copy be sent to such  
 9 location; or  
 10 (iii) That the corporate entity does not have a registered agent in  
 11 this state.  
 12 Sec. 2. Section 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 13 amended to read:  
 14 25-1056 (1) In all cases when a judgment has been entered by any  
 15 court of record and the judgment creditor or his or her agent or attorney  
 16 has filed an affidavit setting forth the amount due on the judgment,  
 17 interest, and costs in the office of the clerk of the court where the  
 18 judgment has been entered and that he or she has good reason to and does  
 19 believe that any person, partnership, limited liability company, or  
 20 corporation, naming him, her, or it, has property of and is indebted to

21 the judgment debtor, the clerk shall issue a summons which shall set  
22 forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs as shown in the  
23 affidavit and require such person, partnership, limited liability  
24 company, or corporation, as garnishee, to answer written interrogatories  
25 to be furnished by the plaintiff and to be attached to such summons  
26 respecting the matters set forth in section 25-1026. The summons shall be  
27 returnable within ten days from the date of its issuance and shall  
28 require the garnishee to answer within ten days from the date of service  
29 upon him or her. Except when wages are involved, the garnishee shall hold  
30 the property of every description and the credits of the defendant in his  
31 or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service  
1 of the summons and interrogatories until the further order of the court.  
2 If the only property in the possession or under the control of the  
3 garnishee at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories  
4 is credits of the defendant and the amount of such credits is not in  
5 dispute by the garnishee, then such garnishee shall only hold the credits  
6 of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at  
7 the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories to the extent  
8 of the amount of the judgment, interest, and costs set forth in the  
9 summons until further order of the court. When wages are involved, the  
10 garnishee shall pay to the employee all disposable earnings exempted from  
11 garnishment by statute, and any disposable earnings remaining after such  
12 payment shall be retained by the garnishee until further order of the  
13 court. Thereafter, the service of the summons and interrogatories and all  
14 further proceedings shall be in all respects the same as is provided for  
15 in sections 25-1011 and 25-1026 to 25-1031.01 unless inconsistent with  
16 this section.

17 (2) If it appears from the answer of the garnishee that the judgment  
18 debtor was an employee of the garnishee, that the garnishee otherwise  
19 owed earnings to the judgment debtor when the garnishment order was  
20 served, or that earnings would be owed within sixty days thereafter and  
21 there is not a successful written objection to the order or the answer of  
22 the garnishee filed, on application by the judgment creditor, the court  
23 shall order that the nonexempt earnings, if any, withheld by the  
24 garnishee after service of the order be transferred to the court for  
25 delivery to the judgment creditor who is entitled to such earnings.  
26 Except for garnishments in support of a person, the payments may be made  
27 payable to the judgment creditor or assignee and shall be forwarded to  
28 the issuing court to record the judgment payment prior to the court  
29 delivering the payment to the judgment creditor or assignee. The court  
30 shall, upon application of the judgment creditor, further order that the  
31 garnishment is a continuing lien against the nonexempt earnings of the  
1 judgment debtor. An order of continuing lien on nonexempt earnings  
2 entered pursuant to this section shall require the garnishee to continue  
3 to withhold the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor for as long as  
4 the continuing lien remains in effect.  
5 Beginning with the pay period during which the writ was served and  
6 while the continuing lien remains in effect, the garnishee shall deliver  
7 the nonexempt earnings to the court from which the garnishment was issued  
8 for each pay period or on a monthly basis if the garnishee so desires and  
9 shall deliver to the judgment debtor his or her exempt earnings for each  
10 pay period.

11 (3) A continuing lien ordered pursuant to this section shall be  
12 invalid and shall have no force and effect upon the occurrence of any of  
13 the following:

14 (a) The underlying judgment is satisfied in full or vacated or  
15 expires;

16 (b) The judgment debtor leaves the garnishee's employ for more than  
17 sixty days;

18 (c) The judgment creditor releases the garnishment;

19 (d) The proceedings are stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction,  
20 including the United States Bankruptcy Court;

21 (e) The judgment debtor has not earned any nonexempt earnings for at  
22 least sixty days;

23 (f) The court orders that the garnishment be quashed; or

24 (g) Ninety days have expired since service of the writ. The judgment  
25 creditor may extend the lien for a second ninety-day period by filing  
26 with the court a notice of extension during the fifteen days immediately  
27 prior to the expiration of the initial lien, and the continuing lien in  
28 favor of the initial judgment creditor shall continue for a second  
29 ninety-day period.

30 (4)(a) To determine priority, garnishments and liens shall rank  
31 according to time of service.

1 (b) Garnishments, liens, and wage assignments which are not for the  
2 support of a person shall be inferior to wage assignments for the support  
3 of a person. Garnishments which are not for the support of a person and  
4 liens shall be inferior to garnishments for the support of a person.

5 (5) Only one order of continuing lien against earnings due the  
6 judgment debtor shall be in effect at one time. If an employee's wages  
7 are already being garnished pursuant to a continuing lien at the time of  
8 service of a garnishment upon an employer, the answer to garnishment  
9 interrogatories shall include such information along with the date of  
10 termination of such continuing lien and the title of the case from which  
11 such garnishment is issued. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this  
12 section, a continuing lien obtained pursuant to this section shall have  
13 priority over any subsequent garnishment or wage assignment.

14 (6)(a) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a  
15 financial institution where deposits are received within this state, the  
16 financial institution shall (i) if its main chartered office is located  
17 in this state, designate its main chartered office for the service of  
18 summons or (ii) if its main chartered office is located in another state,  
19 designate any one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of  
20 process in this state for service of summons. The designation of a main  
21 chartered office or an office or branch or the agent for service of  
22 process under this subdivision shall be made by filing a notice of  
23 designation with the Department of Banking and Finance, shall contain the  
24 physical address of the main chartered office or the office or branch or  
25 the agent for service of process designated, and shall be effective upon  
26 placement on the department website. The department shall post the list  
27 of such designated main chartered offices and offices or branches or  
28 agents for service of process on its website for access by the public. A  
29 financial institution may modify or revoke a designation made under this  
30 subdivision by filing the modification or revocation with the department.  
31 The modification or revocation shall be effective when the department's  
1 website has been updated to reflect the modification or revocation,  
2 except that the judgment creditor may rely upon the designation that was  
3 modified or revoked during the thirty-day period following the effective  
4 date of the modification or revocation if the summons is timely served  
5 upon the financial institution. The department shall update its website  
6 to reflect a filing by a financial institution pursuant to this  
7 subdivision or a modification or revocation filed by a financial  
8 institution pursuant to this subdivision within ten business days  
9 following the filing by the financial institution. The department website  
10 shall reflect the date its online records for each financial institution  
11 have most recently been updated.

12 (b) If a financial institution where deposits are received has  
13 designated its main chartered office or one of its offices or branches or  
14 its agent for service of process for the service of summons, service made  
15 on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for  
16 service of process so designated shall be valid and effective as to any

17 property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the  
 18 main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any  
 19 of the financial institution offices or branches located within this  
 20 state. If service of summons is not made on the main chartered office or  
 21 the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated by  
 22 the financial institution, but instead is made at another office or  
 23 branch of the financial institution located in Nebraska, the financial  
 24 institution, in its discretion, and without violating any obligation to  
 25 its customer, may elect to treat the service of summons as valid and  
 26 effective as to any property or credits of the defendant in the  
 27 possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial  
 28 institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or  
 29 branches located within this state. In the absence of such an election,  
 30 the financial institution shall file a statement with the interrogatories  
 31 that the summons was not served at the financial institution's designated  
 1 location for receiving service of summons and, therefore, was not  
 2 processed, and shall provide the address at which the financial  
 3 institution is to receive service of summons.  
 4 (c) For purposes of this subsection, financial institution means a  
 5 bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan  
 6 association, or credit union whether chartered by the United States, the  
 7 Department of Banking and Finance, or a foreign state agency.  
 8 (d) The notice of designation, modification, or revocation shall be  
 9 made by a financial institution on forms prescribed by the Department of  
 10 Banking and Finance department.  
 11 (e) The Department of Banking and Finance, any employee of the  
 12 department, or any person acting on behalf of the department shall be  
 13 immune from civil and criminal liability for any acts or omissions which  
 14 occur as a result of the requirements of this subsection.  
 15 (7)(a) For purposes of this section:  
 16 (i) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability  
 17 company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability  
 18 company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of  
 19 Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska;  
 20 and  
 21 (ii) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution  
 22 described in subsection (6) of this section.  
 23 (b) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a  
 24 corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor from the  
 25 corporate entity, service shall be made upon the corporate entity in  
 26 accordance with section 25-509.01 or in a manner mutually agreed upon by  
 27 the garnishee and judgment creditor.  
 28 (c) If service is not made upon the corporate entity's registered  
 29 agent for service of process in this state, the judgment creditor shall  
 30 send a copy of such summons to the location of the corporate entity's  
 31 registered agent for service of process in this state unless the  
 1 corporate entity has requested that no such copy be sent or no such  
 2 registered agent exists. Proof of compliance with this subdivision (7)(c)  
 3 is not required for a garnishment to continue.  
 4 Sec. 3. Original sections 25-1030.01 and 25-1056, Reissue Revised  
 5 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 404. Placed on General File with amendment.**

## **AM372**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 29-2262.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 29-2262.06 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,  
 6 whenever a district court or county court sentences an adult offender to

7 probation, the court shall require the probationer to pay a one-time  
8 administrative enrollment fee and thereafter a monthly probation  
9 programming fee.

10 (2) Participants in non-probation-based programs or services in  
11 which probation personnel or probation resources are utilized pursuant to  
12 an interlocal agreement authorized by subdivision (16) of section 29-2252  
13 and in which all or a portion of the costs of such probation personnel or  
14 such probation resources are covered by funds provided pursuant to  
15 section 29-2262.07 shall pay the one-time administrative enrollment fee  
16 described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section and the monthly probation  
17 programming fee described in subdivision (3)(c) of this section. In  
18 addition, the provisions of subsections (4), (7), and ~~(11)~~(40) of this  
19 section applicable to probationers apply to participants in non-  
20 probation-based programs or services. Any participant in a non-probation-  
21 based program or service who defaults on the payment of any such fees  
22 may, at the discretion of the court, be subject to removal from such non-  
23 probation-based program or service. This subdivision does not preclude a  
24 court or other governmental entity from charging additional local fees  
25 for participation in such non-probation-based programs and services or  
26 other similar non-probation-based programs and services.

27 (3) The court shall establish the administrative enrollment fee and  
1 monthly probation programming fees as follows:

2 (a) Adult probationers placed on either probation or intensive  
3 supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or  
4 services shall pay a one-time administrative enrollment fee of thirty  
5 dollars. The fee shall be paid in a lump sum upon the beginning of  
6 probation supervision or participation in a non-probation-based program  
7 or service;

8 (b) Adult probationers placed on probation shall pay a monthly  
9 probation programming fee of twenty-five dollars, not later than the  
10 tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation; and

11 (c) Adult probationers placed on intensive supervision probation and  
12 participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a  
13 monthly probation programming fee of thirty-five dollars, not later than  
14 the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation or  
15 participation in a non-probation-based program or service.

16 (4) The court shall waive payment of the monthly probation  
17 programming fees in whole or in part if after a hearing a determination  
18 is made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the  
19 offender due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical  
20 or mental handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period  
21 of time that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based  
22 program or service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation  
23 programming fee.

24 (5) If a probationer defaults in the payment of monthly probation  
25 programming fees or any installment thereof, the court may revoke his or  
26 her probation for nonpayment, except that probation shall not be revoked  
27 nor shall the offender be imprisoned for such nonpayment if the  
28 probationer is financially unable to make the payment, if he or she so  
29 states to the court in writing under oath, and if the court so finds  
30 after a hearing.

31 (6) If the court determines that the default in payment described in  
1 subsection (5) of this section was not attributable to a deliberate  
2 refusal to obey the order of the court or to failure on the probationer's  
3 part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for  
4 payment, the court may enter an order allowing the probationer additional  
5 time for payment, reducing the amount of each installment, or revoking  
6 the fees or the unpaid portion in whole or in part.

7 (7) No probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program  
8 or service shall be required to pay more than one monthly probation

9 programming fee per month. This subsection does not preclude local fees  
10 as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

11 (8) The imposition of monthly probation programming fees in this  
12 section shall be considered separate and apart from the fees described in  
13 subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262.

14 (9) The court may waive payment of the fees described in  
15 subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262 in whole or in part if the  
16 offender has been previously found to be indigent in the case for which  
17 he or she is placed on probation or if after a hearing a determination is  
18 made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the offender  
19 due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical or mental  
20 handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period of time  
21 that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or  
22 service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation programming fee.

23 ~~(10)(9)~~ Any adult probationer received for supervision pursuant to  
24 section 29-2637 or the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision  
25 shall be assessed both a one-time administrative enrollment fee and  
26 monthly probation programming fees during the period of time the  
27 probationer is actively supervised by Nebraska probation authorities.  
28 ~~(11)(10)~~ The probationer or participant in a non-probation-based  
29 program or service shall pay the fees described in this section to the  
30 clerk of the court. The clerk of the court shall remit all fees so  
31 collected to the State Treasurer for credit to the Probation Program Cash  
1 Fund.

2 Sec. 2. Section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 29-2263 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,  
5 when a court has sentenced an offender to probation, the court shall  
6 specify the term of such probation which shall be not more than five  
7 years upon conviction of a felony or second offense misdemeanor and two  
8 years upon conviction of a first offense misdemeanor.

9 (b) At sentencing, the court shall provide notice to the offender  
10 that the offender may be eligible to have the conviction set aside as  
11 provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264 and shall provide  
12 information on how to file such a petition. The State Court Administrator  
13 shall develop standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to  
14 carry out this subdivision.

15 (c) The court, on application of a probation officer or of the  
16 probationer or on its own motion, may discharge a probationer at any  
17 time.

18 (2) When a court has sentenced an offender to post-release  
19 supervision, the court shall specify the term of such post-release  
20 supervision as provided in section 28-105. The court, on application of a  
21 probation officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may  
22 discharge a probationer at any time.

23 (3) During the term of probation, the court on application of a  
24 probation officer or of the probationer, or its own motion, may modify or  
25 eliminate any of the conditions imposed on the probationer or add further  
26 conditions authorized by section 29-2262. The court on joint application  
27 of the probation officer and the probationer may extend the term of  
28 probation within the limits authorized by subdivision (1)(a) of this  
29 section. This subsection does not preclude a probation officer from  
30 imposing administrative sanctions with the probationer's full knowledge  
31 and consent as authorized by sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02.

1 (4)(a) Upon completion of the term of probation, or the earlier  
2 discharge of the probationer, the probationer shall be relieved of any  
3 obligations imposed by the order of the court and shall have satisfied  
4 the sentence for his or her crime.

5 (b) Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the conditions of probation for  
6 the entire period or after discharge from probation prior to the

7 termination of the period of probation, a probation officer shall notify  
 8 the probationer that the probationer may be eligible to have the  
 9 conviction set aside as provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264.  
 10 The notice shall include an explanation of the requirements for a  
 11 conviction to be set aside, how to file a petition for a conviction to be  
 12 set aside, and the effect of and limitations of having a conviction set  
 13 aside and an advisement that the probationer consult with an attorney  
 14 prior to filing a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop  
 15 standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to carry out  
 16 this subdivision.

17 (5) Whenever a probationer disappears or leaves the jurisdiction of  
 18 the court without permission, the time during which he or she keeps his  
 19 or her whereabouts hidden or remains away from the jurisdiction of the  
 20 court shall be added to the original term of probation.

21 Sec. 3. Section 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 22 amended to read:

23 29-2267 (1) Whenever a motion or information to revoke probation is  
 24 filed, the probationer shall be entitled to a prompt consideration of  
 25 such charge by the sentencing court. The court shall not revoke probation  
 26 or increase the probation requirements imposed on the probationer, except  
 27 after a hearing upon proper notice where the violation of probation is  
 28 established by clear and convincing evidence.

29 (2) The probationer shall have the right to receive, prior to the  
 30 hearing, a copy of the information or written notice of the grounds on  
 31 which the information is based. The probationer shall have the right to  
 1 hear and controvert the evidence against him or her, to offer evidence in  
 2 his or her defense, and to be represented by counsel.

3 (3) For a probationer convicted of a felony, revocation proceedings  
 4 may only be instituted in response to a substance abuse or noncriminal  
 5 violation if the probationer has served ninety days of cumulative  
 6 custodial sanctions during the current probation term.

7 (4) When a motion or information to revoke probation is filed, the  
 8 probation term may be extended at the joint request of the probationer  
 9 and prosecutor until final resolution of the motion or information to  
 10 revoke probation or until the expiration of the statutorily defined  
 11 maximum period of probation for the offense for which the probationer has  
 12 been placed on probation. A court shall accept such request to extend a  
 13 term of probation so long as the probationer is represented by counsel or  
 14 the court finds, in open court, that the probationer makes the request  
 15 freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently.

16 Sec. 4. Original sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised  
 17 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 18 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Placed on General File with amendment.

### AM254

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:

5 49-1474.01 (1) Except for an individual or individuals acting  
 6 independently utilizing their own personal resources or as provided in  
 7 subsection (2) of this section, the person, except an individual or  
 8 individuals acting independently utilizing their own personal resources,  
 9 who pays for the production, distribution, or posting of a billboard,



10 placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter relating to a  
 11 candidate or ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name  
 12 and street address of the person to appear on such matter. The person who  
 13 pays for a radio or television advertisement relating to a candidate or  
 14 ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such  
 15 person to be included in the advertisement, and the radio or television  
 16 station shall, for a period of at least six months, keep the street  
 17 address of such person on file and divulge it to any person upon request.  
 18 (2) If a candidate pays for the production, distribution, or posting  
 19 of a billboard, placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed material  
 20 relating to such candidate, then the candidate shall cause a disclaimer  
 21 containing the name and street address or post office box number of such  
 22 candidate to appear on such matter. If a candidate pays for a radio or  
 23 television advertisement relating to such candidate, then the candidate  
 24 shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such candidate to be  
 25 included in the advertisement, and the radio or television station shall,  
 26 for a period of at least six months, keep the street address or post  
 27 office box number of such candidate on file and divulge it to any person  
 1 upon request.  
 2 (3)(2) The size and placement of the disclaimer shall be determined  
 3 by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. The  
 4 rules and regulations shall exempt from the disclaimer required by this  
 5 section windshield stickers, yard signs, bumper stickers, campaign  
 6 buttons, and balloons and may also exempt other items relating to a  
 7 candidate or committee which are printed or reproduced at the request of  
 8 such candidate or committee.  
 9 (4)(3) Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this  
 10 section shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.  
 11 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 12 Nebraska, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM333

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 27 through 31 and insert the following  
 2 new subdivision:  
 3 "(b) When awarding innovative tourism grants under the program, the  
 4 commission shall award up to five hundred thousand dollars in innovative  
 5 tourism grants to any such city or village each fiscal year.".  
 6 2. On page 3, strike line 1.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29.** Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Executive Board

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Natural Resources

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

## Game and Parks Commission:

Kurt Arganbright  
Stephen D Mossman

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

## Nebraska Ethanol Board:

Randy L Gard

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendments to LB415:

[FA23](#)

On Page 5, Line 13, strike "Any employer" and insert "Employers".

[FA24](#)

On Page 3, Line 23 strike "any right" and insert "rights".

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on March 3, 2025, in Room 1023, and the General Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

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

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB404.

Senator Sanders name added to LB530.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Naasir Spivey, Omaha; Hyrum Duggar, Lincoln; students from St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo; nursing students of the Nebraska Nurses Association – College of St. Mary, Nebraska Methodist

College, UNMC-Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha; students from Faith Christian School, Kearney; students from Woodland Park Elementary, Norfolk.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Jacobson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Doug Collins, Laurel Faith Community Church, Laurel.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Raybould and Rountree who were excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-fourth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 590.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM289](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**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 February 27, 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

Behrens, Mark A.  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
CP Strategies LLC  
3M COMPANY  
Hems, Harrison  
Heritage Action for America  
Horn, Melissa  
Arthritis Foundation  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Self Storage Association (Withdrawn 02/21/2025)  
Meares, Katherin  
TikTok Inc.  
Meckler, Mark  
Convention of States Action  
Mueller Robak  
Metrc, LLC  
Nebraska Strategies  
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.  
Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting LLC  
Neilan Strategy Group  
PENN Entertainment  
Schwartz, Matt  
Consumer Reports, Inc.  
Zulkoski Weber LLC  
Plant Based Foods Association

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 626:

Game and Parks Commission  
Kurt Arganbright  
Stephen D Mossman

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Dungan	McKinney	Sorrentino	Storer
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Excused and not voting, 7:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Raybould	

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 626:

Nebraska Ethanol Board  
Randy L Gard

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Clements	Dover	McKinney	Storer
DeBoer	Hardin	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar          Cavanaugh, M.    Hunt          Raybould      Rountree

The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** [ER12](#), found on page 530, was offered.

ER12 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered [AM309](#), found on page 576.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** [ER13](#), found on page 530, was offered.

ER13 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM373](#), found on page 609.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 347.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 666.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 397.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM272](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(5)" and insert "(5)(a)"; in line 13



2 strike "(a)" and insert "(i)"; in line 15 strike "(b)" and insert "(ii)";  
 3 after line 15 insert the following new subdivision:  
 4 "(b) Beginning on January 1, 2030, and on January 1 of every fifth  
 5 year thereafter, the youth minimum wage shall increase by one and one-  
 6 half percent, rounded to the nearest cent."; and in line 19, strike  
 7 "younger than eighteen" and reinstate the stricken "younger than twenty  
 8 years".  
 9 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "A" in line 3 through the period  
 10 in line 5 and insert "Beginning on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of  
 11 each year thereafter, the training wage rate shall increase by one and  
 12 one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent.".

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

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

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB320:

##### AM170

1 1. On page 6, strike beginning with "task" in line 15 through  
 2 "establishments" in line 17 and insert "Attorney General, the Department  
 3 of Labor, and hotels and similar public lodging establishments may work  
 4 together"; in line 30 strike "National" and insert "Nebraska"; and in  
 5 line 31 strike "Resource Center".  
 6 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "within" in line 22 through  
 7 "establishment" in line 23; and in line 25 strike "National" and insert  
 8 "Nebraska" and strike "Resource Center".

#### BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 292A.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 292, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

##### AM474

1 1. On page 3, after line 1 insert the following new subsection:  
 2 "(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a  
 3 consumer's rights under the Data Privacy Act.".

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 9 ayes, 26 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO55](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM474.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 7 ayes, 28 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Hardin	Lippincott	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Present and not voting, 3:

Bosn	Dover	Guereca
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Excused and not voting, 8:

Bostar	Dorn	Prokop	Rountree
Clements	Hunt	Raybould	von Gillern

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 9 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** [ER15](#), found on page 533, was offered.

ER15 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 247.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrssment.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 184.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM229

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 section:  
3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:  
4 (a) Delivery sale has the same meaning as in section 28-1418.01;  
5 (b) Flavored nitrous oxide product means a nitrous oxide product;  
6 (i) Having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not  
7 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or  
8 spice, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or  
9 during consumption or use of the product;  
10 (ii) That is marketed as having the taste or smell of any food,  
11 including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic  
12 beverage, herb, or spice; or  
13 (iii) Regarding which the manufacturer, seller, or any person  
14 authorized by, or acting with the consent of, the manufacturer or seller,  
15 has made a public statement or claim, whether express or implied, that  
16 such product has the taste or smell of any food, including, but not  
17 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or  
18 spice; and  
19 (c) Nitrous oxide product means a cartridge, cylinder, or tank  
20 containing nitrous oxide.  
21 (2) A business entity or corporation shall not sell, including by  
22 delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any  
23 consumer in this state a nitrous oxide product or flavored nitrous oxide  
24 product or willingly allow such products to be taken from such business  
25 entity or corporation by any person. This subsection does not apply to a  
26 nitrous oxide product, other than a flavored nitrous oxide product, that:  
27 (a) Has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human  
1 consumption for use;  
2 (b) Is intended for use by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing  
3 process or industrial operation;  
4 (c) Is intended for use for automotive purposes;  
5 (d) Is prescribed as part of the care or treatment of a disease,  
6 condition, or injury by a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or  
7 (e) Is a propellant in food or in food preparation for restaurant,  
8 food service, or houseware products.  
9 (3) A business entity or corporation that violates subsection (2) of  
10 this section shall be subject to:  
11 (a) A Class II misdemeanor for a first offense;  
12 (b) A Class I misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense; and  
13 (c) A civil penalty of \$2,500 for a first or a subsequent offense.  
14 (4) All nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products  
15 that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this  
16 section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of  
17 such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person  
18 from whom the products are seized.  
19 (5) Any common carrier that knowingly transports nitrous oxide  
20 products or flavored nitrous oxide products for a business entity or  
21 corporation that is in violation of subsection (2) of this section is  
22 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.  
23 (6) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section

24 shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive  
25 Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties  
26 available for a violation of such act.  
27 (7) This section does not apply to the following:  
28 (a) The shipment of nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide  
29 products to a foreign-trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a  
30 et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from  
31 outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state,  
1 and are not distributed in this state; or  
2 (b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the  
3 employee's official duties.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB258:

[FA25](#)

In AM272, Strike Section 1.

[FA26](#)

In AM272, Strike Section 2.

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to LB102:

[MO56](#)

Place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Sec. 20(b).

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Executive Board  
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

LR40

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Title read. Considered.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM196](#), found on page 486, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA21](#), found on page 488, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### [AM395](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 60-1438 (1) Each new motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor shall  
6 specify in writing to each of its new motor vehicle dealers licensed in  
7 this state the dealer's obligations for preparation, delivery, and  
8 warranty service on its products. The manufacturer or distributor shall  
9 compensate the new motor vehicle dealer for warranty service which such  
10 manufacturer or distributor requires the dealer to provide, including  
11 warranty and recall obligations related to repairing and servicing motor  
12 vehicles and all parts and components included in or manufactured for  
13 installation in the motor vehicles of the manufacturer or distributor.  
14 The manufacturer or distributor shall provide the new motor vehicle  
15 dealer with the schedule of compensation to be paid to the dealer for  
16 parts, work, and service and the time allowance for the performance of  
17 the work and service.  
18 (2)(a) The schedule of compensation shall include ~~reasonable~~  
19 compensation for diagnostic work, as well as repair service, parts, and  
20 labor. Time allowances for the diagnosis and performance of warranty work  
21 and service shall be ~~adequate for a qualified technician to perform the~~  
22 work or service. A franchisor shall not unreasonably deny a written  
23 request submitted by a franchisee for modification of a franchisor's  
24 uniform time allowance for a specific warranty repair or unreasonably  
25 deny a request submitted by a franchisee for an additional time allowance  
26 for diagnostic or repair work on a specific vehicle covered under  
27 warranty. Any such request shall include information and documentation  
28 reasonably necessary for the franchisor to assess the merits of the  
29 franchisee's request~~reasonable and adequate for the work to be performed.~~  
30 In the determination of ~~what constitutes reasonable~~ compensation under  
31 this section, the principal factors to be given consideration shall be  
32 the prevailing wage rates being paid by dealers in the community in which  
33 the dealer is doing business, and in no event shall the compensation of  
34 the dealer for warranty parts and labor be less than the rates charged by  
35 the dealer for like parts and service to retail or fleet customers, ~~as~~  
36 ~~long as such rates are reasonable.~~ In determining prevailing wage rates,  
37 the rate of compensation for labor for that portion of repair orders for  
38 all recommended maintenance services shall not be used, including  
39 maintenance services relating to the following: Oil, filters, any fluids,

13 brake pads, brake discs, brake drums, spark plugs, wiper blades, tire  
 14 repair, or tire replacement for routine maintenance, such as tire repair  
 15 or replacement and oil and fluid changes, shall not be used.  
 16 (b)(i)(b) For purposes of this section, compensation for parts may  
 17 be determined by calculating the price paid by the dealer for parts,  
 18 including all shipping and other charges, multiplied by the sum of one  
 19 and the dealer's average percentage markup over the price paid by the  
 20 dealer for parts purchased by the dealer from the manufacturer and sold  
 21 at retail. The dealer may establish average percentage markup by  
 22 submitting to the manufacturer one hundred sequential customer-paid  
 23 service repair orders or ninety days of customer-paid service repair  
 24 orders, whichever is less, covering repairs made no more than one hundred  
 25 eighty days before the submission and declaring what the average  
 26 percentage markup is. Within thirty days after receipt of the repair  
 27 orders, the manufacturer may audit the submitted repair orders and  
 28 approve or deny approval of the average percentage markup based on the  
 29 audit. The average percentage markup shall go into effect forty-five days  
 30 after the approval based on that audit. If the manufacturer denies  
 31 approval of the average percentage markup declared by the dealer, the  
 1 dealer may file a complaint with the board. The manufacturer shall have  
 2 the burden to prove that the denial was made pursuant to the Motor  
 3 Vehicle Industry Regulation Act establish that the denial was reasonable.  
 4 If the board determines that the denial was not reasonable, the denial  
 5 shall be deemed a violation of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act  
 6 subject to the enforcement procedures of the act. When determining  
 7 compensation for parts, only retail sales that do not involve warranty  
 8 repairs shall be used and the rate of markup for all parts supplied on  
 9 repair orders for recommended maintenance services shall not be used,  
 10 including maintenance services relating to the following: Oil, filters,  
 11 any fluids, brake pads, brake discs, brake drums, spark plugs, wiper  
 12 blades, tire repair, or tire replacement Only retail sales not involving  
 13 warranty repairs or parts supplied for routine vehicle maintenance shall  
 14 be considered in calculating average percentage markup. No manufacturer  
 15 shall require a dealer to establish average percentage markup by a  
 16 methodology, or by requiring information, that is unduly burdensome or  
 17 time consuming to provide, including, but not limited to, part-by-part or  
 18 transaction-by-transaction calculations. A dealer shall not request a  
 19 change in the average percentage markup more than twice in one calendar  
 20 year.  
 21 (ii)(A) If a franchisor furnishes, or causes to be furnished, a part  
 22 to a dealer at no cost or at a reduced cost for use in performing  
 23 warranty work, the franchisor shall compensate the dealer for the  
 24 dealer's cost of the part, if any, plus an amount equal to the markup on  
 25 the dealer's part. Such amount shall be multiplied by the fair wholesale  
 26 value of the part.  
 27 (B) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection, fair  
 28 wholesale value of the part means the greatest of the following:  
 29 (I) The amount the dealer paid for the part;  
 30 (II) The cost of the part, at the time the part was furnished, in a  
 31 price schedule of the franchisor; and  
 1 (III) The cost of a substantially identical part, at the time the  
 2 part was furnished, in a price schedule of the franchisor.  
 3 (c)(i) A manufacturer or distributor may request up to one hundred  
 4 additional repair orders different from those provided under subdivision  
 5 (2)(b) of this section from a dealer of the manufacturer or distributor  
 6 to determine if such dealer's average percentage markup rate, retail  
 7 labor rate, or both are materially different than the rates such dealer  
 8 has declared with the manufacturer or distributor.  
 9 (ii) The manufacturer or distributor may adjust the subsequent rates  
 10 paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer if the

11 manufacturer or distributor determines that such dealer's rates charged  
12 to customers for nonwarranty work are less than the rates currently being  
13 paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer for warranty work.  
14 The manufacturer or distributor shall have thirty days from receiving all  
15 requested additional repair orders to rebut the new vehicle dealer's  
16 labor rate, average percentage markup rate, or both.  
17 (iii) The additional repair orders specified in subdivision (2)(c)  
18 (i) of this section shall be:  
19 (A) From a ninety-day period selected by the manufacturer or  
20 distributor within the most recent previous twelve-month period; and  
21 (B) Repair orders selected by the dealer.  
22 (iv) A request for repair orders under this subdivision (c) shall  
23 not be made within twelve months after any prior request under this  
24 subdivision (c).  
25 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a dealer and manufacturer or  
26 distributor from reaching an agreement on a mutually acceptable retail  
27 labor rate or average percentage markup rate.  
28 (3) A manufacturer or distributor shall not do any of the following:  
29 (a) Fail to perform any warranty obligation;  
30 (b) Fail to include in written notices of factory recalls to new  
31 motor vehicle owners and dealers the expected date by which necessary  
1 parts and equipment will be available to dealers for the correction of  
2 the defects; or  
3 (c) Fail to compensate any of the new motor vehicle dealers licensed  
4 in this state for repairs effected by the recall.  
5 (4) A dealer's claim for warranty compensation may be denied only  
6 if:  
7 (a) The dealer's claim is based on a nonwarranty repair;  
8 (b) The dealer lacks documentation for the claim;  
9 (c) The dealer fails to comply with specific substantive terms and  
10 conditions of the franchisor's warranty compensation program; or  
11 (d) The manufacturer has a bona fide belief based on competent  
12 evidence that the dealer's claim is intentionally false, fraudulent, or  
13 misrepresented.  
14 (5) All claims made by a new motor vehicle dealer pursuant to this  
15 section for labor and parts shall be made within six months after  
16 completing the work and shall be paid within thirty days after their  
17 approval. All claims shall be either approved or disapproved by the  
18 manufacturer or distributor within thirty days after their receipt on a  
19 proper form generally used by the manufacturer or distributor and  
20 containing the usually required information therein. Any claim not  
21 specifically disapproved in writing within thirty days after the receipt  
22 of the form shall be considered to be approved and payment shall be made  
23 within thirty days. The manufacturer has the right to audit the claims  
24 for one year after payment, except that if the manufacturer has  
25 reasonable cause to believe that a claim submitted by a dealer is  
26 intentionally false or fraudulent, the manufacturer has the right to  
27 audit the claims for four years after payment. For purposes of this  
28 subsection, reasonable cause means a bona fide belief based upon evidence  
29 that the issues of fact are such that a person of ordinary caution,  
30 prudence, and judgment could believe that a claim was intentionally false  
31 or fraudulent. As a result of an audit authorized under this subsection,  
1 the manufacturer has the right to charge back to the new motor vehicle  
2 dealer the amount of any previously paid claim after the new motor  
3 vehicle dealer has had notice and an opportunity to participate in all  
4 franchisor internal appeal processes as well as all available legal  
5 processes. The requirement to approve and pay the claim within thirty  
6 days after receipt of the claim does not preclude chargebacks for any  
7 fraudulent claim previously paid. A manufacturer may not deny a claim  
8 based solely on a dealer's incidental failure to comply with a specific

9 claim processing requirement, such as a clerical error that does not put  
 10 into question the legitimacy of the claim. If a claim is rejected for a  
 11 clerical error, the dealer may resubmit a corrected claim in a timely  
 12 manner.  
 13 (6) The warranty obligations set forth in this section shall also  
 14 apply to any manufacturer of a new motor vehicle transmission, engine, or  
 15 rear axle that separately warrants its components to customers.  
 16 (7) This section does not apply to recreational vehicles.  
 17 Sec. 2. Original section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 18 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM411](#)

1 1. On page 76, line 6, after "81-6,119," insert "81-1139.01,".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB677](#):

[AM297](#) is available in the Bill Room.

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 58.** Introduced by Kauth, 31; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Kyle McAcy, badge number 302, was an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Kyle graduated from Millard West High School and Metro Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a member of the Omaha Police Department's Police Explorer Program from 2009 to 2013, attended the Nebraska State Patrol's Junior Law Cadet program in 2010 after his junior year of high school, and graduated from Nebraska State Patrol Camp 56 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a ten-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol, served in Carrier Enforcement and the Patrol Division, served as a range officer and a Crisis Negotiator, volunteered with Police Athletics for



Community Engagement (PACE) in Omaha, and represented the Nebraska State Patrol at community events to connect with the public; and

WHEREAS, Kyle passed away at the age of 31 on February 17, 2025, after a traffic incident; and

WHEREAS, because of Kyle's dedication to the Nebraska State Patrol and protecting the community, the Nebraska State Patrol will retire his badge number allowing him to forever hold badge number 302.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Kyle McAcy.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Kyle McAcy.

Laid over.

#### **WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB300.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from North American Martyrs Catholic School, Lincoln; LuRae Hallstrom, Syracuse; Lori Broady, Johnson; students from Christ Lutheran School, Juniata.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator Conrad, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**THIRTY-SIXTH DAY - MARCH 3, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**THIRTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, March 3, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Nathan Kroll, Christ Place Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

**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 Meyer who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Guereca, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-fifth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 441.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM427](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 14, after "entity" insert ", architecture scope,  
2 engineered scope, or warranty requirements"; in line 20 after "a" insert  
3 "single-family or two-family"; and in line 23 after "who" insert "are  
4 licensed or registered by the state, city, or village and who" and strike  
5 "onsite" and insert "to be virtually inspected".  
6 2. On page 3, line 2, after "inspection" insert ", other than any  
7 list of personnel required pursuant to subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this  
8 section,".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

## Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17.** Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 2022.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM203](#), found on page 483, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM175](#), found on page 494, was offered.

Senator Rountree withdrew [AM103](#), found on page 392.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM232](#), found on page 494, was offered.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 251.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST6](#)

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

1. On page 63, line 4, the stricken comma has been reinstated.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

LB546

LB508

LB693

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

LB596

LB238

LB419

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

LB69

LB703

LB487

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

LB440

LB411

LB652

Note: LB652 and LR28CA will have a combined hearing.

LR28CA

LB49

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB168:

MO57

Recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

MO58

Bracket until May 1, 2025.

MO59

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 59.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, United States National Marching Band Day is on March 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band started in 1985 with ninety members and that membership has grown to over two hundred; and

WHEREAS, the youngest member of the band is eighteen years old and the oldest member is June Kucera at eighty-five years old; and

WHEREAS, the band promotes Czech heritage through polka music and wearing Kroj and Czech vests and the band has played at events in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band marches in parades, presents concerts, and plays for the enjoyment of preserving Czech heritage and music.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the dedication of the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band on United States National Marching Band Day.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB144.

Senator Fredrickson name added to LB253.

Senator Dungan name added to LB256.

Senator Andersen name added to LB693.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Joe Miller, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bosn, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY - MARCH 4, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Bosn.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Hansen, Hunt, Ibach, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-sixth day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Kauth - LB89

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senators Hallstrom, Raybould, and Sanders have filed Potential Conflict of Interest Statements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statements are on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR52 was adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR52.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Committee [AM232](#), found on page 494, and considered on page 645, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 3 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment:

[FA27](#)

Strike "ten" and replace it with "six" on page 2, lines 24 and 28, and strike "five" and replace it with "one" on page 5, line 28 so that it reads "one thousand gallons".

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

The Raybould amendment lost with 12 ayes, 30 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO60](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on FA27.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Raybould amendment, [FA27](#), found in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The Raybould amendment lost with 10 ayes, 33 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.[ST5](#)

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4 has been struck and "public health; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require certain criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.[ST7](#)

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

1. On page 4, line 5, "[\(5\)\(b\)](#)" has been struck and "[\(5\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)" inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

LB599 (reschedule)

LB523

LB524

LB711

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A.** Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 504, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 60.** Introduced by Hunt, 8.

WHEREAS, March 4, 2025, is recognized as Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Day; and

WHEREAS, Theatre education and the Nebraska Thespians organization are both active in more than forty-four junior and senior high schools in the state of Nebraska and serve over eight hundred Nebraska students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Thespians is a nationally recognized theatre program that has awarded over ten thousand dollars in college scholarships to Nebraska theatre students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska theatre students and teachers of Nebraska high schools have been nationally recognized for their excellence in theatre education, performance, advocacy, and production; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska high school theatre productions contribute positively to the Nebraska economy, creating tens of thousands of dollars in ticket sales and other theatrical purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the effort it takes for students, parents, and teachers to organize such great productions.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 4, 2025, as Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Day in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time to celebrate the history, educational value, and impact of theatre and its contributions to our students, parents, teachers, and the State of Nebraska.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM87](#), found on page 494, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 178.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM199](#), found on page 494, was offered.

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

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 6 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 1 nay, and 19 not voting.

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial with 9 ayes, 26 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER19](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 4, after "require" insert "that".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER21](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to [LB135](#):

[AM477](#)

1 1. On page 11, line 18, after "election" insert "unless the school  
2 district's student enrollment as defined in section 79-3402 has grown by  
3 an average of at least three percent and by at least one hundred fifty  
4 students over the preceding three years".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB13](#):

[AM516](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM249)

1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike "July" and insert "August".

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

LB582  
LR13CA  
LB566  
LB152

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Rountree name added to LR58.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Andersen name withdrawn from LB285.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Thespians; students from Emerson Elementary, Columbus; members of American Foundation of Suicide Prevention-Nebraska Chapter; students from Howard Elementary, Fremont; NSEA-Retired members; members of the Wilber-Claytonia Alumni Marching Band; members of Cause Collective.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Christi Keim, Lincoln.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY - MARCH 5, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Andersen, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Hansen, Hughes, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-seventh day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025

LB169

LB170

LB171

LB151

Note: LB169 and LB170 will be heard in a combined hearing.

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025

LB547

LB107

LB28

LB30

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Health and Human Services - LB376

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

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR53 was adopted.

#### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR53.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Senator Conrad offered the M. Cavanaugh motion, [MO59](#), found on page 646, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f) .

Senator Hardin opened on his bill, LB168.

Senator Conrad opened on the M. Cavanaugh motion, MO59.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 0 ayes, 37 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM225](#), found on page 497, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.



**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 61.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4.

WHEREAS, the Adams Central Cheer Team won the 2025 Class C-1 Traditional Performance Championship at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Adams Central Patriots scored seventy-seven points on their performance; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jessica Hallett and Assistant Coach Mya Engel provided the team leadership and guidance to excel at the state competition; 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 the members of the Adams Central Cheer Team, which includes Hannah Fiala, Kennedy Montague, Brooke Baker, Alivia Gerloff, Brianna Loya, Ryann King, Kiera Kort, Catherine Lehn, Yarethzi Lom, Allison Saathoff, Kayden Sipp, Emilia Uhrmacher, Hadley Hallett, Alyssa Janzen, Sarah Lauder, Kingzlee Osborne, Addysen Simmons, Aubrey Vontz, and Juliana Lehn for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Adams Central Cheer Team and Coach Jessica Hallett.

Laid over.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 13.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM249](#), found on page 507, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM516](#), found on page 654, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Arch - LB298

Raybould - LB258

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER23](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "notices" in line 4 through
- 2 "tenants" in line 5 and insert "delivery of notices and documents".
- 3 2. On page 4, line 21, strike "Such person" and insert "From".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER22](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 11
- 2 and insert "real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703,
- 3 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised
- 4 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to
- 5 affidavits for covered real estate; to define and redefine terms under
- 6 the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to change provisions
- 7 of such act relating to foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases,
- 8 railroads, public utilities, common carriers, municipalities,
- 9 manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and
- 10 violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to harmonize provisions; to
- 11 provide severability; and to repeal the original sections."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER20](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "amend" in line 1 through line
- 2 10 and insert "eliminate provisions relating to grain inspections, the
- 3 Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, and labeling
- 4 requirements for honey; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814,
- 5 and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 13.** Committee [AM249](#), found on page 507 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [AM516](#), found on page 654, and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 35 ayes, 11 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 5 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM34](#), found on page 347.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick
Ballard	Clouse	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Brandt	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Meyer	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 14:

Andersen	Hardin	Lonowski	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Kauth	McKeon	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Hansen	Lippincott	Moser	Storm	

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Jacobson	Sanders
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Riepe	Storer

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 14 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB630](#):

[AM529](#) is available in the Bill Room.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Executive Board - LR25CA

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Drew D Gonshorowski - Health Information Technology Board  
Kay Crabtree - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
John Culver - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Valerie Hitz - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Richard McCowin - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Julie Ann Mruz - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
LB367 (Notice of Hearing for LB367 can be found on page 565.)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Brett Lindau - State Board of Health  
Kenneth Tusha - State Board of Health  
Patricia Kucera - State Board of Health  
Kimberly Stuhmer - State Board of Health  
Staci Hubert - State Board of Health  
J Paul Cook - State Board of Health  
Mark Bertch - State Board of Health  
Jeffrey D Harrison - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission  
Cherlyn Hunt - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission  
Rebecca Schroeder - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission  
Roger Wells - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission  
Diva Wilson - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 62.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Holdcroft, 36; Rountree, 3.

WHEREAS, Herman Colvin was born November 10, 1949, enlisted in the United States Air Force, and moved to Nebraska where he served with the 544th Intelligence Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Colvin served honorably for four years in the United States Air Force and went on to earn a degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Colvin started his career in public education and in 2014, he became a dean at Bellevue West High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Colvin expanded his community service by joining the Offutt Advisory Council and served as co-commander of the 557th Weather Wing; and

WHEREAS, Colvin made a significant impact on the Omaha Metro area by serving on the Bellevue Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Colvin aided in the creation of the annual Bellevue Rocks, Olde Towne Trick or Treat, and Christmas Drive events; and

WHEREAS, Colvin also served on the boards of the Nebraska Greats Foundation, Omaha Home for Boys, Omaha Public Schools Foundation, and Westside State Bank; and

WHEREAS, Colvin was a dedicated advocate for improving the quality of life for the military, fostering stronger ties between the military and local community, and making the Bellevue community a more inviting place for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Herman Colvin passed away on February 24, 2025, at the age of seventy-five.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and community of Herman Colvin.

2. That the Legislature sends a copy of this resolution to the family of Herman Colvin.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 63.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

WHEREAS, the Summit League basketball program is composed of nine schools with organization membership spread around the central United States; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team ended the regular Summit League season with a triumph over the Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 80-57 victory cemented the Mavericks's place as regular season champions of the Summit League and secured the number one seed heading into the conference championship; and

WHEREAS, the head coach of the Mavericks is Chris Crutchfield and the captains are Marquel Sutton, Tony Osburn, and Lance Waddles; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, commitment, passion, and care for their fellow teammates is the root of the Mavericks's success; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens 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 the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team on their Summit League success.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mavericks and Head Coach Chris Crutchfield.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Dungan name added to LB215.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**THIRTY-NINTH DAY - MARCH 6, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**THIRTY-NINTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, March 6, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Richard Snow, Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Seward.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

**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 McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-eighth day was approved.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Cherlyn Hunt - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 293, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Lippincott - LB3  
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB295

**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 March 5, 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

Edwards Westerhold Moore  
Vapor Technology Association  
Gutierrez, Carlos I.  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Kurtenbach, James M  
American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce  
Levy, David C.  
Baird Holm LLP  
Lindsay Harr MacDonald  
Cheer Athletics Omaha  
Reid, Willis  
Consumer Healthcare Products Association  
Richters, Rebecca S.  
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/02/2025)  
Silke, Vanessa  
Baird Holm LLP  
Synhorst, Robert  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
Wilkinson, Stuart  
SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks  
Winchell, Andrew



Betr Holdings, Inc.  
Zetzsche, Hannes  
Baird Holm LLP

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 420.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM386

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 24-703 (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four  
6 percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum  
7 benefit as limited in subsection (1) of section 24-710 has been earned.  
8 It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services in  
9 accordance with subsection (7) of this section to make a deduction of  
10 four percent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a  
11 judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of  
12 the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the  
13 county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate  
14 county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her  
15 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'  
16 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to  
17 the fund. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer  
18 shall credit the four percent as shown on the payroll and the amounts  
19 received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the  
20 director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an  
21 accurate record of the contributions of each judge.  
22 (2)(a) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision  
23 (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, each future member who  
24 became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who has not elected to make  
25 contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall  
26 contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the  
27 fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section  
1 24-710 has been earned. After the maximum benefit as limited in  
2 subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such future member  
3 shall make no further contributions to the fund, except that (i) any time  
4 the maximum benefit is changed, a future member who has previously earned  
5 the maximum benefit as it existed prior to the change shall contribute  
6 monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until  
7 the maximum benefit as changed and as limited in subsection (2) of  
8 section 24-710 has been earned and (ii) such future member shall continue  
9 to make the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this  
10 subsection.  
11 (b) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c)  
12 of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, a judge who became a  
13 member prior to July 1, 2015, and who first serves as a judge on or after  
14 July 1, 2004, or a future member who became a member prior to July 1,

15 2015, and who elects to make contributions and receive benefits as  
16 provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly eight percent of  
17 his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as  
18 limited by subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. In addition  
19 to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection,  
20 after the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710  
21 has been earned, such judge or future member shall contribute monthly  
22 four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund for the  
23 remainder of his or her active service.

24 (c) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a member or judge described in  
25 subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection shall contribute monthly an  
26 additional one percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

27 (d) Beginning on July 1, 2015, a judge who first serves as a judge  
28 on or after such date shall contribute monthly ten percent of his or her  
29 monthly compensation to the fund.

30 (e) It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services  
31 to make a deduction on the monthly payroll of each such future member who  
1 is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge  
2 of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of  
3 the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an  
4 associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her  
5 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'  
6 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to  
7 the fund. This shall be done each month. The Director of Administrative  
8 Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the amount as shown on the  
9 payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund  
10 and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement  
11 system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each  
12 judge.

13 (3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a Nebraska  
14 Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars through June 30, 2021,  
15 eight dollars beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, nine dollars  
16 beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, ten dollars beginning July  
17 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, eleven dollars beginning July 1, 2024,  
18 through June 30, 2025, and twelve dollars beginning July 1, 2025, shall  
19 be taxed as costs in each (i) civil cause of action, criminal cause of  
20 action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, and city or village ordinance  
21 violation filed in the district courts, the county courts, and the  
22 separate juvenile courts, (ii) filing in the district court of an order,  
23 award, or judgment of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any  
24 judge thereof pursuant to section 48-188, (iii) appeal or other  
25 proceeding filed in the Court of Appeals, and (iv) original action,  
26 appeal, or other proceeding filed in the Supreme Court. In county courts  
27 a sum shall be charged which is equal to ten percent of each fee provided  
28 by sections 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, rounded to the  
29 nearest even dollar. No judges retirement fee shall be charged for filing  
30 a report pursuant to sections 33-126.02 and 33-126.06.

31 (b) The fee increases described in subdivision (a) of this  
1 subsection shall not be taxed as a cost in any criminal cause of action,  
2 traffic misdemeanor or infraction, or city or village ordinance violation  
3 filed in the district court or the county court. The fee on such criminal  
4 causes of action, traffic misdemeanors or infractions, or city or village  
5 ordinance violations shall remain six dollars on and after July 1, 2021.

6 (c) When collected by the clerk of the district or county court,  
7 such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer within ten days after  
8 the close of each calendar month for credit to the Nebraska Retirement  
9 Fund for Judges. In addition, information regarding collection of court  
10 fees shall be submitted to the director in charge of the judges  
11 retirement system by the State Court Administrator within ten days after  
12 the close of each calendar month.

13 (d) The board may charge a late administrative processing fee not to  
14 exceed twenty-five dollars if the information is not timely received or  
15 the money is delinquent. In addition, the board may charge a late fee of  
16 thirty-eight thousandths of one percent of the amount required to be  
17 submitted pursuant to this section for each day such amount has not been  
18 received. Such late fees shall be remitted to the director who shall  
19 promptly thereafter remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to  
20 the fund.

21 (e) No Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee which is  
22 uncollectible for any reason shall be waived by a county judge as  
23 provided in section 29-2709.

24 (4) All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by voucher in  
25 the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The fund shall be used for the  
26 payment of all annuities and other benefits to members and their  
27 beneficiaries and for the expenses of administration.

28 (5)(a) Prior to July 1, 2021:

29 (i) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
30 board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will  
31 value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions  
1 required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an  
2 actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions  
3 recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with  
4 the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method,  
5 the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate,  
6 plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial  
7 accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost  
8 under this method shall be determined for each individual member on a  
9 level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed  
10 for all members;

11 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing unfunded liabilities shall  
12 be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period, and during each  
13 subsequent actuarial valuation through June 30, 2021, changes in the  
14 unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits,  
15 actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or  
16 losses shall be measured and amortized over a thirty-year period  
17 beginning on the valuation date of such change;

18 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry  
19 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial  
20 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities  
21 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued  
22 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period  
23 as of the actuarial valuation date; and

24 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate  
25 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,  
26 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the  
27 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the  
28 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act.

29 (b) Beginning July 1, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter:

30 (i) The board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be  
31 performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the  
1 contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board  
2 shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of  
3 actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board,  
4 and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost  
5 method. Under such method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal  
6 to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize  
7 the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary  
8 basis. The normal cost under such method shall be determined for each  
9 individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost  
10 amount is then summed for all members;

11 (ii) Any changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to  
12 changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method,  
13 or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a  
14 twenty-five-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;  
15 (iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry  
16 age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial  
17 valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities  
18 shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued  
19 liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a twenty-five-year  
20 period as of the actuarial valuation date; and  
21 (iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate  
22 of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act,  
23 there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the  
24 differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the  
25 rate of all contributions required pursuant to the act.  
26 (c) Upon the recommendation of the actuary to the board, and after  
27 the board notifies the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the  
28 Legislature, the board may combine or offset certain amortization bases  
29 to reduce future volatility of the actuarial contribution rate. Such  
30 notification to the committee shall be in writing and include, at a  
31 minimum, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan  
1 if the combination or offset were not implemented, the actuary's  
2 projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or  
3 offset were implemented, and the actuary's explanation of why the  
4 combination or offset is in the best interests of the plan at the  
5 proposed time.  
6 (d) For purposes of this subsection, the rate of all contributions  
7 required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act includes (i) member  
8 contributions, (ii) state contributions pursuant to subsection (6) of  
9 this section which shall be considered as a contribution for the plan  
10 year ending the prior June 30, (iii) court fees as provided in subsection  
11 (3) of this section, and (iv) all fees pursuant to sections 25-2804,  
12 33-103, 33-103.01, 33-106.02, 33-123, 33-124, 33-125, 33-126.02,  
13 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, as directed to be remitted to the fund.  
14 (6)(a) In addition to the contributions otherwise required by this  
15 section, beginning July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter,  
16 ~~the state shall contribute or as soon thereafter as administratively~~  
17 ~~possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer~~ from the General Fund to the  
18 Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges an amount equal to five percent of  
19 the total annual compensation of all members of the retirement system  
20 except as otherwise provided in this subsection and as such rate shall be  
21 adjusted or terminated by the Legislature. No adjustment may cause the  
22 total contribution rate established in this subsection to exceed five  
23 percent. For purposes of this subsection, (i) total annual compensation  
24 is based on the total member compensation reported in the most recent  
25 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for  
26 the board pursuant to section 84-1503 and (ii) the contribution described  
27 in this subsection shall be considered as a contribution for the plan  
28 year ending the prior June 30.  
29 (b) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is at or  
30 above one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the  
31 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the  
1 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on  
2 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded  
3 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several  
4 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be  
5 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the  
6 annual actuarial valuation report.  
7 (c) If the state contribution rate has been adjusted to less than  
8 five percent and the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is

9 below one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the  
 10 annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the  
 11 percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on  
 12 projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded  
 13 ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several  
 14 assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be  
 15 reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the  
 16 annual actuarial valuation report.

17 (d) If an annual actuarial valuation report includes a  
 18 recommendation from the actuary to adjust the contribution rate as  
 19 described in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, the board shall  
 20 provide written notice electronically to the Nebraska Retirement Systems  
 21 Committee of the Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Supreme Court  
 22 of such recommendation within seven business days after voting to approve  
 23 an annual actuarial valuation report. The notice shall include the  
 24 actuary's recommendation and analysis regarding such adjustment.  
 25 (e) Following receipt of the actuary's recommendation and analysis  
 26 pursuant to this subsection, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of  
 27 the Legislature shall determine the amount of any adjustment of the  
 28 contribution rate and, if necessary, shall propose any such adjustment to  
 29 the Legislature.

30 (7) The state or county shall pick up the member contributions  
 31 required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1,  
 1 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer  
 2 contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code  
 3 in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be  
 4 included as gross income of the member until such time as they are  
 5 distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as  
 6 member contributions, shall be paid by the state or county in lieu of  
 7 member contributions. The state or county shall pay these member  
 8 contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying  
 9 earnings to the member. The state or county shall pick up these  
 10 contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the  
 11 compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be  
 12 treated for all purposes of the Judges Retirement Act in the same manner  
 13 and to the extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked  
 14 up.

15 Sec. 2. Original section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 16 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

17 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 18 passed and approved according to law.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 461. Placed on General File with amendment.**

##### **AM426**

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

3 2. On page 2, strike beginning with "annual" in line 18 through

4 "value" in line 19, show the old matter as stricken, and insert

5 "permitting such firefighter, upon retirement, to receive a payment of

6 his or her retirement value in the form of a single lump-sum payment or

7 in the form of one or more partial payments of such retirement value in

8 an amount and frequency elected by the firefighter".

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

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

Senator Prokop filed the following amendment to LB349:

[AM412](#) is available in the Bill Room.

### **BILLS ON FINAL READING**

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 10.** With Emergency Clause.

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; to repeal the original section; 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Guereca      Hunt      McKinney

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

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB21 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.**

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

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt                McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt            McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.**

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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt            McKinney



A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 98.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-103, 60-135.01, 60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt                      McKinney

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt            McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB139 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2239, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions against credential holders under the Real Property Appraiser Act and restrictions on ownership of appraisal management companies and violations by appraisal management companies under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the practice of barbering; to amend section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for applicants taking the barber examination; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to amend sections 73-101 and 73-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to public lettings and biddings; to provide an exception for certain contracts under the State Procurement Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

## **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB187 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 187.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2422, 81-885.02, 81-885.13, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to written agency agreements for brokerage services and restricted acts, issuance of licenses, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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 bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-628.09, 48-630, and 48-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a disqualification for benefits due to a labor dispute, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Guereca\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB231 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 240.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change notice provisions relating to the division of taxes; to repeal the original section; 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, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking; to amend section 8-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications of the board of directors of a bank; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:



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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Lonowski\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB251 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-113, 8-157, 8-226, 8-305, 8-1506, 21-1725.01, 21-1728, 44-708, 45-101.04, 45-190, 45-724, 59-1715, and 76-710.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2724, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 59-1722, 69-2103, 69-2104, and 69-2112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions related to the use of certain words, loan limits, branch banking, securities, failing financial institutions, credit union branches, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts; to define, redefine,

and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

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.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB296 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and employ registrars as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner

of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as prescribed; to change provisions related to graduation requirements; to change provisions relating to the improvement grant program established by the State Board of Education and the authorized uses of the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 296, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB357 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, 2-1203.02, 2-1204, 2-1223, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1245, 9-1101, 9-1108, 9-1203, 9-1205, 9-1206, 9-1207, 9-1208, 9-1209, and 25-21,252, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1201, 2-1202, 2-1205, 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and licenses issued by the commission; to require licensure of a racetrack enclosure as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to rename and change provisions relating to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to transfer funds; to eliminate the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-1222 and 9-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB362 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 911 services; to amend sections 75-132.01, 86-124, 86-125, 86-163, 86-313, 86-429, 86-429.01, 86-432, 86-433, 86-435, 86-436, 86-437, 86-438, 86-439, 86-440, 86-440.01, 86-441, 86-441.01, 86-449.01, 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-458, 86-459, 86-460, 86-466, 86-467, 86-468, 86-470, 86-472, 86-802, 86-903, 86-905, 86-1001, 86-1002, 86-1003, 86-1004, 86-1006, 86-1006.01, 86-1007, 86-1011, 86-1012, 86-1013, 86-1014, 86-1015, 86-1017, 86-1018, 86-1019, 86-1020, 86-1021, 86-1022, 86-1023, 86-1024, 86-1024.01, 86-1025, 86-1025.01, 86-1026, 86-1028, 86-1029, 86-1029.01, 86-1029.02, 86-1029.03, 86-1029.04, and 86-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01, 75-126, 75-156, and 77-2703.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to transfer and eliminate provisions of the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act; to change provisions of the 911 Service System Act; to change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the 911 Service System Fund, 911 service surcharges, duties and compensation of wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and county implementation of next-generation 911 service; to eliminate the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 86-420, 86-421, 86-422, 86-423, 86-424, 86-425, 86-426, 86-428, 86-430, 86-431, 86-434, 86-442, 86-443, 86-444, 86-445, 86-446, 86-447, 86-448, 86-449, 86-450, 86-450.01, 86-450.03, 86-451, 86-452, 86-453, 86-454, 86-455, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, 86-466.01, 86-469, 86-1005, 86-1008, 86-1009, 86-1010, 86-1016, and 86-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB609 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to financial transactions; to amend section 29-817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to require notice of potential fraud for purchasers of gift certificates and gift cards; to change provisions relating to search warrants; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 609, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.



Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB229**

Senator Hallstrom withdrew [AM303](#), found on page 523.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File**

Senator Conrad moved to return LB229 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA28](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Pending.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 54, 56, and 57 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR 54, 56, and 57.

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File**

Senator Conrad renewed her motion, found and considered in this day's Journal, to return LB229 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA28](#), found in this day's Journal.

Pending.

**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on March 6, 2025, at 11:09 a.m. were the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM404](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 353.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 299.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM464](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 28, strike "or" and insert "and".
- 2 2. On page 3, line 22, strike "any"; in line 28 after the semicolon
- 3 insert "and"; in line 29, strike the semicolon and insert an underscored
- 4 period; and strike lines 30 and 31.
- 5 3. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 7; in line 8 strike "(d)" and
- 6 insert "(c)"; and in line 10, strike "(e)" and insert "(d)".

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Executive Board

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM526](#)

- 1 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following
- 4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
- 5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
- 6 To amend Article III, section 7:
- 7 III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half
- 8 the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be
- 9 practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder
- 10 for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for
- 11 a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined
- 12 by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members
- 13 elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law
- 14 providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly
- 15 established district which they shall represent for the balance of their
- 16 term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner
- 17 and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated

18 with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Until January 3,  
 19 2029, each ~~Each~~ member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to  
 20 exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her  
 21 office. Beginning January 3, 2029, the compensation of the members of the  
 22 Legislature shall be established by a nonpartisan, independent  
 23 legislative compensation commission established by law. The members of  
 24 the commission shall not include any current or former member of the  
 25 Legislature, the spouse of any current or former member of the  
 26 Legislature, any current or former employee of the Legislature, any  
 27 current or former lobbyist who was registered as a lobbyist in Nebraska,  
 1 any current or former judge of any court in Nebraska, any current or  
 2 former statewide elected official of Nebraska, or any current or former  
 3 state employee of Nebraska. In addition to such compensation ~~his or her~~  
 4 ~~salary,~~ each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual  
 5 expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from  
 6 each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the  
 7 Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than such  
 8 ~~compensation~~ ~~his or her salary~~ and expenses, and employees of the  
 9 Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per  
 10 diem.  
 11 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors  
 12 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,  
 13 section 1, with the following ballot language:  
 14 A constitutional amendment to provide for a nonpartisan, independent  
 15 legislative compensation commission to establish the compensation of  
 16 members of the Legislature.  
 17 For  
 18 Against.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

#### Agriculture

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

State Fair Board:  
 Dawn Caldwell

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould,  
 Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

#### Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 253.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 232.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM470

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:

5 44-502 No policy of life or endowment insurance, except policies of  
6 industrial insurance, shall be issued or delivered in this state unless  
7 it contains in substance the following provisions:

8 (1) A provision that all premiums shall be payable in advance either  
9 at the home office of the company or to any agent of the company upon  
10 delivery of a receipt signed by one or more of the officers who shall be  
11 named in the policy.

12 (2) A provision that the insured is entitled to a grace of one month  
13 within which the payment of any premium, after the first year, may be  
14 made, subject, at the option of the company, to an interest charge not in  
15 excess of six percent per annum for the number of days of grace elapsing  
16 before the payment of the premium, during which period of grace the  
17 policy shall continue in force; but in case the policy becomes a claim  
18 during the said period of grace before the overdue premium or the  
19 deferred premiums of the current policy year, if any, are paid, the  
20 amount of such premiums, with interest on any overdue premium, may be  
21 deducted from any amount payable under the policy in settlement.

22 (3) A provision that the policy shall constitute the entire contract  
23 between the parties; but if the company desires to make the application a  
24 part of the contract, it may do so; Provided, a copy of such application  
25 shall be endorsed upon or attached to the policy when issued, and in such  
26 case, the policy shall contain a provision that the policy and the  
27 application therefor shall constitute the entire contract between the  
1 parties.

2 (4) A provision that all statements made by the insured shall, in  
3 the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties, and  
4 that no such statement shall avoid the policy unless it is contained in a  
5 written application, and a copy of such application shall be endorsed  
6 upon or attached to the policy when issued.

7 (5) A provision that the policy shall be incontestable after it  
8 shall have been in force during the lifetime of the insured for two years  
9 from its date, except for nonpayment of premiums and except with respect  
10 to limitations of liability which may be contained in the policy relating  
11 to (a) death resulting from war or acts of war, declared or undeclared,  
12 where such limitations shall have been found by the Director of Insurance  
13 to be in keeping with the interests of the policyholders of the company  
14 and to be not unfairly discriminatory, and (b) aeronautics other than as  
15 a fare-paying passenger of a commercial airline, and flying on a  
16 regularly scheduled route between definitely established airports; and in  
17 any such cases the liability of the company may be limited by the terms  
18 of the policy to a sum not less than the reserve on the face of the  
19 policy and the reserve on any paid-up additions thereto and any dividends  
20 standing to the credit of the policy, less any indebtedness to the  
21 company on the policy; and, at the option of the company, provisions  
22 relative to benefits in the event of total and permanent disability, and  
23 provisions which grant additional insurance specifically against death by  
24 accident may be excepted from the incontestable clause; Provided,  
25 limitations with reference to aeronautics shall not be included in any  
26 policy where an extra premium is charged to cover the aeronautic risk,  
27 nor shall any such limitations extending beyond the contestable period be  
28 included in or attached to any policy where the applicant for insurance  
29 has not elected in writing to accept a policy with such limitations, and  
30 by such election has agreed to a reduced coverage for the aviation risk.

31 (6) A provision that if the age of the insured has been misstated,  
1 the amount payable under the policy shall be such as the premium paid  
2 would have purchased at the correct age.

3 (7) A provision that the policy shall participate in the surplus of  
4 the company, and that, beginning not later than the end of the third  
5 policy year, the company shall annually ascertain and apportion the  
6 amount of divisible surplus to which all such policies, as a separate

7 class, are entitled, which amount shall be carried as a distinct and  
8 separate liability in favor of such policies. The insured, under any  
9 annual dividend policy, shall have the right each year to have the  
10 dividend arising from such participation paid in cash, and if the policy  
11 shall provide other dividend options, it shall further provide that, if  
12 the insured shall not elect any such other options, one of such dividend  
13 options provided shall become effective as provided in the policy; but  
14 such participation and its distribution may, by contract, be deferred to  
15 a fixed or specified time, not exceeding twenty years. Upon written  
16 request of the insured the company shall furnish him or her with a  
17 statement of the amount of the surplus provisionally ascertained or set  
18 aside on such policy and held awaiting distribution at the expiration of  
19 the deferred dividend period.

20 (8) A provision that after three full years' premiums have been  
21 paid, the company at any time, while the policy is in force, will  
22 advance, on proper assignment or pledge of the policy, and on the sole  
23 security thereof, at a specified rate of interest determined pursuant to  
24 section 44-502.03 a sum equal to, or, at the option of the owner of the  
25 policy, less than the amount required by section 44-405, under the  
26 conditions specified thereby, and that the company will deduct from such  
27 loan value any existing indebtedness on the policy, which has not  
28 otherwise entered into the computation of such loan value, together with  
29 any unpaid balance of the premium for the current policy year, and may  
30 collect interest in advance on the loan to the end of the current policy  
31 year. Interest if payable annually in advance shall not exceed an  
1 effective rate equivalent to the specified rate of interest determined  
2 pursuant to section 44-502.03. It shall be further stipulated in the  
3 policy that failure to repay any such advance, or to pay interest, shall  
4 not avoid the policy unless the total indebtedness thereon to the company  
5 shall equal or exceed such loan value at the time of such failure, nor  
6 until one month after notice shall have been mailed by the company to the  
7 last-known address of the insured and of the assignee, if any. No  
8 condition other than as provided herein, or in section 44-405, shall be  
9 exacted as prerequisite to any such advance.

10 (9) A provision for nonforfeiture benefits and cash surrender values  
11 in accordance with the requirements of sections 44-406 to 44-407.09.

12 (10) A table showing in figures the loan values, if any, and the  
13 options available under the policies each year upon default in premium  
14 payments, during at least the first twenty years of the policy.

15 (11) A provision that if, in the event of default in premium  
16 payments, the value of the policy shall be applied to the purchase of  
17 other insurance, and if such insurance shall be in force and the original  
18 policy shall not have been surrendered to the company and canceled, the  
19 policy may be reinstated within three years from such default, upon  
20 evidence of insurability satisfactory to the company and payment of  
21 arrears of premiums with interest and the payment or reinstatement of any  
22 other indebtedness to the company upon such policy.

23 (12) A provision that when a policy shall become a claim by the  
24 death of the insured, settlement shall be made upon receipt of due proof  
25 of death, or not later than two months after receipt of such proof.

26 (13) In case the proceeds of a policy are payable in installments,  
27 or as an annuity, a table showing the amounts of the installments or  
28 annuity payments.

29 (14) A title on the face of the policy correctly describing the  
30 same. Any of the foregoing provisions or portions of this section not  
31 applicable by reason of the plan of insurance may, to the extent of  
1 inapplicability, be omitted from the policy. Any such policy may be  
2 issued or delivered in this state which in the opinion of the Department  
3 of Insurance contains provisions on any one or more of the several  
4 foregoing requirements more favorable to the policyholder than

5 hereinbefore required.

6 (15)(a) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after  
 7 January 1, 2026, a provision that, at least fifteen days prior to  
 8 termination or lapse by reason of default in payment of any premium due  
 9 on such policy, a notice will be sent electronically or mailed to the  
 10 last-known address of the owner and any assignee on record with the  
 11 company.  
 12 (b) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after  
 13 January 1, 2026, an assignee shall have the same legal standing as the  
 14 owner with respect to subdivision (15)(a) of this section.  
 15 Sec. 2. Original section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 16 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB599:

#### AM484

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be  
 4 cited as the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education  
 5 Resources Act.  
 6 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for  
 7 K-12 Education Resources Act:  
 8 (1) Consortium means a group of schools joined together for purposes  
 9 of receiving funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity  
 10 for K-12 Education Resources Act for use in purchasing and providing  
 11 cybersecurity products and services for such schools that is facilitated  
 12 by an educational service unit;  
 13 (2) Coordinating council means the Educational Service Unit  
 14 Coordinating Council;  
 15 (3) Cybersecurity framework means a structured set of guidelines or  
 16 standards that are used by governing boards to identify, assess, and  
 17 manage such governing board's readiness for cybersecurity threats;  
 18 (4) Cybersecurity implementation team means a dedicated team of  
 19 individuals that assists participating governing boards with the  
 20 identification of cybersecurity needs and implementation of cybersecurity  
 21 tools and that acts as a resource for cybersecurity-related issues;  
 22 (5) Department means the State Department of Education;  
 23 (6) Digital citizenship means the ability to use technology  
 24 responsibly, safely, and respectfully;  
 25 (7) Governing board means the school board of a school district, the  
 26 governing board of a private, denominational, or parochial school, or the  
 27 board of directors of an educational service unit; and  
 1 (8) School means a school district or an approved or accredited  
 2 private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in  
 3 elementary or high school grades.  
 4 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall, in coordination with the  
 5 coordinating council, develop a program to provide funding for the  
 6 purchase of cybersecurity products and services for use in schools and  
 7 educational service units. Such program shall include:  
 8 (a) The process of application by and requirements for governing  
 9 boards to obtain funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to  
 10 Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act and deadlines for meeting  
 11 the requirements to receive funding under the act;  
 12 (b) The creation of distribution methods and requirements relating  
 13 to the process by which the department distributes funding under the act,

14 including (i) the calculation of funding for each school and educational  
15 service unit pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section and (ii)  
16 how a school or educational service unit receives or has access to  
17 funding under the act, which may include via a consortium as provided in  
18 subdivision (1)(c) of this section or otherwise, as provided in rules and  
19 regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination  
20 with the coordinating council;  
21 (c) The creation of consortiums for access to funding under the act,  
22 including, but not limited to, the eligibility for a governing board to  
23 join a consortium and the process required for a governing board to join  
24 a consortium. The program created pursuant to this section shall allow  
25 for the creation of as many consortiums as are necessary to facilitate  
26 compliance with the act;  
27 (d) The requirement that governing boards complete an annual  
28 cybersecurity readiness assessment as provided in section 4 of this act;  
29 and  
30 (e) The creation, in consultation with the Office of the Chief  
31 Information Officer, of a list of approved cybersecurity products and  
1 services in a tiered system that may be purchased with funding provided  
2 pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education  
3 Resources Act.  
4 (2)(a) A governing board shall be eligible for funding pursuant to  
5 the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act  
6 for use on approved cybersecurity products and services in an amount  
7 calculated by the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of this  
8 subsection if such governing board (i) submits evidence that such  
9 governing board has completed the annual cybersecurity readiness  
10 assessment as provided in section 4 of this act, (ii) submits evidence  
11 that such governing board has adopted a cybersecurity policy and  
12 cybersecurity framework consistent with the model policy and framework  
13 developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 4 of this  
14 act, and (iii) provides any other additional information that the  
15 department may require.  
16 (b)(i) The department, in coordination with the coordinating  
17 council, shall annually calculate the amount of funding each governing  
18 board that meets the eligibility requirements of subdivision (2)(a) of  
19 this section may receive or have access to pursuant to the rules and  
20 regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination  
21 with the coordinating council.  
22 (ii) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding pursuant  
23 to this section from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund. The  
24 funding available pursuant to this section shall not exceed four million  
25 four hundred thousand dollars.  
26 Sec. 4. (1)(a) The State Board of Education shall, in consultation  
27 with the coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information  
28 Officer, develop a model cybersecurity policy and cybersecurity framework  
29 based on best practices for cybersecurity in schools.  
30 (b) Each governing board shall adopt a policy consistent with the  
31 model policy and framework developed pursuant to subdivision (a) of this  
1 subsection in order to be eligible to receive funding pursuant to the  
2 Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.  
3 (2) The coordinating council shall purchase or develop a  
4 cybersecurity readiness assessment for use by schools and educational  
5 service units to determine the school's tier placement in the  
6 cybersecurity framework and eligibility for funding under the Holistic  
7 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.  
8 (3) Each governing board shall annually complete the cybersecurity  
9 readiness assessment to be eligible for funding under the Holistic  
10 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act. Such  
11 assessment shall be provided at no cost to each school.

12 Sec. 5. (1) The coordinating council shall establish and employ a  
13 cybersecurity implementation team to prepare schools on cybersecurity  
14 matters and assist educational service units and schools with  
15 cybersecurity needs. Such team shall consist of ten individuals and shall  
16 include:

17 (a) One director to oversee statewide operations for kindergarten  
18 through twelfth grade cybersecurity issues; and

19 (b) Nine regional cybersecurity specialists geographically located  
20 to support educational service units and schools with cybersecurity  
21 needs.

22 (2) The coordinating council shall assign specialists based on the  
23 need of schools.

24 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that two million dollars  
25 from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund be used to pay for the  
26 employment and work of the cybersecurity implementation team.

27 Sec. 6. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt digital  
28 citizenship standards for schools and include such standards within  
29 relevant content area standards as appropriate and applicable.

30 (2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the  
31 coordinating council, shall develop and maintain a digital citizenship  
1 curriculum for students and training materials for teachers and parents.  
2 Such curriculum and training materials may be provided to each school at  
3 no cost.

4 (3) Educational service units shall annually create digital  
5 citizenship training for teachers. Each school shall provide an  
6 opportunity for parents of students in attendance at such school to have  
7 access to or take such training annually.

8 Sec. 7. (1) The department shall, in consultation with the  
9 coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information Officer,  
10 develop a pipeline for technology careers program. Such program shall  
11 include, but not be limited to:

12 (a) Creating academic pathways beginning in high school to encourage  
13 students to continue to pursue (i) technology education in postsecondary  
14 educational institutions and (ii) technology careers;

15 (b) Providing for internships with companies or schools in Nebraska  
16 to allow students in the pipeline for technology careers program to gain  
17 cybersecurity industry experience;

18 (c) Providing financial incentives for students enrolled in the  
19 pipeline for technology careers program to commit to work in Nebraska,  
20 particularly rural areas of the state, for a set number of years  
21 following graduation from a postsecondary educational institution with a  
22 degree in the cybersecurity field; and

23 (d) The development of a method to evaluate the success of the  
24 pipeline for technology careers program, including, but not limited to,  
25 examining graduation rates of individuals in the program and technology  
26 job creation in Nebraska.

27 (2) The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules  
28 and regulations for the pipeline for technology careers program,  
29 including, but not limited to, (a) academic requirements for  
30 participation in the program and (b) a prioritization metric for students  
31 who commit to serve in rural Nebraska upon completion of the program.

1 Sec. 8. (1) The Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund is created.  
2 The fund shall be administered by the department and shall be used to  
3 carry out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education  
4 Resources Act. Any money in the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund  
5 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment  
6 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska  
7 State Funds Investment Act.

8 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer ten million  
9 dollars for fiscal year 2025-26, and each fiscal year thereafter, from



10 the General Fund to the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund to carry  
 11 out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources  
 12 Act.  
 13 Sec. 9. The State Board of Education and the coordinating council  
 14 may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Holistic  
 15 Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.  
 16 Sec. 10. Section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 17 amended to read:  
 18 79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service Unit  
 19 Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:  
 20 (1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education  
 21 courses;  
 22 (2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating  
 23 educational entities;  
 24 (3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education  
 25 courses;  
 26 (4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be  
 27 purchased by educational entities;  
 28 (5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of  
 29 distance education services;  
 30 (6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska  
 31 Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by  
 1 the State Department of Education related to distance education;  
 2 (7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the  
 3 council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand  
 4 for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology  
 5 available or the course provider;  
 6 (8) Administration of learning management systems, either through  
 7 the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational  
 8 entity, with the funding for such systems provided by participating  
 9 educational entities; ~~and~~  
 10 (9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary  
 11 educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design  
 12 for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the  
 13 offering of graduate credit courses in distance education; ~~and~~;  
 14 (10) Coordination with the State Board of Education, State  
 15 Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and  
 16 educational service units in implementing the Holistic Approach to  
 17 Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.  
 18 Sec. 11. Original section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 19 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB434:  
AM494

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 28-1239.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 28-1239.01 (1) No person shall conduct a public exhibition or  
 6 display of display fireworks without first procuring a display permit  
 7 from the State Fire Marshal. Such application for a display permit shall  
 8 be accompanied by a fee of ~~one hundred ten~~ dollars to be remitted to the  
 9 State Treasurer for credit to deposited in the State Fire Marshal Cash  
 10 Fund.  
 11 (2) No display fireworks shall be sold or delivered by a licensed  
 12 distributor to any person who is not in possession of an approved display  
 13 permit. Sales of display fireworks to persons without an approved display  
 14 permit shall be subject to sections 28-1213 to 28-1239.  
 15 Sec. 2. Section 28-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:

17 28-1246 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hold for  
18 sale, or offer for sale as a distributor, jobber, or retailer any  
19 fireworks in this state unless such person has first obtained a license  
20 as a distributor, jobber, or retailer. Application for each such license  
21 shall be made to the State Fire Marshal on forms prescribed by him or  
22 her. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which  
23 shall be one thousand five hundred dollars for a distributor's license,  
24 ~~four hundred~~ dollars for a jobber's license, and one hundred twenty-  
25 ~~five~~ dollars for a retailer's license. Each application for a retailer's  
26 license shall be received by the State Fire Marshal at least ten business  
27 days prior to the sales period, as set forth in section 28-1249, in which  
1 the retailer wishes to sell consumer fireworks. A retailer's license  
2 shall be good only for the specific sales period listed on the  
3 application and within the calendar year in which issued. The retailer's  
4 license shall at all times be displayed at the place of business of the  
5 holder thereof.

6 (2) The funds received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to  
7 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.  
8 Sec. 3. Section 28-1251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10 28-1251 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, association,  
11 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to conduct fire  
12 alarm tests and fire alarm inspections without prior written  
13 certification by the State Fire Marshal as to the qualifications of such  
14 persons conducting such tests and inspections.

15 (2) The State Fire Marshal shall formulate reasonable guidelines to  
16 determine qualifications for fire alarm inspectors and shall administer  
17 an examination pursuant to such guidelines prior to certification of  
18 applicants.

19 (3) The State Fire Marshal may charge a fee of no more than two one  
20 hundred dollars to cover costs of administering such examinations and  
21 issuing certifications.

22 (4) Unlawful testing or inspection of fire alarms is a Class III  
23 misdemeanor.

24 Sec. 4. Section 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 81-503.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate  
27 rules and regulations constituting a State Fire Code. At a minimum, the  
28 State Fire Code shall cover:

29 (a) The prevention of fires;

30 (b) The storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles,  
31 and fireworks;

1 (c) Electrical wiring and heating, protection equipment devices,  
2 materials, furnishings, and other safeguards within structures necessary  
3 to promote safety and reduce loss by fire;

4 (d) The means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, in assembly,  
5 educational, institutional, residential, mercantile, office, storage, and  
6 industrial-type occupancies as such structures are defined in the State  
7 Fire Code;

8 (e) All other buildings, structures, and enclosures in which numbers  
9 of persons congregate from time to time for any purpose, whether  
10 privately or publicly owned;

11 (f) Design, construction, location, installation, and operation of  
12 equipment for storing, handling, and utilization of liquefied petroleum  
13 gases, specifying the odorization of such gases and the degree thereof;

14 (g) Chemicals, prozylin plastics, X-ray nitrocellulose films, or any  
15 other hazardous material that may now or hereafter exist;

16 (h) Tanks used for the storage of regulated substances pursuant to  
17 the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act;  
18 and

19 (i) Accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to  
20 section 81-5,147.

21 (2) Not later than July 1, 2019, the rules and regulations adopted  
22 and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall conform generally to  
23 the standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association,  
24 Pamphlet Number 1, known as the Fire Code, 2012 edition, the National  
25 Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 101, known as the Life  
26 Safety Code, 2012 edition, and associated pamphlets, but not when doing  
27 so would impose an unduly severe or costly burden without substantially  
28 contributing to the safety of persons or property.

29 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the State Fire Code through  
30 inspections, code compliance, and orders. Plans for compliance with the  
31 State Fire Code shall be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Plans  
1 submitted after remodeling or construction has begun shall be accompanied  
2 by a late submittal penalty of an amount equal to an additional fifty  
3 percent of the fifty dollars in addition to the plan review fee  
4 established pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-505.01.

5 (4) Rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the  
6 State Fire Code shall apply to sites or structures in public ownership  
7 listed on the National Register of Historic Places but without destroying  
8 the historic quality thereof.

9 Sec. 5. Section 81-505.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 81-505.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and assess fees  
12 not to exceed the actual costs for the performance of services by the  
13 State Fire Marshal or by qualified local fire prevention personnel to  
14 whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated authority to perform such  
15 services. Prior to establishing or altering such fees, the State Fire  
16 Marshal shall hold a public hearing on the question of the adoption of or  
17 change in fees. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least thirty  
18 days prior thereto (a) by publication in a newspaper having general  
19 circulation in the state and (b) by notifying in writing the head of any  
20 agency or department having jurisdiction over facilities that would be  
21 subject to the fees. Fees for services performed by the State Fire  
22 Marshal shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal and shall be remitted to  
23 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund. Fees  
24 for services performed by local fire prevention personnel shall be paid  
25 directly to the office of the local fire prevention personnel.

26 (2) The fee for inspection for fire safety of any premises or  
27 facility pursuant to section 81-502 or 81-503.01 shall be not less than  
28 fiftytwo ~~twenty-five~~ nor more than three hundredone ~~one hundred fifty~~ dollars and  
29 shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fee for  
30 inspection for fire safety of the same premises or facility made within  
31 twelve months after the last prior inspection shall be not less than  
1 fiftytwo ~~twenty-five~~ nor more than threeone ~~one hundred fifty~~ dollars and shall  
2 be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fees for  
3 inspection for fire safety of foster family homes as defined in section  
4 71-1901 may be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services.

5 (3) The fee for providing investigation reports to insurance  
6 companies shall not exceed three dollars for each report provided. The  
7 State Fire Marshal may charge an amount not to exceed the actual cost of  
8 preparation for any other approved information release.

9 (4)(a) The State Fire Marshal shall charge a fee for reviewing  
10 plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with rules  
11 and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to section 81-503.01 or  
12 81-5,147. The State Fire Marshal shall establish such fee in rules and  
13 regulations adopted and promulgated to be effective on September 1,  
14 2025January 1, 2022. Such fee shall meet the costs of administering the  
15 plan review requirement and other agency duties found in sections 81-502,  
16 81-503.01, and 81-5,147 but shall not exceed ten thousandfive hundred

17 dollars. The fee schedule as it existed prior to ~~September 1, 2025~~~~August 28, 2021~~, shall be used through ~~August 31, 2025~~~~December 31, 2021~~.

19 (b) The fees established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this  
20 subsection shall not be assessed or collected by any political  
21 subdivision to which the State Fire Marshal has delegated the authority  
22 to conduct such review and which reviews plans, blueprints, or shop  
23 drawings to determine compliance with such political subdivision's own  
24 fire safety regulations. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed  
25 to prohibit such political subdivision from assessing or collecting a fee  
26 set by its governing board for such review.

27 (c) An additional fee equal to fifty percent of the fee charged  
28 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be assessed for  
29 reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance  
30 with the accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to  
31 section 81-5,147, except that the additional fee assessed pursuant to  
1 this subdivision shall not exceed ~~five thousand two hundred fifty~~ five thousand dollars.

2 Sec. 6. Section 81-5,159, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 81-5,159 (1) Any water-based fire protection system contractor who  
5 installs, repairs, alters, adds to, maintains, or inspects water-based  
6 fire protection systems in this state shall first obtain a contractor  
7 certificate.

8 (2) A water-based fire protection system contractor may apply to the  
9 State Fire Marshal for a contractor certificate. The application shall be  
10 made on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall include a  
11 certificate fee of up to ~~two~~~~one~~ hundred dollars. Each applicant must  
12 designate a responsible managing employee on the application, and such  
13 individual's name shall appear on the certificate with that of the water-  
14 based fire protection system contractor upon issuance. Proof of insurance  
15 required by section 81-5,160 shall also accompany the application.

16 (3) Upon receipt of a complete application, proof of insurance, and  
17 certificate fee, the State Fire Marshal shall schedule a time for an  
18 examination of the responsible managing employee to demonstrate that he  
19 or she is familiar with the procedures and rules of the State Fire  
20 Marshal relating to water-based fire protection systems. If the  
21 responsible managing employee passes the examination, the State Fire  
22 Marshal shall issue the certificate to the water-based fire protection  
23 system contractor within thirty days.

24 (4) A certificate shall expire on September 30 of the year following  
25 issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed at least ten days  
26 prior to expiration and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of up to  
27 ~~two~~~~one~~ hundred dollars and a sworn affidavit that the responsible  
28 managing employee is currently employed by the water-based fire  
29 protection system contractor. A water-based fire protection system  
30 contractor who fails to apply for renewal within the time stated in this  
31 subsection must make a new application for a certificate.

1 (5) A responsible managing employee may only act as such for one  
2 water-based fire protection system contractor at a time. When a  
3 responsible managing employee terminates his or her association with a  
4 water-based fire protection system contractor, the water-based fire  
5 protection system contractor shall notify the State Fire Marshal within  
6 thirty days after termination. The responsible managing employee shall  
7 not be designated as the responsible managing employee for more than two  
8 water-based fire protection system contractors in any twelve-month  
9 period. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke the certificate of a water-  
10 based fire protection system contractor whose responsible managing  
11 employee has terminated his or her association with the water-based fire  
12 protection system contractor unless an application designating a new  
13 responsible managing employee is filed within six months after  
14 termination or prior to expiration of the current certificate, whichever

15 is earlier.

16 Sec. 7. Section 81-15,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing  
19 heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section  
20 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The  
21 registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ~~ten~~five dollars  
22 and shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank  
23 so registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall  
24 specify the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank  
25 to be registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State  
26 Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances  
27 Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The  
28 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the  
29 state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Environment  
30 and Energy to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and  
31 Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the provision of  
1 matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions otherwise  
2 authorized by the act. Any money in such fund available for investment  
3 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
4 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
5 Act.

6 Sec. 8. Section 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 81-15,121 (1) A person shall not (a) maintain or use any tank for  
9 the storage of regulated substances, (b) install any new tank, or (c)  
10 permanently close a tank without first securing a permit from the State  
11 Fire Marshal.  
12 (2) A fee shall not be charged for a permit under subdivision (1)(a)  
13 or (c) of this section. The fee for a permit for installation shall be  
14 ~~seventy-five~~fifty dollars. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to  
15 the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.  
16 (3) All owners of operating tanks, except those provided for in  
17 subsection (4) of this section, shall annually register each tank. All  
18 registration permits shall expire on December 31 of the year for which  
19 the permit was issued. The registration fee shall be no more than  
20 ~~sixty~~thirty dollars per tank. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee  
21 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.  
22 Such permits shall contain the information specified in subsection (5) of  
23 this section.  
24 (4) In the case of tanks permanently abandoned on or after January  
25 1, 1974, an annual permit shall not be required and an initial  
26 registration permit shall be sufficient.  
27 (5) The application for a registration permit shall be provided by  
28 and filed with the State Fire Marshal's office and shall require, but not  
29 be limited to, the following information:  
30 (a) The date the tank was placed in or taken out of operation;  
31 (b) The age of the tank;  
1 (c) The size, type, and location of the tank; and  
2 (d) The type of substances stored in the tank and the quantity of  
3 such substances remaining in the tank if the tank has been permanently  
4 closed.

5 (6) The registration permit fee collected pursuant to this section  
6 shall be ~~remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~deposited in the  
7 Underground Storage Tank Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The  
8 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the  
9 state. The fund shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal to carry  
10 out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances  
11 Storage and Handling Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
12 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the

13 Underground Storage Tank Fund available for investment shall be invested  
 14 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 15 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
 16 Sec. 9. Original sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01,  
 17 81-505.01, 81-5159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes  
 18 of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 19 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 20 passed and approved according to law.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Clouse - LB322

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 64.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Burwell High School boys wrestling team secured the Class D Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's victory was secured by medalists Brody Jensen at 113 pounds, Drew Dawe at 132 pounds, Austin Mayfield at 138 pounds, Trentin Brown at 157 pounds, and Cale Buss at 190 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's community welcomed their champions home by having the Burwell Fire Department escort the team to the town square to celebrate; 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 congratulates the members of Burwell's wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class D State Wrestling Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Burwell Public Schools.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 65.** Introduced by Conrad, 46; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was editor of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also spent time as a reporter, copy editor, or editor with newspapers in Ashland, Ohio; Ottumwa, Iowa; Decatur, Illinois; Bismarck, North Dakota; and St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also served several terms as president of Media of Nebraska; advocated for the First Amendment rights of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and press access during committee hearings of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy used his platform to inform and entertain readers about his journey with cancer, using his characteristic wit and humility; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was recognized by Lee Enterprises "for his remarkable courage and uplifting positive attitude while battling not one, but two, cancer diagnoses" during his lifetime and received the Lee President's Award for Exceptional Spirit by maintaining his sense of humor and steadfast commitment to the newsroom in Lincoln during his eight-year battle with bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy passed away on February 23, 2025, at the age of fifty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was a devoted husband and loving father of four, and a cherished friend whose wisdom, patience, laughter, and grace will be dearly missed.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Dave Bundy for his service to Nebraska journalism.
2. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Dave Bundy.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Dave Bundy.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB198.

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR63.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Lori Broady, Johnson; Daniel Gossman, Johnson; Jeremy Hubel, Fullerton; members of Nebraska State AFL-CIO; students from Lincoln Christian School, Lincoln; Renee Pickerel, Lincoln; Barb Bratt, Lincoln; students from Twin Ridge Elementary, Bellevue.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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Monday, March 10, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Tom Starkjohn, Louisville Evangelical Free Church, Louisville.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

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

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the thirty-ninth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)****Natural Resources**

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

Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:  
Steve Mattoon

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 58 and 59 were adopted.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR 58 and 59.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Agriculture - LB245

**MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File**

Senator Conrad renewed her motion, found and considered on page 689, to return LB229 to Select File for her specific amendment, [FA28](#), found on page 689.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following motion:

[MO61](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Hallstrom motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 15 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Conrad motion to return to Select File failed with 11 ayes, 34 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Conrad amendment, FA28, was not considered.

## **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 LB229 with 45 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that employment does not include service by a marketplace network contractor for a marketplace network platform; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

## Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.** Placed on Final Reading.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST9

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

1. On page 1, line 2, "update references" has been struck and "adopt updated standards" inserted; and in line 3 "spark ignition engine fuels" has been struck and "spark-ignition engine fuel" inserted.

2. On page 2, lines 10 and 17, "spark ignition" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "spark-ignition" inserted; and in lines 10 and 18 "fuels" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "fuel" inserted.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM549 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 212.** Placed on General File with amendment.

AM319

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-4004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 77-4004 (1) First owner shall mean any person:

6 (a)(1) Engaged in the business of selling tobacco products in this

7 state who brings or causes to be brought into this state from outside

8 this state any tobacco products for sale in this state, including a

9 retailer who purchases directly from suppliers outside this state who are

10 not licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 77-4009;

11 (b)(2) Who makes, manufactures, or fabricates tobacco products in

12 this state for sale in this state; or

13 (c)(3) Engaged in business outside this state who ships or

14 transports tobacco products to retailers in this state and who becomes

15 licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 77-4009; or

16 (d) Who is a remote retail seller.

17 (2) For purposes of this section, remote retail seller means a

18 retail seller that:  
19 (a) Is located outside this state;  
20 (b) Sells cigars, cheroots, or stogies directly to consumers within  
21 this state; and  
22 (c) For purposes of sales and use taxes imposed under the Nebraska  
23 Revenue Act of 1967, is engaged in business in this state as defined in  
24 section 77-2701.13.  
25 Sec. 2. Original section 77-4004, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
26 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM501](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM307](#)

1 1. On page 21, after line 20 insert the following new subsection:  
2 "(6) Loans made by financial institutions that are serviced by or  
3 purchased by a licensee shall not be subject to the interest rate  
4 limitations of the Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act."

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**  
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
LB237  
LB218  
LB672  
LB615

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
LR33  
LB243

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Duane Kime - Board of Educational Lands and Funds

LB605

LB671

LB681

LB680

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Lisa Roskens - Game and Parks Commission

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB682:

[AM566](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 49-1493, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 49-1493 The individuals listed in subdivisions (1) through ~~(14)~~(13)  
6 of this section shall file with the commission a statement of financial  
7 interests as provided in sections 49-1496 and 49-1497 for the preceding  
8 calendar year on or before March 1 of each year in which such individual  
9 holds such a position. An individual who leaves office shall, within  
10 thirty days after leaving office, file a statement covering the period  
11 since the previous statement was filed. Disclosure of the interest named  
12 in sections 49-1496 to 49-1498 shall be made by:  
13 (1) An individual holding a state executive office as provided in  
14 Article IV of the Constitution of Nebraska, including the Governor,  
15 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts,  
16 State Treasurer, Attorney General, Tax Commissioner, and heads of such  
17 other executive departments as set forth in the Constitution or as may be  
18 established by law;  
19 (2) An individual holding the office of Commissioner of Education,  
20 member of the State Board of Education, member of the Board of Regents of  
21 the University of Nebraska with the exception of student members, or  
22 member of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education;  
23 (3) A member of the Board of Parole;  
24 (4) A member of the Public Service Commission;  
25 (5) A member of the Legislature;  
26 (6) A member of the board of directors or an officer of a district  
27 organized under the provisions of Chapter 70;  
1 (7) A member of any board or commission of the state or any county  
2 which examines or licenses a business or which determines rates for or  
3 otherwise regulates a business;  
4 (8) A member of a land-use planning commission, zoning commission,  
5 or authority of the state or any county with a population of more than  
6 one hundred thousand inhabitants;  
7 (9) An elected official of a city of the primary or metropolitan  
8 class;

9 (10) An elected county official;  
 10 (11) A member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board;  
 11 (12) An individual employed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in  
 12 the position of Head Football Coach, Men's Basketball Coach, or Women's  
 13 Basketball Coach; ~~and~~  
 14 (13) An official or employee of the state designated by rules and  
 15 regulations of the commission who is responsible for taking or  
 16 recommending official action of a nonministerial nature with regard to:  
 17 (a) Contracting or procurement;  
 18 (b) Administering or monitoring grants or subsidies;  
 19 (c) Land-use planning or zoning;  
 20 (d) Inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing any person; or  
 21 (e) Any similar action; ~~and~~.  
 22 (14) An individual employed by a school board as a superintendent  
 23 for a school district.  
 24 Sec. 2. (1) Any contract for employment as a superintendent of a  
 25 school district entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of  
 26 this act shall include a provision prohibiting the superintendent from  
 27 receiving employment income other than such individual's employment  
 28 income from the school district for employment as the superintendent and  
 29 any income specifically stipulated in the contract during such contract  
 30 term.  
 31 (2) For purposes of this section:  
 1 (a) Employment income means income paid or otherwise provided to an  
 2 employee by an employer in the education field resulting from the  
 3 employer-employee relationship or income resulting from a contract as an  
 4 independent contractor for certain contracted education-related work,  
 5 such as (i) work on any education-related foundation, board, commission,  
 6 or similar entity or (ii) consulting or advising on education-related  
 7 matters; and  
 8 (b) Employment income does not include income arising from (i) an  
 9 employer-employee relationship if such employer is not engaged in the  
 10 education field, (ii) a contract as an independent contractor for non-  
 11 education-related work, (iii) a farming and ranching operation, (iv)  
 12 leasing real estate, (v) stocks, bonds, or other investments, or (vi) any  
 13 other source as specifically stipulated in the contract for employment as  
 14 a superintendent.  
 15 Sec. 3. Section 79-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:  
 17 79-566 The board of education of a Class IV school district shall at  
 18 a regular meeting elect from outside its own members a superintendent, an  
 19 associate superintendent of instruction, an associate superintendent of  
 20 business affairs, a school district treasurer, and the number of  
 21 employees the board of education may deem necessary for the proper  
 22 conduct of the affairs of the school district at such salaries as the  
 23 board of education may determine. The board may contract with them for  
 24 terms not to exceed three years. A contract for employment as a  
 25 superintendent shall comply with section 2 of this act. The election of  
 26 all officers of the board of education and all elections for filling  
 27 vacancies on the board of education shall be by ballot. No person shall  
 28 be declared elected unless he or she receives the vote of a majority of  
 29 all the members of the board of education.  
 30 Sec. 4. Section 79-567, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 31 amended to read:  
 1 79-567 The members of the board of education of a Class V school  
 2 district, at their regular meeting in January each year, shall elect a  
 3 president and vice president from their own members, who shall serve for  
 4 terms of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.  
 5 The members of the board of education may also select from outside their  
 6 own members one superintendent of public schools, one secretary, one  
 7 treasurer, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary for  
 8 the administration of the affairs of the school district, at such salary

9 as the board may deem just, and in their discretion they may enter into  
 10 contracts with such officers for terms of not to exceed three years. A  
 11 contract for employment as a superintendent shall comply with section 2  
 12 of this act. The board shall have the power to elect its president and  
 13 vice president and to select its officers and employees in accordance  
 14 with rules adopted by the board.  
 15 Sec. 5. Section 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:  
 17 79-594 The school board in a Class I, II, III, or IV school district  
 18 may also elect at any regular meeting one superintendent of public  
 19 instruction with such salary as the board deems best and may enter into  
 20 contract with him or her at its discretion, for a term not to exceed  
 21 three years. Such contract shall comply with section 2 of this act.  
 22 Sec. 6. Original sections 49-1493, 79-566, 79-567, and 79-594,  
 23 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Rountree - LB319

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB229.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 5 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 10, 2025, at 11:35 a.m. was the following: LB229.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman



Clerk of the Legislature's Office

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER24](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "cash" in line 1 through line 7  
2 and insert "the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend sections  
3 77-3001, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3003.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to  
5 certain licenses; and to repeal the original sections."

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB652:

[AM149](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 section:  
3 Section 1. (1) If a constitutional amendment is adopted by the  
4 voters at the general election in November 2026 to require the sale of  
5 school lands and the investment of the funds received from such sales for  
6 the support of the common schools, then the following shall apply:  
7 (a) The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall terminate on July  
8 1, 2027;  
9 (b) On July 1, 2027, the Department of Administrative Services shall  
10 assume control of all school lands that had been under the general  
11 management and control of the board immediately prior to the board's  
12 termination. The department shall sell such lands as the leases for the  
13 lands expire. The person who was leasing the land most recently shall  
14 have the right of first refusal to purchase the land. If such person does  
15 not purchase the land, the department shall sell the land at public  
16 auction. The proceeds of the sales of such lands shall be remitted to the  
17 State Treasurer for credit to the permanent school fund; and  
18 (c) Any funds placed into the temporary school fund by the board  
19 that remain in such fund on July 1, 2027, shall be distributed to the  
20 school districts of the state in accordance with section 79-1035.02.  
21 (2) For purposes of this section:  
22 (a) Permanent school fund means the fund described in section  
23 79-1035.01;  
24 (b) School lands means those lands owned or acquired by the state in  
25 trust for the support of its common schools; and  
26 (c) Temporary school fund means the fund described in section  
27 79-1035.02.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LR28CA:

[AM295](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025

LB551

LB552

LB149

Note: LBs 149 and 430 will have a combined hearing.

LB430

LB682

AM566 Amending LB682

Note: LB 682 and AM566 will have a combined hearing.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 66.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, Patrica "Pat" Lopez, public health director, advocate, wife, mother, and nana passed away on March 2, 2025, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born on May 8, 1952, in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Pat graduated from Marian High School in Omaha, received a nursing degree from Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota, and earned a master's degree in public health nursing and administration from the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Pat joined the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department in 1975 as a public health nurse, dedicating nearly fifty years to improving the health and well-being of our state, city, and county residents, with a special emphasis on those most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Pat used her vast public health knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of local health departments across the country by guiding them through the national accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Pat worked tirelessly with Senator Jim Jensen and Senator Dennis Byars in 2001 to create a statewide local health department system that remains today; and

WHEREAS, Pat was a fierce advocate and supporter of public health, local public health departments, public health staff, and public health infrastructure in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Pat Lopez.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Pat Lopez.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Bostar name added to LB256.  
Senator Clements name added to LR21.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Lindsay Academy, Lindsay; providers of Child Welfare from across the state; students and teachers from Heartland Community School.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Kauth, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-FIRST DAY - MARCH 11, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-FIRST DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, March 11, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Gregg Gahan, Craig-Alder Grove Parish, Craig.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeBoer.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fortieth day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Juarez - LB299  
Spivey - LB440  
Holdcroft - LB215

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR60 was adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR60.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 691:

State Fair Board  
Dawn Caldwell

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Armendariz	Dorn	Hughes	McKeon	Storer
Ballard	Dungan	Hunt	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Guereca	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	
Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 0

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	DeBoer	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Riepe	Sorrentino

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Conrad	Spivey
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The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 705:

Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission  
Steve Mattoon

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Dover	Lonowski	Riepe
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKeon	Sorrentino
DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Conrad      Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

#### **Judiciary**

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

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee:

Candice Batton  
Shawn Eatherton  
David Nelson

Aye: 7. Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB169:

AM589

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-382 (1) The department shall prepare a tax expenditure report  
6 describing (a) the basic provisions of the Nebraska tax laws, (b) the  
7 actual or estimated revenue loss caused by the exemptions, deductions,  
8 exclusions, deferrals, credits, and preferential rates in effect on July  
9 1 of each year and allowed under Nebraska's tax structure and in the  
10 property tax, (c) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by failure  
11 to impose sales and use tax on services purchased for nonbusiness use,  
12 and (d) the elements which make up the tax base for state and local  
13 income, including income, sales and use, property, and miscellaneous  
14 taxes.

15 (2) The department shall review the major tax exemptions for which  
16 state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to  
17 a tax expenditure. The report shall indicate an estimate of the amount of  
18 the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax  
19 expenditures. The report shall list each tax expenditure relating to  
20 sales and use tax under the following categories:

21 (a) Agriculture, which shall include a separate listing for the  
22 following items: Agricultural machinery; agricultural chemicals; seeds  
23 sold to commercial producers; water for irrigation and manufacturing;  
24 commercial artificial insemination; mineral oil as dust suppressant;  
25 animal specialty services and animal grooming services performed on  
26 livestock as defined in section 54-183grooming; oxygen for use in  
27 aquaculture; animal life whose products constitute food for human  
1 consumption; and grains;

2 (b) Business across state lines, which shall include a separate  
3 listing for the following items: Property shipped out-of-state;  
4 fabrication labor for items to be shipped out-of-state; property to be  
5 transported out-of-state; property purchased in other states to be used  
6 in Nebraska; aircraft delivery to an out-of-state resident or business;  
7 state reciprocal agreements for industrial machinery; and property taxed  
8 in another state;

9 (c) Common carrier and logistics, which shall include a separate  
10 listing for the following items: Railroad rolling stock and repair parts  
11 and services; common or contract carriers and repair parts and services;  
12 common or contract carrier accessories; and common or contract carrier  
13 safety equipment;

14 (d) Consumer goods, which shall include a separate listing for the  
15 following items: Motor vehicles and motorboat trade-ins; merchandise  
16 trade-ins; certain medical equipment and medicine; newspapers;  
17 laundromats; ~~telefloral deliveries~~; motor vehicle discounts for the  
18 disabled; and political campaign fundraisers;

19 (e) Energy, which shall include a separate listing for the following  
20 items: Motor fuels; energy used in industry; energy used in agriculture;  
21 aviation fuel; and minerals, oil, and gas severed from real property;

22 (f) Food, which shall include a separate listing for the following  
23 items: Food for home consumption; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
24 Program; school lunches; meals sold by hospitals; meals sold by  
25 institutions at a flat rate; food for the elderly, handicapped, and  
26 Supplemental Security Income recipients; and meals sold by churches;

27 (g) General business, which shall include a separate listing for the  
28 following items: Component and ingredient parts; manufacturing machinery;  
29 containers; ~~film rentals~~; molds and dies; syndicated programming;  
30 intercompany sales; intercompany leases; sale of a business or farm  
31 machinery; and transfer of property in a change of business ownership;

1 (h) Lodging and shelter, which shall include a separate listing for  
2 the following item: Room rentals by certain institutions;

3 (i) Miscellaneous, which shall include a separate listing for the



4 following items: Cash discounts and coupons; separately stated finance  
5 charges; casual sales; lease-to-purchase agreements; and separately  
6 stated taxes;  
7 (j) Nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities, which shall  
8 include a separate listing for the following items: Purchases by  
9 political subdivisions of the state; purchases by churches and nonprofit  
10 colleges and medical facilities; purchasing agents for public real estate  
11 construction improvements; contractor as purchasing agent for public  
12 agencies; Nebraska lottery; admissions to school events; sales on Native  
13 American Indian reservations; school-supporting fundraisers; fine art  
14 purchases by a museum; purchases by the Nebraska State Fair Board;  
15 purchases by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and licensees of  
16 the State Racing and Gaming Commission; purchases by the United States  
17 Government; public records; and sales by religious organizations;  
18 (k) Recent sales tax expenditures, which shall include a separate  
19 listing for each sales tax expenditure created by statute or rule and  
20 regulation after July 19, 2012;  
21 (l) Services purchased for nonbusiness use, which shall include a  
22 separate listing for each such service, including, but not limited to,  
23 the following items: Motor vehicle cleaning, maintenance, and repair  
24 services; ~~cleaning and repair of clothing~~; cleaning, maintenance, and  
25 repair of other tangible personal property; maintenance, painting, and  
26 repair of real property; entertainment admissions; ~~hair care and hair~~  
27 ~~removal~~ ~~personal care~~ services; lawn care, gardening, and landscaping  
28 services; ~~veterinary~~ ~~pet-related~~ services; storage and moving services;  
29 household utilities; other personal services; ~~taxi, limousine, and other~~  
30 ~~transportation services~~; legal services; accounting services; other  
31 professional services; and other real estate services; and  
1 (m) Telecommunications, which shall include a separate listing for  
2 the following items: Telecommunications access charges; prepaid calling  
3 arrangements; conference bridging services; and nonvoice data services.  
4 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in the Tax  
5 Expenditure Reporting Act shall cause the valuation or assessment of any  
6 property exempt from taxation on the basis of its use exclusively for  
7 religious, educational, or charitable purposes.  
8 Sec. 2. Section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2024, is amended to read:  
10 77-2701.16 (1) Gross receipts means the total amount of the sale or  
11 lease or rental price, as the case may be, of the retail sales of  
12 retailers.  
13 (2) Gross receipts of every person engaged as a public utility  
14 specified in this subsection, as a community antenna television service  
15 operator, or as a satellite service operator or any person involved in  
16 connecting and installing services defined in subdivision (2)(a), (b), or  
17 (d) of this section means:  
18 (a)(i) In the furnishing of telephone communication service, other  
19 than mobile telecommunications service as described in section  
20 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing ancillary services,  
21 except for conference bridging services, and intrastate  
22 telecommunications services, except for value-added, nonvoice data  
23 service.  
24 (ii) In the furnishing of mobile telecommunications service as  
25 described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from  
26 furnishing mobile telecommunications service that originates and  
27 terminates in the same state to a customer with a place of primary use in  
28 Nebraska;  
29 (b) In the furnishing of telegraph service, the gross income  
30 received from the furnishing of intrastate telegraph services;  
31 (c)(i) In the furnishing of gas, sewer, water, and electricity  
1 service, other than electricity service to a customer-generator as

2 defined in section 70-2002, the gross income received from the furnishing  
3 of such services upon billings or statements rendered to consumers for  
4 such utility services.

5 (ii) In the furnishing of electricity service to a customer-  
6 generator as defined in section 70-2002, the net energy use upon billings  
7 or statements rendered to customer-generators for such electricity  
8 service;

9 (d) In the furnishing of community antenna television service or  
10 satellite service, the gross income received from the furnishing of such  
11 community antenna television service as regulated under sections 18-2201  
12 to 18-2205 or 23-383 to 23-388 or satellite service; and

13 (e) The gross income received from the provision, installation,  
14 construction, servicing, or removal of property used in conjunction with  
15 the furnishing, installing, or connecting of any public utility services  
16 specified in subdivision (2)(a) or (b) of this section or community  
17 antenna television service or satellite service specified in subdivision  
18 (2)(d) of this section, except when acting as a subcontractor for a  
19 public utility, this subdivision does not apply to the gross income  
20 received by a contractor electing to be treated as a consumer of building  
21 materials under subdivision (2) or (3) of section 77-2701.10 for any such  
22 services performed on the customer's side of the utility demarcation  
23 point. This subdivision also does not apply to:

24 (i) The gross income received by a political subdivision of the  
25 state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association for  
26 the lease or use of, or by a contractor for the construction of or  
27 services provided on, electric generation, transmission, distribution, or  
28 street lighting structures or facilities owned by a political subdivision  
29 of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership  
30 association; or

31 (ii) The gross income received for the lease or use of towers or  
1 other structures primarily used in conjunction with the furnishing of (A)  
2 Internet access services, (B) agricultural global positioning system  
3 locating services, or (C) over-the-air radio and television broadcasting  
4 licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, including antennas and  
5 studio transmitter link systems. For purposes of this subdivision, studio  
6 transmitter link system means a system which serves as a conduit to  
7 deliver audio from its origin in a studio to a broadcast transmitter.

8 (3) Gross receipts of every person engaged in selling, leasing, or  
9 otherwise providing intellectual or entertainment property means:

10 (a) In the furnishing of computer software, the gross income  
11 received, including the charges for coding, punching, or otherwise  
12 producing any computer software and the charges for the tapes, disks,  
13 punched cards, or other properties furnished by the seller; and

14 (b) In the furnishing of videotapes, movie film, satellite  
15 programming, satellite programming service, and satellite television  
16 signal descrambling or decoding devices, the gross income received from  
17 the license, franchise, or other method establishing the charge.

18 (4) Gross receipts for providing a service means:

19 (a) The gross income received for building cleaning and maintenance,  
20 pest control, and security;

21 (b) The gross income received for motor vehicle washing, waxing,  
22 towing, and painting;

23 (c) The gross income received for computer software training;

24 (d) The gross income received for installing and applying tangible  
25 personal property if the sale of the property is subject to tax. If any  
26 or all of the charge for installation is free to the customer and is paid  
27 by a third-party service provider to the installer, any tax due on that  
28 part of the activation commission, finder's fee, installation charge, or  
29 similar payment made by the third-party service provider shall be paid  
30 and remitted by the third-party service provider;

31 (e) The gross income received for services of recreational vehicle  
 1 parks;  
 2 (f) The gross income received for labor for repair or maintenance  
 3 services performed with regard to tangible personal property the sale of  
 4 which would be subject to sales and use taxes, excluding motor vehicles,  
 5 except as otherwise provided in section 77-2704.26 or 77-2704.50;  
 6 (g) The gross income received for animal specialty services and  
 7 animal grooming services except for (i) veterinary services; and (ii)  
 8 animal specialty services or animal grooming services performed on  
 9 livestock as defined in section 54-183; and (iii) animal grooming  
 10 performed by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician  
 11 in conjunction with medical treatment; and  
 12 (h) The gross income received for detective services;  
 13 (i) The gross income received for providing chartered flights;  
 14 (j) The gross income received for the cleaning of clothing,  
 15 excluding any amounts exempt pursuant to section 77-2704.14;  
 16 (k) The gross income received for dating services;  
 17 (l) The gross income received for interior design and decorating  
 18 services;  
 19 (m) The gross income received for lobbying services;  
 20 (n) The gross income received for local passenger transportation by  
 21 chartered road vehicles, including limousines and similar luxury  
 22 vehicles;  
 23 (o) The gross income received for marketing and telemarketing  
 24 services;  
 25 (p) The gross income received for massage services, except for any  
 26 such services that are part of a course of medical treatment or are  
 27 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed massage  
 28 therapist and in a licensed massage therapy establishment or other  
 29 location specifically permitted in the Massage Therapy Practice Act;  
 30 (q) The gross income received for nail care services;  
 31 (r) The gross income received for personal instruction services for  
 1 dance, golf, or tennis;  
 2 (s) The gross income received for sightseeing services by ground  
 3 vehicles;  
 4 (t) The gross income received for skin care services, except for any  
 5 such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are  
 6 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care  
 7 practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;  
 8 (u) The gross income received for swimming pool cleaning and  
 9 maintenance services;  
 10 (v) The gross income received for tattoo and body modification  
 11 services, except for any such services that are part of a course of  
 12 medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of  
 13 a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care  
 14 facility;  
 15 (w) The gross income received for telefloral delivery services,  
 16 defined as amounts received by florists in this state who make deliveries  
 17 in this state pursuant to instructions received from florists in other  
 18 states;  
 19 (x) The gross income received for travel agency services; and  
 20 (y) The gross income received for weight loss services, except for  
 21 any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are  
 22 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care  
 23 practitioner or in a licensed health care facility.  
 24 (5) Gross receipts includes the sale of admissions. When an  
 25 admission to an activity or a membership constituting an admission is  
 26 combined with the solicitation of a contribution, the portion or the  
 27 amount charged representing the fair market price of the admission shall  
 28 be considered a retail sale subject to the tax imposed by section

29 77-2703. The organization conducting the activity shall determine the  
 30 amount properly attributable to the purchase of the privilege, benefit,  
 31 or other consideration in advance, and such amount shall be clearly  
 1 indicated on any ticket, receipt, or other evidence issued in connection  
 2 with the payment.

3 (6) Gross receipts includes the sale of live plants incorporated  
 4 into real estate except when such incorporation is incidental to the  
 5 transfer of an improvement upon real estate or the real estate.

6 (7) Gross receipts includes the sale of any building materials  
 7 annexed to real estate by a person electing to be taxed as a retailer  
 8 pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10.

9 (8) Gross receipts includes the sale of and recharge of prepaid  
 10 calling service and prepaid wireless calling service.

11 (9) Gross receipts includes the retail sale of digital audio works,  
 12 digital audiovisual works, digital codes, and digital books delivered  
 13 electronically if the products are taxable when delivered on tangible  
 14 storage media. A sale includes the transfer of a permanent right of use,  
 15 the transfer of a right of use that terminates on some condition, and the  
 16 transfer of a right of use conditioned upon the receipt of continued  
 17 payments.

18 (10) Gross receipts includes any receipts from sales of tangible  
 19 personal property made over a multivendor marketplace platform that acts  
 20 as the intermediary by facilitating sales between a seller and the  
 21 purchaser and that, either directly or indirectly through agreements or  
 22 arrangements with third parties, collects payment from the purchaser and  
 23 transmits payment to the seller.

24 (11) Gross receipts does not include:

25 (a) The amount of any rebate granted by a motor vehicle or motorboat  
 26 manufacturer or dealer at the time of sale of the motor vehicle or  
 27 motorboat, which rebate functions as a discount from the sales price of  
 28 the motor vehicle or motorboat; or

29 (b) The price of property or services returned or rejected by  
 30 customers when the full sales price is refunded either in cash or credit.

31 Sec. 3. Section 77-2704.53, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 1 amended to read:

2 77-2704.53 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross  
 3 receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or  
 4 other consumption in this state from the sale or rental of ~~videotape and~~  
 5 ~~film rentals~~, satellite programming, and satellite programming service  
 6 when the sales tax or the admission tax is charged under the Nebraska  
 7 Revenue Act of 1967 and except as provided in section 77-2704.39.

8 Sec. 4. Section 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 9 amended to read:

10 77-2704.67 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross  
 11 receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or  
 12 other consumption in this state of any sale of a membership in or ~~an~~  
 13 ~~admission to or~~ any purchase by a nationally accredited zoo or aquarium  
 14 operated by a public agency or nonprofit corporation primarily for  
 15 educational, scientific, or tourism purposes.

16 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

17 Sec. 6. Original sections 77-2704.53 and 77-2704.67, Reissue  
 18 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised  
 19 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB14:

AM483

1 1. Strike original sections 3 to 5 and insert the following new  
 2 sections:

3 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Hunger-Free Schools Act:

4 (1) Reduced-price breakfast means a breakfast served by a school

5 district participating in the school breakfast program under the Child  
6 Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq., as such act existed on  
7 January 1, 2025, to a student eligible for such program; and  
8 (2) Reduced-price lunch means a lunch served by a school district  
9 participating in the national school lunch program under the Richard B.  
10 Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq., as such act  
11 existed on January 1, 2025, to a student eligible for such program.  
12 Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 5 of this act, a public  
13 school participating in the national school lunch program or the school  
14 breakfast program shall provide to each student who is eligible, a  
15 reduced-price breakfast or reduced-price lunch at no cost to the student.  
16 The State Department of Education shall reimburse each school district  
17 the amount that the school district would otherwise have charged for each  
18 meal provided at no cost to the student for each student who is eligible  
19 for a reduced-price breakfast or reduced-price lunch.  
20 Sec. 5. The Hunger-Free Schools Act does not apply to any school  
21 receiving reimbursement under 42 U.S.C. 1759a, as such section existed on  
22 January 1, 2025.  
23 2. On page 5, line 19, after "to" insert "the State Department of  
24 Education to".

### BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Senator Dungan offered [AM258](#), found on page 500.

The Dungan amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered [AM348](#), found on page 586.

The Raybould amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** [ER16](#), found on page 592, was offered.

ER16 was adopted.

Senator Hunt requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 27 ayes, 18 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 278.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM545](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to [LB316](#):

[MO62](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO63](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO64](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Storm - LB316

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** [ER18](#), found on page 592, was offered.

ER18 was adopted.

Senator Clements requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 4 nays, and 16 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Armendariz	Dungan	Kauth	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Hughes	Lonowski	Rountree	Wordekemper
Clouse	Ibach	McKeon	Sanders	
Conrad	Jacobson	Meyer	Spivey	
DeKay	Juarez	Moser	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	Clements	Hallstrom	Prokop
Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Hunt	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	McKinney	

Present and not voting, 7:

Ballard	Fredrickson	Riepe
Bostar	Hardin	
DeBoer	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 0

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 27 ayes, 15 nays, 7 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Senator Sanders offered [AM407](#), found on page 601.

The Sanders amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** [ER19](#), found on page 653, was offered.

ER19 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** [ER22](#), found on page 658, was offered.

ER22 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** [ER20](#), found on page 658, was offered.

ER20 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Senator Riepe offered the following amendment:

[AM591](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 9, strike "or" and show as stricken; after line 9
- 2 insert the following new subdivision:
- 3 "(d) Dietitian nutritionist program; or"; in line 10 strike "(d)"
- 4 and insert "(e)"; after line 26 insert the following new subdivision:
- 5 "(x) A dietitian nutritionist licensed under section 38-1813;" in
- 6 line 27 strike "(x)" and insert "(xi)"; and in line 28 strike "(xi)" and
- 7 insert "(xii)".
- 8 2. On page 3, line 26, after the third comma insert "dietitian
- 9 nutritionists,".
- 10 3. On page 5, line 2, after the underscored comma insert "dietitian
- 11 nutritionist practice,"; and in line 25 after the underscored comma
- 12 insert "dietitian nutritionist,".
- 13 4. On page 6, line 6, after the second comma insert "dietitian
- 14 nutritionists,".

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Senator Juarez offered the following amendment:

[AM592](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new



2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 16-1005 (1)(a)(i) Prior to October 1, 2025(1) Until October 1, 2013,  
6 each police officer shall contribute to the retirement system a sum equal  
7 to six percent of his or her salary. Beginning October 1, 2013, until  
8 October 1, 2015, each police officer shall contribute to the retirement  
9 system a sum equal to six and one-half percent of his or her salary.

10 Beginning October 1, 2015, each police officer shall contribute to the  
11 retirement system a sum equal to seven percent of his or her salary.  
12 (ii) Beginning October 1, 2025, each police officer shall contribute  
13 to the retirement system a sum equal to nine percent of his or her  
14 salary.

15 (b) Such payment under subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be  
16 made by regular payroll deductions from the police officer's periodic  
17 salary and shall be credited to his or her employee account on a monthly  
18 basis.

19 (c) Each such account shall also be credited with regular interest.

20 (2) Each city of the first class shall pick up the police officers'  
21 contributions required by subsection (1) of this section, and the  
22 contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in  
23 determining federal tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code, except  
24 that the city shall continue to withhold federal income taxes based upon  
25 these contributions until the Internal Revenue Service or the federal  
26 courts rule that, pursuant to section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue  
27 Code, these contributions shall not be included as gross income of the  
1 employee until such time as they are distributed from the retirement  
2 system. The city shall pay these employee contributions from the same  
3 source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the employee. The  
4 city shall pick up these contributions by a salary deduction either  
5 through a reduction in the cash salary of the employee or a combination  
6 of a reduction in salary and offset against a future salary increase. A  
7 police officer shall not be given an option to choose to receive the  
8 amount of the required contribution in lieu of having such contribution  
9 paid directly to the retirement system.

10 (3) Each police officer shall be entitled to make voluntary cash  
11 contributions to the retirement system in an amount not to exceed the  
12 contribution limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code.  
13 Voluntary contributions shall be credited to the police officer's  
14 employee account and shall thereafter be credited with regular interest.  
15 A police officer's voluntary contribution shall become a part of the  
16 Police Officers Retirement System Fund and shall be held, administered,  
17 invested, and distributed in the same manner as any other employee  
18 contribution to the retirement system.

19 Sec. 2. Section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
20 amended to read:

21 16-1027 (1) At any time before the retirement date, the retiring  
22 firefighter may elect to receive his or her pension benefit at retirement  
23 either in the form of a straight life annuity or any optional form of  
24 annuity benefit established by the retirement committee and provided  
25 under a purchased annuity contract. Such optional annuity benefit shall  
26 be specified in the funding medium for the retirement system and shall  
27 include a straight life annuity with a guarantee of at least sixty  
28 monthly payments or an annuity payable for the life of the retiring  
29 firefighter and, after the death of the retiree, monthly payments, as  
30 elected by the retiring firefighter, of one hundred percent, seventy-five  
31 percent, or fifty percent of the amount of annuity payable to the  
1 retiring firefighter during his or her life, to the beneficiary selected  
2 by the retiring firefighter at the time of the original application for  
3 an annuity. For any firefighter whose retirement date is on or after

4 January 1, 1997, the optional benefit forms for the retirement system  
5 shall include permitting such firefighter, upon retirement, to receive a  
6 payment of his or her retirement value in the form of a single lump-sum  
7 payment or in the form of one or more partial payments of such retirement  
8 value in an amount and frequency elected by the firefighter a single lump-  
9 sum payment of the firefighter's retirement value. For firefighters whose  
10 retirement date is prior to January 1, 1997, a single lump-sum payment  
11 shall be available only if the city has adopted such distribution option  
12 in the funding medium established for the retirement system. The retiring  
13 firefighter may further elect to defer the date of the first payment or  
14 lump-sum distribution to the first day of any specified month prior to  
15 age seventy. In the event the retiring firefighter elects to receive his  
16 or her pension benefit in the form of an annuity, the amount of such  
17 annuity benefit shall be the amount provided by the annuity contract  
18 purchased or otherwise provided by the firefighter's retirement value as  
19 of the date of the first payment. Any such annuity contract purchased by  
20 the retirement system may be distributed to the retiring firefighter.  
21 Upon the payment of a lump sum or the distribution of a paid-up annuity  
22 contract, all obligations of the retirement system to pay retirement  
23 benefits to the firefighter and his or her beneficiaries shall terminate,  
24 without exception.

25 (2) For all firefighters employed on January 1, 1984, the amount of  
26 the pension benefit at the retirement date shall not be less than the  
27 following amounts:

28 (a) If retirement from the city occurs following age fifty-five with  
29 twenty-one years of service with the city, fifty percent of regular pay;  
30 (b) If retirement from the city occurs following age fifty but  
31 before age fifty-five with at least twenty-one years of service with the  
1 city, such firefighter shall receive the actuarial equivalent of the  
2 benefit which would otherwise be provided at age fifty-five;  
3 (c) If retirement from the city occurs on or after age fifty-five  
4 with less than twenty-one years of service with the city, such  
5 firefighter shall receive a pension of at least fifty percent of the  
6 salary he or she was receiving at the time of retirement multiplied by  
7 the ratio of the years of service to twenty-one;  
8 (d) For terminations of employment from the city on or after  
9 September 9, 1993, if such termination of employment as a firefighter  
10 occurs before age fifty-five but after completion of twenty-one years of  
11 service with the city, such firefighter shall receive upon the attainment  
12 of age fifty-five a pension benefit of fifty percent of regular pay;  
13 (e) Unless an optional annuity benefit is selected by the retired  
14 firefighter, at the death of any such retired firefighter the same rate  
15 of pension as is provided for in this section shall be paid to the  
16 surviving spouse of such deceased firefighter during such time as the  
17 surviving spouse remains unmarried and, in case there is no surviving  
18 spouse, then the minor children, if any, of such deceased firefighter  
19 shall equally share such pension benefit during their minority, except  
20 that as soon as a child of such deceased firefighter ceases to be a  
21 minor, such pension as to such child shall cease; or  
22 (f) In the event a retired firefighter or his or her surviving  
23 beneficiaries die before the aggregate amount of pension payments  
24 received by the firefighter and his or her survivor beneficiaries, if  
25 any, equals the total amount in the firefighter's employee account, at  
26 the time of the first benefit payment the difference between the total  
27 amount in the employee's account and the aggregate amount of pension  
28 payments received by the retired firefighter and his or her surviving  
29 beneficiaries, if any, shall be paid in a single sum to the firefighter's  
30 estate.

31 A firefighter entitled to a minimum pension benefit under this  
1 subsection may elect to receive such pension benefit in any form

2 permitted by subsection (1) of this section, including a single lump-sum  
3 payment, if the firefighter retires on or after January 1, 1997, or if  
4 the city has adopted a lump-sum distribution option for firefighters  
5 retiring before January 1, 1997, in the funding medium for the retirement  
6 system. If the minimum pension benefit is paid in the form of an optional  
7 annuity benefit or a single lump-sum payment, such benefit or payment  
8 shall be the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would otherwise be  
9 paid to the firefighter pursuant to this subsection.  
10 If the firefighter chooses the single lump-sum payment option, the  
11 firefighter may request that the actuarial equivalent be equal to the  
12 average of the cost of two annuity contracts based on products available  
13 for purchase in Nebraska, if the difference between the cost of the two  
14 annuity contracts does not exceed five percent. Of the two annuity  
15 contracts used for comparison, one shall be chosen by the firefighter and  
16 one shall be chosen by the city. If the difference between the two  
17 annuity contracts exceeds five percent, the retirement committee shall  
18 review the costs of the two annuity contracts and make a recommendation  
19 to the city council as to the amount of the lump-sum payment to be made  
20 to the firefighter. The city council shall, after a hearing, determine  
21 the amount of the single lump-sum payment due the firefighter. The  
22 annuity contracts used for comparison shall all use the same type of sex-  
23 neutral basis benefit calculation.  
24 (3) If the retirement value of a firefighter entitled to a minimum  
25 pension benefit under subsection (2) of this section is not sufficient at  
26 the time of the first payment to purchase or provide the required pension  
27 benefit, the city shall utilize such funds as may be necessary from the  
28 unallocated employer account of the retirement system to purchase or  
29 provide for the required pension benefit.  
30 (4) Any retiring firefighter whose pension benefit is less than  
31 twenty-five dollars per month on the straight life annuity option shall  
1 be paid a lump-sum settlement equal to the retirement value in lieu of  
2 annuity and shall not be entitled to elect to receive annuity benefits.  
3 Sec. 3. Sections 2 and 4 of this act become operative on October 1,  
4 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective  
5 date.  
6 Sec. 4. Original section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
7 Nebraska, is repealed.  
8 Sec. 5. Original section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
9 Nebraska, is repealed.

The Juarez amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER25](#)

- 1 1. On page 3, line 2, strike "(a)" and insert "(A)"; and in line 4
- 2 strike "(b)" and insert "(B)".
- 3 2. On page 4, line 12, after "association" insert an underscored
- 4 comma.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 13.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 3.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 193.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24CA.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM565](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) The suicide mortality review team is established in
- 4 the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
- 5 (2) For purposes of sections 1 to 6 of this act:
- 6 (a) Department means the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
- 7 (b) Director means the Director of the Department of Veterans'
- 8 Affairs or the director's designee; and
- 9 (c) Review team means the suicide mortality review team established
- 10 in subsection (1) of this section.
- 11 Sec. 2. (1) The suicide mortality review team shall consist of the
- 12 following members: (a) The director; (b) a representative of the Nebraska
- 13 Violent Death Reporting System; (c) a representative of Nebraska Local
- 14 Outreach to Suicide Loss Survivors; (d) a representative of Division of
- 15 Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.
- 16 (2) The director shall appoint the following individuals to be
- 17 additional members of the suicide mortality review team: (a) An education
- 18 administrator; (b) a hospital representative; (c) an emergency medical
- 19 services representative; (d) a member of law enforcement; (e) a mental
- 20 health professional or a licensed clinical social worker; (f) a veteran
- 21 representative; and (g) additional members as needed.
- 22 (3) The department shall provide professional and administrative
- 23 support to the review team.
- 24 Sec. 3. The suicide mortality review team shall:
- 25 (1) Develop a suicide mortalities data collection system;
- 26 (2) Conduct an annual analysis of the incidences and causes of
- 27 suicides in this state during the preceding fiscal year;
- 1 (3) Develop protocols for suicide investigations, including
- 2 protocols for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, medical examiners,
- 3 health care facilities, and social service agencies;
- 4 (4) Study the adequacy of statutes, ordinances, rules, training, and
- 5 services to determine the changes required to decrease the incidence of

6 preventable suicides and, as appropriate, take steps to implement these  
7 changes;

8 (5) Educate the public regarding the incidences and causes of  
9 suicide and the public's role in preventing these deaths; and

10 (6) Designate a member of the suicide mortality review team to serve  
11 as chairperson.

12 Sec. 4. The review team shall establish a cooperative agreement  
13 with the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System to allow for the sharing  
14 and storing of all information relevant to the review team's review  
15 process, including, but not limited to, data collection and reporting  
16 within the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System.

17 Sec. 5. (1) Upon request by the director, a county attorney or the  
18 Attorney General may issue a subpoena to compel the production of any  
19 records or information specified in this section. Any subpoenaed  
20 information shall be entered into the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting  
21 System and provided to the review team using an aggregate narrative only.  
22 Such sources include, but are not limited to, (a) death investigation  
23 reports from a coroner, (b) forensic autopsy reports, (c) subject to  
24 subsection (3) of this section, law enforcement reports, including  
25 probation and corrections reports, (d) medical records and discharge  
26 notes, including hospital, primary care, outpatient, and specialist  
27 records, (e) mental health therapy notes, (f) substance use or treatment  
28 reports, (g) school records, (h) emergency medical services data, (i)  
29 prescription drug monitoring program data, (j) toxicology findings, (k)  
30 interviews with next of kin when available and willing to participate,  
31 and (l) employment records.

1 (2) A review team shall have access to information and records  
2 relating to a suicide under review by the review team. Within five  
3 business days of a review team's request, it shall be provided with  
4 access to the information requested.

5 (3) A law enforcement agency, with the approval of the prosecuting  
6 attorney, may withhold from a review team investigative records that may  
7 interfere with a pending criminal investigation or prosecution.

8 (4) All information and records acquired by a review team are  
9 confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction  
10 into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding, except that  
11 information, documents, and records that are otherwise available from  
12 other sources are not immune from subpoena, discovery, or introduction  
13 into evidence through those sources solely because they were presented  
14 to, or reviewed by, a review team.

15 (5) Members of a review team, individuals attending a review team  
16 meeting, and individuals who present information to a review team shall  
17 not be questioned in any civil or criminal proceeding regarding  
18 information presented in a meeting or opinions formed as a result of a  
19 meeting. This subsection does not prevent an individual from testifying  
20 to information that is obtained independently of a review conducted by a  
21 review team or that is public information.

22 (6) A member of a review team may contact, interview, or request  
23 information from a family member of an individual who died by suicide.  
24 The review team shall approve any contact, interview, or request before  
25 the review team member contacts, interviews, or requests information from  
26 such family member.

27 Sec. 6. (1)(a) No later than April 1, 2026, and each April 1  
28 thereafter, the review team shall prepare and submit electronically to  
29 the Clerk of the Legislature, the Department of Health and Human  
30 Services, and other nonprofit organizations, a report that summarizes the  
31 following information for each individual who died by suicide reviewed by  
1 the review team in the previous calendar year: (i) Cause of death; (ii)  
2 factors contributing to the death; (iii) age; (iv) sex; (v) race; (vi)  
3 geographic location at the time of death; and (vii) date of death.

4 (b) The report shall also include the number of suicide deaths that  
5 were not reviewed in the previous calendar year.  
6 (2) The report may include recommendations for actions that may  
7 prevent additional suicide deaths and any other information, as  
8 determined by the review team.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 696.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM499](#)

1 1. On page 4, lines 14 and 16, strike "board" and insert "State  
2 Board of Landscape Architects"; in line 27 strike "successor"; in line 28  
3 reinstate the stricken matter; and in line 29 strike "successor" and  
4 insert "equivalent as determined by the State Board of Landscape  
5 Architects".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Education

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

LB605 (cancel)

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to [LB605](#):

[MO65](#)

Withdraw LB605.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM97](#), found on page 486, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew [FA20](#), found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 present and not voting.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA30](#)

After "school" on line 10, strike "district"

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Lonowski
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	McKeon
Clouse	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 18:

Andersen	Hardin	Kauth	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Moser	Storm	
Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Brandt	Riepe
Ballard	Hallstrom	
Bosn	Quick	

Absent and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	DeKay	Dungan	Hughes	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Hansen	Raybould	

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKinney	Prokop	Sanders
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The M. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 12 ayes, 18 nays, 7 present and not voting, 9 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 499.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM438](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 19 and 25, after "28-319" insert ", 28-319.01,".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

## Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 305.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 628.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 391.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM187](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 401.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM284](#)

- 1 1. Strike original sections 1, 2, 6, and 7.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 accordingly.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

## Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 119.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 217.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to [LB230](#):  
[AM597](#)

(Amendments to AM381)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 16. Section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 77-5601 (1) From August 1, 2004, through October 31, 2004, there
- 5 shall be conducted a tax amnesty program with regard to taxes due and
- 6 owing that have not been reported to the Department of Revenue. Any
- 7 person applying for tax amnesty shall pay all unreported taxes that were
- 8 due on or before April 1, 2004. Any person that applies for tax amnesty
- 9 and is accepted by the Tax Commissioner shall have any penalties and
- 10 interest waived on unreported and delinquent taxes notwithstanding any
- 11 other provisions of law to the contrary.
- 12 (2) To be eligible for the tax amnesty provided by this section, the
- 13 person shall apply for amnesty within the amnesty period, file a return
- 14 for each taxable period for which the amnesty is requested by December
- 15 31, 2004, if no return has been filed, and pay in full all taxes for
- 16 which amnesty is sought with the return or within thirty days after the
- 17 application if a return was filed prior to the amnesty period. Tax
- 18 amnesty shall not be available for any person that is under civil or
- 19 criminal audit, investigation, or prosecution for unreported or
- 20 delinquent taxes by this state or the United States Government on or
- 21 before April 16, 2004.
- 22 (3) The department shall not seek civil or criminal prosecution
- 23 against any person for any taxable period for which amnesty has been
- 24 granted. The Tax Commissioner shall develop forms for applying for the
- 25 tax amnesty program, develop procedures for qualification for tax
- 26 amnesty, and conduct a public awareness campaign publicizing the program.
- 1 (4) If a person elects to participate in the amnesty program, the



2 election shall constitute an express and irrevocable relinquishment of  
3 all administrative and judicial rights to challenge the imposition of the  
4 tax or its amount. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department  
5 from adjusting a return as a result of any state or federal audit.  
6 (5)(a) Except for any local option sales tax collected and returned  
7 to the appropriate municipality and any motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel,  
8 and compressed fuel taxes, which shall be deposited in the Highway Trust  
9 Fund or Highway Allocation Fund as provided by law, no less than eighty  
10 percent of all revenue received pursuant to the tax amnesty program shall  
11 be deposited in the General Fund and ten percent, not to exceed five  
12 hundred thousand dollars, shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue  
13 Enforcement Fund. Any amount that would otherwise be deposited in the  
14 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund that is in excess of the five-  
15 hundred-thousand-dollar limitation shall be deposited in the General  
16 Fund.  
17 (b) For fiscal year 2005-06, all proceeds in the Department of  
18 Revenue Enforcement Fund shall be appropriated to the department for  
19 purposes of employing investigators, agents, and auditors and otherwise  
20 increasing personnel for enforcement of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.  
21 (c) For fiscal years after fiscal year 2005-06, twenty percent of  
22 all proceeds received during the previous calendar year due to the  
23 efforts of auditors and investigators hired pursuant to subdivision (5)  
24 (b) of this section, not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars,  
25 shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for  
26 purposes of employing investigators and auditors or continuing such  
27 employment for purposes of increasing enforcement of the act.  
28 (d) Ten percent of all proceeds received during each calendar year  
29 due to the contracts entered into pursuant to section 77-367 shall be  
30 deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for purposes of  
31 identifying nonfilers of returns, underreporters, nonpayers of taxes, and  
1 improper or fraudulent payments.  
2 (6)(a) The department shall prepare a report by April 1, 2005, and  
3 by February 1 of each year thereafter detailing the results of the tax  
4 amnesty program and the subsequent enforcement efforts. For the report  
5 due April 1, 2005, the report shall include (i) the amount of revenue  
6 obtained as a result of the tax amnesty program broken down by tax  
7 program, (ii) the amount obtained from instate taxpayers and from out-of-  
8 state taxpayers, and (iii) the amount obtained from individual taxpayers  
9 and from business enterprises.  
10 (b) For reports due in subsequent years, the report shall include  
11 (i) the number of personnel hired for purposes of subdivision (5)(b) of  
12 this section and their duties, (ii) a description of lists, software,  
13 programming, computer equipment, and other technological methods acquired  
14 and the purposes of each, and (iii) the amount of new revenue obtained as  
15 a result of the new personnel and acquisitions during the prior calendar  
16 year, broken down into the same categories as described in subdivision  
17 (6)(a) of this section.  
18 (7) The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund is created. Transfers  
19 may be made from the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund to the  
20 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The Department of  
21 Revenue Enforcement Fund may receive transfers from the Civic and  
22 Community Center Financing Fund at the direction of the Legislature for  
23 the purpose of administering the Sports Arena Facility Financing  
24 Assistance Act. The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund shall include  
25 any money credited to the fund (a) under section 77-2703, and such money  
26 shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred  
27 to implement Laws 2019, LB237, (b) under the Mechanical Amusement Device  
28 Tax Act, and such money shall be used by the department to defray the  
29 costs incurred to implement and enforce Laws 2019, LB538, and any rules  
30 and regulations adopted and promulgated to carry out Laws 2019, LB538,

31 (c) under section 77-2906, and such money shall be used by the Department  
 1 of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to implement Laws 2020, LB310,  
 2 (d) under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, and such money shall be  
 3 used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to  
 4 administer the act, and (c)(d) under section 77-3,124. Any money in the  
 5 Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund available for investment shall be  
 6 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 7 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
 8 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
 9 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.  
 10 (8) For purposes of this section, taxes mean any taxes collected by  
 11 the department, including, but not limited to state and local sales and  
 12 use taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, financial institutions  
 13 deposit taxes, motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel, and compressed fuel  
 14 taxes, cigarette taxes, transfer taxes, and charitable gaming taxes.  
 15 Sec. 18. Original section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 16 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.  
 17 2. On page 5, line 1, strike the second occurrence of "and"; and in  
 18 line 5 after the period insert "The department shall remit such fees to  
 19 the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Revenue Enforcement  
 20 Fund; and".  
 21 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue  
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
 LB650 (reschedule)  
 LB707  
 LB510  
 LB157

Note: LB707 and LB510 will be a combined hearing.

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025  
 LB484  
 LB330  
 LB234  
 LB683

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

State-Tribal Relations - LB78  
 Business and Labor - LB415

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Nitya Haridas, Lincoln; students from Superior Elementary, Superior; former Senator Tom Brewer; AmeriCorps members with International Council for Refugees and Immigrants, Omaha; students and teachers from College of St. Mary; Cole Porter, Katie Porter and Ruth Ecker, Papillion; members of Seward County Rising Stars; students from Arbor View Elementary, Elkhorn; Sarpy County Leadership group; members from the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce; students from Jefferson Elementary, Norfolk.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Patrick Hotovy, York.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:06 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-SECOND DAY - MARCH 12, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Kaitlin Reece, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Arch, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-first day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 11, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A were received in my office on March 6, 2025, and signed March 11, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

March 11, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 229 was received in my office on March 10, 2025, and signed on March 11, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Urban Affairs - LB287  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB198

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Tyson Terry competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Terry won the Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Roberto Macias-Sidzyik of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Terry is the first wrestler in Nebraska state history to win four state wrestling championships at the heavyweight division going 169-0; 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 Omaha North High School wrestler Tyson Terry on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Tyson Terry.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 68.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Dortch competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Dortch won the Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Myles Sanchez of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Dortch maintained an undefeated 49-0 season; 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 Omaha North High School wrestler Jermaine Dortch on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Jermaine Dortch.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 61, 62, and 63 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 61, 62, and 63.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 719:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Candice Batton

Shawn Eatherton

David Nelson

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hughes	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Arch	Dover	Hunt	Raybould
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The appointments were confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

General Affairs - LB9 and LB677

Quick - LB257



**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 148, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(4)(a)

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(3)

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 69.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Riepe, 12.

WHEREAS, the American Legion was founded in Paris, France, on March 15, 1919, and March 15, 2025, marks the one-hundred-sixth anniversary of the founding of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, as one of the largest nonprofit United States veteran organizations in the world, the American Legion provides support to the United States military and veterans and their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America" and the American Legion has been a stalwart advocate for the well-being of Nebraskan veterans for one hundred six years; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion posts in Nebraska help promote the four pillars of the American Legion: children and youth, Americanism, national security, and veterans affairs and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska American Legion has over twenty-two thousand Legionnaires and three hundred forty-seven posts statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the American Legion for one hundred six years of service and appreciates its continued support for the military and veterans across Nebraska and all of the United States.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the American Legion on one hundred six years of service to the military and veterans.
2. That the Legislature expresses appreciation to all Nebraska Legionnaires for their contributions to the state and to the nation.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Legion Department of Nebraska.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 135.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM99](#), found on page 519, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft offered [AM477](#), found on page 653.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 3 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 9 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 610.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM267](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike "equal", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "not exceed"; and in line 14 after "The" insert "department may
- 3 distribute" and strike "shall be distributed exclusively" and show as
- 4 stricken.
- 5 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "shall", show as stricken, and insert

6 "may".

7 3. On page 4, lines 2 and 6, strike "shall", show as stricken, and

8 insert "may"; and in line 23 strike "2025" and insert "2026".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:

#### FA31

On page 2, line 20 strike "total" and insert "delta-9".

#### FA32

On page 2, line 18 strike "viable".

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB568:

#### AM508

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM269)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

3 2024, is amended to read:

4 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor  
5 vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license  
6 plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number  
7 consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or  
8 trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than  
9 three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered  
10 so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated  
11 by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the  
12 license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the  
13 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the  
14 State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed  
15 vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half  
16 the size of those required in this section.

17 (2)(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.

18 ~~(b)(2)(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two  
19 license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.

20 ~~(c)(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable  
21 vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles,  
22 other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the  
23 special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued  
24 under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.

25 ~~(d)(i)(e)(i)~~ One license plate shall be issued, upon request and  
26 compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not  
1 manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to  
2 display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license  
3 plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be  
4 displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a  
5 single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional  
6 annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of  
7 the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All  
8 fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State  
9 Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

10 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county  
11 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a  
12 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county  
13 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the  
14 plate.

15 ~~(e)(d)~~ When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently  
 16 displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered  
 17 motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be  
 18 prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or  
 19 trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered  
 20 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently  
 21 displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.

22 ~~(3)(a)~~ This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.

23 ~~(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor  
 24 vehicle or trailer.

25 ~~(c)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license  
 26 plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently  
 27 displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

28 ~~(d)~~ When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered  
 29 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall  
 30 be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or  
 31 truck-tractor.

1 2. On page 1, lines 8, 17, and 19; page 2, lines 5 and 22; page 3,  
 2 lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page 8, line 4; page 35,  
 3 lines 1, 6, 13, and 28; page 36, lines 6 and 28; page 37, line 10; page  
 4 38, line 30; page 39, line 6; page 44, lines 6 and 20; page 45, lines 3,  
 5 11, 21, and 31; page 46, line 13; and page 47, line 5, strike "25" and  
 6 insert "26".

7 3. On page 3, line 2; page 8, line 3; and page 39, line 10, strike  
 8 "23" and insert "24".

9 4. On page 3, lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page  
 10 8, line 3; page 35, line 13; and page 39, line 10, strike "24" and insert  
 11 "25".

12 5. On page 47, line 18, after "60-396," insert "60-3,100,".

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB170:

AM603

1 1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 53-160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:

4 53-160 ~~(1)(a)(4)~~ For the purpose of raising revenue, a tax is  
 5 imposed upon the privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer or a  
 6 wholesaler at a rate of:

7 ~~(i) Thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer manufactured and sold by~~  
 8 ~~such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in~~  
 9 ~~the course of such business;~~

10 ~~(ii) Ninety-five cents per gallon for wine manufactured and sold by~~  
 11 ~~such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in~~  
 12 ~~the course of such business, except for wines produced and released from~~  
 13 ~~bond in farm wineries;~~

14 ~~(iii) Six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond~~  
 15 ~~in farm wineries and manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or~~  
 16 ~~shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such~~  
 17 ~~business;~~

18 ~~(iv) Two dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on alcohol and~~  
 19 ~~spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures~~  
 20 ~~and sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the~~  
 21 ~~course of such business, one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or~~  
 22 ~~spirits or less within such calendar year; and~~

23 ~~(v) Four dollars and fifty cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits~~  
 24 ~~that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures and~~  
 25 ~~sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the~~  
 26 ~~course of such business, more than one hundred thousand gallons of~~  
 27 ~~alcohol or spirits within such calendar year.~~

1 ~~thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer; ninety-five cents per~~

2 gallon for wine, except for wines produced and released from bond in farm  
 3 wineries; six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond  
 4 in farm wineries; and three dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on  
 5 alcohol and spirits manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped  
 6 for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business.

7 (b) The gallonage tax imposed by this subsection shall be imposed  
 8 only on alcoholic liquor upon which a federal excise tax is imposed.  
 9 (2) Manufacturers or wholesalers of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt  
 10 from the payment of the gallonage tax on such alcoholic liquor upon  
 11 satisfactory proof, including bills of lading furnished to the commission  
 12 by affidavit or otherwise as the commission may require, that such  
 13 alcoholic liquor was manufactured in this state but shipped out of the  
 14 state for sale and consumption outside this state.

15 (3) Dry wines or fortified wines manufactured or shipped into this  
 16 state solely and exclusively for sacramental purposes and uses shall not  
 17 be subject to the gallonage tax.

18 (4) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon any alcoholic  
 19 liquor, whether manufactured in or shipped into this state, when sold to  
 20 a licensed nonbeverage user for use in the manufacture of any of the  
 21 following when such products are unfit for beverage purposes: Patent and  
 22 proprietary medicines and medicinal, antiseptic, and toilet preparations;  
 23 flavoring extracts, syrups, food products, and confections or candy;  
 24 scientific, industrial, and chemical products, except denatured alcohol;  
 25 or products for scientific, chemical, experimental, or mechanical  
 26 purposes.

27 (5) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon the privilege of  
 28 engaging in any business in interstate commerce or otherwise, which  
 29 business may not, under the Constitution and statutes of the United  
 30 States, be made the subject of taxation by this state.

31 (6) The gallonage tax shall be in addition to all other occupation  
 1 or privilege taxes imposed by this state or by any municipal corporation  
 2 or political subdivision thereof.

3 (7) The commission shall collect the gallonage tax and shall account  
 4 for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each week all money  
 5 collected pursuant to this section. If any alcoholic liquor manufactured  
 6 in or shipped into this state is sold to a licensed manufacturer or  
 7 wholesaler of this state to be used solely as an ingredient in the  
 8 manufacture of any beverage for human consumption, the tax imposed upon  
 9 such manufacturer or wholesaler shall be reduced by the amount of the  
 10 taxes which have been paid as to such alcoholic liquor so used under the  
 11 Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The net proceeds of all revenue arising  
 12 under this section shall be credited to the General Fund.

13 Sec. 2. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 14 2024, is amended to read:

15 77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling  
 16 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner  
 17 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all  
 18 other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift,  
 19 or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows:  
 20 (a) On each package of cigarettes intended to be burned which  
 21 containsecontaining not more than twenty cigarettes, one dollar and  
 22 thirty-sixsixty-four cents per package; and on packages containing more  
 23 than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing  
 24 not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each  
 25 package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty  
 26 cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each  
 27 package; or-

28 (b) On each package of cigarettes intended to be heated which  
 29 contains not more than twenty cigarettes, thirty-two cents per package;  
 30 and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as

31 provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the  
1 first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the  
2 tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty  
3 cigarettes in each package.

4 (2) Beginning ~~July 1, 2025~~ October 1, 2004, the State Treasurer shall  
5 place the equivalent of ~~one dollar and twenty-one~~ forty-nine cents of  
6 ~~the such tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section in the~~  
7 General Fund. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified  
8 number of cents of the tax ~~imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this~~  
9 ~~section~~ shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the  
10 specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes  
11 containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

12 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of  
13 ~~the such tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section as follows:~~

14 (a) Beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place the  
15 equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation  
16 Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after  
17 FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than  
18 the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money  
19 needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the  
20 FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

21 (b) Beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place the  
22 equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services  
23 Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year  
24 distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this  
25 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this  
26 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount  
27 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce  
28 the distribution to the General Fund;

29 (c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes  
30 of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State  
31 Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the  
1 Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision  
2 shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for  
3 FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this  
4 subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the  
5 General Fund;

6 (d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the  
7 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred  
8 twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety  
9 Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall  
10 reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to  
11 subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the  
12 distribution pursuant to this subdivision; and

13 (e) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the  
14 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred  
15 fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.  
16 If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax  
17 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section  
18 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this  
19 subdivision.

20 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of ~~the such tax imposed under~~  
21 ~~subdivision (1)(a) of this section pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of~~  
22 this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall  
23 place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.

24 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects  
25 funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical  
26 importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature  
27 that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such  
28 fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the

29 construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects  
30 funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any  
31 reductions in the cigarette tax rate imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of  
1 this section that are made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously  
2 accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount dedicated to the  
3 General Fund from such cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the  
4 Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax imposed  
5 under subdivision (1)(a) of this section for projects or programs other  
6 than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation  
7 Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d)  
8 the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (e) the Nebraska Public Safety  
9 Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) the Nebraska Health Care Cash  
10 Fund shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any  
11 of the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (f) of  
12 this subsection.

13 (6) Beginning July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer shall place all of  
14 the cigarette tax revenue received pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this  
15 section in the General Fund.

16 Sec. 4. Section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
17 amended to read:

18 81-638 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the  
19 Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human  
20 Services Cash Fund to the department an amount derived from one cent of  
21 the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of ~~by~~ section 77-2602,  
22 less any amount appropriated from the fund specifically to the University  
23 of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases.  
24 The department shall, after deducting expenses incurred in the  
25 administration of such funds, distribute such funds exclusively for  
26 grants and contracts for research of cancer and smoking diseases, for  
27 funding the cancer registry prescribed in sections 81-642 to 81-650, and  
28 for associated expenses due to the establishment and maintenance of such  
29 cancer registry. Not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be  
30 appropriated for funding the cancer registry and associated expenses. The  
31 University of Nebraska may receive such grants and contracts, and other  
1 postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in the  
2 State of Nebraska may receive such contracts.

3 (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall  
4 appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to  
5 the department for cancer research an amount derived from two cents of  
6 the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of ~~by~~ section 77-2602  
7 to be used exclusively for grants and contracts for research on cancer  
8 and smoking diseases. No amount shall be appropriated or used pursuant to  
9 this subsection for the operation and associated expenses of the cancer  
10 registry. Not more than one-half of the funds appropriated pursuant to  
11 this subsection shall be distributed to the University of Nebraska  
12 Medical Center for research in cancer and allied diseases and the  
13 University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied  
14 Diseases. The remaining funds available pursuant to this subsection shall  
15 be distributed for contracts with other postsecondary educational  
16 institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska which have  
17 cancer research programs for the purpose of conducting research in cancer  
18 and allied diseases.

19 (3) Any contract between the department and another postsecondary  
20 educational institution for cancer research under subsection (2) of this  
21 section shall provide that:

22 (a) Any money appropriated for such contract shall only be used for  
23 cancer research and shall not be used to support any other program in the  
24 institution;

25 (b) Full and detailed reporting of the expenditure of all funds  
26 under the contract is required. The report shall include, but not be

27 limited to, separate accounting for personal services, equipment  
 28 purchases or leases, and supplies. Such reports shall be made available  
 29 electronically to the Legislature; and  
 30 (c) No money appropriated for such contract shall be spent for  
 31 travel, building construction, or any other purpose not directly related  
 1 to the research that is the subject of the contract.  
 2 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from  
 3 the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before  
 4 June 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
 5 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
 6 Administrative Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
 7 transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to  
 8 the Cancer Research subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund  
 9 which were in excess of appropriations established in subsections (1) and  
 10 (2) of this section.  
 11 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
 12 Sec. 7. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 13 passed and approved according to law.  
 14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 15 accordingly.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB230:  
[AM577](#) is available in the Bill Room.

### ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

J. Cavanaugh - LB192  
 Hardin - LB168  
 Bosn - LB559  
 Clements - LB468  
 Natural Resources - LB36 and LB317

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue  
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

LB643  
 LB558  
 LB649  
 LB647  
 LB648

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Dungan filed the following proposed rule change:



Amend Rule 5, Sec. 4(d) to add "Bills introduced under Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) will not be included in the limitation.", and to remove language, "Starting with the 2025 legislative session,".

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM27](#), found on page 519, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Youth Leadership Kearney; members of the Girl Scouts, Lincoln; students from David City Elementary, Bellwood; Sally Grandgenett, Joanna Lindberg, Kathy Knowlton, and Denise Jardine, Ashland; Mark Daly, Chair of the Irish Senate; students from Joslyn Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Angela McLaughlin, Wayne.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FORTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 13, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Michael Eckelkamp, Christ Lincoln, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dorn, and Guereca, who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-second day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 6.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 93.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM362**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 29-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 29-1912 (1) When a defendant is charged with a felony or when a  
6 defendant is charged with a misdemeanor or a violation of a city or  
7 village ordinance for which imprisonment is a possible penalty, he or she  
8 may request the court where the case is to be tried, at any time after

9 the filing of the indictment, information, or complaint, to order the  
10 prosecuting attorney to permit the defendant to inspect and copy or  
11 photograph:  
12 (a) The defendant's statement, if any. For purposes of this  
13 subdivision, statement includes any of the following which relate to the  
14 investigation of the underlying charge or charges in the case and which  
15 were developed or received by law enforcement agencies:  
16 (i) Written or recorded statements;  
17 (ii) Written summaries of oral statements; and  
18 (iii) The substance of oral statements;  
19 (b) The defendant's prior criminal record, if any;  
20 (c) The defendant's recorded testimony before a grand jury;  
21 (d) The names and addresses of witnesses on whose evidence the  
22 charge is based;  
23 (e) The results and reports, in any form, of physical or mental  
24 examinations, and of scientific tests, or experiments made in connection  
25 with the particular case, or copies thereof;  
26 (f) Documents, papers, books, accounts, letters, photographs,  
27 objects, or other tangible things of whatsoever kind or nature which  
28 could be used as evidence by the prosecuting authority; and  
29 (g) Reports developed or received by law enforcement agencies when  
30 such reports directly relate to the investigation of the underlying  
31 charge or charges in the case.  
32 (2) The court may issue such an order pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~  
33 this section. In the exercise of its judicial discretion, the court shall  
34 consider, among other things, whether:  
35 (a) The request is material to the preparation of the defense;  
36 (b) The request is not made primarily for the purpose of harassing  
37 the prosecution or its witnesses;  
38 (c) The request, if granted, would not unreasonably delay the trial  
39 of the offense and an earlier request by the defendant could not have  
40 reasonably been made;  
41 (d) There is no substantial likelihood that the request, if granted,  
42 would preclude a just determination of the issues at the trial of the  
43 offense; or  
44 (e) The request, if granted, would not result in the possibility of  
45 bodily harm to, or coercion of, witnesses.  
46 (3) Whenever the court refuses to grant an order pursuant to the  
47 provisions of this section, it shall render its findings in writing  
48 together with the facts upon which the findings are based.  
49 (4) Whenever the prosecuting attorney believes that the granting of  
50 an order under the provisions of this section will result in the  
51 possibility of bodily harm to witnesses or that witnesses will be  
52 coerced, the court may permit him or her to make such a showing in the  
53 form of a written statement to be inspected by the court alone. The  
54 statement shall be sealed and preserved in the records of the court to be  
55 made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal by the  
56 defendant.  
57 (5) This section is subject to the continuing duty of disclosure  
58 under section 29-1918.  
59 ~~(6)(5)~~ This section does not apply to jailhouse informants as  
60 defined in section 29-4701. Sections 29-4701 to 29-4706 govern jailhouse  
61 informants.  
62 Sec. 2. Section 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
63 2024, is amended to read:  
64 29-1918 A party who discovers additional evidence or material before  
65 or during trial must promptly disclose its existence to the other party  
66 or the court if:  
67 (1) The evidence or material is subject to discovery or inspection  
68 under sections 29-1912 to 29-1921; and

11 ~~(2) The other party previously requested, or the court ordered, the~~  
 12 ~~production of such evidence or material. If, subsequent to compliance with~~  
 13 ~~an order for discovery under the provisions of sections 29-1912 to~~  
 14 ~~29-1921, and prior to or during trial, a party discovers additional~~  
 15 ~~material which the party would have been under a duty to disclose or~~  
 16 ~~produce at the time of such previous compliance, the party shall promptly~~  
 17 ~~notify the other party or the other party's attorney and the court of the~~  
 18 ~~existence of the additional material. Such notice shall be given at the~~  
 19 ~~time of the discovery of such additional material.~~  
 20 Sec. 3. Original sections 29-1912 and 29-1918, Revised Statutes  
 21 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 475.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM572](#)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
 3 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed  
 4 and approved according to law.  
 5 2. On page 24, line 8, strike "or" and show as stricken; in line 10  
 6 strike the period, show as stricken, and insert "; or"; and after line 10  
 7 insert the following new subdivision:  
 8 "(4) Tianeptine, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever  
 9 the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible  
 10 within the specific chemical designation."  
 11 3. On page 33, lines 28 through 30, strike the new matter and  
 12 reinstate the stricken matter.  
 13 4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 641.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM538](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 4 2024, is amended to read:  
 5 68-919 (1) The recipient of medical assistance under the medical  
 6 assistance program shall be indebted to the department for the total  
 7 amount paid for medical assistance on behalf of the recipient if:  
 8 (a) The recipient was fifty-five years of age or older at the time  
 9 the medical assistance was provided; or  
 10 (b) The recipient resided in a medical institution and, at the time  
 11 of institutionalization or application for medical assistance, whichever  
 12 is later, the department determines that the recipient could not have  
 13 reasonably been expected to be discharged and resume living at home. For  
 14 purposes of this section, medical institution means a nursing facility,  
 15 an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental  
 16 disabilities, an assisted living facility, or an inpatient hospital.  
 17 ~~(2)(a)~~(2) The debt accruing under subsection (1) of this section  
 18 arises during the life of the recipient but shall be held in abeyance  
 19 until the death of the recipient. Any such debt to the department that  
 20 exists when the recipient dies shall be recovered only after the death of  
 21 the recipient's spouse, if any, and only after the recipient is not  
 22 survived by a child who either is under twenty-one years of age or is  
 23 blind or totally and permanently disabled as defined by the Supplemental  
 24 Security Income criteria. In recovering such debt, the department shall  
 25 not foreclose on a lien on the home of the recipient ~~(i)(a)~~ if a sibling  
 26 of the recipient with an equity interest in the home has lawfully resided  
 27 in the home for at least one year before the recipient's admission and  
 1 has lived there continuously since the date of the recipient's admission  
 2 or ~~(ii)(b)~~ while the home is the residence of an adult child who has

3 lived in the recipient's home for at least two years immediately before  
4 the recipient was institutionalized, has lived there continuously since  
5 that time, and can establish to the satisfaction of the department that  
6 he or she provided care that delayed the recipient's admission.

7 (b) A written attestation by a physician stating that a sibling or  
8 an adult child of a recipient provided care that delayed the recipient's  
9 admission to a medical institution shall be sufficient documentation for  
10 the department to avoid foreclosure on the lien described in this  
11 subsection.

12 (3) The debt shall include the total amount of medical assistance  
13 provided when the recipient was fifty-five years of age or older or  
14 during a period of institutionalization as described in subsection (1) of  
15 this section and shall not include interest.

16 (4)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the debt specified  
17 in subsection (1) of this section be collected by the department before  
18 any portion of the estate of a recipient of medical assistance is enjoyed  
19 by or transferred to a person not specified in subsection (2) of this  
20 section as a result of the death of such recipient. The debt may be  
21 recovered from the estate of a recipient of medical assistance. The  
22 department shall undertake all reasonable and cost-effective measures to  
23 enforce recovery under the Medical Assistance Act. All persons specified  
24 in subsections (2) and (4) of this section shall cooperate with the  
25 department in the enforcement of recovery under the act.

26 (b) For purposes of this section:

27 (i) Estate of a recipient of medical assistance means any real  
28 estate, personal property, or other asset in which the recipient had any  
29 legal title or interest at or immediately preceding the time of the  
30 recipient's death, to the extent of such interests. In furtherance and  
31 not in limitation of the foregoing, the estate of a recipient of medical  
1 assistance also includes:

2 (A) Assets to be transferred to a beneficiary described in section  
3 77-2004 or 77-2005 in relation to the recipient through a revocable trust  
4 or other similar arrangement which has become irrevocable by reason of  
5 the recipient's death; and

6 (B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subdivision (3) or  
7 (4) of section 68-923, assets conveyed or otherwise transferred to a  
8 survivor, an heir, an assignee, a beneficiary, or a devisee of the  
9 recipient of medical assistance through joint tenancy, tenancy in common,  
10 transfer on death deed, survivorship, conveyance of a remainder interest,  
11 retention of a life estate or of an estate for a period of time, living  
12 trust, or other arrangement by which value or possession is transferred  
13 to or realized by the beneficiary of the conveyance or transfer at or as  
14 a result of the recipient's death. Such other arrangements include  
15 insurance policies or annuities in which the recipient of medical  
16 assistance had at the time of death any incidents of ownership of the  
17 policy or annuity or the power to designate beneficiaries and any pension  
18 rights or completed retirement plans or accounts of the recipient. A  
19 completed retirement plan or account is one which because of the death of  
20 the recipient of medical assistance ceases to have elements of retirement  
21 relating to such recipient and under which one or more beneficiaries  
22 exist after such recipient's death; and

23 (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subdivision (4)(b)  
24 of this section, estate of a recipient of medical assistance does not  
25 include:

26 (A) Insurance proceeds, any trust account subject to the Burial Pre-  
27 Need Sale Act, or any limited lines funeral insurance policy to the  
28 extent used to pay for funeral, burial, or cremation expenses of the  
29 recipient of medical assistance;

30 (B) Conveyances of real estate made prior to August 24, 2017, that  
31 are subject to the grantor's retention of a life estate or an estate for

1 a period of time;  
2 (C) Life estate interests in real estate after sixty months from the  
3 date of recording a deed with retention of a life estate by the recipient  
4 of medical assistance; ~~and~~  
5 (D) Any pension rights or completed retirement plans to the extent  
6 that such rights or plans are exempt from claims for reimbursement of  
7 medical assistance under federal law; ~~and~~;  
8 (E) Life estate interests in real estate after twelve months from  
9 the recording of a deed with retention of a life estate by the recipient  
10 of medical assistance if a relative resides solely and continuously with  
11 the recipient and establishes to the satisfaction of the department that  
12 the relative provided care that delayed the recipient's admission to a  
13 medical institution. A written attestation by a physician stating that  
14 the relative of the recipient provided care that delayed the recipient's  
15 admission to a medical institution shall be sufficient documentation to  
16 exclude the life estate interest from the recipient's estate under this  
17 subdivision.  
18 (c) The department, upon application of the personal representative  
19 of an estate, any person or entity otherwise authorized under the  
20 Nebraska Probate Code to act on behalf of a decedent, any person or  
21 entity having an interest in assets of the decedent which are subject to  
22 this subsection, a successor trustee of a revocable trust or other  
23 similar arrangement which has become irrevocable by reason of the  
24 decedent's death, or any other person or entity holding assets of the  
25 decedent described in this subsection, shall timely certify to the  
26 applicant, that as of a designated date, whether medical assistance  
27 reimbursement is due or an application for medical assistance was pending  
28 that may result in medical assistance reimbursement due. An application  
29 for a certificate under this subdivision shall be provided to the  
30 department in a delivery manner and at an address designated by the  
31 department, which manner may include email. The department shall post the  
1 acceptable manner of delivery on its website. Any application that fails  
2 to conform with such manner is void. Notwithstanding the lack of an order  
3 by a court designating the applicant as a person or entity who may  
4 receive information protected by applicable privacy laws, the applicant  
5 shall have the authority of a personal representative for the limited  
6 purpose of seeking and obtaining from the department this certification.  
7 If, in response to a certification request, the department certifies that  
8 reimbursement for medical assistance is due, the department may release  
9 some or all of the property of a decedent from the provisions of this  
10 subsection.  
11 (d) An action for recovery of the debt created under subsection (1)  
12 of this section may be brought by the department against the estate of a  
13 recipient of medical assistance as defined in subdivision (4)(b) of this  
14 section at any time before five years after the last of the following  
15 events:  
16 (i) The death of the recipient of medical assistance;  
17 (ii) The death of the recipient's spouse, if applicable;  
18 (iii) The attainment of the age of twenty-one years by the youngest  
19 of the recipient's minor children, if applicable; or  
20 (iv) A determination that any adult child of the recipient is no  
21 longer blind or totally and permanently disabled as defined by the  
22 Supplemental Security Income criteria, if applicable.  
23 (5) In any probate proceedings in which the department has filed a  
24 claim under this section, no additional evidence of foundation shall be  
25 required for the admission of the department's payment record supporting  
26 its claim if the payment record bears the seal of the department, is  
27 certified as a true copy, and bears the signature of an authorized  
28 representative of the department.  
29 (6) The department may waive or compromise its claim, in whole or in

30 part, if the department determines that enforcement of the claim would  
31 not be in the best interests of the state or would result in undue  
1 hardship as provided in rules and regulations of the department.  
2 (7)(a) Whenever the department has provided medical assistance  
3 because of sickness or injury to any person resulting from a third  
4 party's wrongful act or negligence and the person has recovered damages  
5 from such third party, the department shall have the right to recover the  
6 medical assistance it paid from any amounts that the person has received  
7 as follows:

8 (i) In those cases in which the person is fully compensated by the  
9 recovery, the department shall be fully reimbursed subject to its  
10 contribution to attorney's fees and costs as provided in subdivision (b)  
11 of this subsection; or  
12 (ii) In those cases in which the person is not fully compensated by  
13 the recovery, the department shall be reimbursed that portion of the  
14 recovery that represents the same proportionate reduction of medical  
15 expenses paid that the recovery amount bears to full compensation of the  
16 person subject to its contributions to attorney's fees and costs as  
17 provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection.  
18 (b) When an action or claim is brought by the person and the person  
19 incurs or will incur a personal liability to pay attorney's fees and  
20 costs of litigation or costs incurred in pursuit of a claim, the  
21 department's claim for reimbursement of the medical assistance provided  
22 to the person shall be reduced by an amount that represents the  
23 department's reasonable pro rata share of attorney's fees and costs of  
24 litigation or the costs incurred in pursuit of a claim.

25 (8) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
26 carry out this section.

27 (9) The changes made to this section by Laws 2019, LB593, shall  
28 apply retroactively to August 30, 2015.

29 Sec. 2. Original section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
30 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 704.** Placed on General File with amendment.

##### AM575

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

5 43-512.12 (1) Child support orders in cases in which a party has  
6 applied for services under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act,  
7 as amended, shall be reviewed by the Department of Health and Human  
8 Services to determine whether to refer such orders to the county attorney  
9 or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification. An  
10 order shall be reviewed by the department upon its own initiative or at  
11 the request of either parent when such review is required by Title IV-D  
12 of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. After review the  
13 department shall refer an order to a county attorney or authorized  
14 attorney when the verifiable financial information available to the  
15 department indicates:

16 (a) The present child support obligation varies from the Supreme  
17 Court child support guidelines pursuant to section 42-364.16 by more than  
18 the percentage, amount, or other criteria established by Supreme Court  
19 rule, and the variation is due to financial circumstances which have  
20 lasted at least three months and can reasonably be expected to last for  
21 an additional six months; or

22 (b) Health care coverage meeting the requirements of subsection (2)  
23 of section 42-369 is available to either party and the children do not  
24 have health care coverage other than the medical assistance program under  
25 the Medical Assistance Act.



26 Health care coverage cases may be modified within three years of  
27 entry of the order.

1 (2) Orders that are not addressed under subsection (1) of this  
2 section shall not be reviewed by the department if it has not been three  
3 years since the present child support obligation was ordered unless the  
4 requesting party demonstrates a substantial change in circumstances that  
5 is expected to last for the applicable time period established by  
6 subdivision (1)(a) of this section. Such substantial change in  
7 circumstances may include, but is not limited to, change in employment,  
8 earning capacity, or income or receipt of an ongoing source of income  
9 from a pension, gift, lottery winnings, casino winnings, parimutuel  
10 winnings, sports wagering winnings, or cash device winnings. An order may  
11 be reviewed after one year if the department's determination after the  
12 previous review was not to refer to the county attorney or authorized  
13 attorney for filing of an application for modification because financial  
14 circumstances had not lasted or were not expected to last for the time  
15 periods established by subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

16 ~~(3)(a)(3)~~ Notwithstanding the time periods set forth in subdivision  
17 (1)(a) of this section, within fifteen business days of learning that a  
18 noncustodial parent will be incarcerated for more than one hundred eighty  
19 calendar days, the department shall initiate a review of the noncustodial  
20 parent's child support order. The department shall send notice by  
21 first-class mail to both parents informing them of such review and  
22 require the parties to submit financial information as provided in  
23 sections 43-512.14 and 43-512.17 within thirty days after the date of the  
24 notice. ~~The right to request the state to review and, if appropriate,~~  
25 ~~adjust the order.~~ Such notice shall be sent to the incarcerated parent at  
26 the address of the facility at which the parent is incarcerated and to  
27 the administrator of such facility as defined in section 47-1003.  
28 (b) The department shall, within one hundred twenty calendar days  
29 after the date the department learned the noncustodial parent was to be  
30 incarcerated:

31 (i) Complete such review; and

1 (ii) Notify the parties of its determination pursuant to section  
2 43-512.13.

3 Sec. 2. Section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5 43-512.13 ~~(1)(a)(1)~~ When review of a child support order pursuant to  
6 subsection (1) or (2) of section 43-512.12 has been requested by one of  
7 the parents or initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services,  
8 the department shall send notice of the pending review to each parent  
9 affected by the order at the parent's last-known mailing address thirty  
10 days before the review is conducted. Such review shall require the  
11 parties to submit financial information as provided in sections 43-512.14  
12 and 43-512.17.

13 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, after (2)  
14 After the department completes the review of the child support order in  
15 accordance with section 43-512.12, it shall send notice to each parent of  
16 the determination to refer or not refer the order to the county attorney  
17 or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification of  
18 the order in the district court.

19 (c) Each parent shall be allowed thirty days to submit to the  
20 department a written request for a review of such determination. The  
21 parent requesting review shall submit the request in writing to the  
22 department, stating the reasons for the request and providing written  
23 evidence to support the request.

24 (d) The department shall review the available verifiable financial  
25 information and make a final determination whether or not to refer the  
26 order to the county attorney or authorized attorney for filing of an  
27 application for modification of the child support order. Written notice

28 of such final determination shall be sent to each parent affected by the  
 29 order at the parent's last-known mailing address.  
 30 (e) A final determination under this subsection shall not be  
 31 considered a contested case for purposes of the Administrative Procedure  
 1 Act.  
 2 (2)(a) If, upon the completion of a review initiated pursuant to  
 3 subsection (3) of section 43-512.12, the department finds a decrease in  
 4 the amount of the present child support obligation is not warranted  
 5 because it does not meet the criteria in subsection (1) or (2) of section  
 6 43-512.12, the department shall grant the incarcerated parent a  
 7 conference to review the department's findings. Such conference shall be  
 8 scheduled within thirty days after the completion of the department's  
 9 review and may be conducted in person or by means of virtual  
 10 conferencing. The department shall send notice of such conference by  
 11 first-class mail to both parents. The notice shall include the following:  
 12 (i) The department's findings;  
 13 (ii) Whether the conference will be conducted in person or  
 14 virtually;  
 15 (iii) The date, time, and location of the conference;  
 16 (iv) That the parties may submit any additional written evidence to  
 17 the department at least ten business days prior to the conference;  
 18 (v) That the incarcerated parent may waive the conference and that  
 19 such request shall be filed at least five business days prior to the  
 20 conference date; and  
 21 (vi) Any other information the department deems necessary.  
 22 (b) The department shall review all available verifiable financial  
 23 information and, within thirty days after the conference, make a final  
 24 determination whether or not a decrease in the present child support  
 25 obligation is warranted in accordance with the criteria in subsection (1)  
 26 or (2) of section 43-512.12 and whether or not to refer the order to the  
 27 county attorney or authorized attorney. Written notice of such final  
 28 determination shall be sent to each parent by first-class mail.  
 29 (c) If the incarcerated parent waives the conference under this  
 30 subsection, the department shall make a final determination and send  
 31 written notice of such final determination to each parent by first-class  
 1 mail.  
 2 (d) Notices required to be sent to an incarcerated parent under this  
 3 section shall be sent to the address of the facility at which the parent  
 4 is incarcerated and to the administrator of such facility as defined in  
 5 section 47-1003.  
 6 (e) A final determination under this subsection shall not be  
 7 considered a contested case for purposes of the Administrative Procedure  
 8 Act.  
 9 Sec. 3. Original section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 10 Nebraska, and section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 11 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Agriculture

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

Nebraska State Fair Board:  
 Anna Castner Wightman

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 5, 2025

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 Racing and Gaming Commission - District 3 - Independent - horse racing experience:

J Chris Stinson, 1715 Columbia Circle, Grand Island, NE 68801

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

March 7, 2025

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

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

I hereby respectfully request you withdraw Cherlyn Hunt from consideration for confirmation to the Rural Health Advisory Board. The appointee has resigned from her current position on the Board.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1510 12:00 PM

Monday, March 31, 2025

Presentation of Nebraska Investment Council Annual Reports to the  
Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee pursuant to section 72-1243  
Note: Invited Testifiers Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Transportation and Telecommunications - LB398 and LB311  
Meyer - LB382  
Hughes - LB303  
Sanders - LB649

**MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB605**

Senator Raybould offered [MO65](#), found on page 734, to withdraw LB605.

The Raybould motion to withdraw prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**BILL ON FINAL READING**

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to define terms; and to provide exemption from liability for certain private entities as prescribed.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn	Guereca
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\* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB247 to Select File**

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB247 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA34](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to return.

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 45:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

M. Cavanaugh.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Dorn            Guereca            Ibach

The M. Cavanaugh motion to return failed with 0 ayes, 45 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA34, was not considered.

## **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 LB247 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to amend section 13-2042, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 66-1519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; 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, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Juarez\*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

\*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.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,110 and 81-12,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an application deadline under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to change an application deadline under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB289 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 17-201, 17-202, and 19-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the incorporation of a village and the number, election, and term of members on a village board of trustees; to provide a procedure for changing the number of members on a village board of trustees; to allow certain city councils to constitute a board of adjustment; to redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn                      Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB377 to Select File**

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB377 to Select File for the following specific amendment:



[FA36](#)

Strike the enacting clause

The M. Cavanaugh motion to return failed with 0 ayes, 44 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA36, was not considered.

### **BILL ON FINAL READING**

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 37-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to term limits; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	McKinney	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Hallstrom	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hansen	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Meyer	Storer
Clements	Murman	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Guereca
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\* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB396 to Select File**

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB396 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA37](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return to Select File.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA37, was not considered.

**BILLS ON FINAL READING**

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-516 and 70-623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to proposed budgets of certain districts and agencies and the filing of fiscal audits of certain districts; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fuels; to amend section 66-1226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt updated standards relating to automotive spark-ignition engine fuel; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
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Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Riepe - LB556  
 Lonowski - LB632  
 Wordekemper - LB608  
 Health and Human Services - LB332  
 Revenue - LB 650 and LB647  
 Urban Affairs - LB288  
 DeBoer - LB235  
 Government, Military and Veterans Affairs - LB521 and LB660  
 Legislature's Planning Committee - LR27CA

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION**

Attorney General's Opinion [25-001](#) is on file in the Clerk's Office and available digitally.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Title read. Considered.

Pending.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Committee [AM292](#), found on page 527, was offered.

Senator Dover offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[FA33](#)

In AM292 in Sec. 22, Page 23, Line 2 strike "four" and insert "eight" and on Line 3, strike "and twenty-five cents."

The Dover amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM507](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM292)

- 1 1. Strike section 20 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 20. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor
- 5 vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license
- 6 plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number
- 7 consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or
- 8 trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than
- 9 three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered
- 10 so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated
- 11 by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the
- 12 license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the
- 13 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the
- 14 State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed
- 15 vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half
- 16 the size of those required in this section.
- 17 (2)(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.

18 ~~(b)(2)(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two  
 19 license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.  
 20 ~~(c)(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable  
 21 vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles,  
 22 other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the  
 23 special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued  
 24 under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.  
 25 ~~(d)(i)(e)(i)~~ One license plate shall be issued, upon request and  
 26 compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not  
 1 manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to  
 2 display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license  
 3 plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be  
 4 displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a  
 5 single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional  
 6 annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of  
 7 the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All  
 8 fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State  
 9 Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.  
 10 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county  
 11 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a  
 12 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county  
 13 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the  
 14 plate.  
 15 ~~(e)(d)~~ When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently  
 16 displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered  
 17 motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be  
 18 prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or  
 19 trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered  
 20 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently  
 21 displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.  
 22 ~~(3)(a)~~ This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.  
 23 ~~(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor  
 24 vehicle or trailer.  
 25 ~~(c)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license  
 26 plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently  
 27 displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.  
 28 ~~(d)~~ When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered  
 29 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall  
 30 be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or  
 31 truck-tractor.  
 1 ~~(4)(a)~~ The director shall designate an implementation date for this  
 2 subsection that is on or before January 1, 2029. Beginning on such  
 3 implementation date, the department may deliver any license plate or  
 4 registration certificate to the applicant or to the county treasurer of  
 5 the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is  
 6 registered by United States mail or through an alternative shipping  
 7 service. The delivery of such license plate or registration certificate  
 8 shall be made through a secure process.  
 9 ~~(b)~~ If delivery of any license plate or registration certificate is  
 10 made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a  
 11 postage and handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover  
 12 the cost of postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the  
 13 applicant. The department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for  
 14 credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.  
 15 ~~(5)~~ Any person who presents proof of registration shall be permitted  
 16 to operate the registered motor vehicle or tow the registered trailer for  
 17 a period of thirty days without a mailed license plate displayed.

The von Gillern amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted  
 with 30 ayes, 5 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not  
 voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM501](#), found on page 709, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO72](#)

Bracket until March 19, 2025.

Pending.

### **PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on March 13, 2025, at 11:14 a.m. were the following: LBs 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593.

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Prokop - LR20CA

Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB474

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB230](#):

[AM600](#)

(Amendments to AM381)

- 1 1. Strike section 16 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 16. Section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 28-416 (1) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances
- 5 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally: (a)
- 6 To manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with intent to
- 7 manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance; or
- 8 (b) to create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a
- 9 counterfeit controlled substance.
- 10 (2) Except as provided in subsections (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), and
- 11 (10) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this
- 12 section with respect to: (a) A controlled substance classified in
- 13 Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 which is an exceptionally
- 14 hazardous drug shall be guilty of a Class II felony; (b) any other
- 15 controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section

16 28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) a controlled  
17 substance classified in Schedule IV or V of section 28-405 shall be  
18 guilty of a Class IIIA felony.

19 (3) A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled  
20 substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a quantifiable  
21 amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or  
22 delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405, unless  
23 such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a medical order  
24 issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while acting in the  
25 course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise  
26 authorized by the act, shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. A person  
1 shall not be in violation of this subsection if section 28-472 or 28-1701  
2 applies.

3 (4)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances  
4 Act, any person eighteen years of age or older who knowingly or  
5 intentionally manufactures, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or  
6 possesses with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a  
7 controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance (i) to a  
8 person under the age of eighteen years, (ii) in, on, or within one  
9 thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private  
10 elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a community college, a  
11 public or private college, junior college, or university, or a  
12 playground, or (iii) within one hundred feet of a public or private youth  
13 center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility shall be punished  
14 by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in  
15 subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon  
16 the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a  
17 second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher  
18 penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this  
19 subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty  
20 greater than a Class IB felony.

21 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

22 (i) Playground means any outdoor facility, including any parking lot  
23 appurtenant to the facility, intended for recreation, open to the public,  
24 and with any portion containing three or more apparatus intended for the  
25 recreation of children, including sliding boards, swingsets, and  
26 teeterboards;

27 (ii) Video arcade facility means any facility legally accessible to  
28 persons under eighteen years of age, intended primarily for the use of  
29 pinball and video machines for amusement, and containing a minimum of ten  
30 pinball or video machines; and

31 (iii) Youth center means any recreational facility or gymnasium,  
1 including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility or gymnasium,  
2 intended primarily for use by persons under eighteen years of age which  
3 regularly provides athletic, civic, or cultural activities.

4 (5)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances  
5 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older  
6 to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax,  
7 induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen  
8 years to manufacture, transport, distribute, carry, deliver, dispense,  
9 prepare for delivery, offer for delivery, or possess with intent to do  
10 the same a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

11 (b) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,  
12 it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to  
13 knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax,  
14 induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen  
15 years to aid and abet any person in the manufacture, transportation,  
16 distribution, carrying, delivery, dispensing, preparation for delivery,  
17 offering for delivery, or possession with intent to do the same of a  
18 controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

19 (c) Any person who violates subdivision (a) or (b) of this  
20 subsection shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification  
21 than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of  
22 this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the  
23 first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be  
24 punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed  
25 for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such  
26 person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.  
27 (6) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for violation of  
28 subsection (4) or (5) of this section that the defendant did not know the  
29 age of the person through whom the defendant violated such subsection.  
30 (7) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
31 respect to cocaine or any mixture or substance containing a detectable  
1 amount of cocaine in a quantity of:  
2 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
3 felony;  
4 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
5 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
6 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
7 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
8 (8) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
9 respect to base cocaine (crack) or any mixture or substance containing a  
10 detectable amount of base cocaine in a quantity of:  
11 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
12 felony;  
13 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
14 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
15 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
16 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
17 (9) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
18 respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable  
19 amount of heroin in a quantity of:  
20 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
21 felony;  
22 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
23 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
24 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
25 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
26 (10) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
27 respect to amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its  
28 isomers, or with respect to methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers,  
29 and salts of its isomers, in a quantity of:  
30 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
31 felony;  
1 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
2 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
3 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
4 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
5 (11) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana  
6 weighing more than one ounce but not more than one pound shall be guilty  
7 of a Class III misdemeanor.  
8 (12) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana  
9 weighing more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.  
10 (13) Except as provided in section 28-1701, any person knowingly or  
11 intentionally possessing marijuana weighing one ounce or less or any  
12 substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals,  
13 or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of  
14 Schedule I of section 28-405 shall:  
15 (a) For the first offense, be guilty of an infraction, receive a  
16 citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be assigned to attend a



17 course as prescribed in section 29-433 if the judge determines that  
 18 attending such course is in the best interest of the individual  
 19 defendant;  
 20 (b) For the second offense, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor,  
 21 receive a citation, and be fined four hundred dollars and may be  
 22 imprisoned not to exceed five days; and  
 23 (c) For the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class  
 24 IIIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and  
 25 be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.  
 26 (14) Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on  
 27 probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and  
 28 complete appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a  
 29 program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or  
 30 other licensed drug treatment facility.  
 31 (15) Any person convicted of violating this section, if sentenced to  
 1 the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate  
 2 treatment and counseling on drug abuse.  
 3 (16)(a) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of  
 4 this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification  
 5 than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of  
 6 this section if:  
 7 (i) The~~(16)~~Any person knowingly or intentionally  
 8 possessed or possessing a firearm while in violation of subsection (1) of  
 9 this section; or  
 10 (ii) Such violation resulted in the use of the controlled substance  
 11 and directly and proximately caused the death of, or serious bodily  
 12 injury to, another person; shall be punished by the next higher penalty  
 13 classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8),  
 14 (9), or (10) of this section, but in no event shall such person be  
 15 punished by  
 16 (b) A penalty enhanced under this subsection shall in no event  
 17 result in a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.  
 18 (17) A person knowingly or intentionally in possession of money used  
 19 or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of  
 20 this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.  
 21 (18) In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation  
 22 of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or  
 23 conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, a sentencing court  
 24 may order that any money, securities, negotiable instruments, firearms,  
 25 conveyances, or electronic communication devices as defined in section  
 26 28-833 or any equipment, components, peripherals, software, hardware, or  
 27 accessories related to electronic communication devices be forfeited as a  
 28 part of the sentence imposed if it finds by clear and convincing evidence  
 29 adduced at a separate hearing in the same prosecution, following  
 30 conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, and  
 31 conducted pursuant to section 28-1601, that any or all such property was  
 1 derived from, used, or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of  
 2 subsection (1) of this section.  
 3 (19) In addition to the penalties provided in this section:  
 4 (a) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section  
 5 is eighteen years of age or younger and has one or more licenses or  
 6 permits issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:  
 7 (i) For the first offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment  
 8 of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits  
 9 for thirty days and (B) require such person to attend a drug education  
 10 class;  
 11 (ii) For a second offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment  
 12 of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits  
 13 for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than  
 14 twenty and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a

15 drug education class; and  
 16 (iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as a part of  
 17 the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses  
 18 or permits for twelve months and (B) require such person to complete no  
 19 fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education  
 20 class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug  
 21 counselor; and  
 22 (b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section  
 23 is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license  
 24 issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:  
 25 (i) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of  
 26 conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any  
 27 permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would  
 28 otherwise be eligible until thirty days after the date of such order and  
 29 (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;  
 30 (ii) For a second offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of  
 31 conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any  
 1 permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would  
 2 otherwise be eligible until ninety days after the date of such order and  
 3 (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty hours and no  
 4 more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education  
 5 class; and  
 6 (iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as part of  
 7 the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from  
 8 obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such  
 9 person would otherwise be eligible until twelve months after the date of  
 10 such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty  
 11 hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to  
 12 submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.  
 13 A copy of an abstract of the court's conviction or adjudication  
 14 shall be transmitted to the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to  
 15 sections 60-497.01 to 60-497.04 if a license or permit is impounded or a  
 16 juvenile is prohibited from obtaining a license or permit under this  
 17 subsection.  
 18 Sec. 17. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,  
 19 17, and 19 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. The other  
 20 sections of this act become operative three calendar months after the  
 21 adjournment of this legislative session.  
 22 Sec. 18. Original section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 23 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.  
 24 2. Renumber the remaining section.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LR25CA:

MO67

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO73

Recommit to the Executive Board.

MO74

Bracket until April 30, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB376:

MO68

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO75](#)

Bracket until April 30, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to [LB299](#):

[MO69](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to [LB245](#):

[MO66](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO71](#)

Recommit to the Agriculture Committee.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 2102.

### UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator McKinney name added to LB215.

Senator Andersen name added to LB694.

### WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB299.

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nemaha County Leadership and Leadership Nebraska City; Reagan McIntosh, Syracuse; students from St. Thomas More, Omaha; Beatriz Polo Diz; Keith County Leadership; Sean, Kelsie, Ryan and Remi O'Neill, North Platte; students and teacher from Southwest High School, Bartley; Ambie Custard, Bartley; students from Peter Sarpy Elementary, Bellevue.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matthew Halfar, Omaha.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator J. Cavanaugh the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-FOURTH DAY - MARCH 14, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-FOURTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, March 14, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Gary Eller, First Presbyterian Church, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dover.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Guereca, Hunt, Raybould, Sanders, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING****CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-third day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

McKeon - LB693  
Storer - LB383  
Ibach - LB646  
Hallstrom - LB455  
Education - LB306 and LB653  
Jacobson - LB526  
Dover - LR19CA  
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB645

Dorn - LB712  
Judiciary - LB150

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 11, 2025

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 Commissioner of the Department of Labor:

Katie Thurber, 550 South 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506-4600

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

**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  
March 13, 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 & Associates  
Springfield Platteview Community Schools  
Hasley, Madeline  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Husch Blackwell Strategies  
Bamboo Health  
Linehan, Lou Ann

Linehan, Lou Ann  
Orr, Scott  
FMR LLC  
Reigle, Jeanne  
Nebraska Republican Party  
Roque, Matthew  
ProRail Nebraska, Inc.

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:

[FA38](#)

On Page 6, Line 6, strike the comma after "board".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB150:

[FA39](#)

Strike the enacting clause

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Senator Holdcroft announced the General Affairs Committee will meet March 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 1023 instead of Room 1510.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.** Title read. Considered.

#### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Judiciary - LB530

McKinney - LB48

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 70.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the Black wrestling community and the longstanding commitment to inspiring, connecting, and empowering Black wrestlers through attitude, words, and actions; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edmonson posthumously earned the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Joe broke his neck in a trampoline accident making him a quadriplegic and was told he would only live for ten more years, but, in 1968, Joe started his own wrestling program while earning his master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Joe also developed the nationally respected Exploradories and ran the Edmonson Youth Outreach Center of the YMCA to provide opportunities for inner-city youth to be mentored and to learn about wrestling; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Joe earned many awards and recognition, including reaching the Gold level certification in the National Coaches Education Program, being named USA Wrestling's 1985 Kids Person of the Year, being named a Point of Light by George H. W. Bush in 1991, and being named to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Joe's impact on wrestling and his community is not forgotten and has been revived through posthumously earning the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Joe Edmonson and the family of Joe Edmonson on posthumously earning the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Edmonson.

Laid over.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 71.** Introduced by Meyer, 17; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; McKeon, 41; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the Pender High School Girls basketball team entered the 2024-2025 season as the defending Class D1 State Champions; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday February 8, 2025 the Pender High School Girls basketball team won the 16-team East Husker Conference title with a win over the North Bend Central Tigers; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday February 11, 2025 the Lady Pendragons finished the regular season with a record of 22-2; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons led all Class D1 schools during the regular season in power points; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons defeated the North Central Knights on February 28 to win the Class D1 district final; and



WHEREAS, the Pender Lady Pendragons defeated the Elm Creek Buffaloes on Saturday March 8, 2025 by a score of 74-40 to become the 2025 Class D1 State Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, the victory over Elm Creek resulted in the Lady Pendragons winning three consecutive State Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons' 74 points against the Elm Creek Buffaloes became the second-most points ever scored in a Class D1 State Tournament championship game; and

WHEREAS, Mady Dolliver went six for nine from three-point range against Elm Creek to break the all-class record for three-point shots in State Tournament play; and

WHEREAS, Mady Dolliver, Maya Dolliver, and Hadley Walsh all made the Class D1 All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Jason Dolliver has done an outstanding job coaching the Lady Pendragons, especially in regards to implementing his five-out offense; and

WHEREAS, the Pender School District was ranked by Public School Review as the top school district in the State of Nebraska for academics based upon the school's combined math and reading standardized test scores.

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

1. That the Legislature celebrates the victorious season of the Pender Lady Pendragons' Girls Basketball Team by becoming the 2025 Class D1 State Champions.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the outstanding coaching of Jason Dolliver and the creation and implementation of his five-out offense.

3. That the Legislature honors the Pender School District for their commitment to both academic excellence and athletic competition.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jason Dolliver, Superintendent of the Pender School District and Coach of the Pender Lady Pendragons High School Girls basketball team.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Committee [AM501](#), found on page 709, and considered on page 774, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO72](#), found and considered on page 774, to bracket until March 19, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 1:

Cavanaugh, J.

Voting in the negative, 32:

Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Hunt	Prokop	Wordekemper
Clements	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Clouse	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	
Conrad	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Rountree

Absent and not voting, 10:

Andersen	Hansen	Juarez	McKeon	Raybould
Brandt	Ibach	Kauth	McKinney	Sorrentino

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Guereca	Sanders	Spivey
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The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 1 aye, 32 nays, 2 present and not voting, 10 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO71](#), found on page 779, to recommit to the Agriculture Committee.

#### **SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to the Agriculture Committee

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO66](#), found on page 779, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Executive Board - LB634  
Hunt - LB275  
Conrad - LB156  
Fredrickson - LB380  
Brandt - LB170  
Murman - LB169  
M. Cavanaugh - LB13  
Hansen - LB676  
Andersen - LR12CA  
Sorrentino - LB79

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM404](#), found on page 690, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard withdrew [AM18](#), found on page 325.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA.** Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO67](#), found on page 778, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hansen opened on LR25CA.

Senator M. Cavanaugh opened on her motion, MO67.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 454.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM547**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 71-809 (1) Each regional behavioral health authority shall be  
6 responsible for the development and coordination of publicly funded  
7 behavioral health services within the behavioral health region pursuant  
8 to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department,  
9 including, but not limited to, (a) administration and management of the  
10 regional behavioral health authority, (b) integration and coordination of  
11 the public behavioral health system within the behavioral health region,  
12 (c) comprehensive planning for the provision of an appropriate array of  
13 community-based behavioral health services and continuum of care for the  
14 region, (d) submission for approval by the division of an annual budget  
15 and a proposed plan for the funding and administration of publicly funded  
16 behavioral health services within the region, (e) submission of annual  
17 reports and other reports as required by the division, (f) initiation and  
18 oversight of contracts for the provision of publicly funded behavioral  
19 health services, and (g) coordination with the division in conducting  
20 audits of publicly funded behavioral health programs and services.  
21 (2) Each regional behavioral health authority shall adopt a policy  
22 for use in determining the financial eligibility of all consumers and  
23 shall adopt a uniform schedule of fees and copays, based on the policy  
24 and schedule developed by the division, to be assessed against consumers  
25 utilizing community-based behavioral health services in the region. The  
26 methods used to determine the financial eligibility of all consumers  
27 shall take into account taxable income, the number of family members  
1 dependent on the consumer's income, liabilities, and other factors as  
2 determined by the division. The policy and the schedule of fees and  
3 copays shall be approved by the regional governing board and included  
4 with the budget plan submitted to the division annually. Providers shall  
5 charge fees consistent with the schedule of fees and copays in accordance  
6 with the financial eligibility of all consumers but not in excess of the  
7 actual cost of the service. Each regional behavioral health authority  
8 shall assure that its policy and schedule of fees and copays are applied  
9 uniformly by the providers in the region.  
10 (3) Except for services being provided by a regional behavioral  
11 health authority on July 1, 2004, under applicable state law in effect  
12 prior to such date, no regional behavioral health authority shall provide  
13 behavioral health services funded in whole or in part with revenue  
14 received and administered by the division under the Nebraska Behavioral

15 Health Services Act unless:

16 (a) There has been a public competitive bidding process for such  
17 services or the process is authorized pursuant to subsection (5) of this  
18 section;

19 (b) There are no qualified and willing providers to provide such  
20 services; and

21 (c) The regional behavioral health authority receives written  
22 authorization from the director and enters into a contract with the  
23 division to provide such services.

24 (4) Each regional behavioral health authority shall comply with all  
25 applicable rules and regulations of the department relating to the  
26 provision of behavioral health services by such authority, including, but  
27 not limited to, rules and regulations which (a) establish definitions of  
28 conflicts of interest for regional behavioral health authorities and  
29 procedures in the event such conflicts arise, (b) establish uniform and  
30 equitable ~~public bidding~~ procedures for such services, and (c) require  
31 each regional behavioral health authority to establish and maintain a  
1 separate budget and separately account for all revenue and expenditures  
2 for the provision of such services.

3 (5) A provider engaged in providing services may provide new and  
4 existing services approved by the department and may contract with a  
5 regional behavioral health authority if the enrolled network provider  
6 meets the required standards. This consideration shall be made on a per-  
7 service basis.

8 Sec. 2. Section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
9 2024, is amended to read:

10 71-812 (1) The Behavioral Health Services Fund is created. The fund  
11 shall be administered by the division and shall contain cash funds  
12 appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise received by the department  
13 for the provision of behavioral health services from any other public or  
14 private source and directed by the Legislature for credit to the fund.  
15 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction  
16 of the Legislature.

17 (2) The Behavioral Health Services Fund shall be used to encourage  
18 and facilitate the statewide development and provision of community-based  
19 behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, (a) the  
20 provision of grants, loans, and other assistance for such purpose and (b)  
21 reimbursement to providers of such services.

22 (3)(a) Money transferred to the fund under section 76-903 shall be  
23 used for housing-related assistance for very low-income adults with  
24 serious mental illness or substance abuse disorder, except that if the  
25 division determines that all housing-related assistance obligations under  
26 this subsection have been fully satisfied, the division may distribute  
27 any excess, up to twenty percent of such money, to regional behavioral  
28 health authorities for acquisition or rehabilitation of housing to assist  
29 such persons. The division shall manage and distribute such funds based  
30 upon a formula established by the division, in consultation with regional  
31 behavioral health authorities and the department, in a manner consistent  
1 with and reasonably calculated to promote the purposes of the public  
2 behavioral health system enumerated in section 71-803. The division shall  
3 contract with each regional behavioral health authority for the provision  
4 of such assistance. Each regional behavioral health authority may  
5 contract with qualifying public, private, or nonprofit entities for the  
6 provision of such assistance.

7 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

8 (i) Adult with serious mental illness means a person eighteen years  
9 of age or older who has, or at any time during the immediately preceding  
10 twelve months has had, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional  
11 disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria identified in  
12 the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of

13 Mental Disorders and which has resulted in functional impairment that  
 14 substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life functions.  
 15 Serious mental illness does not include DSM V codes, substance abuse  
 16 disorders, or developmental disabilities unless such conditions exist  
 17 concurrently with a diagnosable serious mental illness;  
 18 (ii) Housing-related assistance includes rental payments, utility  
 19 payments, security and utility deposits, landlord risk mitigation  
 20 payments, and other related costs and payments;  
 21 (iii) Landlord risk mitigation payment means a payment provided to a  
 22 landlord who leases or rents property to a very low-income adult with  
 23 serious mental illness which may be used to pay for excessive damage to  
 24 the rental property, any lost rent, any legal fees incurred by the  
 25 landlord in excess of the security deposit, or any other expenses  
 26 incurred by the landlord as a result of leasing or renting the property  
 27 to such individual; and  
 28 (iv) Very low-income means a household income of fifty percent or  
 29 less of the applicable median family income estimate as established by  
 30 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.  
 31 (4) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
 1 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 2 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
 3 Sec. 3. Original section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 4 Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 5 2024, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 512.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM519**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be  
 4 cited as the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act.  
 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act:  
 6 (1) Abortion-inducing drug means a drug or other substance,  
 7 including a regimen of two or more drugs or substances, that is provided  
 8 to a woman known to be pregnant, with the specific intent of terminating  
 9 the life of her preborn child. A drug, medicine, or other substance that  
 10 is capable of terminating the life of a preborn child but is provided for  
 11 another medical purpose, including, but not limited to, management of  
 12 miscarriage or removal of an ectopic pregnancy, is not an abortion-  
 13 inducing drug;  
 14 (2) Adverse event means any harmful event or outcome arising out of  
 15 the provision of an abortion-inducing drug, including: (a) Shock; (b)  
 16 hemorrhage requiring surgical management or blood transfusion; (c)  
 17 aspiration or allergic response; (d) infection; (e) sepsis; (f) pelvic  
 18 inflammatory disease; (g) incomplete abortion requiring surgical  
 19 management; (h) failure to terminate the pregnancy; (i) missed ectopic  
 20 pregnancy; (j) death; or (k) any other adverse event as defined by the  
 21 federal Food and Drug Administration as reported by MedWatch;  
 22 (3) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;  
 23 and  
 24 (4) Provide, when used with regard to an abortion-inducing drug,  
 25 means any act of giving, selling, dispensing, administering, transferring  
 26 possession of, or prescribing an abortion-inducing drug.  
 27 Sec. 3. Before a physician provides an abortion-inducing drug, the  
 1 physician shall:  
 2 (1) Examine the woman in person;  
 3 (2) Independently verify that the woman is pregnant;  
 4 (3) Determine whether the woman has an ectopic pregnancy; and  
 5 (4) Document in the woman's medical record the gestational age and  
 6 location of the pregnancy.

7 Sec. 4. A physician who provides an abortion-inducing drug, or the  
 8 physician's agent, shall schedule a follow-up visit between the physician  
 9 and the woman to whom the abortion-inducing drug was provided. Such  
 10 follow-up visit shall occur no earlier than the third day and no later  
 11 than the twenty-eighth day after the date the abortion-inducing drug was  
 12 provided. At the follow-up visit, the physician shall:  
 13 (1) Confirm that the woman's pregnancy is completely terminated;  
 14 (2) Assess the woman for adverse events occurring after the  
 15 provision of the abortion-inducing drug, including any continued blood  
 16 loss; and  
 17 (3) Document any adverse event in the woman's medical record.  
 18 Sec. 5. (1) A physician who provides an abortion-inducing drug  
 19 shall file a report with the department within thirty days after the end  
 20 of the calendar month in which the abortion-inducing drug was provided.  
 21 Such report shall include, in addition to any information required by  
 22 rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department:  
 23 (a) The name of the physician;  
 24 (b) The name of the abortion-inducing drug provided and the date  
 25 each drug was provided to the woman;  
 26 (c) The date the woman returned for a follow-up visit, if  
 27 applicable;  
 28 (d) Documentation of any adverse events that occurred after  
 29 provision of the abortion-inducing drug;  
 30 (e) Any follow-up treatment provided by the physician; and  
 31 (f) If the woman was referred to another health care provider, the  
 1 purpose of such referral.  
 2 (2) The department shall produce a standard form for filing such  
 3 report.  
 4 (3) The report shall not include any personally identifying  
 5 information for a woman to whom an abortion-inducing drug was provided.  
 6 Sec. 6. No woman upon whom an abortion is attempted, induced, or  
 7 performed shall be liable for a violation of the Chemical Abortion Safety  
 8 Protocol Act.  
 9 Sec. 7. Section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 10 2024, is amended to read:  
 11 38-2021 Unprofessional conduct means any departure from or failure  
 12 to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of  
 13 medicine and surgery or the ethics of the profession, regardless of  
 14 whether a person, patient, or entity is injured, or conduct that is  
 15 likely to deceive or defraud the public or is detrimental to the public  
 16 interest, including, but not limited to:  
 17 (1) Performance by a physician of an abortion as defined in  
 18 subdivision (1) of section 28-326 under circumstances when he or she will  
 19 not be available for a period of at least forty-eight hours for  
 20 postoperative care unless such postoperative care is delegated to and  
 21 accepted by another physician;  
 22 (2) Performing an abortion upon a minor without having satisfied the  
 23 requirements of sections 71-6901 to 71-6911;  
 24 (3) The intentional and knowing performance of a partial-birth  
 25 abortion as defined in subdivision (8) of section 28-326, unless such  
 26 procedure is necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is  
 27 endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury,  
 28 including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from  
 29 the pregnancy itself;  
 30 (4) Performance by a physician of an abortion in violation of the  
 31 Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act; ~~and~~  
 1 (5) Violation of the Preborn Child Protection Act; ~~and~~.  
 2 (6) Violation of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act.  
 3 Sec. 8. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 4 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect

5 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.  
6 Sec. 9. Original section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
7 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM616](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 10 and 14, after "performed" insert "and  
2 completed".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 102.** Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 658.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM568](#)

1 1. Strike original sections 4, 7, and 8 and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Sec. 4. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having  
4 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating  
5 from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from  
6 meat processing, is derived from manufacturing animal cells, including  
7 processes that are part of a manufacturing operation in which one or more  
8 stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are  
9 grown in vitro, and may be manipulated.  
10 Sec. 7. Manufactured-protein food product means a cultivated-  
11 protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein food  
12 product.  
13 Sec. 8. Plant-protein food product means a food product that:  
14 (1) Has one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of  
15 tissue found in a species of agricultural food animal;  
16 (2) Is substantially derived from manufacturing plant parts; and  
17 (3) Does not include any part of an animal that has been  
18 slaughtered.  
19 2. On page 4, line 29, strike "stored" and insert "displayed".

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 426.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM586](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 79-724, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 79-724 (1) It is the responsibility of society to ensure that youth  
6 are given the opportunity to become competent, responsible, patriotic,  
7 and civil citizens to ensure a strong, stable, just, and prosperous  
8 America. Such a citizenry necessitates that every member thereof be  
9 knowledgeable of our nation's history, government, geography, and  
10 economic system. The youth in our state should be committed to the ideals  
11 and values of our country's democracy and the constitutional republic  
12 established by the people. Schools should help prepare our youth to make  
13 informed and reasoned decisions for the public good. Civic competence is



14 necessary to sustain and improve our democratic way of life and must be  
 15 taught in all public, private, denominational, and parochial schools. A  
 16 central role of schools is to impart civic knowledge and skills that help  
 17 our youth to see the relevance of a civic dimension for their lives.  
 18 Students should be made fully aware of the liberties, opportunities, and  
 19 advantages we possess and the sacrifices and struggles of those through  
 20 whose efforts these benefits were gained. Since young people are most  
 21 susceptible to the acceptance of principles and doctrines that will  
 22 influence them throughout their lives, it is one of the first duties of  
 23 our educational system to conduct its activities, choose its textbooks,  
 24 and arrange its curriculum in such a way that the youth of our state have  
 25 the opportunity to become competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil  
 26 American citizens.

27 (2)(4) The school board of each school district shall, at the  
 1 beginning of each calendar year, appoint from its members a committee of  
 2 three, to be known as the committee on American civics, which shall:

3 (a) Hold no fewer than two public meetings annually, at least one  
 4 when public testimony is accepted;

5 (b) Keep minutes of each meeting showing the time and place of the  
 6 meeting, which members were present or absent, and the substance and  
 7 details of all matters discussed;

8 (c) Examine and ensure that the social studies curriculum used in  
 9 the district is aligned with the social studies standards adopted  
 10 pursuant to section 79-760.01 and teaches foundational knowledge in  
 11 civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography;

12 (d) Review and approve the social studies curriculum to ensure that  
 13 it stresses the services of the men and women who played a crucial role  
 14 in the achievement of national independence, establishment of our  
 15 constitutional government, and preservation of the union and includes the  
 16 incorporation of multicultural education as set forth in sections 79-719  
 17 to 79-723 in order to instill a pride and respect for the nation's  
 18 institutions and not be merely a recital of events and dates;

19 (e) Ensure that any curriculum recommended or approved by the  
 20 committee on American civics is made readily accessible to the public and  
 21 contains a reference to this section;

22 (f) Ensure that the district develops and utilizes formative,  
 23 interim, and summative assessments to measure student mastery of the  
 24 social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01;

25 (g) Ensure that the social studies curriculum in the district  
 26 incorporates one or more of the following for each student:

27 (i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire  
 28 civics portion of the naturalization test used by United States  
 29 Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of eighth  
 30 grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the  
 31 individual score from each test for each student made available to a  
 1 parent or guardian of such student; ~~or~~

2 (ii) Attendance or participation between the commencement of eighth  
 3 grade and completion of twelfth grade in a meeting of a public body as  
 4 defined by section 84-1409 followed by the completion of a project or  
 5 paper in which each student demonstrates or discusses the personal  
 6 learning experience of such student related to such attendance or  
 7 participation; or

8 (iii) Completion of a project or paper and a class presentation  
 9 between the commencement of eighth grade and the completion of twelfth  
 10 grade on a person or persons or an event commemorated by a holiday listed  
 11 in ~~subsection (8) subdivision (6)~~ of this section or on a topic related to  
 12 such person or persons or event; and

13 (h) Take all such other steps as will assure the carrying out of the  
 14 provisions of this section and provide a report to the school board  
 15 regarding the committee's findings and recommendations.

16 ~~(3)(2)~~ All social studies courses approved for grade levels as  
 17 provided by this section shall include and adequately stress  
 18 contributions of all ethnic groups to (a) the development and growth of  
 19 America into a great nation, (b) art, music, education, medicine,  
 20 literature, science, politics, and government, and (c) the military in  
 21 all of this nation's wars.  
 22 ~~(4)(3)~~ All grades of all public, private, denominational, and  
 23 parochial schools, below the sixth grade, shall devote at least one hour  
 24 per week to exercises or teaching periods for the following purpose:  
 25 (a) The discussion of noteworthy events pertaining to American  
 26 history or the exceptional acts of individuals and groups of Americans;  
 27 (b) The historical background, memorization, and singing of  
 28 patriotic songs such as the Star-Spangled Banner and America the  
 29 Beautiful;  
 30 (c) The development of respect for the American flag as a symbol of  
 31 freedom and the sacrifices of those who secured that freedom; and  
 1 (d) Instruction as to proper conduct in the presentation of the  
 2 American flag.  
 3 (5) Each public, private, denominational, and parochial school may,  
 4 as a part of the social studies curriculum, engage students between the  
 5 commencement of fifth grade and the completion of eighth grade in a one-  
 6 hour American flag education program that includes, but need not be  
 7 limited to, the United States Flag Code, the thirteen folds of the  
 8 American flag, proper flag etiquette and conduct in the presentation of  
 9 the flag, and the historical background of the flag. Such flag education  
 10 program may be developed and presented in consultation and partnership  
 11 with a local recognized veterans organization as defined in section  
 12 80-401.01.  
 13 ~~(6)(4)~~ In at least two of the three grades from the fifth grade to  
 14 the eighth grade in all public, private, denominational, and parochial  
 15 schools, time shall be set aside for the teaching of American history  
 16 from the social studies curriculum, which shall be taught in such a  
 17 manner that all students are given the opportunity to (a) become  
 18 competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil citizens who possess a deep  
 19 understanding of and respect for both the Constitution of the United  
 20 States and the Constitution of Nebraska and (b) prepare to preserve,  
 21 protect, and defend freedom and democracy in our nation and our world.  
 22 ~~(7)(5)~~ In at least two courses in every high school, time shall be  
 23 devoted to the teaching of civics and American history as outlined in the  
 24 social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01, during  
 25 which specific attention shall be given to the following matters:  
 26 (a) The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution,  
 27 the Constitution of Nebraska, and the structure and function of local  
 28 government in this state;  
 29 (b) The benefits and advantages of representative government, the  
 30 rights and responsibilities of citizenship in our government, and the  
 31 dangers and fallacies of forms of government that restrict individual  
 1 freedoms or possess antidemocratic ideals such as, but not limited to,  
 2 Nazism and communism;  
 3 (c) The duties of citizenship, which include active participation in  
 4 the improvement of a citizen's community, state, country, and world and  
 5 the value and practice of civil discourse between opposing interests; and  
 6 (d) The application of knowledge in civics, history, economics,  
 7 financial literacy, and geography to address societal issues.  
 8 ~~(8)(6)~~ Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion  
 9 shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public,  
 10 private, denominational, and parochial school on George Washington's  
 11 birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s  
 12 birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day,  
 13 Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or

14 following such holiday, if the school is in session.

15 ~~(9)(7)~~ Every school board, the State Board of Education, and the  
16 superintendent of each school district in the state shall be held  
17 directly responsible in the order named for carrying out this section.

18 Neglect thereof by any employee may be considered a cause for dismissal.  
19 Sec. 2. (1)(a) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council  
20 shall, in coordination with the State Department of Education, develop a  
21 grant program to provide funding to school districts for the purchase of  
22 American flags made in the United States for students as part of an  
23 American flag education program provided pursuant to subsection (5) of  
24 section 79-724.

25 (b) Subject to available appropriations, a school district may apply  
26 to the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council in a manner  
27 prescribed by the council to receive a grant pursuant to this section.  
28 Such grants shall be funded from the American Flag Education Grant Cash  
29 Fund administered by the State Department of Education.

30 (2) The American Flag Education Grant Cash Fund is created. The fund  
31 shall consist of any money transferred by the Legislature and any gifts,  
1 grants, or bequests. The fund shall be used to provide grants pursuant to  
2 this section. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be  
3 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
4 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

5 Sec. 3. (1) The State Department of Education shall contract with  
6 the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to carry out subsection  
7 (2) of this section.

8 (2) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall, in  
9 consultation and partnership with a statewide recognized veterans  
10 organization as defined in section 80-401.01, develop and make available  
11 online for use by schools, an educational video and learning materials  
12 relating to the American flag for purposes of an American flag education  
13 program provided pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-724.

14 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five thousand  
15 dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 from the General Fund to the State  
16 Department of Education to carry out this section.

17 Sec. 4. Section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
18 amended to read:

19 79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service Unit  
20 Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:

21 (1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education  
22 courses;

23 (2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating  
24 educational entities;

25 (3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education  
26 courses;

27 (4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be  
28 purchased by educational entities;

29 (5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of  
30 distance education services;

31 (6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska  
1 Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by  
2 the State Department of Education related to distance education;

3 (7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the  
4 council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand  
5 for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology  
6 available or the course provider;

7 (8) Administration of learning management systems, either through  
8 the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational  
9 entity, with the funding for such systems provided by participating  
10 educational entities; ~~and~~

11 (9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary

12 educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design  
13 for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the  
14 offering of graduate credit courses in distance education; and-  
15 (10) Coordination with the State Department of Education to provide  
16 grants to school districts for the purchase of American flags pursuant to  
17 section 2 of this act.  
18 Sec. 5. Original sections 79-724 and 79-1248, Reissue Revised  
19 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following motions to LB455:

[MO76](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO77](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO78](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB79:

[MO79](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO80](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO81](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB556:

[MO82](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO83](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO84](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to LB490:

[AM213](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB707:

[AM615](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Dungan - LB272  
Moser - LB323  
von Gillern - LB340  
Appropriations - LB392 and LB393  
DeKay - LB437  
Agriculture - LB246  
Business and Labor - LB532  
Bostar - LB644  
Guereca - LB224  
Armendariz - LB434  
Strommen - LB538  
Ballard - LB80

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LR12CA.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Baker Caulkins, Kearney; Eric Scott, Valentine; Artie Verner, Lincoln; students from the Nebraska Army National Guard, Lincoln; Kerry and Jeri Ferguson, Kimball; students from Wildewood Elementary, Ralston; Carissa Uhrmacher, Hastings; Sophie Kostenko, Ukraine; students from St. John the Baptist School, Plattsmouth.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-FIFTH DAY - MARCH 17, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, March 17, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Glen Emery, Grace Lutheran, Fairbury.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-fourth day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker priority bill/resolution designations are as follows:  
LBs 32, 50, 77, 133, 166, 217, 346, 364, 388, 391, 399, 401, 414, 453, 454, 529, 560, 561, 613, 640, 641, 667, 696, 704, 707.

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB632:

[MO87](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO88](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO89](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 762:

Nebraska State Fair Board  
Anna Castner Wightman

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Dungan	Guereca	Holdcroft	McKinney
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Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Hunt
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The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 166.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM612](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 23-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 23-3211 (1) Unless requested in writing, the county assessor, ~~and~~  
6 register of deeds, ~~and county treasurer~~ shall withhold from the public  
7 the residential address of a law enforcement officer, a member of the  
8 Nebraska National Guard acting pursuant to subdivision (3) of section  
9 55-182, or a judge who applies to the county assessor in the county of  
10 his or her residence. The application shall be in a form prescribed by  
11 the county assessor and shall include the applicant's name and address



12 and the parcel identification number for his or her residential address.  
13 A law enforcement officer shall include in the application his or her law  
14 enforcement identification number. A member of the Nebraska National  
15 Guard shall include in the application proof of his or her status as a  
16 member, in a manner prescribed by the county assessor. A judge shall  
17 include in the application the name of the specific court of which he or  
18 she is a judge. The county assessor shall notify the register of deeds  
19 and county treasurer regarding the receipt of a complete application. The  
20 county assessor, ~~and the register of deeds, and county treasurer~~ shall  
21 withhold the address of a law enforcement officer, member of the Nebraska  
22 National Guard, or judge who complies with this section for five years  
23 after receipt of a complete application. The officer, member, or judge  
24 may renew his or her application every five years upon submission of an  
25 updated application.

26 (2) For purposes of this section, judge includes the judge or  
27 magistrate judge of any court located in this state, including any county  
1 court, any district court, the Court of Appeals, the Nebraska Workers'  
2 Compensation Court, any separate juvenile court, the Supreme Court, and  
3 any federal court.

4 Sec. 2. Section 24-814, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:

6 24-814 (1) Any judicial officeholder, subject to the terms of  
7 sections 24-813 to 24-818, who desires to continue in office for an  
8 additional term, shall indicate his or her desire in this respect in  
9 writing filed with the Secretary of State, on or before August 1  
10 immediately preceding the expiration of his or her term in office, and  
11 shall request in writing that the Secretary of State submit to the  
12 electorate of the appropriate district or area, the question of his or  
13 her right to be retained in office for an additional term.  
14 (2) Any written request filed with the Secretary of State shall not  
15 be a public record pursuant to section 84-712.01 and shall not be subject  
16 to disclosure under sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 or any other provision  
17 of law, except that the Secretary of State shall electronically publish a  
18 list, that includes the judicial officeholder's name and respective  
19 district or area of the state served, of judicial officeholders who have  
20 filed for retention in that calendar year.

21 Sec. 3. Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
22 2024, is amended to read:

23 32-607 (1)(a) All candidate filing forms shall contain the following  
24 statement: I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of  
25 Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that  
26 I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will  
27 serve if elected. Candidate filing forms shall also contain the following  
28 information regarding the candidate: Name, as provided under subdivision  
29 (b) of this subsection; residence address; mailing address if different  
30 from the residence address; telephone number; office sought; party  
31 affiliation if the office sought is a partisan office; a statement as to  
1 whether or not civil penalties are owed pursuant to the Nebraska  
2 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; and, if civil penalties are  
3 owed, whether or not a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision  
4 (4)(b) of section 32-602. An email address shall also be included on the  
5 filing form as an optional field.

6 (b) The name contained on a candidate filing form shall be the name  
7 by which the candidate is generally known in the community and by which  
8 the candidate is distinguished from others and shall not contain titles,  
9 characterizations, or designations.

10 (2) Candidate filing forms shall be filed with the following filing  
11 officers:

12 (a) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office,  
13 directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of

14 reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts,  
 15 directors of metropolitan utilities districts, members of the boards of  
 16 educational service units, members of governing boards of community  
 17 colleges, delegates to national conventions, and other offices filled by  
 18 election held in more than one county ~~and judges desiring retention~~, in  
 19 the office of the Secretary of State;  
 20 (b) For officers elected within a county, in the office of the  
 21 election commissioner or county clerk;  
 22 (c) For officers in school districts which include land in adjoining  
 23 counties, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of  
 24 the county in which the greatest number of registered voters entitled to  
 25 vote for the officers reside; and  
 26 (d) For city or village officers, in the office of the election  
 27 commissioner or county clerk.  
 28 (3) Objections to the name of a candidate submitted on a candidate  
 29 filing form may be made and passed upon in the same manner as objections  
 30 to a candidate filing form pursuant to section 32-624.  
 31 Sec. 4. Original sections 23-3211 and 24-814, Reissue Revised  
 1 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 2 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM492](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to [LB41](#):  
[AM637](#)

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 2. ~~It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of a~~
- 3 ~~serological test for syphilis pursuant to section 71-502.03 for an~~
- 4 ~~individual covered under the Medical Assistance Act, when such test was~~
- 5 ~~not covered under the act prior to the effective date of this act, shall~~
- 6 ~~be paid from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund pursuant to~~
- 7 ~~section 68-996 and federal funds.~~
- 8 2. On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to state intent
- 9 regarding payment for certain blood tests;".
- 10 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA.** Speaker Arch requested to pass  
 over LR25CA.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM411](#), found on page 640, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:  
[MO86](#)  
 Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 175.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 490.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 120.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM247](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:  
5 60-484.02 (1) Each applicant for an operator's license or state  
6 identification card shall have his or her digital image captured. Digital  
7 images shall be preserved for use as prescribed in sections 60-4,119,  
8 60-4,151, and 60-4,180. The images shall be used for issuing operators'  
9 licenses and state identification cards. The images may be retrieved only  
10 by the Department of Motor Vehicles for issuing renewal and replacement  
11 operators' licenses and state identification cards and may not be  
12 otherwise released except in accordance with subsection (3) of this  
13 section.  
14 (2) Upon application for an operator's license or state  
15 identification card, each applicant shall provide his or her signature in  
16 a form prescribed by the department. Digital signatures shall be  
17 preserved for use on original, renewal, and replacement operators'  
18 licenses and state identification cards and may not be otherwise released  
19 except in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.  
20 ~~(3)(a)(3)~~ No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the  
21 department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital image  
22 except:  
23 ~~(i) To (a) to~~ a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a  
24 certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position  
25 by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of  
26 another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency  
27 or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the  
1 verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the  
2 information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in  
3 requesting the release;  
4 ~~(ii) To or (b) to~~ the office of the Secretary of State for the  
5 purpose of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in  
6 the Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person  
7 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
8 purpose of the requester in requesting the release; ~~or~~;  
9 ~~(iii) To the Nebraska State Patrol in order to be posted on the~~  
10 ~~Nebraska State Patrol Missing Persons Clearinghouse website if the~~  
11 ~~portrayed individual has been deemed missing and cannot be located. The~~  
12 ~~Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Motor Vehicles may enter into~~  
13 ~~an agreement for the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of~~  
14 ~~such digital images in accordance with this section and the Uniform Motor~~  
15 ~~Vehicle Records Disclosure Act. The Nebraska State Patrol shall do the~~  
16 ~~following relating to digital images that are released to the Nebraska~~  
17 ~~State Patrol:~~  
18 ~~(A) Carry out protection protocols to prevent the fraudulent use of~~  
19 ~~such digital images;~~  
20 ~~(B) Create, and update as necessary, security measures for the~~  
21 ~~access, storage, and retention of such digital images; and~~

22 (C) Remove any such digital image from the Nebraska State Patrol  
 23 Missing Persons Clearinghouse website within three business days after  
 24 the Nebraska State Patrol is notified that the individual portrayed in  
 25 such digital image has been located.  
 26 (b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State  
 27 shall release a digital image except to a federal, state, or local law  
 28 enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an  
 29 investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver  
 30 licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the  
 31 functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its  
 1 functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting  
 2 the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the  
 3 requester in requesting the release.  
 4 (c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department,  
 5 law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the  
 6 Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits  
 7 disclosure of a digital image in violation of this section shall be  
 8 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.  
 9 (4)(a)(4) No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the  
 10 department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital signature  
 11 except:  
 12 (i) To(a) to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a  
 13 certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position  
 14 by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of  
 15 another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency  
 16 or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the  
 17 verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the  
 18 information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in  
 19 requesting the release; or  
 20 (ii) To(b) to the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose  
 21 of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in the  
 22 Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person  
 23 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
 24 purpose of the requester in requesting the release.  
 25 (b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State  
 26 shall release a digital signature except to a federal, state, or local  
 27 law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in  
 28 an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a  
 29 driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out  
 30 the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out  
 31 its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person  
 1 requesting the release of the information and the verification of the  
 2 purpose of the requester in requesting the release.  
 3 (c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department,  
 4 law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the  
 5 Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits  
 6 disclosure of a digital signature in violation of this section shall be  
 7 guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.  
 8 (5) The department shall develop a process for the release of  
 9 digital images to the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter  
 10 identification as prescribed by the Election Act. The process shall  
 11 include proper measures for access, security, storage, and retention of  
 12 the digital image and verification of the release of the digital image to  
 13 any officer, agent, or contractor of the Secretary of State. The  
 14 Secretary of State and the department shall enter into an agreement for  
 15 the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of digital images as  
 16 prescribed under this section and the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records  
 17 Disclosure Act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 18 regulations to carry out this subsection.

19 Sec. 2. Original section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
20 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM608](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 531.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM397](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 19, after "section" insert ", except that the  
2 department shall not be required to review building plans and  
3 specifications upon evidence that the building plans and specifications  
4 have previously been reviewed by a county, city, or village enforcing a  
5 local building or construction code adopted pursuant to section 71-6406  
6 if such local building or construction code includes the requirements of  
7 the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code"; and in line 20 strike  
8 "its", show as stricken, and insert "any".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 548.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM664](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:  
2 Section 1. (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this  
3 section is to allow each political subdivision that owns and operates a  
4 natural gas system to engage in tax-exempt natural gas supply  
5 transactions as described in section 148(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue  
6 Code and 26 C.F.R. 1.148-1(e)(2)(iii), as such section and regulation  
7 existed on January 1, 2024, that benefit the political subdivision and  
8 its taxpayers as well as the counterparty to the transactions.  
9 (2) Any political subdivision which owns and operates a natural gas  
10 system may enter into a contract to sell natural gas to any industrial  
11 consumer of natural gas whose facilities are located in the State of  
12 Nebraska within two hundred miles of such political subdivision and  
13 require at least three billion British thermal units of natural gas per  
14 day on an average day. The term of the contract shall be for at least two  
15 years, not including renewable terms. Such contract shall not pose an  
16 unreasonable financial risk to the political subdivision or its  
17 taxpayers, as determined by the political subdivision's governing board.  
18 Such industrial consumer shall not be a consumer of any investor-owned or  
19 governmentally owned gas system with respect to the contract to receive  
20 service or natural gas at the time such contract is entered into. During  
21 the term of the contract, the location of such facility shall be  
22 considered within the service area of such political subdivision's  
23 natural gas distribution system for purposes of the contract.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Stinson, J Chris - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs  
 Thurber, Katie - Commissioner - Department of Labor - Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
 Executive Board

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

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB230:  
[AM689](#)

(Amendments to AM381)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 16. (1) For purposes of this section:
- 3 (a) Delivery sale has the same meaning as in section 28-1418.01;
- 4 (b) Flavored nitrous oxide product means a nitrous oxide product:
- 5 (i) Having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not
- 6 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or
- 7 spice, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or
- 8 during consumption or use of the product;
- 9 (ii) That is marketed as having the taste or smell of any food,
- 10 including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic
- 11 beverage, herb, or spice; or
- 12 (iii) Regarding which the manufacturer, seller, or any person
- 13 authorized by, or acting with the consent of, the manufacturer or seller,
- 14 has made a public statement or claim, whether express or implied, that
- 15 such product has the taste or smell of any food, including, but not
- 16 limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or
- 17 spice; and
- 18 (c) Nitrous oxide product means a cartridge, cylinder, or tank
- 19 containing nitrous oxide.
- 20 (2) A business entity or corporation shall not sell, including by
- 21 delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any
- 22 consumer in this state a nitrous oxide product or flavored nitrous oxide
- 23 product or willingly allow such products to be taken from such business
- 24 entity or corporation by any person. This subsection does not apply to a
- 25 nitrous oxide product, other than a flavored nitrous oxide product, that:
- 26 (a) Has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human
- 1 consumption for use;
- 2 (b) Is intended for use by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing
- 3 process or industrial operation;
- 4 (c) Is intended for use for automotive purposes;
- 5 (d) Is prescribed as part of the care or treatment of a disease,
- 6 condition, or injury by a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or
- 7 (e) Is a propellant in food or in food preparation for restaurant,
- 8 food service, or houseware products.
- 9 (3) A business entity or corporation that violates subsection (2) of
- 10 this section shall be subject to:
- 11 (a) A Class II misdemeanor for a first offense;
- 12 (b) A Class I misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense; and
- 13 (c) A civil penalty of \$2,500 for a first or a subsequent offense.
- 14 (4) All nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products
- 15 that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this
- 16 section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of

17 such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person  
 18 from whom the products are seized.  
 19 (5) Any common carrier that knowingly transports nitrous oxide  
 20 products or flavored nitrous oxide products for a business entity or  
 21 corporation that is in violation of subsection (2) of this section is  
 22 guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.  
 23 (6) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section  
 24 shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive  
 25 Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties  
 26 available for a violation of such act.  
 27 (7) This section does not apply to the following:  
 28 (a) The shipment of nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide  
 29 products to a foreign-trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a  
 30 et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from  
 31 outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state,  
 1 and are not distributed in this state; or  
 2 (b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the  
 3 employee's official duties.  
 4 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.  
 5 3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by  
 6 this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the  
 7 adjournment of this legislative session.

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 72.** Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther Home Society was created in Sterling, Nebraska, on October 20, 1925, and educates children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther Home survived through the Great Depression, World War II, and many other challenges because of the kindness and generosity of Nebraskans who worked endless hours to give produce, farm goods and donations supporting the school's residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, those same generous and giving people helped build a new, state-of-the-art home and school for the children in Beatrice, Nebraska, which opened in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the organization's reputation for quality education and innovation spread, and the Martin Luther Home Society was invited to share their work in other states; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Martin Luther Home Society joined with Bethphage Inner Mission Society, also founded in Nebraska, to form Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the one-hundred-year anniversary of the founding of the Martin Luther Home Society will be celebrated by Mosaic this year.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Mosaic for continuing the mission of its founding organizations Martin Luther Home Society and Bethphage Inner Mission Society to love and serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Nebraska and in eleven other states.

Laid over.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Committee [AM411](#), found on page 640, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO86](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

#### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

#### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 64, 65, and 66 were adopted.

#### SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 64, 65, and 66.

#### GENERAL FILE

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Pending.

#### MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 17, 2025

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



Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593 were received in my office on March 13, 2025, and signed on March 17, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 17, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST10](#)

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

1. In the Raybould amendment, AM348, on page 2, line 2, "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.
2. On page 1, line 1, "the Medical Assistance Act" has been struck and "public health and welfare" inserted; in line 3, "to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon; and in line 4 "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 34.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST11](#)

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

1. On page 1 the matter beginning with "political" in line 1 through line 5 has been struck and "political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.
2. On page 4, line 16, "and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024," has been inserted after the comma.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 302.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM226](#)

- 1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 3. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having

3 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating  
 4 from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from  
 5 meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells, including processes  
 6 in which one or more stem cells that were initially isolated from an  
 7 agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as  
 8 part of a manufacturing operation.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB650:  
AM690

- 1 1. Strike original sections 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 24, 26, and
- 2 27.
- 3 2. On page 87, line 23, strike "4, 5, 6, 7, and 35" and insert "3,
- 4 4, 5, and 24".
- 5 3. On page 88, line 4, strike the first comma and insert "and"; and
- 6 strike beginning with "77-7017" in line 4 through "77-7022;" in line 5.
- 7 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 8 accordingly.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
 Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

David Wolf - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 David Fudge - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Paul Younes - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Courtney Dentlinger - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Robert Sabin - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Rachel Kreikemeier - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
 Roger Kuhn - Nebraska Tourism Commission

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025

LB244  
 LB629

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 73.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9;  
 Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5;  
 Riepe, 12; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team won its second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship in 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in program history, the Mavericks reached the regional final of the 2024 NCAA women's softball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks coach Mike Heard, now in his fourth season, has set a standard of excellence at the University of Nebraska Omaha since arriving in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the student athletes of the Mavericks women's softball team are a source of pride for the university and the Omaha community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens 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 the hard work and dedication of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team and congratulates them on their second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks softball team.

Laid over.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Tera Thoms, Lincoln; Claire Savage, Omaha; Jay Jackson; students from Summerland Public School, Ewing; students from Madison High School, Madison; students from North Star High School, Lincoln; Home School students, Lincoln; Ella Kathryn Anderson, Scottsbluff; Irene Anderson and Mark Anderson Scottsbluff.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator McKinney, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-SIXTH DAY - MARCH 18, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-SIXTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Robert J. Magoola, St. Mark's, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hardin.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dorn, Hughes, Hunt, McKinney, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-fifth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 595.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM619**

1 1. On page 2, line 7, after the period insert "No money appropriated  
2 or transferred from the fund shall be used for electronic-related  
3 equipment or electronic-related components manufactured or supplied by a  
4 foreign adversary as identified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation  
5 existed on February 7, 2025, for data gathering equipment that will be or  
6 is located within a ten-mile radius of a military installation as defined  
7 in section 70-1001.01.".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB69:

AM162

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 81-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 81-2601 (1) There is hereby established the Commission on African

6 American Affairs. For purposes of sections 81-2601 to 81-2607, commission

7 means the Commission on African American Affairs.

8 (2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be of

9 African ancestry. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the

10 Governor. One member of the commission shall be an individual who

11 identifies as an immigrant or new American and one member shall be a

12 young professional eighteen years of age or older and younger than

13 twenty-five years of age. The commission may have such nonvoting, ex

14 officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not

15 be of African ancestry. The commission shall elect one of its members as

16 chairperson.

17 (3) Members of the commission shall serve no more than two four-year

18 terms or for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy. As the terms

19 of the voting members expire, their successors shall be appointed by the

20 Governor from a panel of nominees submitted by the public. An appointment

21 for an unexpired term shall follow the same procedure as for initial and

22 subsequent appointments. Voting members shall be eligible for

23 reappointment.

24 (4) The names of all commissioners shall be listed on the

25 commission's website.

26 Sec. 2. Section 81-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

27 amended to read:

1 81-2602 The purpose of the commission is to join representatives of

2 African Americans and Black Americans across the diaspora in Nebraska to

3 do all things which the commission may determine to enhance the well-

4 being of African Americans cause of African American rights and to develop

5 proactive solutions to problems common to all Nebraska African Americans.

6 Sec. 3. Section 81-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

7 amended to read:

8 81-2603 The commission may receive and administer funds from state,

9 federal, and other sources and may employ and fix the compensation of

10 personnel an executive director of its own choosing who shall be an

11 African American person and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska. An

12 office for the executive management director shall be provided.

13 Sec. 4. Section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

14 amended to read:

15 81-2604 The functions of the commission are to:

16 (1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the African

17 American community in Nebraska;

18 (2) Coordinate new and existing programs relating to the African

19 American community in Nebraska regarding key opportunities including, but

20 not limited to, housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care,

21 employment, economic development, law and order, and related

22 themes problems;

23 (3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and

24 federal and state elected officials in the development of programs in

25 areas mentioned in subdivision (2) of this section;

26 (4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the

27 African American community in Nebraska;

28 (5) Administer sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

29 (6) Provide the public with information and education relevant to  
 30 African American affairs in Nebraska; and  
 31 (7) Develop ~~initiatives~~programs to encourage the total involvement  
 1 of African American people in activities for the common benefit of the  
 2 African American community.  
 3 Sec. 5. Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least once every calendar  
 6 year in the city with the largest African American population. Public  
 7 notice of a meeting shall be required no later than seven calendar days  
 8 prior to the date of such meeting and shall be published on the  
 9 commission's website, social media, and shared with local media  
 10 outlets~~quarter~~. Meetings shall be held in January, April, July, and  
 11 October. Special meetings may be called at the request of eight voting  
 12 members. Eight voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum  
 13 for the transaction of business. Commission meeting minutes shall be  
 14 posted on the commission's website.  
 15 (2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid  
 16 excuse, fails to attend ~~annual~~quarterly or special meetings shall be  
 17 vacant.  
 18 (3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to  
 19 the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the following:  
 20 (a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements,  
 21 challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;  
 22 (b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the  
 23 commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for  
 24 which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted  
 25 the African American community and the progress made on the policies  
 26 described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;  
 27 (c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach,  
 28 public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;  
 29 (d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve  
 30 economic opportunities within the African American community, employment  
 31 programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing  
 1 economic disparities;  
 2 (e) Education and workforce development including educational  
 3 initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with  
 4 schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have  
 5 access to career advancement opportunities;  
 6 (f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address  
 7 health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to health  
 8 care resources;  
 9 (g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that  
 10 address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly  
 11 incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;  
 12 (h) Housing and community development including initiatives to  
 13 address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts,  
 14 and partnerships with housing agencies;  
 15 (i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that  
 16 demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment  
 17 rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the  
 18 African American community;  
 19 (j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding  
 20 sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;  
 21 (k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including  
 22 feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work  
 23 and priority areas for improvement; and  
 24 (l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the  
 25 upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing  
 26 challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

27 Sec. 6. Section 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
28 amended to read:  
29 81-2607 (1) For purposes of administration of the commission during  
30 the interim between regular ~~annual~~<sup>quarterly</sup> meetings, there is hereby  
31 established an executive board of the Commission on African American  
1 Affairs consisting of the chairperson of the commission and four members  
2 of the commission.  
3 (2) The executive board may enter into contracts for consultation  
4 services, supplies, and equipment, if the amount contracted for does not  
5 exceed two thousand dollars in any one contract, and may supervise all  
6 ~~initiatives~~<sup>programs</sup> relating to the affairs of African American people  
7 instituted and authorized by the commission.  
8 Sec. 7. Original sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604,  
9 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

## MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 17, 2025

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 Educational Telecommunications  
Commission:

Clay Smith, 2310 Woodsdale Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502, At Large -  
District 1  
Paul Turman, 16200 Hickman Ridge Road, Roca, NE 68430, State College  
Representative

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

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

## SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for  
Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** [ER23](#), found on page 658, was offered.



ER23 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Senator Hallstrom offered [AM597](#), found on page 736.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO93](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Ballard moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 5 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his motion to bracket:

Voting in the affirmative, 4:

Conrad	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
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Voting in the negative, 36:

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

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Spivey
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Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hughes	Hunt	McKinney
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The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 4 ayes, 36 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO94](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO93.

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO94](#), to reconsider the vote taken on MO93.

No objections. So ordered.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn withdrew [AM600](#), found on page 774.

Senator DeKay offered [AM689](#), found on page 806.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe offered [AM577](#), found on page 752.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 2 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Ibach	Prokop
Armendariz	Clouse	Dungan	Juarez	Quick
Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Brandt	DeBoer	Guereca	Meyer	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 3:

Andersen	Bosn	Hardin
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Present and not voting, 20:

Ballard	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Storm
Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders	Strommen
DeKay	Jacobson	McKeon	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	Storer	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 3 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** [ER24](#), found on page 713, was offered.

ER24 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** [ER25](#), found on page 732, was offered.

ER25 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 207.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM73](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 8, strike "having" and insert "that is not  
2 registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and that has".

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 319.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 202.** Placed on General File with amendment.AM57

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 38-2037 (1) In addition to the grounds for disciplinary action found  
 6 in sections 38-178 and 38-179, a license to practice medicine and surgery  
 7 or osteopathic medicine and surgery or a license to practice as a  
 8 physician assistant may be denied, refused renewal, limited, revoked, or  
 9 suspended or have other disciplinary measures taken against it in  
 10 accordance with section 38-196 when the applicant or licensee fails to  
 11 comply with the provisions of section 71-603.01, 71-604, 71-605, or  
 12 71-606 relating to the signing of birth and death certificates.  
 13 (2)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure the protection  
 14 of the rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United  
 15 States for individuals licensed to practice medicine and surgery or  
 16 osteopathic medicine and surgery by providing for the public expression  
 17 of differing medical opinions and allowing such opinions to be subjected  
 18 to the scrutiny of public and professional forums. A license to practice  
 19 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery shall not be  
 20 subject to any disciplinary measures as a result of an applicant or  
 21 licensee expressing an opinion in a public or professional forum.  
 22 (b) The expression of an opinion by an applicant or licensee in a  
 23 public or professional forum does not include the expression of an  
 24 opinion offered in the course of the applicant's or licensee's practice,  
 25 including providing services to a patient.  
 26 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 27 Nebraska, is repealed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 203.** Placed on General File with amendment.AM611

1 1. Insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 4. A community-wide directed health measure (1) shall be  
 3 subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and 71-1632, (2)  
 4 shall expire seven days after the date of issuance, and (3) may be  
 5 reauthorized subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and  
 6 71-1632.  
 7 2. On page 2, line 3, after "71-1636" insert "and section 4 of this  
 8 act".  
 9 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 437.** Placed on General File with amendment.AM659

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 71-5829.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 71-5829.03 Except as provided in section 71-5830.01, no person,  
 6 including persons acting for or on behalf of a health care facility,  
 7 shall engage in any of the following activities without having first  
 8 applied for and received the necessary certificate of need:  
 9 (1) The initial establishment of ~~long-term care beds or~~  
 10 rehabilitation beds except as permitted under subdivision (3) subdivisions  
 11 (4) and (5) of this section;  
 12 (2) ~~An increase in the long-term care beds of a health care facility~~

13 by more than ten long-term care beds or more than ten percent of the  
 14 total long-term care bed capacity of such facility, whichever is less,  
 15 over a two-year period;  
 16 (2)(3) An increase in the rehabilitation beds of a health care  
 17 facility by more than ten rehabilitation beds or more than ten percent of  
 18 the total rehabilitation bed capacity of such facility, whichever is  
 19 less, over a two-year period;  
 20 (4) Any initial establishment of long-term care beds through  
 21 conversion by a hospital of any type of hospital beds to long-term care  
 22 beds if the total beds converted by the hospital are more than ten beds  
 23 or more than ten percent of the total bed capacity of such hospital,  
 24 whichever is less, over a two-year period;  
 25 (3)(5) Any initial establishment of rehabilitation beds through  
 26 conversion by a hospital of any type of hospital beds to rehabilitation  
 27 beds if the total beds converted by the hospital are more than ten beds  
 1 or more than ten percent of the total bed capacity of such hospital,  
 2 whichever is less, over a two-year period; or  
 3 (4)(6) Any relocation of rehabilitation beds in Nebraska from one  
 4 health care facility to another health care facility, except that no  
 5 certificate of need is required for relocation or transfer of  
 6 rehabilitation beds from a health care facility to another health care  
 7 facility owned and operated by the same entity.  
 8 Sec. 2. Section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 9 amended to read:  
 10 71-5830.01 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Nebraska  
 11 Health Care Certificate of Need Act, a certificate of need is not  
 12 required for:  
 13 (1) A change in classification between an intermediate care  
 14 facility, a nursing facility, or a skilled nursing facility;  
 15 (2) A project of a county in which is located a city of the  
 16 metropolitan class for which a bond issue has been approved by the  
 17 electorate of such county on or after January 1, 1994; and  
 18 (3) A project of a federally recognized Indian tribe to be located  
 19 on tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the State of Nebraska  
 20 where (a) a determination has been made by the tribe's governing body  
 21 that the cultural needs of the tribe's members cannot be adequately met  
 22 by existing facilities if such project has been approved by the tribe's  
 23 governing body and (b) the tribe has a self-determination agreement in  
 24 place with the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of  
 25 Health and Human Services so that payment for enrolled members of a  
 26 federally recognized Indian tribe who are served at such facility will be  
 27 made with one hundred percent federal reimbursement; and  
 28 (4) A transfer or relocation of long-term care beds from one  
 29 facility to another entity in the same health planning region or any  
 30 other health planning region. The receiving entity shall obtain a license  
 31 for the transferred or relocated beds within two years after the transfer  
 1 or relocation. The department shall grant an extension of such time if  
 2 the receiving entity is making progress toward the licensure of such  
 3 beds.  
 4 Sec. 3. Section 71-5836, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 5 amended to read:  
 6 71-5836 The department, after consulting with appropriate  
 7 governmental agencies and affected persons, shall:  
 8 (1) Prescribe the form to be used in applying for certificates of  
 9 need and for applying for renewal of such certificates. The application  
 10 shall contain (a) the name and address of the sponsor, (b) the  
 11 anticipated date for placing the beds in service, (c) the location, (d)  
 12 the number of new beds, (e) a concise, narrative description of the  
 13 project showing the type and description of proposed acute care beds; or  
 14 rehabilitation beds, or long-term care beds, and (f) the certification

15 and telephone number of a responsible officer; and  
 16 (2) By rule and regulation describe and clarify the procedures to be  
 17 followed in the review of an application. Such procedures shall be issued  
 18 with each application form.  
 19 Sec. 4. Section 71-5846, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 20 amended to read:  
 21 71-5846 The department shall make a decision in writing to (1)  
 22 approve the application and issue a certificate of need; ~~or (2)~~  
 23 disapprove the application and deny a certificate of need; ~~or (3) if the~~  
 24 ~~application is for more long-term care beds than allowed under section~~  
 25 ~~71-5829.04, approve the application but issue a certificate of need only~~  
 26 ~~for the reduced number of beds that section 71-5829.04 allows.~~ The  
 27 department shall make its decision within sixty days after the date the  
 28 application was received.  
 29 Sec. 5. Section 71-5865, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 30 amended to read:  
 31 71-5865 In an appeal of a decision to deny a certificate of need,  
 1 the person requesting the appeal shall bear the burden of proving that  
 2 the project meets the applicable criteria established in sections  
 3 71-5829.03 ~~and~~ 71-5829.06.  
 4 Sec. 6. Original sections 71-5829.03, 71-5830.01, 71-5836, 71-5846,  
 5 and 71-5865, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 6 Sec. 7. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
 7 71-5803.10, 71-5829.04, and 71-5829.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 8 Nebraska.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM655](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 213.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM645](#)

1 1. Strike original section 3.  
 2 2. On page 2, line 24, strike "including" and insert "such as";  
 3 strike beginning with "which" in line 27 through "shall" in line 29 and  
 4 insert "that"; and in line 29 after the second comma insert "and" and  
 5 after "and" insert "any".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Agriculture

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM638](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

#### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Business and Labor  
 Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Katie Thurber - Department of Labor

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

LB649

AM 632 amending LB649

Note: LB649 and AM632 will have a combined hearing.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### COMMUNICATION(S)

Received communication to President Kelly, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature from Timothy Tesmer, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the appointment of the following to the Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee:

Dr. Rui Yi

Dr. Alysson Muotri.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB80:

[FA44](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB676:

[FA51](#)

In AM655, Strike Section 1.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB230:

[FA49](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA50](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB649:

[AM632](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 19 of this act shall be known and may be

4 cited as the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

5 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act is to

6 provide incentives to encourage employers to locate their workforce in

7 this state to support military defense efforts and foster the growth of

8 the workforce required to advance global defense communications and

9 technologies.

10 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act, the

11 definitions found in sections 4 to 13 of this act shall be used.

12 Sec. 4. Any term defined in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 has

13 the same meaning in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act unless the context

14 or the express language of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act requires a

15 different meaning.

16 Sec. 5. Base year means the year immediately preceding the year of

17 application.

18 Sec. 6. Full-time employee means with respect to any month, an

19 employee who is employed on average at least thirty hours of service per

20 week.

21 Sec. 7. Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for any year means

22 the most recent statewide average hourly wage paid by all employers in

23 all counties in Nebraska as calculated by the Office of Labor Market

24 Information of the Department of Labor using annual data from the

25 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by October 1 of the year prior

26 to application. Hourly wages shall be calculated by dividing the reported

27 average annual weekly wage by forty.

1 Sec. 8. Performance period means the year of application plus the

2 next nine years.

3 Sec. 9. Qualified employee means a person employed by the taxpayer

4 who is (1) a full-time employee, (2) exclusively dedicated to supporting

5 military defense efforts in this state, and (3) paid wages at a rate

6 equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide

7 average hourly wage.

8 Sec. 10. Qualified employer means a taxpayer that:

9 (1) Employs (a) at least ten full-time qualified employees in

10 Nebraska during the base year and (b) at least the same number of full-

11 time qualified employees as were employed in the prior year for each year

12 of the performance period;

13 (2) Pays wages for services rendered (a) at a rate equal to at least

14 one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage

15 in the base year and (b) at a rate equal to at least one hundred two

16 percent of the prior year wage level during each year of the performance

17 period; and

18 (3) Electronically verifies the work eligibility status of all new

19 qualified employees employed in Nebraska prior to hire during the entire

20 performance period.

21 Sec. 11. Taxpayer means any person subject to sales and use taxes

22 under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and subject to withholding under

23 section 77-2753 and any entity that is or would otherwise be a member of

24 the same unitary group, if incorporated, that is subject to such sales

25 and use taxes and such withholding. Taxpayer does not include a political

26 subdivision or an organization that is exempt from income taxes under

27 section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For

28 purposes of this section, political subdivision includes any public

29 corporation created for the benefit of a political subdivision and any

30 group of political subdivisions forming a joint public agency, organized

31 by interlocal agreement, or utilizing any other method of joint action.

1 Sec. 12. Wage credit means the credit described in the Defense

2 Efforts Workforce Act.

3 Sec. 13. Year means calendar year.

4 Sec. 14. (1) If a qualified employer has entered into an agreement

5 with the state pursuant to section 15 of this act, the qualified employer

6 shall during each year of the performance period receive the wage credit

7 approved by the Tax Commissioner in the manner provided in the Defense

8 Efforts Workforce Act.

9 (2) The wage credit shall equal five percent of the total

10 compensation paid by the qualified employer in the year to all qualified



11 employees of the qualified employer in Nebraska. The wage credit earned  
12 for all qualified employers shall not exceed four million dollars in any  
13 year. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits in any  
14 given year, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first.  
15 (3) The wage credits shall be allowed for each year in the  
16 performance period. Unused credits may carry over and be applied against  
17 future state withholdings.  
18 (4) The total amount all qualified employers may receive in credits  
19 pursuant to the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not exceed forty  
20 million dollars. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits,  
21 the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first. This  
22 benefit is in addition to any benefits the qualified employer may  
23 otherwise qualify for under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act or may have  
24 qualified for previously under the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Employment  
25 and Investment Growth Act, or the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act.  
26 (5) The qualified employer may use the wage credit to reduce the  
27 qualified employer's income tax withholding employer or payor tax  
28 liability under section 77-2756 or 77-2757. To the extent of the credit  
29 used, such withholding shall not constitute public funds or state tax  
30 revenue and shall not constitute a trust fund or be owned by the state.  
31 The use by the qualified employer of the credit shall not change the  
1 amount that otherwise would be reported by the qualified employer to the  
2 employee under section 77-2754 as income tax withheld and shall not  
3 reduce the amount that otherwise would be allowed by the state as a  
4 refundable credit on an employee's income tax return as income tax  
5 withheld under section 77-2755.  
6 Sec. 15. (1) In order for the qualified employer to be eligible for  
7 the wage credit, the qualified employer shall file an application for an  
8 agreement with the Tax Commissioner.  
9 (2) The application shall:  
10 (a) State the exact name of the taxpayer and any related companies;  
11 (b) Include a description, in detail, of the nature of the company's  
12 business, including the products sold and respective markets;  
13 (c) Request that the company be considered for approval under the  
14 Defense Efforts Workforce Act;  
15 (d) Acknowledge that the qualified employer understands and complies  
16 with the requirements for verifying the work eligibility status of all  
17 new qualified employees;  
18 (e) Include a description, in detail, regarding each qualified  
19 employee employed during the base year, including employment status and  
20 wages paid; and  
21 (f) Include a nonrefundable application fee of five thousand  
22 dollars. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to  
23 the Nebraska Incentives Fund.  
24 (3) Any complete application shall be considered a valid application  
25 on the date submitted for the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce  
26 Act.  
27 (4) The application and all supporting information are confidential  
28 except for the name of the taxpayer, the number of qualified employees,  
29 and whether the application has been approved.  
30 (5) The Tax Commissioner shall determine whether to approve the  
31 application based upon whether the applicant meets the definition of a  
1 qualified employer.  
2 (6) The Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing as to  
3 whether the application has been approved or not. The Tax Commissioner  
4 shall decide and mail the notice within thirty days after receiving the  
5 application, regardless of whether he or she approves or disapproves the  
6 application, unless the time is extended by mutual written consent of the  
7 Tax Commissioner and the applicant.  
8 (7) An application may be approved only if it is consistent with the

9 legislative purposes contained in section 2 of this act.

10 (8) If the application is approved by the Tax Commissioner, the  
11 qualified employer and the state shall enter into a written agreement,  
12 which shall be executed on behalf of the state by the Tax Commissioner.  
13 In the agreement, the qualified employer shall agree to maintain the  
14 required level of employment and make the required wage increases, and in  
15 consideration of the qualified employer's agreement, the state shall  
16 agree to allow the wage credits as provided in the Defense Efforts  
17 Workforce Act. The application, and all supporting documentation, to the  
18 extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. The  
19 agreement may contain such terms and conditions as the Tax Commissioner  
20 specifies in order to carry out the legislative purposes of the Defense  
21 Efforts Workforce Act. The agreement shall contain provisions to allow  
22 the Tax Commissioner to verify that the required levels of employment  
23 have been maintained and the appropriate increases in wages have been  
24 made.

25 Sec. 16. (1) If the taxpayer fails to maintain the required level  
26 of employment and meet the wage requirements through the entire  
27 performance period, all or a portion of the wage credits shall be  
28 recaptured directly by the state from the taxpayer or shall be  
29 disallowed. In no event shall any wage credits be required to be paid  
30 back directly or indirectly by the employees. All such credits must be  
31 repaid by the taxpayer.

1 (2) The recapture or disallowance shall be as follows:

2 (a) No wage credits shall be allowed, and if already allowed shall  
3 be recaptured, for the actual year or years in which the required level  
4 of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met;

5 (b) For wage credits allowed in prior years, one-tenth of the  
6 credits shall be recaptured from the taxpayer for each year the required  
7 level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not  
8 met; and

9 (c) For wage credits for future years, one-tenth of the credits  
10 shall be disallowed for each year the required level of employment was  
11 not maintained or the wage requirement was not met in previous years.

12 (3) Any amounts required to be recaptured shall be deemed to be an  
13 underpayment of tax, immediately due and payable, and shall constitute a  
14 lien on the assets of the taxpayer. When wage credits were received in  
15 more than one year, the credits received in the most recent year shall be  
16 recovered first and then the credits received in earlier years shall be  
17 recovered up to the extent of the required recapture.

18 (4) Interest shall accrue from the due date for the return for the  
19 year in which the taxpayer failed to maintain the required level of  
20 employment or meet the required wage level.

21 (5) Penalties shall not accrue until ninety days after the  
22 requirement for recapture or disallowance becomes known or should have  
23 become known to the taxpayer.

24 (6) The recapture or disallowance required by this section may be  
25 waived by the Tax Commissioner if he or she finds the failure to maintain  
26 the required level of employment or meet the required wage level was  
27 caused by unavoidable circumstances such as an act of God or a national  
28 emergency.

29 Sec. 17. (1) The wage credits allowed under the Defense Efforts  
30 Workforce Act shall not be transferable except in the following  
31 situations:

1 (a) Any credit allowable to a partnership, a limited liability  
2 company, a subchapter S corporation, a cooperative, including a  
3 cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
4 1986, as amended, a limited cooperative association, or an estate or  
5 trust may be distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons,  
6 or beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use  
7 against their income tax liabilities, and such partners, members,

8 shareholders, or beneficiaries shall be deemed to have made an  
9 underpayment of their income taxes for any recapture required by section  
10 16 of this act. A credit distributed shall be considered a credit used  
11 and the partnership, limited liability company, subchapter S corporation,  
12 cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the  
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limited cooperative  
14 association, estate, or trust shall be liable for any repayment required  
15 by section 16 of this act; and  
16 (b) The credits previously allowed and future credits may be  
17 transferred when an agreement is transferred in its entirety by sale or  
18 lease to another taxpayer or in an acquisition of assets qualifying under  
19 section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.  
20 (2) The acquiring taxpayer, as of the date of notification to the  
21 Tax Commissioner of the completed transfer, shall be entitled to any  
22 unused credits and to any future credits allowable under the Defense  
23 Efforts Workforce Act.  
24 (3) The acquiring taxpayer shall be liable for any recapture that  
25 becomes due after the date of the transfer for the repayment of any  
26 credits received either before or after the transfer.  
27 (4) If a taxpayer dies and there is a credit remaining after the  
28 filing of the final return for the taxpayer, the personal representative  
29 shall determine the distribution of the credit or any remaining carryover  
30 with the initial fiduciary return filed for the estate. The determination  
31 of the distribution of the credit may be changed only after obtaining the  
1 permission of the Tax Commissioner.  
2 (5) The Tax Commissioner may disclose information to the acquiring  
3 taxpayer about the agreement and prior credits that is reasonably  
4 necessary to determine the future credits and liabilities of the  
5 taxpayer.  
6 Sec. 18. The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and  
7 regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the  
8 Defense Efforts Workforce Act.  
9 Sec. 19. (1) The Department of Revenue shall submit electronically  
10 an annual report to the Legislature no later than October 31 of each  
11 year. The report shall be on a fiscal year, accrual basis that satisfies  
12 the requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The  
13 Department of Revenue shall, on or before December 15 of each year,  
14 appear at a joint hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the  
15 Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and present the  
16 report. Any supplemental information requested by three or more committee  
17 members must be provided within thirty days after the request.  
18 (2) The report shall list (a) the agreements which have been signed  
19 during the previous calendar year, (b) the agreements which are still in  
20 effect, and (c) the identity of each taxpayer that is a party to an  
21 agreement.  
22 (3) The report shall provide information on agreement-specific total  
23 credits used every two years for each agreement. The report shall  
24 disclose the identity of the taxpayer and the total credits used during  
25 the immediately preceding two years, expressed as a single, aggregated  
26 total. The information required to be reported under this subsection  
27 shall not be reported for the first year the taxpayer maintains the  
28 required employment threshold. The information on first-year credits used  
29 shall be combined with and reported as part of the second year.  
30 Thereafter, the information on credits used for succeeding years shall be  
31 reported for each agreement every two years containing information on two  
1 years of credits used.  
2 (4) No information shall be provided in the report that is protected  
3 by state or federal confidentiality laws.  
4 Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2027.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:

[FA52](#)

In AM638, on Page 3, Line 24, strike "2029" and insert "2028" and on Page 3, Line 29, strike "2029" and insert "2028".

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

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB340:

[MO103](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO104](#)

Bracket until April 30, 2025.

[MO105](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB230:

[MO102](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 74.** Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan Knights defeated the Cross County Cougars in the championship game by a score of 53-43; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan basketball team finished the season with a record of seventeen wins and nine losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 75.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, Ryan Daniel Sims was born on January 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ryan enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to his favorite music, celebrating at birthday parties, and eating delicious cake; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was a light to all those around him. His empathy, love, and care for people was cherished by those he loved and will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Ryan passed away March 8, 2025, at the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is survived by his loving parents, Garret and Kristine; brothers, Charlie and Joe; and grandparents, Carol and Chuck Paskach and Mary Jean Sims.

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

1. That the Legislature express condolences to the family of Ryan Daniel Sims.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Ryan Daniel Sims.

Laid over.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Sorrentino name withdrawn from LB290.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Mead Elementary School, Mead; Henry NyGrin; Grayder Girmus; students from Platte Valley Christian School, Ogallala; students from TeenPact Leadership Schools, Lincoln; students from Sutton Elementary, Sutton; Leadership Bellevue; members of York County Farm Bureau.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-SEVENTH DAY - MARCH 19, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, March 19, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor LuRae Hallstrom, Chaplain at Grand Lodge in Lincoln, St. John's, Otoe, Syracuse.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

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

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING****CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-sixth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 76.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley High School boys wrestling team secured the runner-up Class D Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley's Cougars worked hard and ended the championship with individual gold medalists Lincoln Nekoliczak at 120 pounds and Grady Kelly at 190 pounds, silver medalist William Pokorny at 157 pounds, and Dallas Wadsworth at 113 pounds claimed fifth place to secure the runner-up title for Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dalton Dugan at 106 pounds, Landon Shoemaker at 138 pounds, Luke Shoemaker at 150 pounds, and Jairo Lazos at 165 pounds all won in the first round individual skirmishes; and

WHEREAS, Central Valley entered the championship with eight wrestlers and each wrestler left with at least one win; 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 congratulates the members of Central Valley's wrestling team on earning the runner-up 2025 Class D State Wrestling Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Central Valley High School.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 77.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Elm Creek High School girls basketball team competed in the 2025 Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Elm Creek Buffaloes earned the runner-up title after a tough battle with the Pender Pendragons; and

WHEREAS, remaining true to the Buffaloes team motto "fearless pursuit", the team kept fighting and remained united until the end; 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 congratulates the Elm Creek girls basketball team on earning the 2025 Class D-1 Runner-up Girls State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Elm Creek High School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 78.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Ravenna High School took the stage on December 12, 2024, as their twelfth state bid in as many years; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna secured the Class C-2 One-Act State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship title, Ravenna also earned second place in the technical theatre category; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna's cast also earned individual awards including the two available Outstanding Performer Awards to Maggie Huryta and Owen Standage; and

WHEREAS, the superior acting awards went to Maggie Huryta, Owen Standage, Abby Lewadowski, Matti Lyons, Wyton Fiddelike, and Noah Schroeder; 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 congratulates the Ravenna High School one-act team on winning the Class C-2 One-Act State Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ravenna High School.

Laid over.

### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Ballard moved to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to receive the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems Experience Study and the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems Annual Report

The Ballard motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to  
section 84-1503(4)(a) (cancel)

Note: Invited Testimony Only

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-  
1503(3) (cancel)

Note: Invited Testimony Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.** Committee [AM411](#), found on page 640, and considered on pages 802 and 808, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO86](#), found on page 802, and considered on pages 802 and 808, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB376.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO58](#), found on page 646, to bracket until May 1, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw [MO57](#), to recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM549](#), found on page 708, was offered.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM646](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM549)

- 1 1. On page 19, line 11, after "snuff" insert "and alternative
- 2 nicotine products".
- 3 2. On page 20, strike lines 2 through 5; in line 6 strike "(g)" and
- 4 reinstate the stricken "(f)"; and in line 12 strike "(h)" and reinstate
- 5 the stricken "(g)".

The Raybould amendment lost with 5 ayes, 24 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST13](#)

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "retirement" in line 1 through line 4 has been struck and "retirement; to amend sections 16-1005 and 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act relating to optional benefit forms for retiring firefighters; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST12](#)

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "to" in line 3 through "anesthetists" in line 5 has been struck and "to provide for student loans to certain students and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists and dietitian nutritionists under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act" inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 501.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 614.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

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

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to LB689:

AM734

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 79-930, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 79-930 (1)(a) A member who experiences a separation from service  
6 with the member's employer but has not submitted a retirement application  
7 or a request for distribution pursuant to section 79-955, or received a  
8 retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution  
9 pursuant to section 79-955, from the retirement system, may return to  
10 work as a temporary employee, substitute employee, or volunteer for any  
11 employer participating in the retirement system. Such an employee:

12 (i) Shall be deemed to have incurred a termination for purposes of  
13 sections 79-921, 79-932, 79-933.02 to 79-933.06, and 79-933.08;

14 (ii) Shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination for purposes  
15 of sections 79-933, 79-951, and 79-955, and shall not be eligible to  
16 receive a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or  
17 distribution pursuant to section 79-955, from the retirement system,  
18 until the member incurs a termination of employment as described in  
19 subdivision (45) of section 79-902; and

20 (iii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of this section,  
21 shall not be eligible to contribute to the retirement system pursuant to  
22 section 79-958 or accrue service credit in the retirement system pursuant  
23 to section 79-927.

24 (b)(i) A member as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section  
25 who becomes a regular employee for an employer participating in the  
26 retirement system shall immediately begin making contributions pursuant  
27 to section 79-958 on all compensation paid by such employer and accrue  
1 service credit pursuant to section 79-927 for all such service performed  
2 for such employer, including any work as a temporary employee or  
3 substitute employee.

4 (ii) A member as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section who  
5 has not established eligibility as a regular employee at another employer  
6 shall not make contributions pursuant to section 79-958 on all  
7 compensation paid by such employer nor accrue service credit pursuant to  
8 section 79-927 for work performed by the member as a temporary employee  
9 or substitute employee for such employer.

10 (c) Work performed while the member is not contributing to the  
11 retirement system pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall

12 not accrue service credit in the retirement system pursuant to section  
13 79-927 and cannot be purchased as service credit under sections 79-933.03  
14 to 79-933.06 and 79-933.08.

15 (2)(a) A member who experiences a separation from service with the  
16 member's employer and has submitted a retirement application or a request  
17 for distribution pursuant to section 79-955, or received a retirement  
18 benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to  
19 section 79-955, from the retirement system, shall not be deemed to have  
20 incurred a termination of employment if the member subsequently returns  
21 to work for any employer participating in the retirement system within  
22 one hundred eighty days after separating from service, unless such work  
23 is limited to:

24 (i) Intermittent work as a volunteer or substitute employee. For  
25 purposes of this subsection:

26 (A) Intermittent work means work provided on a day-to-day basis not  
27 to exceed forty days per semester that is not greater than eight days of  
28 work during a calendar month; and

29 (B) Day of work means any length of work as a volunteer or  
30 substitute employee provided during a single calendar day; or

31 (ii) Work as authorized by, and performed in accordance with,  
1 section 79-920.

2 (b) The one-hundred-eighty-day period begins on the later of:

3 (i) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation from  
4 service of all employment with all employers participating in the  
5 retirement system; or

6 (ii) The date the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems  
7 receives the member's retirement application or request for distribution  
8 pursuant to section 79-955.

9 (c)(i) A member may seek a determination from the director of the  
10 Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems that it has been at least  
11 one hundred eighty days since the member satisfied the requirements  
12 described in this subsection. The director shall make such determination  
13 if the member produces clear and convincing evidence that is received by  
14 the director within forty-five days after the later of:

15 (A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation of  
16 service of all employment with all employers participating in the  
17 retirement system; or

18 (B) The date the member's retirement application or request for  
19 distribution pursuant to section 79-955 is received by the Nebraska  
20 Public Employees Retirement Systems.

21 (ii) A member may appeal the director's determination to the board  
22 within thirty days after receiving such determination.

23 (iii) The board's determination on the appeal shall be final and  
24 shall not be appealable to any court.

25 Sec. 2. Section 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
26 amended to read:

27 79-992 (1) A member who has five years or more of creditable  
28 service, excluding years of prior service acquired pursuant to section  
29 79-990, 79-991, 79-994, 79-995, or 79-997, and who terminates his or her  
30 employment may elect to leave his or her contributions in the retirement  
31 system, in which event he or she shall receive a retirement allowance at  
1 normal retirement age based on the annuity earned to the date of such  
2 termination of employment. Such member may elect to receive a retirement  
3 allowance at early retirement age if such member retires at an early  
4 retirement date. Such annuity shall be adjusted in accordance with  
5 section 79-9,100. Upon termination of employment, except on account of  
6 retirement, a member shall be entitled to receive refunds as follows: (a)  
7 An amount equal to the accumulated contributions to the retirement system  
8 by the member; and (b) any contributions made to a previously existing  
9 system which were refundable under the terms of that system. Any member

10 receiving a refund of contributions shall thereby forfeit and relinquish  
11 all accrued rights in the retirement system including all accumulated  
12 creditable service, except that if any member who has withdrawn his or  
13 her contributions as provided in this section reenters the service of the  
14 district and again becomes a member of the retirement system, he or she  
15 may restore any or all money previously received by him or her as a  
16 refund, including the interest on the amount of the restored refund for  
17 the period of his or her absence from the district's service as  
18 determined using the interest rate for interest on such restored refunds,  
19 and he or she shall then again receive credit for that portion of service  
20 which the restored money represents. Such restoration may be made as the  
21 board may direct until September 1, 2024, and as the retirement board may  
22 direct beginning September 1, 2024, through direct payments to the system  
23 or on an installment basis pursuant to a binding irrevocable payroll  
24 deduction authorized between the member and the school district over a  
25 period of not to exceed five years from the date of reemployment.  
26 Interest on delayed payments shall be at the rate of interest for  
27 determining interest on delayed payments by members to the retirement  
28 system. Creditable service may be purchased only in one-tenth-year  
29 increments, starting with the most recent years' salary.  
30 (2) Except as provided in section 79-992.01:  
31 (a)(i) A retired member, or a member described in subdivision (2)(c)  
1 or (d) of this subsection, who returns to employment as or again becomes  
2 an employee of the school district shall again participate in the  
3 retirement system as a new member and shall make contributions to the  
4 retirement system commencing upon reemployment as an employee.  
5 (ii) The retirement annuity of a retired member who returns to  
6 employment with the school district shall continue to be paid by the  
7 retirement system. A retired member who returns to employment as an  
8 employee of the school district shall receive creditable service only for  
9 service performed after his or her return to employment and in no event  
10 shall creditable service which accrues or the compensation paid to the  
11 member after such return to employment after retirement increase the  
12 amount of the member's original retirement annuity;  
13 (b) Upon termination of employment of the reemployed member, the  
14 member shall receive in addition to the retirement annuity which  
15 commenced at the time of the previous retirement (i) if the member has  
16 accrued five years or more of creditable service after his or her return  
17 to employment, excluding years of prior service acquired pursuant to  
18 section 79-990, 79-991, 79-994, 79-995, or 79-997, a retirement annuity  
19 as provided in section 79-999 or 79-9,100, as applicable, calculated  
20 solely on the basis of creditable service and final average compensation  
21 accrued and earned after the member's return to employment after his or  
22 her original retirement, and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other  
23 than the normal form or (ii) if the member has not accrued five years or  
24 more of creditable service after his or her return to employment, a  
25 refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were  
26 credited to the member after the member's return to employment. In no  
27 event shall the member's creditable service which accrued prior to a  
28 previous retirement be considered as part of the member's creditable  
29 service after his or her return to employment for any purpose of the  
30 Class V School Employees Retirement Act;  
31 (c) A member who experiences a separation from service but has not  
1 submitted a retirement application or request for distribution pursuant  
2 to this section or as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978, or  
3 received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or refund  
4 may return to work as a temporary employee, substitute employee, or  
5 volunteer. Such a temporary employee, substitute employee, or volunteer:  
6 (i) Shall be deemed to have incurred a termination of employment for  
7 purposes of section 79-991;

8 (ii) Shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination of  
9 employment for purposes of this section or section 79-992.01, 79-9,105,  
10 or 79-9,106, or for any other purposes under the Class V School Employees  
11 Retirement Act, and shall not be eligible to receive a retirement  
12 benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to this  
13 section, until the member incurs a termination of employment as described  
14 in subdivision (42) of section 79-978; and  
15 (iii) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section,  
16 shall not be eligible to contribute to the retirement system pursuant to  
17 section 79-9,113 or earn membership service credit in the retirement  
18 system as described in subdivision (23) of section 79-978; and  
19 (d)(i) A member who experiences a separation from service and has  
20 submitted a retirement application or request for distribution pursuant  
21 to this section or as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978, or  
22 received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or  
23 distribution, shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination of  
24 employment if the member subsequently returns to work for the district  
25 within one hundred eighty days after separating from service, unless such  
26 work is limited to:  
27 (A) Bona fide unpaid voluntary service;  
28 (B) Work performed as a substitute employee on an intermittent  
29 basis; or  
30 (C) Work as a temporary employee following a bona fide separation of  
31 service of not less than thirty calendar days and which is provided to  
1 accomplish a specific purpose or task for a limited period not to exceed  
2 one year.  
3 (ii) For purposes of subdivision (2)(d) of this section:  
4 (A) Intermittent basis means work provided on a day-to-day basis not  
5 to exceed forty days per semester that is not greater than eight days of  
6 work during a calendar month; and  
7 (B) Day of work means any length of work as a substitute employee  
8 provided during a single calendar day.  
9 (iii) The one-hundred-eighty-day period described in subdivision (2)  
10 (d)(i) of this section begins on the later of:  
11 (A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation from  
12 service of all employment as an employee with the school district; or  
13 (B) The date the board receives the member's retirement application  
14 or request for distribution as described in subdivision (32) of section  
15 79-978.  
16 (iv) A member may seek a determination from the administrator that  
17 it has been at least one hundred eighty days since the member satisfied  
18 the requirements described in this subdivision (2)(d). The administrator  
19 shall make such determination if the member produces clear and convincing  
20 evidence that is received by the administrator within forty-five days  
21 after the later of:  
22 (A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation of  
23 service of all employment as an employee with the district; or  
24 (B) The date the board receives the member's retirement application  
25 or request for distribution as described in subdivision (32) of section  
26 79-978.  
27 (v) A member may appeal the administrator's determination to the  
28 board within thirty days after the determination by the administrator.  
29 The board's determination on appeal shall be final and shall not be  
30 appealable to any court.  
31 (3) In the event a member is entitled to receive a refund of  
1 contributions pursuant to subsection (1) or subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of  
2 this section in an amount greater than one thousand dollars, if the  
3 member does not elect to have the refund paid directly to himself or  
4 herself or transferred to an eligible retirement plan designated by the  
5 member as a direct rollover pursuant to section 79-998, then the refund

6 of contributions shall be paid in a direct rollover to an individual  
 7 retirement plan as designated by the board until September 1, 2024, and  
 8 as designated by the retirement board beginning September 1, 2024.  
 9 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-930 and 79-992, Reissue Revised  
 10 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

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

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB322:

MO106

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO107

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO108

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1524 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
 Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to  
 section 84-1503(4)(a) (reschedule)

Note: Invited Testimony Only

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System  
 Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-  
 1503(3) (reschedule)

Note: Invited Testimony Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Guereca offered the following amendment:

AM737

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 5. Section 29-2260, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:

4 29-2260 (1) Whenever a person is adjudicated to be as described in  
 5 subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, his or her  
 6 disposition shall be governed by the Nebraska Juvenile Code.

7 (2) Whenever a court considers sentence for an offender convicted of  
 8 either a misdemeanor or a felony for which mandatory or mandatory minimum  
 9 imprisonment is not specifically required, the court may withhold  
 10 sentence of imprisonment unless, having regard to the nature and  
 11 circumstances of the crime and the history, character, and condition of  
 12 the offender, the court finds that imprisonment of the offender is



13 necessary for protection of the public because:  
 14 (a) The risk is substantial that during the period of probation the  
 15 offender will engage in additional criminal conduct;  
 16 (b) The offender is in need of correctional treatment that can be  
 17 provided most effectively by commitment to a correctional facility; or  
 18 (c) A lesser sentence will depreciate the seriousness of the  
 19 offender's crime or promote disrespect for law.  
 20 (3) The following grounds, while not controlling the discretion of  
 21 the court, shall be accorded weight in favor of withholding sentence of  
 22 imprisonment:  
 23 (a) The crime neither caused nor threatened serious harm;  
 24 (b) The offender did not contemplate that his or her crime would  
 25 cause or threaten serious harm;  
 26 (c) The offender acted under strong provocation;  
 27 (d) Substantial grounds were present tending to excuse or justify  
 1 the crime, though failing to establish a defense;  
 2 (e) The victim of the crime induced or facilitated commission of the  
 3 crime;  
 4 (f) The offender has compensated or will compensate the victim of  
 5 his or her crime for the damage or injury the victim sustained;  
 6 (g) The offender has no history of prior delinquency or criminal  
 7 activity and has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period of time  
 8 before the commission of the crime;  
 9 (h) The crime was the result of circumstances unlikely to recur;  
 10 (i) The character and attitudes of the offender indicate that he or  
 11 she is unlikely to commit another crime;  
 12 (j) The offender is likely to respond affirmatively to probationary  
 13 treatment; ~~and~~  
 14 (k) Imprisonment of the offender would entail excessive hardship to  
 15 his or her dependents;  
 16 (l) The offender has been abused physically, sexually, or  
 17 psychologically by a family or household member as defined in section  
 18 42-903, a sexual partner, or a person who used the offender for financial  
 19 gain; or  
 20 (m) The offender is a trafficking victim as defined in section  
 21 28-830.  
 22 (4) When an offender who has been convicted of a crime is not  
 23 sentenced to imprisonment, the court may sentence him or her to  
 24 probation.  
 25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 26 accordingly.

The Guereca amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Hardin moved to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of Senator Hunt's legislative bills having public hearings on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Health and Human Services Committee and Judiciary Committee.

The Hardin motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
LB367 (cancel)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025  
LB367 (reschedule)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025  
LB273 (cancel)

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 463.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 320.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM687](#)

- 1 1. On page 6, strike beginning with "task" in line 15 through
- 2 "establishments" in line 17 and insert "Attorney General, the Department
- 3 of Labor, and hotels and similar public lodging establishments may work
- 4 together"; in line 30 strike "National" and insert "Nebraska"; and in
- 5 line 31 strike "Resource Center".
- 6 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "within" in line 22 through
- 7 "establishment" in line 23; and in line 25 strike "National" and insert
- 8 "Nebraska" and strike "Resource Center".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 532.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM692](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

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

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to [LB629](#):  
[AM415](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Strommen filed the following amendment to [LB415](#):  
[AM722](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1 1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:  
2 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
3 read:  
4 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an  
5 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have  
6 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.  
7 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the  
8 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified  
9 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal  
10 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under  
11 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than  
12 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than  
13 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.  
14 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the  
15 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of  
16 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in  
17 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.  
18 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the  
19 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from  
20 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such  
21 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in  
22 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
23 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
24 resolved.  
25 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
26 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
1 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
2 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
3 section.  
4 (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
5 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
6 equitable relief in the ~~district proper~~ court in the county where the  
7 ~~employer's principal place of business is located~~. In any action brought  
8 to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court  
9 shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the  
10 court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an  
11 employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such  
12 employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the  
13 judgment ~~and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's~~  
14 ~~fees~~.  
15 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless

19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as  
 20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
 21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.  
 22 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
 23 later than ~~one~~<sup>four</sup> calendar ~~year~~<sup>years</sup> after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB415:

FA53

In AM545, change the start date on page 4 from "October 1, 2025" to "January 1, 2026" and on page 4 strike "(4)" lines 13 through 16 and renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Strommen filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM743

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1 1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
 3 read:  
 4 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an  
 5 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have  
 6 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.  
 7 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the  
 8 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified  
 9 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal  
 10 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under  
 11 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than  
 12 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than  
 13 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.  
 14 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the  
 15 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of  
 16 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in  
 17 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.  
 18 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the  
 19 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from  
 20 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such  
 21 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in  
 22 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
 23 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
 24 resolved.  
 25 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
 26 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
 1 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
 2 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
 3 section.  
 4 (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
 5 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
 6 equitable relief in the ~~district~~<sup>proper</sup> court ~~in the county where the~~  
 7 ~~employer's principal place of business is located.~~ In any action brought  
 8 to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court  
 9 shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the  
 10 court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an  
 11 employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such  
 12 employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the  
 13 judgment ~~and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's~~  
 14 ~~fees.~~  
 15 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
 16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
 17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
 18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless  
 19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as

20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
 21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.  
 22 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
 23 later than ~~one~~~~four~~ calendar ~~year~~~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to LB176:

AM716

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 86-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 86-1504 When determining a deployment project area, the granting  
 6 agency shall collaborate with the Nebraska Broadband Office and the  
 7 commission to ensure compliance with the Rural Communications  
 8 Sustainability Act. For all broadband deployment programs not funded by  
 9 the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, granting agencies  
 10 shall require grant applicants to provide a resolution of project  
 11 acknowledgment adopted by the city or village in which the proposed  
 12 deployment project area will be located or, if such area will not be  
 13 located in a city or village, the county in which such area will be  
 14 located. When requesting a resolution of project acknowledgment, the  
 15 grant applicant shall provide at least the following information to the  
 16 relevant city, village, or county:  
 17 (1) A map of the proposed deployment project area;  
 18 (2) Acknowledgment that the grant applicant will be applying for  
 19 appropriate permits; and  
 20 (3) A proposed timeline for the proposed project.  
 21 Sec. 2. Original section 86-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 22 Nebraska, is repealed.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Kauth announced the Business and Labor Committee will hold an executive session Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 2022.

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Congressman Adrian Smith and Josh Jackson.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., on a motion by Senator Andersen, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
 Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-EIGHTH DAY - MARCH 20, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, March 20, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Lynette Janssen, Ralston United Church of Christ, Ralston.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-seventh day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM729](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Juarez filed the following amendment to [LB299](#):  
[AM727](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM464)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
- 2 4. On page 7, line 9, reinstate the stricken language.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:00 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025  
LB273

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

### **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 March 19, 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

Baldocchi, Danny  
Airbnb, Inc. (Withdrawn 03/18/2025)  
CP Strategies LLC  
Combat Hate Foundation Inc.  
Richters, Rebecca S.  
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)  
Severino, Dylan  
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)  
Simmons, Kameron  
Flock Safety  
Steingart, Nick  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 67, 68, and 69 were adopted.

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR 67, 68, and 69.



**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 LB116 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 81-3717 and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen      Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.      Conrad      Hunt      Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.    Conrad            Hunt            Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; 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, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

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

### LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 39-1722, 39-1724, and 39-1725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe\*

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **MOTION(S) - Return LB41 to Select File**

Senator Riepe moved to return LB41 to Select File for his specific amendment, [AM637](#), found on page 802.

The Riepe motion to return prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** The Riepe specific amendment, [AM637](#), found on page 802, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 384.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM703](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 26, strike "a majority of the elected members"  
2 and insert "one voting member".

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM554](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 39-1348 (1) Except as otherwise provided in sections 39-2808 to  
6 39-2823, when letting contracts for the construction, reconstruction,  
7 improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and their  
8 appurtenances, the department shall solicit bids as follows:  
9 (a)(i)(a) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the  
10 department, of greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the  
11 department shall provide notice of the department's solicitation

12 of advertise for sealed bids using the following methods: for not less than  
13 twenty days by publication of a notice thereof

14 (A) Publish notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in the  
15 official county newspaper designated by the county board in the county  
16 where the work is to be done and in such additional newspaper or  
17 newspapers as may appear necessary to the department in order to give  
18 notice of the receiving of bids; and-

19 (B) Publish notice on the official webpage designated by the  
20 department beginning at least twenty days before the deadline for receipt  
21 of bids. The notice will be deemed to comply with this requirement even  
22 if there are temporary or occasional times when Internet service is down  
23 or the designated webpage is not available for any reason.

24 (ii) Such notice advertisement shall identify the general project  
25 location, state the place where the plans and specifications for the work  
26 may be inspected, and shall designate the time when the bids shall be  
27 filed and opened. The newspaper notice shall identify the department's  
1 official webpage where the details of the bid letting may be viewed  
2 electronically.

3 (iii) The notice requirements of this section shall be deemed to  
4 have been met if notice of the bid solicitation has been published on the  
5 department's designated webpage for at least twenty days prior to the  
6 time when bids will be opened, even if there is any defect with the  
7 newspaper notice described in subdivision (1)(a)(i)(A) of this section,  
8 including, but not limited to, meeting a publication deadline that has  
9 been moved by the publisher resulting in an inability to satisfy the  
10 requirement of three consecutive weeks of published notice.

11 (iv) If through no fault of the department publication of such  
12 notice fails to appear as prescribed in subdivisions (1)(a)(i) and (ii)  
13 of this section in any newspaper or newspapers in the manner provided in  
14 this subdivision, the department shall be deemed to have fulfilled the  
15 requirements of this subdivision; and

16 (b) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the  
17 department, of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less, the  
18 department, in its sole discretion, shall either:

19 (i) Follow the procedures given in subdivision (a) of this  
20 subsection; or

21 (ii) Request bids from at least three potential bidders for such  
22 work. If the department requests bids under this subdivision, it shall  
23 designate a time when the bids shall be opened. The department may award  
24 a contract pursuant to this subdivision if it receives at least one  
25 responsive bid.

26 (2) The Department of Transportation may adjust the amounts in  
27 subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this section annually on October 1 by the  
28 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
29 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
30 Statistics, at the close of the twelve-month period ending on August 31  
31 of such year. The amounts shall be rounded to the next highest one-  
1 thousand-dollar amount.

2 Sec. 2. Section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 39-1355 (1) The department shall have authority to:

5 (a) Purchase, purchase, lease, employ, or acquire by other means, all  
6 needed road materials, machinery, equipment, supplies, services, and  
7 labor necessary for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and  
8 control of the state highway system and all tools and materials necessary  
9 to keep such machinery and equipment in repair; and

10 (b) Lease. The department shall also have authority to lease,  
11 purchase, construct, or cause to be constructed, buildings for office  
12 accommodations, which are necessary in the administration of the duties  
13 of the department, and buildings for the storing and housing of

14 materials, machinery, equipment, and supplies.  
 15 (2) The department shall not; ~~Provided, that the department may not~~  
 16 construct or cause to be constructed any building with an estimated cost  
 17 greater than the adjusted dollar amount established for capital  
 18 construction projects in section 81-1114.01 exceeding a cost of one  
 19 hundred thousand dollars without the consent of the Legislature.  
 20 (3) The maintenance, protection, and control of the materials,  
 21 machinery, equipment, supplies, tools, and buildings shall be under the  
 22 authority and responsibility of the department.  
 23 Sec. 3. Original section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 24 Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 25 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM608](#), found on page 805, was offered.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator Fredrickson requested a roll call vote on the adoption of the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Murman	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Bostar	DeKay	Lippincott	Quick	
Brandt	Dungan	Lonowski	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree	
Clouse	Guereca	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen	Storer
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Present and not voting, 16:

Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Riepe
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Kauth	Moser	Storm
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The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 20, 2025, at 10:02 a.m. were the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 159.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 228.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB41A:  
AM739

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$8,798 from the  
4 Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$19,223 from federal funds  
5 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$7,655 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit  
6 Fund and \$16,305 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services, for Program 344, to aid in carrying out the  
8 provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
9 Session, 2025.  
10 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
11 \$8,798 Cash Funds and \$19,223 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
12 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
13 this program for FY2026-27 \$7,655 Cash Funds and \$16,305 federal funds  
14 for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
15 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
16 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
17 section.  
18 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$69,777 from the Medicaid  
19 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$85,802 from federal funds for  
20 FY2025-26 and (2) \$72,860 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit

21 Fund and \$86,780 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
 22 Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in carrying out the  
 23 provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
 24 Session, 2025.  
 25 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 26 \$69,777 Cash Funds and \$85,802 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
 27 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
 1 this program for FY2026-27 \$72,860 Cash Funds and \$86,780 federal funds  
 2 for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
 3 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 4 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 5 section.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator McKinney offered the following motion:

[MO110](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f)

Senator Ballard opened on his bill, LB415.

Senator McKinney opened on his motion, MO110.

Senator Holdcroft called the question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Juarez	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 6:



Arch	DeBoer	Fredrickson
Bostar	Dungan	Prokop

Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Guereca requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Fredrickson	Raybould
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Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The McKinney motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f), failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO113](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Pending.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB170:

[MO114](#)

Bracket until May 30, 2025.

[MO115](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO116](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB169:

[MO117](#)

Bracket until May 30, 2025.

[MO118](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO119](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB415:

[MO111](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO112](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 79.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team won the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian Crusaders defeated the Milford High School Eagles in the championship game by a score of 49-42; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Christian finished the season with a perfect twenty-eight wins and zero losses; and

WHEREAS, this is the second consecutive state title for Lincoln Christian and the fourth state title overall; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and its coaches on winning the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Scott Klein.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB179.

Senator Conrad name added to LB439.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Syracuse Middle School, Syracuse; students from Voices for Children, Nebraska; Anna Meier, Gering.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Conrad, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FORTY-NINTH DAY - MARCH 25, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-NINTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Loudon Redinger, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lincoln.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ibach.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Moser who was excused; and Senators DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-eighth day was approved.

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

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LB532:

[MO120](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO121](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO122](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LB530:

[MO123](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO124](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO125](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LR12CA:

[MO126](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO127](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO128](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 275.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 668.** Placed on General File.

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

Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Jeffrey D Harrison

Rebecca Schroeder

Roger Wells

Diva Wilson

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.

Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

State Board of Health:

Mark Bertch

J Paul Cook

Staci Hubert

Patricia Kucera

Brett Lindau

Kimberly Stuhmer

Kenneth Tusha

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Health Information Technology Board:  
Drew D Gonshorowski

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:  
Kay Crabtree  
John Culver  
Valerie Hitz  
Richard McCowin  
Julie Ann Mruz

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 455.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM678](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 48-118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 48-118 (1) When a third person is liable to the employee or to the  
6 dependents for the injury or death of the employee, the employer or  
7 workers' compensation insurer shall be subrogated to the right of the  
8 employee or to the dependents against such third person. The recovery by  
9 such employer or workers' compensation insurer shall not be limited to  
10 the amount payable as compensation to such employee or dependents, but  
11 such employer or workers' compensation insurer may recover any amount  
12 which such employee or his or her dependents should have been entitled to  
13 recover.  
14 (2) Any recovery by the employer or workers' compensation insurer  
15 against such third person, in excess of the compensation paid by the  
16 employer or workers' compensation insurer after deducting the expenses of  
17 making such recovery, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid  
18 forthwith to the employee or to the dependents pursuant to subsections  
19 (2) and (3) of section 48-118.04, and shall be treated as an advance

20 ~~payment by the employer on account of any future installments of~~  
21 ~~compensation.~~

22 (3) Nothing in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act shall be  
23 construed to deny the right of an injured employee or of his or her  
24 personal representative to bring suit against such third person in his or  
25 her own name or in the name of the personal representative based upon  
26 such liability, but in such event an employer or workers' compensation  
27 insurer having paid or paying compensation to such employee or his or her  
1 dependents shall be made a party to the suit for the purpose of  
2 reimbursement, under the right of subrogation, of any compensation paid.  
3 (4) For purposes of sections 48-118 to 48-118.05, third person shall  
4 include, but is not limited to, an insurer that issued a policy that  
5 includes uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage insuring the injured  
6 employee, his or her employer, or both the injured employee and his or  
7 her employer.

8 Sec. 2. Section 48-118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10 48-118.04 (1) A settlement of a third-party claim or suit under the  
11 Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act is void unless:  
12 (a) Such settlement is agreed upon in writing by the employee or his  
13 or her personal representative and the workers' compensation insurer of  
14 the employer, if there is one, and if there is no insurer, then by the  
15 employer; or  
16 (b) In the absence of such agreement, the court before which the  
17 action is pending or, if no action is pending, the district court in  
18 which such action could be brought or the Nebraska Workers' Compensation  
19 Court, determines that the settlement offer is fair and reasonable  
20 considering liability, damages, and the ability of the third person and  
21 his or her liability insurance carrier to satisfy any judgment.  
22 (2) If the employee or his or her personal representative or the  
23 employer or his or her workers' compensation insurer do not agree in  
24 writing upon distribution of the proceeds of any judgment or settlement,  
25 the court before which the action is pending or, if no action is pending,  
26 the district court in which such action could be brought or the Nebraska  
27 Workers' Compensation Court, upon application, shall order ~~thea fair and~~  
28 ~~equitable~~ distribution of the proceeds ~~as follows: of any judgment or~~  
29 ~~settlement.~~

30 (a) After deducting the reasonable expenses of making the recovery,  
31 including reasonable attorney's fees, one-third of the remainder shall be  
1 paid to the employee or his or her personal representative;

2 (b) Out of the balance remaining after the deduction and payment  
3 specified in subdivision (a) of this subsection, the employer or workers'  
4 compensation insurer shall be paid for all compensation payments that  
5 have been made by the employer or workers' compensation insurer; and

6 (c) Any balance remaining after the distributions described in  
7 subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection have been made shall be paid  
8 to the employee or his or her personal representative.

9 (3) Payment to the employee or his or her personal representative  
10 under subsection (2) of this section shall be treated as an advance  
11 payment by the employer of any future installments of compensation owed  
12 by the employer to the employee. The amount of the advance payment shall  
13 be reduced by the amount of compensation which would have been owed by  
14 the employer but for the payment to the employee specified under  
15 subsection (2) of this section. In the event the employee or his or her  
16 personal representative and the employer or workers' compensation insurer  
17 do not agree that the advance payment has been exhausted, the employee or  
18 his or her personal representative shall make application to the Nebraska  
19 Workers' Compensation Court for a determination of exhaustion. When the  
20 amount of the advance payment is exhausted, the employer or workers'  
21 compensation insurer shall resume payment of all additional benefits owed



22 to the employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

23 Sec. 3. Section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

24 amended to read:

25 48-144.01 (1) In every case of reportable injury arising out of and  
26 in the course of employment, the employer or workers' compensation  
27 insurer shall file a report thereof with the Nebraska Workers'  
28 Compensation Court. Such report shall be filed within ten days after the  
29 employer or insurer has been given notice of or has knowledge of the  
30 injury.

31 (2)(a) To protect the confidentiality of the employee, a report made  
1 under subsection (1) of this section shall not be disclosed, redisclosed,  
2 released, disseminated, or otherwise published with the employee's  
3 confidential information except as otherwise provided in this subsection  
4 or as necessary for the compensation court to administer and enforce or  
5 perform its lawful duties under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

6 (b) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
7 section may be made available to the employee for whom the report is  
8 made, with or without a request from the employee. If the employee is  
9 deceased, any right or obligation under this subdivision shall extend to  
10 the employee's personal representative as defined in section 30-2209. The  
11 compensation court may provide any or all information from that report to  
12 the employee or such personal representative.

13 (c) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
14 section is subject to disclosure by the compensation court pursuant to  
15 sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, except as to the employee's confidential  
16 information and any other personally identifiable information. A request  
17 to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section or for any  
18 information contained in such report may be fulfilled by the compensation  
19 court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 so long as the  
20 confidential information and any other personally identifiable  
21 information is redacted from such report or extract.

22 (d) An employee may elect to waive confidentiality of reports under  
23 subsection (1) of this section involving such employee. A waiver of  
24 confidentiality shall permit disclosure of the employee's confidential  
25 information. An election to waive, once made, shall remain in effect  
26 notwithstanding any change in employment by such employee unless the  
27 election to waive is revoked by the employee. An election to waive  
28 confidentiality or revocation of that waiver shall be made in a form and  
29 manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

30 (e) At the discretion of the compensation court, information from  
31 the report made pursuant to subsection (1) may be used in any pending  
1 matter before the compensation court involving the employee.

2 (f) In response to a public records request pursuant to sections  
3 84-712 to 84-712.09, any report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this  
4 section that includes the employee's confidential information may be  
5 provided by the compensation court;

6 (i) To an attorney or authorized agent representing the employee as  
7 to any workers' compensation claim or claim involving personal injury. An  
8 attorney or authorized agent representing the employee shall provide a  
9 written authorization to obtain a report from the employee if requested  
10 by the compensation court;

11 (ii) To the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management  
12 pool, or third-party administrator involved in the reported injury or an  
13 attorney or authorized agent who represents the employer, workers'  
14 compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator.  
15 An attorney or authorized agent representing the employer, workers'  
16 compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator  
17 shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the  
18 employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-  
19 party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

20 (iii) To an attorney or authorized agent of an insurer or a third-  
21 party administrator who is involved in administering any claim for  
22 insurance benefits related to any injury of the employee whose report is  
23 filed with the compensation court. An attorney or authorized agent of  
24 such insurer or third-party administrator shall provide a written  
25 authorization to obtain a report from the insurer or third-party  
26 administrator if requested by the compensation court;  
27 (iv) To an attorney representing a party to a lawsuit filed by or on  
28 behalf of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court.  
29 An attorney representing a party to such a lawsuit shall provide a  
30 written authorization to obtain a report from the party if requested by  
31 the compensation court;  
1 (v) To a federal or state governmental unit at the request of the  
2 governmental unit if the information sought to be disclosed is necessary  
3 for the receiving federal or state governmental unit to operate a program  
4 or carry out a purpose specifically authorized by federal or state  
5 statute, including, but not limited to, the investigation of a fraud,  
6 criminal offense, or licensing or regulatory violation, child support  
7 enforcement, or to act upon an application for benefits submitted by the  
8 employee who is the subject of the report under subsection (1) of this  
9 section;  
10 (vi) To a person engaged in bona fide statistical research,  
11 including, but not limited to, actuarial studies and health or safety  
12 investigations which are authorized by federal or state statute or  
13 regulation or other federal or state governmental units. The employee's  
14 confidential information or any other personally identifiable information  
15 shall not be disclosed unless the researcher has entered into a  
16 confidentiality agreement with the compensation court and has agreed that  
17 any research findings or reports will not disclose the employee's  
18 confidential information or any other personally identifiable  
19 information;  
20 (vii) To a nonprofit organization that certifies to the  
21 administrator of the compensation court under penalty of perjury that the  
22 purpose of using the confidential information is to offer financial  
23 assistance to dependents of the employee or to send condolences to,  
24 provide memorials for, or offer grief counseling to family members of an  
25 employee whose injury or death was caused by a workplace incident;  
26 (viii) When release of the report is ordered by a court of competent  
27 jurisdiction; or  
28 (ix) When a request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of  
29 this section is made by a treating physician or other health care  
30 provider who has rendered treatment to an employee or is seeking  
31 authorization for treatment or special services and the information  
1 sought to be disclosed relates to the compensability of a claim related  
2 to such treatment or authorization for special services or billing for  
3 services provided.  
4 (g) Any request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of  
5 this section shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the  
6 administrator of the compensation court.  
7 (3)(2) For purposes of this section:  
8 (a) Reportable injury means an injury or diagnosed occupational  
9 disease which results in: (i) Death, regardless of the time between the  
10 death and the injury or onset of disease; (ii) time away from work; (iii)  
11 restricted work or termination of employment; (iv) loss of consciousness;  
12 or (v) medical treatment other than first aid;  
13 (b) Restricted work means the inability of the employee to perform  
14 one or more of the duties of his or her normal job assignment. Restricted  
15 work does not occur if the employee is able to perform all of the duties  
16 of his or her normal job assignment, but a work restriction is assigned  
17 because the employee is experiencing minor musculoskeletal discomfort and

18 for the purpose of preventing a more serious condition from developing;  
 19 (c) Medical treatment means treatment administered by a physician or  
 20 other licensed health care professional; ~~and~~  
 21 (d) First aid means:  
 22 (i) Using a nonprescription medication at nonprescription strength.  
 23 For medications available in both prescription and nonprescription form,  
 24 a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care  
 25 professional to use a nonprescription medication at prescription strength  
 26 is not first aid;  
 27 (ii) Administering tetanus immunizations. Administering other  
 28 immunizations, such as hepatitis B vaccine and rabies vaccine, is not  
 29 first aid;  
 30 (iii) Cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the surface of the  
 31 skin;  
 1 (iv) Using wound coverings, such as bandages and gauze pads, and  
 2 superficial wound closing devices, such as butterfly bandages and steri-  
 3 strips. Using other wound closing devices, such as sutures and staples,  
 4 is not first aid;  
 5 (v) Using hot or cold therapy;  
 6 (vi) Using any nonrigid means of support, such as elastic bandages,  
 7 wraps, and nonrigid back belts. Using devices with rigid stays or other  
 8 systems designed to immobilize parts of the body is not first aid;  
 9 (vii) Using temporary immobilization devices, such as splints,  
 10 slings, neck collars, and back boards, while transporting accident  
 11 victims;  
 12 (viii) Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure or  
 13 draining fluid from a blister;  
 14 (ix) Using eye patches;  
 15 (x) Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a  
 16 cotton swab;  
 17 (xi) Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than  
 18 the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs, or other simple means;  
 19 (xii) Using finger guards;  
 20 (xiii) Using massages. Using physical therapy or chiropractic  
 21 treatment is not first aid; and  
 22 (xiv) Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress; ~~and~~  
 23 (e) Confidential information means an employee's name, address,  
 24 telephone number, and email address.  
 25 Sec. 4. Original sections 48-118, 48-118.04, and 48-144.01, Reissue  
 26 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

## RESOLUTION(S)

### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 80. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Catholic High School Cardinals defeated the Wynot High School Blue Devils in the championship game by a score of 63-51; and

WHEREAS, this is the Cardinal's second state championship title and they end the season with a 24-5 record; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

### MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 19, 2025

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 - Inspector:

Tyler C Ritz, 6216 E Cedar Hills Pl, Kearney, NE 68845

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

March 19, 2025

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 Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards:

Nathan J Sorben, 9930 N 151st Street, Waverly, NE, 68462, Department of Transportation  
Kyle Anderson, 5409 North 284th Circle, Valley, NE 68064, Lay Member - 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

Enclosures

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker Arch announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will hold its hearing on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 1524 instead of Room 1525.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.** Title Read. Considered.

Senator Riepe offered [AM739](#), found on page 855.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

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

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75 were adopted.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** Senator Jacobson filed following amendment:

**AM781**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$5,765,385 from the  
 4 Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and \$12,279,638 from federal funds for  
 5 FY2025-26 and (2) \$11,758,984 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund  
 6 and \$25,045,347 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
 7 Health and Human Services, for Program 344, to aid in carrying out the  
 8 provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
 9 Session, 2025.  
 10 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 11 \$5,765,385 Cash Funds and \$12,279,638 federal funds for state aid, which  
 12 shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the  
 13 appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 \$11,758,984 Cash Funds and  
 14 \$25,045,347 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for  
 15 such purpose.  
 16 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 17 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 18 section.  
 19 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$57,392,193 from the  
 20 Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and \$105,013,007 from federal funds for  
 21 FY2025-26 and (2) \$117,056,172 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund  
 22 and \$214,182,801 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
 23 Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in carrying out the  
 24 provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
 25 Session, 2025.  
 26 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 27 \$57,392,193 Cash Funds and \$105,013,007 federal funds for state aid,  
 1 which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the  
 2 appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 \$117,056,172 Cash Funds and  
 3 \$214,182,801 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for  
 4 such purpose.  
 5 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 6 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 7 section.  
 8 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 9 passed and approved according to law.

The Jacobsen amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 135.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

**ER27**

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "Nebraska" in line 1 through  
 2 line 7 and insert "State Procurement Act; to amend section 73-803,  
 3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to  
 4 provide for applicability; to repeal the original section; and to declare  
 5 an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER26](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER28](#)

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM501:

2 a. On page 3, line 27, strike "parts" and strike "they" and insert  
 3 "such regulations";

4 b. On page 4, line 8, after the period insert paragraphing and  
 5 "(2)"; and

6 c. On page 8, line 16, strike "if" and insert "whether".

7 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 16

8 and insert "public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239,

9 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268,

10 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and

11 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate

12 provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the

13 Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original

14 sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10,

15 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and

16 to declare an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER30](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike the first "relating to"; in line 3

2 strike "81-2017,"; in line 5 after "24-701," insert "24-703,"; and strike

3 beginning with "to" in line 17 through the semicolon in line 18 and

4 insert "to change provisions relating to contributions to the Nebraska

5 Retirement Fund for Judges; to change provisions relating to lump sum

6 payments under the School Employees Retirement Act;"

7 2. On page 2, line 1, after the semicolon insert "to prohibit the

8 use of names, logos, and symbols as provided;" and in line 2 strike

9 "and" and insert "to provide operative dates;" and after "sections"

10 insert "; and to declare an emergency".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 224.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM701](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 10 of this act shall be known and may be  
4 cited as the Stand With Women Act.  
5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:  
6 (1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that  
7 manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;  
8 (2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some  
9 circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational,  
10 athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members  
11 of each sex to succeed and thrive;  
12 (3) Physical differences between males and females have long made  
13 separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes  
14 can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk  
15 of physical injury;  
16 (4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on  
17 average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower  
18 percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and  
19 aerobic energy;  
20 (5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on  
21 cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and  
22 speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and  
23 after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average,  
24 male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful  
25 than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports  
26 performance gap between the sexes;  
27 (6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic  
28 performance;  
29 (7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone  
30 provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the  
31 use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does  
32 not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes;  
33 (8) Because of the physical differences between males and females,  
34 having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces  
35 the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the  
36 sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against  
37 their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female  
38 athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other  
39 athletic accomplishments;  
40 (9) Providing for separate restrooms and locker rooms for females  
41 and males advances the important governmental objective of protecting the  
42 privacy of individuals and shielding students' bodies from the opposite  
43 sex; and  
44 (10) Inconsistencies in court rulings and policy initiatives with  
45 respect to the definitions of sex, male, female, man, and woman have led  
46 to endangerment of single-sex spaces and resources, necessitating  
47 clarification of certain terms.  
48 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:  
49 (1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or  
50 organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or  
51 administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or  
52 competitions;  
53 (2) Boy means an adolescent human male;  
54 (3) Designate means to post signage or otherwise provide indication  
55 at or near the entrance to the restroom or locker room that is readily  
56 visible and states that the restroom or locker room is designated as one  
57 of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy,



31 or for use by families;

1 (4) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or  
2 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
3 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,  
4 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman  
5 and a girl;

6 (5) Girl means an adolescent human female;

7 (6) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or  
8 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
9 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,  
10 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and  
11 a boy;

12 (7) Man means an adult human male;

13 (8) Postsecondary educational institution means a university,  
14 college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member  
15 institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States  
16 Department of Education;

17 (9) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial  
18 school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

19 (10) Public school means any public school offering instruction in  
20 elementary or high school grades;

21 (11) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female;

22 (12) State agency means any department, agency, board, bureau, or  
23 commission of the state or any other entity whose primary function is to  
24 act as an instrumentality or agency of the state; and  
25 (13) Woman means an adult human female.

26 Sec. 4. (1) The governing body of a public school shall designate  
27 each group restroom within each school building as one of the following:  
28 For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or for use by  
29 families.

30 (2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the  
31 governing body of a public school shall not:

1 (a) Allow a male to use a restroom designated for use by females; or

2 (b) Allow a female to use a restroom designated for use by males.

3 (3) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational  
4 institution shall designate each group restroom within each school  
5 building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males,  
6 single occupancy, or for use by families.

7 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the  
8 governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall  
9 not:

10 (a) Allow a male to use a restroom designated for use by females; or

11 (b) Allow a female to use a restroom designated for use by males.

12 (5) This section shall not apply to:

13 (a) An individual entering a restroom under the following  
14 circumstances:

15 (i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so  
16 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no  
17 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering  
18 the restroom; or

19 (ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or

20 (b) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual  
21 with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver  
22 into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.

23 (6) The governing body of a public school or a public postsecondary  
24 educational institution or any official or employee of a public school or  
25 a public postsecondary educational institution shall not retaliate  
26 against any individual for reporting in good faith a violation of this  
27 section or related rules, regulations, or policies.

28 Sec. 5. (1) The governing body of a public school shall designate

29 each locker room within each school building as one of the following: For  
30 use by females, for use by males, or single occupancy.

31 (2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the  
1 governing body of a public school shall not:

2 (a) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and  
3 being used at such time by one or more females; or

4 (b) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and  
5 being used at such time by one or more males.

6 (3) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational  
7 institution shall designate each locker room within each school building  
8 as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, or single  
9 occupancy.

10 (4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the  
11 governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall  
12 not:

13 (a) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and  
14 being used at such time by one or more females; or

15 (b) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and  
16 being used at such time by one or more males.

17 (5) This section shall not apply to an individual entering a locker  
18 room under the following circumstances:

19 (a) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so  
20 long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no  
21 individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering  
22 the locker room;

23 (b) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or

24 (c) Entrance by a coach, athletic trainer, or other authorized  
25 official or school employee so long as such individual takes reasonable  
26 steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of  
27 undress prior to entering the locker room.

28 (6) The governing body of a public school or a public postsecondary  
29 educational institution or any official or employee of a public school or  
30 a public postsecondary educational institution shall not retaliate  
31 against any individual for reporting in good faith a violation of this  
1 section or related rules, regulations, or policies.

2 Sec. 6. (1) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or  
3 sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or  
4 teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural  
5 sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association,  
6 the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following  
7 based on sex:

8 (a) Males, men, or boys;

9 (b) Females, women, or girls; or

10 (c) Coed or mixed.

11 (2)(a) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport  
12 sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams  
13 compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural  
14 sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a  
15 team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open  
16 to a male student.

17 (b) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport  
18 sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams  
19 compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural  
20 sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a  
21 team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a  
22 female student unless there is no female team offered or available for  
23 such sport for such female student.

24 (3) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport  
25 sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private  
26 postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete

27 against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private  
 28 postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic  
 29 association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of  
 30 the following based on sex:  
 31 (a) Males, men, or boys;  
 1 (b) Females, women, or girls; or  
 2 (c) Coed or mixed.  
 3 (4)(a) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport  
 4 sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private  
 5 postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete  
 6 against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private  
 7 postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic  
 8 association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls  
 9 shall not be open to a male student.  
 10 (b) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport  
 11 sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private  
 12 postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete  
 13 against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private  
 14 postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic  
 15 association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not  
 16 be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or  
 17 available for such sport for such female student.  
 18 (5) In order to participate in an interscholastic or intramural  
 19 athletic team or sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or  
 20 designated for female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a  
 21 public school or a public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a  
 22 private school or a private postsecondary educational institution subject  
 23 to the Stand With Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or  
 24 postsecondary educational institution confirmation of such student's sex  
 25 on a document signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a  
 26 doctor.  
 27 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the  
 28 eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic or  
 29 intramural athletic teams or sports designated as coed or mixed.  
 30 Sec. 7. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization,  
 31 or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an  
 1 investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or  
 2 private school or a public or private postsecondary educational  
 3 institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic or intramural  
 4 athletic team or sport for female students.  
 5 Sec. 8. The governing body of each public school and public  
 6 postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private  
 7 postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act  
 8 shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy  
 9 shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the  
 10 public.  
 11 Sec. 9. Each state agency in the adoption and promulgation of  
 12 administrative rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative  
 13 decisions, and the adjudication of disputes by administrative agencies  
 14 shall define an individual's sex as either a male or female.  
 15 Sec. 10. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or  
 16 difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections  
 17 and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities  
 18 Act of 1990, as amended.  
 19 Sec. 11. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 20 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
 21 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 345.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM710](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 75-104 (1) ~~Until January 7, 2027, the annual salary of each~~  
6 ~~commissioner shall be fifty thousand dollars. Commencing January 4, 2007,~~  
7 ~~the annual salary of each commissioner shall be seventy-five thousand~~  
8 ~~dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual salary of each~~  
9 ~~commissioner shall be one hundred eighteen thousand dollars.~~  
10 (2) Each commissioner shall be entitled to receive from the state  
11 his or her mileage expenses incurred while traveling in the line of duty  
12 to and from his or her residence to the office of the Public Service  
13 Commission in Lincoln pursuant to the following conditions:  
14 (a) The Public Service Commission has adopted and promulgated rules  
15 and regulations establishing guidelines for allowable reimbursement of  
16 such mileage expenses, except that such mileage rate shall not exceed the  
17 mileage rate established by the Department of Administrative Services  
18 pursuant to section 81-1176;  
19 (b) The request for such reimbursement falls within such guidelines;  
20 and  
21 (c) The total amounts authorized for such reimbursement of mileage  
22 expenses in any fiscal year does not cause the total expenses to exceed  
23 the total funds appropriated to the program established for  
24 commissioners' expenses. In addition thereto, the commissioners,  
25 executive director, clerks, and other employees of the commission shall  
26 be reimbursed for expenses, including the cost of transportation while  
27 traveling on the business of the commission, to be paid in the same  
28 manner as other requests for payment or reimbursement from the state. In  
29 computing the cost of transportation for the commissioners, executive  
30 director, clerks, and other employees, no mileage or other traveling  
31 expense shall be requested or allowed unless sections 81-1174 to 81-1177  
32 are strictly complied with.  
33 Sec. 2. Section 84-201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
34 amended to read:  
35 84-201.01 ~~Until January 7, 2027, the annual salary of the~~  
36 ~~Attorney General shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing~~  
37 ~~January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be~~  
38 ~~ninety-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual~~  
39 ~~salary of the Attorney General shall be one hundred forty-nine thousand~~  
40 ~~dollars. The salary of the Attorney General shall be payable in equal~~  
41 ~~monthly installments.~~  
42 Sec. 3. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
43 amended to read:  
44 84-721 ~~Until January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as salaries~~  
45 ~~to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the~~  
46 ~~sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,~~  
47 ~~the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of~~  
48 ~~sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of~~  
49 ~~sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall~~  
50 ~~be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows:~~  
51 ~~Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;~~  
52 ~~Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per~~  
53 ~~year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;~~  
54 ~~and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per~~  
55 ~~year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as salaries to~~  
56 ~~certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum~~  
57 ~~of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public~~  
58 ~~Accounts, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per year;~~  
59 ~~State Treasurer, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per~~  
60 ~~year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of one hundred eighteen thousand~~

3 dollars per year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly  
 4 installments.  
 5 Sec. 4. Original sections 84-201.01 and 84-721, Reissue Revised  
 6 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 7 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

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

Senator Clements filed the following amendments to LB468:

[FA54](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA55](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA56](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:

[AM762](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1 1. On page 2, line 7, strike "Beginning on January 1, 2026, any" and  
 2 insert "Any".  
 3 2. On page 3, after line 4 insert the following new subsection:  
 4 "(6) Any exemption certification issued under this section shall not  
 5 be valid prior to January 1, 2026."; and in lines 24 and 29 strike "2029"  
 6 and insert "2028".

#### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 81.** Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Sorrentino, 39; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood Bluejays defeated the Concordia Mustangs in the championship game by a score of 53-39; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood basketball team finished the season with a record of twenty-three wins and five losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 82.** Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Sorrentino, 39.

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

WHEREAS, the Yutan High School girls wrestling team secured the Class B State Wrestling Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Yutan's victory was secured by medalists Alexis Pehrson at 135 pounds and Amalea Vaughn-Lantzer at 155 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Yutan's victory was also secured by gold medalists Addisyn Darling at 110 pounds, Aubrie Pehrson at 125 pounds, and Jordyn Campbell at 130 pounds; 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 congratulates the members of Yutan's wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class B State Wrestling Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Yutan High School.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 83.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, Judy Ridenour has faithfully served as a member of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors since 1990, providing thirty-four years of enthusiastic and passionate leadership in the conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Judy has contributed valuable insight not only from her perspective as a Director but also as a producer and conservationist, applying her firsthand experience to support the mission of the District; and

WHEREAS, as a producer, Judy has demonstrated her commitment to conservation by implementing numerous practices on her own property,

including the establishment of windbreaks to provide protection for livestock and create a vital wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Judy has actively monitored the health of her ranch through regular water quality testing for nitrates and bacteria and has consistently recorded and submitted daily precipitation data through the NeRain program; and

WHEREAS, as a Director, Judy has held several leadership roles within the Upper Loup NRD, contributing her time and expertise through active participation on various committees and through her service as a Delegate to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Judy has been a longstanding member of the NARD Native Vegetation Forestry Subcommittee, served on the Program and Planning Committee, and has sponsored educational sessions at the NARD Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, Judy played an integral role in the development of the Upper Loup NRD Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations, dedicating countless hours to attending additional meetings and offering her thoughtful input; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of Mullen, Nebraska, Judy's deep appreciation for the Sandhills and its natural resources is reflected in her unwavering commitment to the Upper Loup NRD and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; and

WHEREAS, Judy is recognized for her progressive thinking, strong support of education and recycling initiatives, and unmatched dedication to natural resources conservation.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Judy Ridenour for being named Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Director of the Year.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Judy Ridenour.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 84.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, Larry Moore of Ulysses, Nebraska, has been selected for induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Hall of Fame in the Director category in recognition of his extraordinary dedication and nearly five decades of service to the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District and the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Larry Moore faithfully served on the board of directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD from 1975 to 2022, provided nearly forty-seven years of continuous leadership and guidance, continues to contribute his knowledge and experience by attending NRD board meetings, and offers valuable insights on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, Moore shows his deep commitment to the principles of conservation by demonstrating a lifelong passion for soil and wildlife stewardship; upholding a family tradition of public service through his

thoughtful leadership; and commitment to respectful debate, sound deliberation, and responsible decisionmaking; and

WHEREAS, Moore has been a leader in conservation practices on his farm implementing no-till methods and cover crops to maintain year-round soil coverage; and

WHEREAS, Moore has invested in water conservation on his farm for decades, transitioning from gravity irrigation to center pivots, installing soil moisture sensors, and adopting advanced irrigation scheduling technology to maximize efficiency and protect groundwater quality by minimizing water use and nutrient leaching; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as an NRD director, Moore demonstrated outstanding leadership, serving on every standing and special committee of the board, and holding the offices of chairperson for six years and vice chairperson for one year, always with the goal of strengthening the district and Nebraska's unique locally led NRD system; and

WHEREAS, Moore consistently prioritized attending board and committee meetings, statewide NRD events, and national conferences, representing both the Upper Big Blue NRD and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts with distinction while continually working to expand his understanding of water and soil resource issues to better serve his constituents.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Larry Moore on his induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Hall of Fame.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Larry Moore.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17.** Read. Considered.

#### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

LR17 was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB113:

[AM626](#)



1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Section. 1. Section 53-101.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
3 is amended to read:

4 53-101.05 (1) The Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall be liberally  
5 construed to the end that the health, safety, and welfare of the people  
6 of the State of Nebraska are protected, and temperance in the consumption  
7 of alcoholic liquor is fostered and promoted by sound and careful control  
8 and regulation of the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcoholic  
9 liquor.

10 (2) The Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall not be interpreted in a  
11 manner that would provide a competitive advantage for one manufacturer  
12 over another manufacturer, for one wholesaler over another wholesaler, or  
13 for one retailer over another retailer. To the extent the provisions of  
14 the act conflict to give a competitive advantage to one licensee over  
15 another, then the conflicting provisions shall be construed in a manner  
16 that gives effect to the more restrictive provision of the act that  
17 reflects the independent nature of manufacturers, wholesalers, and  
18 retailers. The act shall also be construed in a manner that the health,  
19 safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Nebraska are protected,  
20 and temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor is fostered and  
21 promoted by sound and careful control and regulation of the manufacture,  
22 sale, and distribution of alcoholic liquor. If the conflicting provisions  
23 cannot be so construed, then the less restrictive provision shall be  
24 considered invalid.

25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
26 accordingly.

#### AM625

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 and section 2 of this act shall  
5 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.  
6 Sec. 2. The holders of a craft brewery or microdistillery license  
7 shall not sell alcoholic liquor that was manufactured by such licensee at  
8 retail for a price less than the greater of (1) the cost of production of  
9 such alcoholic liquor, (2) the price such alcoholic liquor was sold to  
10 unaffiliated retailers through self-distribution, or (3) the price such  
11 alcoholic liquor was sold to a licensed wholesaler.

12 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
13 accordingly.

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB437:

#### AM778

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM659)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 8. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed  
3 and approved according to law.

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB245:

#### AM759

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM501)

1 1. On page 17, line 14, after "nearest" insert "one-half".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85.** Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Kauth, 31.

WHEREAS, Paul Hay and Randy Pryor received the 2024 Nebraska Natural Resources Outstanding Water Conservation Award; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor, Emeritus Extension Educators, have dedicated nearly four decades to advancing agricultural education, conservation, and sustainable farming practices in Southeast Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor have been instrumental in organizing and leading field days, trainings, on-farm research, county fairs, Earth Festivals, 4-H camps, and community engagement activities, embodying a lifelong commitment to education and conservation; and

WHEREAS, their complementary teaching styles and collaborative efforts have fostered an enduring legacy of knowledge-sharing, innovation, and mentorship within the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, as early advocates of no-till farming, Hay and Pryor worked tirelessly to educate producers on the benefits of residue management, moisture retention, erosion control, and reduced input costs, fundamentally shaping conservation-minded farming in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, their partnership with the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District facilitated the promotion of evapotranspiration gauges, moisture sensors, and other precision agricultural technologies, furthering water conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hay, a dedicated extension educator for forty-two years, profoundly impacted generations of producers and 4-H members through his leadership in plant science projects and posthumously received the award; and

WHEREAS, Randy Pryor, a lifelong advocate for conservation and mechanized agriculture, dedicated thirty-seven years to supporting Nebraska farmers by advancing no-till practices, diverse crop rotations, irrigation management, and soil health initiatives.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Paul Hay and Randy Pryor for their extraordinary contributions to agricultural education, soil conservation, and water management.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Randy Pryor and the family of Paul Hay.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Spivey name added to LB676.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Jacobson name withdrawn from LB646.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of JAG Nebraska; students from St. Stephen the Martyr, Omaha; students from Mary our Queen Catholic School; Omaha; students from Trinity Lutheran School, Fremont; Leadership Tomorrow: Class 39, Hall County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bosn, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Hughes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Dover who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-ninth day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 26, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 116, 123, 297e, and 373 were received in my office on March 20, 2025, and signed on March 25, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Business and Labor

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

Department of Labor:  
Katie Thurber Commissioner

Aye: 6. Hansen, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Sorrentino. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. McKinney.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB113:  
AM682

1 1. On page 5, line 31, strike "the holder of the microdistillery  
2 license" and show as stricken; and after line 31 insert the following new  
3 subdivision:  
4 "(a) At least sixty percent of the finished distilled product  
5 distributed annually by the holder of the microdistillery license is  
6 derived from crops grown in this state;"  
7 2. On page 6, line 1, strike "(a) Self-distributes", show as  
8 stricken, and insert "(b) The holder of the microdistillery license self-  
9 distributes"; and in line 3 strike "(b) Complies", show as stricken, and  
10 insert "(c) The holder of the microdistillery license complies".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86.** Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the state of affordable and accessible housing in Nebraska and what public policies or resources are needed so that Nebraskans with disabilities can actualize the right to community living set forth in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). The United States Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead* affirmed the right of people with disabilities, when appropriate and desired, to live in the community and not kept isolated in institutions. Access to affordable, decent, safe, integrated, and accessible housing is critical. The Legislature recognized the importance of its obligations set forth in the *Olmstead* decision and created statutory authority

under section 81-6,122 to form an Olmstead Committee to develop a plan to meet Nebraska's Olmstead commitments.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The nature, characteristics, and importance of accessibility as it relates to housing;

(2) The current stock of affordable housing and the extent to which this stock is accessible for people with disabilities;

(3) Existing affordable housing programs and resources in Nebraska, including programs and resources to assist with home modifications designed to increase accessibility for people with disabilities;

(4) Prospective programs, policies, and resources that could be utilized or leveraged to increase accessible and affordable housing for people with disabilities;

(5) A comparison of costs for people with disabilities to live in institutional settings and costs to live within their community, including home modification costs and the provision of community-based services; and

(6) The long-term effects and costs when an individual is injured in such individual's home.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs 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.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR17.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator Dungan renewed [MO113](#), found and considered on page 857, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

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

Pending.

#### **EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 9:40 a.m. until 9:44 a.m.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator Dungan renewed [MO113](#), found on page 857, and considered on page 857 and in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Senator Holdcroft renewed his motion to cease debate, found in this day's Journal.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 14 nays, 3 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 28 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM545](#), found on page 726, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:

[AM770](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to
- 4 read:
- 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
- 6 Act:
- 7 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
- 8 (2) Employ means to permit to work;
- 9 ~~(3)(3)(a)~~ Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but
- 10 does not include:
- 11 (a) ~~An~~ an individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty
- 12 hours in a calendar year;
- 13 (b) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a
- 14 seasonal or other temporary nature;
- 15 (c) ~~An~~ (b) Employee does not include an "employee" as defined by 45
- 16 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment
- 17 Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or
- 18 (d) An individual under sixteen years of age;
- 19 (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability
- 20 company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative,
- 21 or organized group of persons who employs ~~eleven~~ or more employees.
- 22 (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of
- 23 Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;
- 24 (5) Family member means:
- 25 (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted,
- 26 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the



27 employee stands in loco parentis;

1 (b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal

2 guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;

3 (c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the

4 employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor

5 child;

6 (d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws

7 of any state;

8 (e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological,

9 foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's

10 spouse; or

11 (f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose

12 close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family

13 relationship;

14 (6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any

15 federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;

16 (7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly

17 rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the

18 employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an

19 employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this

20 act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than

21 that provided under section 48-1203;

22 (8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation

23 related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is

24 made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority

25 to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;

26 (9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right

27 guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any

28 threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or

29 other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to

30 exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and

31 Workplaces Act;

1 (10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least eleven but

2 fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time,

3 part-time, or temporary employees.

4 (b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained

5 twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more

6 calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and

7 (11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as

8 determined by the employer.

9 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to

10 read:

11 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an

12 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have

13 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

14 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the

15 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified

16 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal

17 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under

18 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than

19 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than

20 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

21 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the

22 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of

23 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in

24 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

25 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the

26 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from

27 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such

28 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in

29 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
 30 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
 31 resolved.

1 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
 2 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
 3 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
 4 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
 5 section.

6 ~~(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
 7 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
 8 equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce  
 9 the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have  
 10 jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems  
 11 appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee  
 12 establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee  
 13 shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all  
 14 costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.~~

15 ~~(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
 16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
 17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
 18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless  
 19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as  
 20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
 21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.~~

22 ~~(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
 23 later than four calendar years after the cause of action accrues.~~

24 Sec. 23. Original sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216,  
 25 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239,  
 26 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304,  
 27 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 28 Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No.  
 29 436, are repealed.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM771](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM770](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator McKinney offered [MO111](#), found on page 858, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

## SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

## MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 26, 2025

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

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

On January 23, 2025, Josh Moenning was appointed to the Nebraska Tourism Commission. Mr. Moenning has since moved out of the district he was to represent and can no longer serve. Accordingly, I hereby respectfully request you withdraw him from consideration for confirmation.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

### **MOTION - Suspend Rules**

Senator Sanders offered the following motion:  
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of a public hearing by the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committees of the confirmation hearing for Josh Moenning to the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

The Sanders motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025  
Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

#### **ST14**

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

1. In the Riepe amendment, AM577:
  - a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 17; and
  - b. Section 18 has been struck.
2. In the DeKay amendment, AM689, on page 2, line 13, "\$2,500" has been struck and "two thousand five hundred dollars" inserted.
3. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM597:
  - a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 18; and

b. Section 18 has been struck.

4. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM381:

a. Section 16 has been struck and the following new sections inserted:

Sec. 19. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. Section 16 of this act becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 20. Original sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

b. On page 2, line 4, "is" has been inserted after the first comma.

5. On page 1, the matter beginning with "kratom" in line 1 through line 3 has been struck and "public health and welfare; to amend sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide products; to provide penalties; to change provisions of the schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to provide for the use of the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 48.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM680](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
4 establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program  
5 for a period of five years in cities of the metropolitan class areas,  
6 that shall operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The pilot  
7 program shall be developed in partnership with local grassroots  
8 organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth  
9 and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.

10 (2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a  
11 facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention  
12 services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the  
13 juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer  
14 comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues  
15 contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental  
16 health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.

17 Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this  
18 act shall:

19 (1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from  
20 entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;

21 (2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues  
22 before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family  
23 services, and adult criminal justice systems; and

24 (3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally  
25 relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.

26 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
27 establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile

1 assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in  
2 service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.  
3 (2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive  
4 self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family  
5 Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall  
6 submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for  
7 review.

8 (3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as  
9 part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm  
10 compliance with designation standards.

11 (4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive  
12 official designation. A center that does not meet the designation  
13 criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such  
14 center may improve and reapply for designation.

15 (5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established  
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

17 Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile  
18 assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet  
19 the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including  
20 parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early  
21 childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and  
22 substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family  
23 support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the  
24 strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local  
25 grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services,  
26 outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a  
27 clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery,  
28 continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5)  
29 implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes  
30 for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.

31 Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
1 shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and  
2 embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and  
3 ongoing needs of youth and families.

4 (2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of  
5 charge to families and maintain active membership in the National  
6 Assessment Center Association.

7 (3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and  
8 families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a  
9 safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of  
10 presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in  
11 partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth  
12 and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.

13 Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
14 shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services,  
15 including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including  
16 those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict  
17 resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness  
18 services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social  
19 skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g)  
20 youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug  
21 and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and  
22 clothing assistance and resource navigation.

23 (2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide  
24 apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with  
25 local businesses, trades, and community organizations.

26 Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
27 (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of  
28 community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain  
29 relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events,

30 workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based  
31 groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive  
1 engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ  
2 individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide  
3 youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist  
4 with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

5 Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
6 implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track  
7 youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those  
8 served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services,  
9 with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the  
10 juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

11 Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
12 offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service  
13 period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic  
14 check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into  
15 adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

16 Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment  
17 centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local  
18 grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide  
19 direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated  
20 center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars annually from  
21 the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not  
22 available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General  
23 Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the  
24 Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to one  
25 hundred thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot  
26 program.

27 Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct  
28 an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment  
29 Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community  
30 trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform  
31 future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

1 Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
2 2024, is amended to read:

3 68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created.  
4 The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to  
5 subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

6 (2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under  
7 subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services  
8 addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical  
9 Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b) ~~providing~~ system  
10 improvements, (c) ~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home  
11 visitation programs, (d) ~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e)  
12 translation and interpretation services, (f) ~~providing~~ coverage for  
13 continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g) ~~providing~~  
14 other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska  
15 Prenatal Plus Program, (i) ~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the  
16 Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) the  
17 Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program as  
18 determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the  
19 purposes described in this section.

20 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
21 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
22 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
23 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
24 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

25 Sec. 13. This act becomes operative on September 1, 2025.  
26 Sec. 14. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
27 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

28 Sec. 15. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
29 passed and approved according to law.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 274.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM84](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike the new matter and reinstate the  
2 stricken matter.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM728](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM733](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Natural Resources

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

Game and Parks Commission:  
Lisa Roskens

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 712.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to [LB22A](#):

[AM780](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 section:  
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$380,628 from the  
4 Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$694,972 from federal funds  
5 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$774,002 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess  
6 Profit Fund and \$1,377,198 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the  
7 Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in

8 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth  
 9 Legislature, First Session, 2025.

10 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 11 \$380,628 Cash Funds and \$694,972 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
 12 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
 13 this program for FY2026-27 \$774,002 Cash Funds and \$1,377,198 federal  
 14 funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
 15 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 16 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 17 section.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:

FA59

In AM492, Strike Sections 69 and 70.

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB646:

AM810

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1 1. Strike sections 1 to 19 and all amendments thereto and insert the  
 2 following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 54-170 Sections 54-170 to 54-1,131 and section 2 of this act shall  
 6 be known and may be cited as the Livestock Brand Act.  
 7 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Brand Committee shall develop a report for  
 8 recommendations for updating fees and inspections for all segments of the  
 9 livestock industry. Such report shall be electronically delivered to the  
 10 Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2025.  
 11 Sec. 3. Original section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 12 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM598 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM754

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1 1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:  
 2 Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to  
 3 read:  
 4 Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an  
 5 employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have  
 6 violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.  
 7 (2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the  
 8 employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified  
 9 mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal  
 10 Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under  
 11 Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than  
 12 five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than  
 13 five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.  
 14 (3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the  
 15 citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of  
 16 contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in  
 17 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.  
 18 (4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the  
 19 Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from  
 20 contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such  
 21 citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in



22 subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid  
 23 citation under this subsection until after such contest has been  
 24 resolved.  
 25 (5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers  
 26 who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public  
 1 upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any  
 2 citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this  
 3 section.  
 4 (6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska  
 5 Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and  
 6 equitable relief in the ~~district proper~~ court in the county where the  
 7 employer's principal place of business is located. In any action brought  
 8 to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court  
 9 shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the  
 10 court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an  
 11 employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such  
 12 employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the  
 13 judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's  
 14 fees.  
 15 (7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under  
 16 subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an  
 17 employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly  
 18 to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless  
 19 specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as  
 20 described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted  
 21 into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.  
 22 (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no  
 23 later than ~~one~~four calendar ~~year~~years after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB415:

FA57

In AM770, strike line 18.

FA58

In AM770, strike lines 13 and 14.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM787

(Amendments to AM771)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "four".
- 3 2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least four but".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB415:

AM799

(Amendments to AM771)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "eleven".
- 3 2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least eleven but".

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 87.** Introduced by Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, on March 29, 2025, the 55th Wing will celebrate its 85th birthday, we wish to congratulate and thank the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and a legacy of excellence in aviation; and

WHEREAS, the "Fightin' 55th" traces its roots back to its activation by the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) on November 20, 1940, as the 55th Pursuit Group (PG) flying P-43/Lancer fighters. The 55 PG evolved into the 55th Fighter Group (FG) maintaining its fighter escort mission during World War II; incorporating the 38th, 338th, and 343rd Fighter Squadrons (FS), flying P-38/Lightning and P-51/Mustang fighters through 1946. On February 24, 1947, the 55th Reconnaissance Group (RG) was activated at McDill Field, Florida, transitioning the 55th from a fighter to a reconnaissance mission. Now assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the 55 RG flew RB-17/Flying Fortress, B-29/Super Fortress conducting long-range photo reconnaissance missions; and

WHEREAS, as the 55th Wing's critical reconnaissance mission continued to evolve, so did the Wing. On June 29, 1948, the 55 RG was redesignated as the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing. The Fightin' 55th has had several unit designations and numerous stations. It was relocated to its current location at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) in Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 16, 1966, while its redesignation as the 55th Wing did not occur until September 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has historically had numerous subordinate units, presently the two operational Groups are the 55th Operations Group (55 OG) and the 55th Electronic Combat Group (55 ECG). The 55 OG is Air Combat Command's (ACC) largest Group and has 12 squadrons and two detachments worldwide. It consists of approximately 3,200 personnel operating 46 aircraft, including 13 models of seven different types. The 55 ECG, located at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona, plans and executes information operations including information warfare and electronic attack in support of theater campaign plans; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has provided critical intelligence to National Decisionmakers and to friendly forces in combat. Their support has proven pivotal to the successful execution of all major armed conflicts as far back as World War II and as recently as the Global War on Terrorism. The 109th Legislature congratulates the 55th Wing on their 85th birthday and we want to acknowledge the long lineage of superior service to the United States of America and the great state of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and legacy of excellence in aviation.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the 55th Wing.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 88.** Introduced by Clouse, 37; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship was held on March 14 and 15 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at Corteva Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team earned the championship title with a score of 115 points; and

WHEREAS, this is the University of Nebraska at Kearney's second title in four years, fifth national title since 2008, and twenty-third consecutive year finishing in the top eight; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team is coached by Dalton Jensen; and

WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Coaches Association awarded Coach Dalton Jensen the 2025 Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award and the 2025 Division II Men's National Tournament Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens 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 the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team on earning the 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship title.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team and Coach Dalton Jensen.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Bostar name added to LB391.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator McKeon name withdrawn from LB646.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Holdrege High School, Holdrege; Keith Kliewer and Clayton Kliewer, Saronville; students from Aquinas Catholic School, David City; Colleen and Jacob Storm, David City; students from Heritage Elementary, Bennington; students from the University of Nebraska-Omaha; Community Organizers from Heartland Workers Center, Omaha; members of the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association; students from Grace Abbott School of Social Work, University of Nebraska-Omaha; students from Palisades Elementary, Omaha; members of Elkhorn Public Power District; administrators from Schuyler Community Schools; students and teachers from Thayer Central High School, Hebron; students, teachers and sponsor from the Arts and Humanities Focus Program (LPS), Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Hans Dethlefs, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FIFTY-FIRST DAY - MARCH 27, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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FIRST SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Raymond Wicks, First Baptist Church, Plattsmouth.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Sergeant Tom Aguirre, Army, Lincoln.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fiftieth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** Placed on Final Reading Second.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER31](#)

- 1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM549:
- 2 a. On page 13, line 26, after "77-2622" insert "and this section";
- 3 b. On page 14, line 5, strike the second "the"; in line 6 after
- 4 "77-2622" insert "and this section"; in line 8 after "of" insert "a
- 5 deficiency"; and in line 12 after the second "of" insert "a"; and
- 6 c. On page 21, line 24, after "of" insert "a deficiency"; and in
- 7 line 28 after the second "of" insert "a".
- 8 2. On page 1, line 4, strike "and 77-4003.01" and insert

9 "77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008"; in line 9 strike "deficiency" and  
 10 insert "a deficiency determination"; and in line 10 strike "sanctions"  
 11 and insert "taxation of alternative nicotine products, sanctions,".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER29](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 2, after "sections" insert "29-2260,"; and in  
 2 line 5 after the first semicolon insert "to provide for sentencing  
 3 consideration of a defendant's status as a victim of abuse or  
 4 trafficking;".  
 5 2. On page 6, line 29, after "sections" insert "29-2260,".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM711](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM691](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:  
 4 (a) Cryptocurrency mining means validating transactions for addition  
 5 to a blockchain distributed ledger;  
 6 (b) Cryptocurrency mining operation means any facility of one  
 7 megawatt in size or greater that conducts cryptocurrency mining; and  
 8 (c) Public power supplier means a public power district, municipal  
 9 electric utility, or any other government entity providing electric  
 10 service.  
 11 (2) A public power supplier may impose requirements on any  
 12 cryptocurrency mining operation for the cost of infrastructure upgrades  
 13 necessitated by such operations, including, but not limited to:  
 14 (a) Requiring direct payment or a letter of credit from such  
 15 operation for such cost; or  
 16 (b) Imposing terms and conditions on such operation.  
 17 (3) Requirements imposed pursuant to this section shall be fair,  
 18 reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory.  
 19 (4) Before any requirement is imposed pursuant to this section, the  
 20 public power supplier shall conduct a load study to determine the costs,  
 21 impacts, and infrastructure upgrades necessitated by the cryptocurrency  
 22 mining operation.  
 23 (5) Any person intending to install a cryptocurrency mining  
 24 operation is responsible for notifying the local public power supplier of  
 25 such intent, and such operation is subject to the interconnection  
 26 requirements of such supplier.  
 27 (6) Each public power supplier shall make available to the public on  
 1 the supplier's website the number of cryptocurrency mining operations  
 2 under the jurisdiction of the supplier and the annual energy usage of  
 3 each operation.  
 4 (7) A cryptocurrency mining operation shall allow a public power

5 supplier to interrupt such operation's electric service according to such  
 6 supplier's established rate schedules and policies.  
 7 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 622.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM723**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 58-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 58-708 (1) During each calendar year in which funds are available  
 6 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for use by the Department of  
 7 Economic Development, the department shall make its best efforts to  
 8 allocate not less than thirty percent of such funds to each congressional  
 9 district. The department shall announce a grant and loan application  
 10 period of at least ninety days duration for all projects. Before a grant  
 11 application for any new construction project can be submitted to the  
 12 department, the land for the project shall be identified. In selecting  
 13 projects to receive trust fund assistance, the department shall develop a  
 14 qualified allocation plan and give first priority to financially viable  
 15 projects that serve the lowest income occupants for the longest period of  
 16 time. The qualified allocation plan shall:  
 17 (a) Set forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing  
 18 priorities of the housing trust fund which are appropriate to local  
 19 conditions, including the community's immediate need for affordable  
 20 housing, proposed increases in home ownership, private dollars leveraged,  
 21 level of local government support and participation, and repayment, in  
 22 part or in whole, of financial assistance awarded by the fund; and  
 23 (b) Give first priority in allocating trust fund assistance among  
 24 selected projects to those projects which are located in whole or in part  
 25 within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act  
 26 or an opportunity zone designated pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and  
 27 Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97, serve the lowest income occupant, are  
 1 located in an area that has been declared an extremely blighted area  
 2 under section 18-2101.02, and are obligated to serve qualified occupants  
 3 for the longest period of time.  
 4 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2026:  
 5 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall disburse grant  
 6 funds to a qualified recipient equal to eighty percent of the housing  
 7 development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration  
 8 costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and  
 9 technical assistance costs, once the department approves such recipient  
 10 for grant funds; and  
 11 (b) The department shall disburse grant funds to a qualified  
 12 recipient equal to twenty percent of the housing development costs of  
 13 such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing  
 14 management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance  
 15 costs, upon the completion of the project.  
 16 (3)(a) Beginning on the operative date of this act, a qualified  
 17 recipient shall submit to the Department of Economic Development a  
 18 schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities on a quarterly basis,  
 19 no later than thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, during  
 20 the time of performance under the award agreement.  
 21 (b) The schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities shall  
 22 include an itemization of costs for eligible activities. If reasonable,  
 23 the department may require source documentation and proof of payment,  
 24 including, but not limited to, a paid invoice, completed payment, or  
 25 cleared check, to be submitted with the schedule as evidence of  
 26 appropriate use of funds. Qualified recipients shall ensure proper use of  
 27 funds. The department is not responsible for the audit or approval of

28 each of the qualified recipient's transactions involving funds.

29 (c) The department may initiate any of the following actions if a  
 30 qualified recipient does not submit a schedule of uses of funds for  
 31 eligible activities:

1 (i) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending

2 applications for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

3 (ii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending

4 applications for other department programs;

5 (iii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient as an eligible

6 applicant for Affordable Housing Trust Fund applications for up to

7 twenty-four months from the date of the department action; or

8 (iv) Other actions deemed necessary by the department to meet the  
 9 department's responsibility to ensure proper use of funds so long as such  
 10 actions do not unduly harm a qualified recipient's reputation and ability  
 11 to successfully operate in Nebraska. This subdivision does not prohibit  
 12 the department from taking appropriate actions against qualified  
 13 recipients that have committed illegal actions, such as fraud and theft.

14 (4)(2) The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ shall fund  
 15 in order of priority as many applications as will utilize available funds  
 16 less actual administrative costs of the department in administering the  
 17 program. In administering the program the department may contract for  
 18 services or directly provide funds to other governmental entities or  
 19 instrumentalities.

20 (5)(a)(3) The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ may  
 21 recapture any funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an  
 22 eligible project through an award agreement if such funds were not  
 23 utilized for eligible costs within the time of performance under the  
 24 agreement and are therefor no longer obligated to the project.

25 (b) Upon completion of a project, the department shall recapture a  
 26 percentage of the funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for  
 27 an eligible project through an award agreement equal to the percentage of  
 28 the housing development the qualified recipient agreed to construct under  
 29 the award agreement but failed to complete.

30 (c) A qualified recipient shall recapture any funds allocated to  
 31 such recipient from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that are provided  
 1 to a homebuyer by the recipient as financial assistance for the purchase  
 2 of a home upon sale of such home from the net proceeds of such sale, if  
 3 any.

4 (d) The recaptured funds shall be credited to the Affordable Housing  
 5 Trust Fund.

6 Sec. 2. Section 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 7 amended to read:

8 58-711 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall submit, as  
 9 part of the department's annual status report under section 81-1201.11,  
 10 the following information regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund:

11 (a) The applications funded during the previous calendar year; (b) the  
 12 applications funded in previous years; (c) the identity of the  
 13 organizations receiving funds; (d) the location of each project; (e) the  
 14 amount of funding provided to each project; (f) the amount of funding  
 15 leveraged as a result of each project; (g) the number of units of housing  
 16 created by each project and the occupancy rate; (h) the expected cost of  
 17 rent or monthly payment of those units; (i) the projected number of new  
 18 employees and community investment as a result of each project; (j) the  
 19 amount of revenue deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
 20 pursuant to section 76-903; (k) the total amount of funds for which  
 21 applications were received during the previous calendar year, the year-  
 22 end fund balance, and, if all available funds have not been committed, an  
 23 explanation of the reasons why all such funds have not been so committed;  
 24 (l) the amount of appropriated funds actually expended by the department  
 25 for the previous calendar year; (m) the department's current budget for



26 administration of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the  
 27 department's planned use and distribution of funds, including details on  
 28 the amount of funds to be expended on projects and the amount of funds to  
 29 be expended by the department for administrative purposes; and (n)  
 30 project summaries, including the applicant municipality, project  
 31 description, and grant amount requested, amount and type of matching  
 1 funds, and reasons for approval or denial for every application seeking  
 2 funds during the previous calendar year.  
 3 (2) The status report shall contain no information that is protected  
 4 by state or federal confidentiality laws.  
 5 Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.  
 6 Sec. 4. Original sections 58-708 and 58-711, Reissue Revised  
 7 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

## MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 19, 2025

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 Power Review Board - Lay Member -  
 Independent:

Dennis Grennan, 1877 W Calle Colombo, Columbus, NE 68601

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

## AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB135:

AM779

1 1. On page 11, strike beginning with "The" in line 16 through the  
 2 period in line 18 and all amendments thereto.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 89.** Introduced by Meyer, 17; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Prokop, 27; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Tony Palmer competed in the tournament for the South Sioux City boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Tony won the Boys Class A 215-pound State Wrestling Championship by pinning Jaeden Thompson of Norfolk (Fall 1:23); and

WHEREAS, Tony completed the 2025 high school wrestling season with a record of 52-1; and

WHEREAS, Tony finished the 2025 wrestling season as a four-time medalist, including winning gold in the 2024 Class B 215-pound championship match; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Legislature recognizes the outstanding athletic achievements of the youth of the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates South Sioux City High School wrestler Tony Palmer on winning gold in the 2025 Boys Class A 215-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to South Sioux City High School and Tony Palmer.

Laid over.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** The first committee amendment, [AM770](#), found on page 888 and considered on page 890, was renewed.

Senator McKinney renewed [MO111](#), found on page 858 and considered on page 890, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Pending.

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 78, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Placed on Select File with amendment:

[ER32](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4  
2 and insert "political subdivisions; to amend section 31-752, Reissue  
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-102, 31-735, and 71-1572,  
4 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities  
5 of the metropolitan class to regulate housing authorities by ordinance;  
6 to change provisions relating to the election of a board of trustees and  
7 assessments for sanitary and improvement districts; to provide duties for  
8 certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs under the Nebraska Housing  
9 Agency Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to  
10 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Anderson, Kyle - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards -  
Transportation and Telecommunications  
Grennan, Dennis - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources  
Muotri, Alysson - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and  
Human Services  
Ritz, Tyler C - State Electrical Board - General Affairs  
Smith, Clay - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission -  
Education  
Sorben, Nathan J - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards -  
Transportation and Telecommunications  
Turman, Paul - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission -  
Education  
Yi, Rui - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human  
Services

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB295](#):

[AM797](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 4-108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 4-108 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, unless  
5 exempted from verification under section 4-110 or pursuant to federal  
6 law, no state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska  
7 shall provide public benefits to a person not lawfully present in the  
8 United States.

9 (2) Except as provided in section 4-110 or if exempted by federal  
10 law, every agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall  
11 verify the lawful presence in the United States of any person who has  
12 applied for public benefits administered by an agency or a political  
13 subdivision of the State of Nebraska. This section shall be enforced  
14 without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin.

15 (3) No employee of a state agency or political subdivision of the  
16 State of Nebraska shall be authorized to participate in any retirement  
17 system, including, but not limited to, the systems provided for in the  
18 Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the County Employees Retirement  
19 Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act,  
20 the School Employees Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement  
21 Act, unless the employee is a United States citizen or is lawfully  
22 present in the United States. The employing state agency or political  
23 subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the employee shall maintain at  
24 least one of the following documents, which shall be unexpired; if  
25 applicable to the particular document or which has an expiration date  
26 that has been extended by the United States Department of Homeland  
27 Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services so  
1 that such document is still valid, to demonstrate United States  
2 citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as of the employee's  
3 date of hire and produce any such document so maintained upon request of  
4 the Public Employees Retirement Board or the Nebraska Public Employees  
5 Retirement Systems:

6 (a) A state-issued driver's license;

7 (b) A state-issued identification card;

8 (c) A state-issued motor vehicle learner's permit;

9 ~~(d)~~(e) A certified copy of a birth certificate or delayed birth  
10 certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United  
11 States;

12 ~~(e)~~(d) A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States  
13 Department of State;

14 ~~(f)~~(e) A United States passport;

15 ~~(g)~~(f) A foreign passport with a United States visa;

16 ~~(h)~~(g) A United States Certificate of Naturalization;

17 ~~(i)~~(h) A United States Certificate of Citizenship;

18 ~~(j)~~(i) A tribal certificate of Native American blood or similar  
19 document;

20 ~~(k)~~(j) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
21 Employment Authorization Document, Form I-766;

22 ~~(l)~~(k) A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services  
23 Permanent Resident Card, Form I-551; or

24 ~~(m)~~(l) Any other document issued by the United States Department of  
25 Homeland Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration  
26 Services granting employment authorization in the United States and  
27 approved by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

28 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

29 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the  
30 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months  
31 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB322:

[FA60](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA61](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA62](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA63](#)

Strike Section 3.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB79:

[FA64](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA65](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB340:

[FA66](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA67](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB113:

[AM811](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert  
2 "(1)(a)"; after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:  
3 "(b) Except as otherwise permitted by the self-distribution  
4 provisions of subsection (2) of this section, any alcoholic products not  
5 produced at the physical location being used for the retail sale of  
6 alcoholic products must be transported and delivered to the physical  
7 location by a licensed wholesaler."  
8 2. On page 4, line 31, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert  
9 "(1)(a)".  
10 3. On page 5, after line 26, insert the following new subdivision:  
11 "(b) Except as otherwise permitted by the self-distribution  
12 provisions of subsection (2) of this section, any alcoholic products not  
13 produced at the physical location being used for the retail sale of  
14 alcoholic products must be transported and delivered to the physical  
15 location by a licensed wholesaler."

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB113:

[AM624](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert  
2 "(1)(a)"; and after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:  
3 "(b) To ensure an accurate measurement of tax due to the state, the  
4 holder of a craft brewery license with one or more retail locations  
5 separate from such licensee's licensed premises where beer is produced  
6 shall affix to such licensee's production equipment devices that measure  
7 the amount of beer produced by the craft brewery at such premises and  
8 submit a report detailing the flow of all beer produced by such licensee

9 to the commission along with the licensee's monthly report required under  
 10 section 53-164.01."  
 11 2. On page 4, line 31, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert  
 12 "(1)(a)".  
 13 3. On page 5, after line 26 insert the following new subdivision:  
 14 "(b) To ensure an accurate measurement of tax due to the state, the  
 15 holder of a microdistillery license with one or more retail locations  
 16 separate from such licensee's licensed premises where distilled product  
 17 is produced shall affix to such licensee's production equipment devices  
 18 that measure the amount of distilled product produced by the  
 19 microdistillery at such premises and submit a report detailing the flow  
 20 of all distilled product produced by such licensee to the commission  
 21 along with the licensee's monthly report required under section  
 22 53-164.01."

Senator Quick filed the following amendments to LB192:

FA68

On Page 2, Line 14, insert "(DHHS)" after "department".

FA69

On Page 2, Line 3, insert "(DHHS)" after "Services".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB668:

FA70

On Page 7, strike Line 15 starting with ",except" through Line 23.

Senator Rountree filed the following amendments to LB319:

FA71

On Page 2, Line 14, insert "(DHHS)" after "department".

FA72

Insert "(DHHS)" after "Services" on Line 3, Page 2.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB437:

AM782

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM659)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
 2 insert the following new section:  
 3 Section 1. Section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:  
 5 71-5830.01 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Nebraska  
 6 Health Care Certificate of Need Act, a certificate of need is not  
 7 required for:  
 8 (1) A change in classification between an intermediate care  
 9 facility, a nursing facility, or a skilled nursing facility;  
 10 (2) A project of a county in which is located a city of the  
 11 metropolitan class for which a bond issue has been approved by the  
 12 electorate of such county on or after January 1, 1994;  
 13 (3) A project of a federally recognized Indian tribe to be located  
 14 on tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the State of Nebraska  
 15 where (a) a determination has been made by the tribe's governing body  
 16 that the cultural needs of the tribe's members cannot be adequately met  
 17 by existing facilities if such project has been approved by the tribe's  
 18 governing body and (b) the tribe has a self-determination agreement in  
 19 place with the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of  
 20 Health and Human Services so that payment for enrolled members of a  
 21 federally recognized Indian tribe who are served at such facility will be

22 made with one hundred percent federal reimbursement; and  
 23 (4) A transfer or relocation of long-term care beds from one  
 24 facility to another entity in the same health planning region or any  
 25 other health planning region. The receiving entity shall obtain a license  
 26 for the transferred or relocated beds within two years after the transfer  
 1 or relocation. The department shall grant an extension of such time if  
 2 the receiving entity is making progress toward the licensure of such  
 3 beds; and.  
 4 (5) The establishment of long-term care beds for a period not to  
 5 exceed two years from the date of the closure of a facility located in a  
 6 city of the second class or village with long-term care beds that have  
 7 not been sold, transferred, or relocated to allow a political subdivision  
 8 or nonprofit organization to establish a facility in the same city of the  
 9 second class or village with the same number of previously licensed long-  
 10 term care beds.  
 11 Sec. 2. Original section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 12 Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB390:

AM653

1 1. On page 2, after line 20, insert the following new subsection:  
 2 "(3) This section shall only apply to a school library that is  
 3 located on school district property and shall not apply to any other  
 4 public library regardless if such library contracts with a school  
 5 district for use by students."

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB326:

AM836

1 1. On page 10, lines 14 and 22, after "insurer" insert ", health  
 2 insurance lead generator, or person".

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

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB79:

MO129

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO130

Indefinitely postpone.

MO131

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO132

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB340:

MO134

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO135

Bracket until June 30, 2025.

[MO136](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 379.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM378](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 4, strike "~~twenty-four~~" and insert "~~thirty-six~~";  
2 and in lines 7 and 8 and 10 strike "~~twenty-four-month~~" and insert  
3 "~~thirty-six-month~~".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 630.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM704](#) is available in the Bill Room.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 656.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM424](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:  
5 68-1017.02 (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
6 apply for and utilize to the maximum extent possible, within limits  
7 established by the Legislature, any and all appropriate options available  
8 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
9 and regulations adopted under such program to maximize the number of  
10 Nebraska residents being served under such program within such limits.  
11 The department shall seek to maximize federal funding for such program  
12 and minimize the utilization of General Funds for such program and shall  
13 employ the personnel necessary to determine the options available to the  
14 state and issue the report to the Legislature required by subdivision (b)  
15 of this subsection.  
16 (b) The department shall submit electronically an annual report to  
17 the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 1  
18 on efforts by the department to carry out the provisions of this  
19 subsection. Such report shall provide the committee with all necessary  
20 and appropriate information to enable the committee to conduct a  
21 meaningful evaluation of such efforts. Such information shall include,  
22 but not be limited to, a clear description of various options available  
23 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
24 the department's evaluation of and any action taken by the department  
25 with respect to such options, the number of persons being served under  
26 such program, and any and all costs and expenditures associated with such  
27 program.  
1 (c) The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature,  
2 after receipt and evaluation of the report required in subdivision (b) of  
3 this subsection, shall issue recommendations to the department on any  
4 further action necessary by the department to meet the requirements of  
5 this section.  
6 (2)(a) The department shall develop a state outreach plan to promote  
7 access by eligible persons to benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition  
8 Assistance Program. The plan shall meet the criteria established by the  
9 Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture  
10 for approval of state outreach plans. The Department of Health and Human  
11 Services may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop  
12 and implement the state outreach plan.  
13 (b) For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach



14 plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit  
15 organizations. If the department enters into a contract with a nonprofit  
16 organization relating to the state outreach plan, the contract may  
17 specify that the nonprofit organization is responsible for seeking  
18 sufficient gifts, grants, or donations necessary for the development and  
19 implementation of the state outreach plan and may additionally specify  
20 that any costs to the department associated with the award and management  
21 of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state  
22 outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for  
23 development and implementation of the state outreach plan.  
24 (c) The department shall submit the state outreach plan to the Food  
25 and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for  
26 approval on or before August 1, 2011, and shall request any federal  
27 matching funds that may be available upon approval of the state outreach  
28 plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska and  
29 the Department of Health and Human Services use any additional public or  
30 private funds to offset costs associated with increased caseload  
31 resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan.  
32 (d) The department shall be exempt from implementing or  
33 administering a state outreach plan under this subsection, but not from  
34 developing such a plan, if it does not receive private or federal funds  
35 sufficient to cover the department's costs associated with the  
36 implementation and administration of the plan, including any costs  
37 associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of  
38 the plan.  
39 (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that:  
40 (i) Hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exist for  
41 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants;  
42 (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants be  
43 enabled to advance in employment, through greater earnings or new,  
44 better-paying employment;  
45 (iii) Participants in employment and training pilot programs be able  
46 to maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while  
47 seeking employment with higher wages that allow them to reduce or  
48 terminate such program benefits; and  
49 (iv) Nebraska better utilize options under the Supplemental  
50 Nutrition Assistance Program that other states have implemented to  
51 encourage work and employment.  
52 (b)(i) The department shall create a TANF-funded program or policy  
53 that, in compliance with federal law, establishes categorical eligibility  
54 for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental  
55 Nutrition Assistance Program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents  
56 being served under such program in a manner that does not increase the  
57 current gross income eligibility limit except as otherwise provided in  
58 subdivision (3)(b)(ii) of this section.  
59 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, such TANF-  
60 funded program or policy shall increase the gross income eligibility  
61 limit to one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of  
62 Management and Budget income poverty guidelines as allowed under federal  
63 law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2), as such law and regulation existed on  
64 April 1, 2021, but shall not increase the net income eligibility limit.  
65 Beginning October 1, 2025, the gross income eligibility limit shall  
66 return to the amount used prior to the increase required by this  
67 subdivision. The department shall evaluate the TANF-funded program or  
68 policy created pursuant to this subsection and provide a report  
69 electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee of the  
70 Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before December 15  
71 of each year regarding the gross income eligibility limit and whether it  
72 maximizes the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program  
73 or policy. The evaluation shall include an identification and

12 determination of additional administrative costs resulting from the  
13 increase to the gross income eligibility limit, a recommendation  
14 regarding the gross income eligibility limit, and a determination of the  
15 availability of federal funds for the program or policy.  
16 (iii) To the extent federal funds are available to the Department of  
17 Labor for the SNAP Next Step Program, until September 30, 2023, any  
18 recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits whose  
19 household income is between one hundred thirty-one and one hundred sixty-  
20 five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income  
21 poverty guidelines and who is not exempt from work participation  
22 requirements shall be encouraged to participate in the SNAP Next Step  
23 Program administered by the Department of Labor if the recipient is  
24 eligible to participate in the program and the program's services are  
25 available in the county in which such household is located. It is the  
26 intent of the Legislature that no General Funds be utilized by the  
27 Department of Labor for the processes outlined in this subdivision (iii).  
28 For purposes of this section, SNAP Next Step Program means a partnership  
29 program between the Department of Health and Human Services and the  
30 Department of Labor to assist under-employed and unemployed recipients of  
31 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in finding self-  
1 sufficient employment.  
2 (iv) Such TANF-funded program or policy shall eliminate all asset  
3 limits for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits, except that  
4 the total of liquid assets which includes cash on hand and funds in  
5 personal checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, and share  
6 accounts shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars pursuant to the  
7 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as allowed under federal law  
8 and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2).  
9 (v) This subsection becomes effective only if the department  
10 receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to  
11 implement this subsection.  
12 (c) For purposes of this subsection:  
13 (i) Federal law means the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7  
14 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., and regulations adopted under the act; and  
15 (ii) TANF means the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
16 program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.  
17 (4)(a) Within the limits specified in this subsection, the State of  
18 Nebraska opts out of the provision of the federal Personal Responsibility  
19 and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as such act existed on  
20 January 1, 2009, that eliminates eligibility for the Supplemental  
21 Nutrition Assistance Program for any person convicted of a felony  
22 involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.  
23 (b) A person shall be ineligible for Supplemental Nutrition  
24 Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if he or she (i) has  
25 had three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of a  
26 controlled substance or (ii) has been convicted of a felony involving the  
27 sale or distribution of a controlled substance or the intent to sell or  
28 distribute a controlled substance. A person with one or two felony  
29 convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance shall  
30 only be eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
31 benefits under this subsection if he or she is participating in or has  
1 completed a state-licensed or nationally accredited substance abuse  
2 treatment program since the date of conviction. The determination of such  
3 participation or completion shall be made by the treatment provider  
4 administering the program.  
5 (5)(a) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department  
6 shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of any work  
7 requirement established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
8 under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.  
9 (b) The department shall not exercise the state's option to provide

10 an exemption from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6), as such  
11 section existed on January 1, 2025.  
12 (6) Under the authority given to a state agency to operate the  
13 general work requirement pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2015(d), as such section  
14 existed on January 1, 2025, the department shall assign all individuals  
15 who are over sixteen years of age and younger than sixty years of age to  
16 an employment and training program as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4), as  
17 such section existed on January 1, 2025, unless specifically exempted by  
18 federal regulations or law.  
19 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.  
20 Sec. 3. Original section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
21 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 90.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 Boys State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Brock Goebel competed in the tournament for the Syracuse High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Goebel won the Boys Class C 106-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Philip Streff of North Bend Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Goebel dominated four matches earning him the title; 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 Syracuse High School wrestler Brock Goebel on winning the 2025 Boys Class C 106-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Syracuse High School and Brock Goebel.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 91.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 19 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Makayla Vasser competed in the tournament for the Nebraska City High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Makayla won the Girls Class A 190-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Jazmyn Garcia of Scottsbluff High School; and

WHEREAS, Makayla achieved a perfect 42-0 season; 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 Nebraska City High School wrestler Makayla Vasser on winning the 2025 Girls Class A 190-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Nebraska City High School and Makayla Vasser.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 92.** Introduced by Dungan, 26; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, Don Wesely was born in David City, Nebraska, was a graduate of Northeast High School, and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Wesely of Lincoln was a distinguished member of the Legislature, serving from 1979 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Wesely was elected to the Nebraska Legislature at the age of twenty-four and was elected as chairman of several committees, including the Rules Committee, Retirement Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Health and Human Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, Wesely turned his attention from the Legislature in 1999 and became the forty-ninth mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Wesely and his administration oversaw and implemented the opening of the new Haymarket Park baseball and softball stadiums, parking garage, and pedestrian bridge, brought back minor league baseball to the capital city, and won approval to begin construction on the two hundred million dollar Antelope Valley Project; and

WHEREAS, Wesely opened two libraries, two public pools, two parks, acquired three hundred additional acres of parks for the city, built twelve new miles of trails, and opened the F Street Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Wesely remained active in state politics as a highly respected lobbyist and lived his entire adult life as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, Wesely passed away on March 19, 2025.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Don Wesely for his personal accomplishments and service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Don Wesely.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Don Wesely.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 93.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Keith Berns of Bladen, Nebraska, is recognized for his outstanding contributions to soil conservation and is the recipient of the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Soil Conservation Award; and

WHEREAS, Berns has combined over twenty-five years of no-till farming experience with a decade of teaching agriculture and computer science, demonstrating his commitment to both the practice and education of sustainable farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, Berns co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, one of the leading cover crop seed providers and educators in the United States, and has conducted extensive research on over one hundred twenty different cover crop species, analyzing their growth patterns, nitrogen fixation, moisture usage, and grazing potential; and

WHEREAS, Berns and his brother, Brian Berns, began experimenting with cover crops and studying water usage on their south-central Nebraska farm, leading to the founding of Green Cover Seed, which has since been at the forefront of advancing soil health practices; and

WHEREAS, Berns has maintained a one thousand five hundred acre farm that has been one hundred percent continuous no-till for over a decade, incorporating innovative cover crop strategies to improve soil structure, moisture retention, and nutrient cycling; and

WHEREAS, Berns has developed the SmartMix Calculator, one of the most widely used online cover crop selection tools, helping farmers nationwide make informed decisions about cover crop integration; and

WHEREAS, Berns holds a master's degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska and has dedicated himself to sharing knowledge on cover crops and soil health; and

WHEREAS, Berns was appointed by Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Healthy Soil Task Force and was honored to serve as its chairman, furthering the mission of soil conservation across the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Keith Berns for receiving the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Soil Conservation Award for his dedication to soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and education.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Keith Berns.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 94.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Bryan Health is celebrating one hundred years of elevating quality of life through better health throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Health began as William Jennings Bryan and his family donated ten acres of land and their family home to build a hospital in 1922. Bryan Memorial Hospital was opened on June 6, 1926; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Lincoln General Hospital was created and later absorbed into Bryan Health where it operates under the name Bryan Medical Center to this day; and

WHEREAS, collectively they were the first hospital in America to incorporate inpatient psychiatric care, they pioneered heart care, they delivered the first surviving twenty-two week gestation baby in Nebraska, and they became the birthplace for Advanced Trauma Life Support; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Health employs over seven thousand five hundred individuals and has grown over the last one hundred years to include six medical centers, a private foundation, a robust physician network, and a college of health sciences that serves Nebraskans from every county; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Bryan Health's impact, history, innovation, and commitment to the health of all Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and thanks Bryan Health for one hundred years of service to the community.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Bryan Health and Chief Executive Officer Russ Gronewold.

Laid over.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Sydney Dunn, Lincoln; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; members of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Nebraska; members of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters and Jesuit Academy; members of Habitat for Humanity Nebraska from across the state; members of ECHO Collective, Lincoln; students from Trumble Park Elementary, Papillion; students from Grant Elementary, Norfolk.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Ballard, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**FIFTY-SECOND DAY - MARCH 28, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, March 28, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend William Holoubek, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bruno.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Kauth.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, Dover, Hunt, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-first 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 March 27, 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

Brown, Darryl  
 Darryl Brown  
 CP Strategies LLC  
 Conservative Energy Network  
 Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC  
 Exodus Movement, Inc.  
 Nebraska Strategies  
 Entertainment Software Association  
 Rubin, Barry R.  
 Kelley Plucker, LLC  
 Segel, Aaron  
 Entertainment Software Association  
 Watkins, Braden  
 RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)  
 Weissen, Alan  
 RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** The first committee amendment, [AM770](#), found on page 888 and considered on pages 890 and 906, was renewed.

Senator McKinney renewed [MO111](#), found on page 858 and considered on pages 890 and 906, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

### SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Ballard offered the following motion:

[MO137](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

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

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey

The Ballard motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 34 ayes, 15 nays, and 0 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

The McKinney motion to bracket failed with 15 ayes, 34 nays, and 0 not voting.

The first committee [AM770](#), found on page 726, was not further considered.

The second committee amendment, [AM771](#), found on page 890, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the original undivided committee amendment, [AM545](#).

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey

The original undivided committee amendment, [AM545](#), found on page 726 and considered on page 888, was adopted with 34 ayes, 15 nays, and 0 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	

Present and not voting, 1:

Fredrickson

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 14 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.** Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 177, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to [LB380](#):  
[AM814](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.** Senator Dungan offered [AM780](#), found on page 895.

The Dungan amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** [ER27](#), found on page 870, was offered.

ER27 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** [ER26](#), found on page 871, was offered.

ER26 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Senator Murman offered [AM653](#), found on page 911.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 2 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 135.** Senator Holdcroft offered [AM779](#), found on page 905.

#### SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

#### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 0 nays, and 27 not voting.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	Lippincott
Arch	Clouse	Ibach	Moser
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Storm
Bosn	Hansen	Kauth	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	Fredrickson	McKinney	Riepe
Brandt	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
DeKay	Hunt	Prokop	von Gillern
Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 14:

Ballard	DeBoer	Hughes	Murman	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Lonowski	Rountree	Storer
Conrad	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sanders	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Raybould
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Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 16 ayes, 16 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Senator Hallstrom offered [AM836](#), found on page 911.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB398:

AM765

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 27. Section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 74-1335 (1) For purposes of this section, successor in interest

5 includes any agent, successor, assignee, trustee, receiver, or other

6 person acquiring interests or rights in railroad land, including the

7 owner or holder of any servient estate or right of reversion relating to  
8 railroad land.

9 (2) Whenever any person owns land on both sides of the right-of-way

10 of any railroad or its successor in interest, such railroad or its

11 successor in interest shall provide and keep in repair at least one

12 adequate means for such landowner to cross the right-of-way. Any

13 interested landowner with land on both sides of the right-of-way of any

14 railroad or its successor in interest may file written complaint with the

15 Department of Transportation against any such railroad or its successor

16 in interest that the crossing is not adequate or is unsafe and dangerous

17 to the life and property of those who use it, and the department

18 thereupon shall make such investigation, hold such hearing, and issue

19 such orders as it deems necessary, proper, and adequate. If circumstances

20 warrant, the department may require overhead, underground, or grade

21 crossings and wing fences at underground crossings or may require

22 existing crossings to be relocated so as to be safe to those who use

23 them, but when a special crossing involves an expenditure of more than

24 one thousand five hundred dollars, the landowner shall bear one-half the

25 expenses in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars.

26 Sec. 35. Sections 27 and 36 of this act become operative three

27 calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The

1 other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

2 Sec. 36. Original section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of

3 Nebraska, is repealed.

4 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LB113:

AM843

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 4. Section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 53-123.17 (1) A local governing body may designate an entertainment

5 district in which a commons area may be used by retail, craft brewery,

6 and microdistillery licensees and holders of a manufacturer's license

7 which obtain an entertainment district license. The local governing body

8 may, at any time, revoke such designation if it finds that the commons

9 area threatens the health, safety, or welfare of the public or has become

10 a common nuisance. The local governing body shall file the designation or

11 the revocation of the designation with the commission.

12 (2) An entertainment district license allows the sale of alcoholic

13 liquor for consumption on the premises within the confines of a commons

14 area. The consumption of alcoholic liquor in the commons area shall only

15 occur during the hours authorized for sale of alcoholic liquor for  
16 consumption on the premises under section 53-179 and while food service  
17 is available in the commons area or is available for sale by at least one  
18 holder of an entertainment district license. Only the holder of an  
19 entertainment district license or employees of such licensee may sell or  
20 dispense alcoholic liquor in the commons area.

21 (3) An entertainment district licensee shall serve alcoholic liquor  
22 to be consumed in the commons area in containers that prominently  
23 ~~display~~ displays the licensee's trade name or logo or some other mark that  
24 is unique to the licensee under the licensee's retail license, craft  
25 brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license. An  
26 entertainment district licensee may allow alcohol sold by another  
27 entertainment district licensee to enter the licensed premises of either  
1 licensee. No entertainment district licensee shall allow alcoholic liquor  
2 to leave the commons area or the premises licensed under its retail  
3 license, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or  
4 manufacturer's license.

5 (4) If the licensed premises of the holder of a license to sell  
6 alcoholic liquor at retail issued under subsection (6) of section 53-124,  
7 a craft brewery license, a microdistillery license, or a manufacturer's  
8 license is adjacent to a commons area in an entertainment district  
9 designated by a local governing body pursuant to this section, the holder  
10 of the license may obtain an annual entertainment district license as  
11 prescribed in this section. The entertainment district license shall be  
12 issued for the same period and may be renewed in the same manner as the  
13 retail license, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or  
14 manufacturer's license.

15 (5) In order to obtain an entertainment district license, a person  
16 eligible under subsection (4) of this section shall:

17 (a) File an application with the commission upon such forms as the  
18 commission prescribes; and

19 (b) Pay an additional license fee of three hundred dollars for the  
20 privilege of serving alcohol in the entertainment district payable to the  
21 clerk of the local governing body in the same manner as license fees  
22 under subdivision (4) of section 53-134.

23 (6) When an application for an entertainment district license is  
24 filed, the commission shall notify the clerk of the local governing body.  
25 The commission shall include with such notice one copy of the application  
26 by mail or electronic delivery. The local governing body and the  
27 commission shall process the application in the same manner as provided  
28 in section 53-132.

29 (7) The local governing body may impose an occupation tax on the  
30 business of an entertainment district licensee doing business within the  
31 liquor license jurisdiction of the local governing body as provided in  
1 subdivision (11)(b) of this section in accordance with section 53-132.

2 (8) The local governing body with respect to entertainment district  
3 licensees within its liquor license jurisdiction as provided in  
4 subdivision (11)(b) of this section may cancel an entertainment district  
5 license for cause for the remainder of the period for which such  
6 entertainment district license is issued. Any person whose entertainment  
7 district license is canceled may appeal to the commission in accordance  
8 with section 53-134.

9 (9) A local governing body may regulate by ordinance, not  
10 inconsistent with the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, any area it designates  
11 as an entertainment district.

12 (10) Violation of any provision of this section or any rules or  
13 regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this section by an  
14 entertainment district licensee may be cause to revoke, cancel, or  
15 suspend the retail license issued under subsection (6) of section 53-124,  
16 craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license



17 held by such licensee.  
 18 (11) For purposes of this section:  
 19 (a)(i)(a) Commons area means an area:  
 20 (A)(i) Within an entertainment district designated by a local  
 21 governing body;  
 22 (B)(ii) Shared by authorized licensees with entertainment district  
 23 licenses;  
 24 (C)(iii) Abutting the licensed premises of such licensees;  
 25 (D) With reasonable safety measures in place to protect pedestrians,  
 26 including signage, lighting, and reduced motor vehicle speeds when motor  
 27 vehicles will be in close proximity to pedestrians(iv) Having limited  
 28 pedestrian accessibility by use of a physical barrier, either on a  
 29 permanent or temporary basis; and  
 30 (E) With a prohibition on the carrying of open alcoholic liquor  
 31 containers and the consumption of alcoholic liquor on any open street or  
 1 highway except when necessary to cross the same at a designated  
 2 crosswalk(v) Closed to vehicular traffic when used as a commons area.  
 3 (ii) Commons area may include any area of a public or private right-  
 4 of-way if the area otherwise meets the requirements of this section; and  
 5 (b) Local governing body means the governing body of the city or  
 6 village in which the entertainment district licensee is located.  
 7 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 8 accordingly.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB415:

MO138

Bracket until May 31, 2025.

MO139

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO140

Indefinitely postpone.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

Room 1510 12:45 PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

Kyle Anderson - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

Nathan J Sorben - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 95.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Moser, 22; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team earned its first Summit League regular season championship in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks secured the first Summit League Tournament championship in program history on March 9, 2025, by defeating the St. Thomas Tommies 85-75; and

WHEREAS, the Summit League Tournament title earned the Mavericks the first NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament appearance in program history; and

WHEREAS, head coach Chris Crutchfield led the Mavericks to a record of 22-13, including a 13-3 record in conference play; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks captured the imagination of college basketball fans across the nation with their trash can celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha community celebrates the historic achievements of the Mavericks men's basketball team.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team on reaching its first NCAA Division I tournament in program history.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mavericks and head coach Chris Crutchfield.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 96.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, the Nebraska Judges Retirement System, and the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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 97.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an 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. The study shall include a public hearing for the presentation of reports by political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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 98.** Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems 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.

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

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

Senator DeKay name added to LR92.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Empowering Families, Scottsbluff; members of Urban League of Nebraska, Omaha; Cole Ballard, Omaha; students from Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Staplehurst; students from St. Columbkille Catholic School, Papillion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 31, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FIFTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 31, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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Monday, March 31, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hunt, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-second day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 470.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 518.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 519.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM761](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "may", show as stricken, and insert

2 "shall".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Senator Raybould offered the following motion:

[MO143](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The Raybould motion failed with 1 aye, 26 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould asked unanimous consent to withdraw [AM626](#), found on page 880, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM811](#), found on page 909. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Raybould offered [AM811](#), found on page 909.

The Raybould amendment lost with 1 aye, 33 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered [AM625](#), found on page 881.

The Raybould amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Holdcroft withdrew [AM682](#), found on page 886.

Senator Clements offered [AM624](#), found on page 909.

The Clements amendment lost with 10 ayes, 25 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered [AM843](#), found on page 927.

The Dover amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft offered the following amendment:

[AM851](#)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 5. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
- 3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
- 4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
- 5 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 76, 77, 78, and 79 were adopted.

### SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR 76, 77, 78, and 79.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to [LB332](#):

[AM828](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM729)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 39. (1) For purposes of this section, program means the Rural

3 Health Opportunity Program that encourages students from rural

4 communities to pursue health care professions and return to practice in

5 those rural communities.

6 (2)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the

7 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall enter into a

8 memorandum of understanding to administer the program, including a joint

9 application and interview process to select students to participate in

10 the program and be provisionally admitted into one of the eligible health

11 care programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

12 (b) To be eligible, students shall:

13 (i) Attend, or be a graduate of, an approved or accredited high

14 school in Nebraska or receive an equivalent of a diploma of high school

15 equivalency in Nebraska; and

16 (ii) Have lived in, or been a resident of, a rural area of Nebraska

17 as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and

18 the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

19 (3) A student who participates in the program is entitled to a

20 waiver of one hundred percent of the cost of tuition and fees per

21 academic year for up to four years at a state college for the purpose of

22 completing the established health care program coursework at such state

23 college that is required for early admission and transfer to an eligible

24 health care program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

25 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to consider continued

26 funding for the program in an appropriate amount equal to or more than

1 one-half of the cost of the tuition waivers or fees granted pursuant to

2 this section as part of the biennial budget process.

3 2. Correct the operative date section so the section added by this

4 amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment

5 of this legislative session.

6 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to [LB646](#):

[AM829](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were music students from the Nebraska Music Education Association – UNO, UNK, Doane, and Wesleyan; students from Aurora Public School, Aurora; members of the Nebraska Grocers and Wholesalers on behalf of the Grocery Industry Association.

**RECESS**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, 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 Senators M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hardin, Hunt, Raybould, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM226](#), found on page 809, was offered.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 4 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

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

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB474](#):  
[AM669](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 99.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team competed in the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish defeated the Dorchester Longhorns 52-25; and

WHEREAS, this is the ninth state title for Falls City Sacred Heart and they finished their season with a 25-4 record; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team is coached by Luke Santo; 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 congratulates the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team on earning the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock Eagles defeated the Howells-Dodge Jaguars in the championship game by a score of 61-49; and

WHEREAS, this is the third-straight championship title for the Johnson-Brock boys basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team is coached by Lucas Dalinghaus; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 101.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Andersen, 49; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef, LLC opened a meat processing facility in North Platte, Nebraska, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by over a thousand people; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef will help cattle producers grow their businesses and will create long-term growth for the North Platte community; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will provide a local outlet for quality cattle at a premium price and will serve as a driver for new growth in the North Platte region; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was created to help cattle producers integrate their operations to allow them to achieve a birth to retail outlet concept locally; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was the result of a determined group of cattle producers who had the vision to carry the project to its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the four hundred million dollar plant will process about one thousand five hundred cattle per day and will employ about eight hundred fifty workers.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Sustainable Beef, LLC on their successful opening ceremony.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Sustainable Beef.

Laid over.

## GENERAL FILE

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick offered the following amendment:

AM850

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 38-2125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 4 2024, is amended to read:  
 5 38-2125 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this  
 6 ~~section, the~~ department, with the recommendation of the board, may  
 7 issue a license based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an  
 8 individual who:  
 9 (a) Meets the licensure requirements of the Mental Health Practice  
 10 Act or substantially equivalent requirements as determined by the  
 11 department, with the recommendation of the board; or  
 12 (b) Has been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at  
 13 least five years following initial licensure or certification in another  
 14 jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.  
 15 (2) The department may issue a license based on a privilege to  
 16 practice in Nebraska under the Licensed Professional Counselors  
 17 Interstate Compact as provided in section 5 of such compact.  
 18 (3) ~~The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall,~~  
 19 ~~based on licensure in another jurisdiction, issue a mental health~~  
 20 ~~practitioner license or an independent mental health practitioner license~~  
 21 ~~to a marriage and family therapist who:~~  
 22 (a) ~~Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage~~  
 23 ~~and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good~~  
 24 ~~standing with such state or territory;~~  
 25 (b) ~~Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and~~  
 26 (c) ~~Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.~~  
 27 (4) ~~(3)~~ An applicant for a license who is a military spouse may apply  
 1 for a temporary license as provided in section 38-129.01.  
 2 Sec. 2. Section 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 3 2024, is amended to read:  
 4 38-2130 (1) The department, with the recommendation of the board,  
 5 may issue a certificate based on licensure in another jurisdiction to  
 6 represent oneself as ~~a certified marriage and family therapist, a~~  
 7 ~~certified professional counselor, a social worker, or a certified art~~  
 8 ~~therapist to an individual who meets the requirements of the Mental~~  
 9 ~~Health Practice Act relating to marriage and family therapy, professional~~  
 10 ~~counseling, social work, or art therapy, as appropriate, or substantially~~  
 11 ~~equivalent requirements as determined by the department, with the~~  
 12 ~~recommendation of the board.~~  
 13 (2) ~~The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall~~  
 14 ~~issue a certificate to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure~~  
 15 ~~in another jurisdiction to an individual who:~~  
 16 (a) ~~Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage~~  
 17 ~~and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good~~  
 18 ~~standing with such state or territory;~~  
 19 (b) ~~Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and~~  
 20 (c) ~~Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.~~  
 21 (3) An applicant for a certificate who is a military spouse may  
 22 apply for a temporary certificate as provided in section 38-129.01.  
 23 Sec. 3. Original sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes  
 24 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The Quick amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Senator Hansen offered the following amendment:

[AM866](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Senator Conrad offered [MO7](#), found on page 193, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Raybould opened on her bill, LB258.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO7.

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 606.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM767](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 412.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM732](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 43-1401 For purposes of sections 43-1401 to 43-1418:  
6 (1) Except as provided in sections 43-1411 and 43-1414, child  
7 means ~~Child shall mean~~ a child under the age of eighteen years born out of  
8 wedlock;  
9 (2) Child born out of wedlock ~~means~~ ~~shall mean~~ a child whose parents  
10 were not married to each other at the time of ~~its~~ birth, except that a  
11 child shall not be considered as born out of wedlock if ~~the~~ ~~its~~ parents  
12 were married at the time of ~~the child's~~ ~~its~~ conception but divorced at the  
13 time of ~~its~~ birth. The definition of legitimacy or illegitimacy for other  
14 purposes shall not be affected by ~~the provisions of such sections 43-1401~~  
15 ~~to 43-1418; and~~  
16 (3) Support ~~includes~~ ~~shall include~~ reasonable education.  
17 Sec. 2. Section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
18 2024, is amended to read:  
19 43-1411 (1) A civil proceeding to establish the paternity of a child  
20 may be instituted, in the court of the district where the child is  
21 domiciled or found or, for cases under the Uniform Interstate Family  
22 Support Act, where the alleged father is domiciled, by:

23 (a) The mother or the alleged father of such child, or by a person  
 24 who has reason to believe he is the biological father of the child,  
 25 either during pregnancy or within four years after the child's birth,  
 26 unless:  
 27 (i) A valid consent or relinquishment has been made pursuant to  
 1 sections 43-104.08 to 43-104.24 or section 43-105 for purposes of  
 2 adoption; or  
 3 (ii) A county court or separate juvenile court has jurisdiction over  
 4 the custody of the child or jurisdiction over an adoption matter with  
 5 respect to such child pursuant to sections 43-101 to 43-116; or  
 6 (b) The guardian or next friend of such child or the state, either  
 7 during pregnancy or within eighteen years after the child's birth.  
 8 (2) Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil proceedings,  
 9 except that such summons may be directed to the sheriff of any county in  
 10 the state and may be served in any county.  
 11 ~~(3)(a)(3)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who  
 12 has reason to believe he is claiming to be the biological father of a  
 13 child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction may file a  
 14 complaint to intervene in such juvenile proceeding to institute an action  
 15 to establish the paternity of the child. The complaint to intervene shall  
 16 be accompanied by an affidavit under oath that the complainant~~affiant~~  
 17 believes he is the biological father of the juvenile. No filing fee shall  
 18 be charged for filing the complaint and affidavit.  
 19 (b) Upon filing of the complaint and affidavit, the juvenile court  
 20 ~~may~~shall enter an order pursuant to section 43-1414 to require genetic  
 21 testing and to require the juvenile to be made available for genetic  
 22 testing. The costs of genetic testing shall be paid by the  
 23 ~~complainant~~intervenor, the county, or the state at the discretion of the  
 24 juvenile court.  
 25 (c) This subsection does not authorize intervention by a person  
 26 whose parental rights to such child have been terminated by the order of  
 27 any court of competent jurisdiction.  
 28 (4) For purposes of this section, child means a person under the age  
 29 of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of  
 30 wedlock.  
 31 Sec. 3. Section 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 1 amended to read:  
 2 43-1414 ~~(1)(a)(1)~~ In any proceeding to establish paternity, the  
 3 court may, on its own motion, or shall, on a timely request of a party,  
 4 after notice and hearing, require the child, the mother, and the alleged  
 5 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other  
 6 appropriate genetic testing material. Failure to comply with such  
 7 requirement for genetic testing shall constitute contempt and may be  
 8 dealt with in the same manner as other contempts. If genetic testing is  
 9 required, the court shall direct that inherited characteristics be  
 10 determined by appropriate testing procedures and shall appoint an expert  
 11 in genetic testing and qualified as an examiner of genetic markers to  
 12 analyze and interpret the results and to report to the court. The court  
 13 shall determine the number of experts required.  
 14 (b) For purposes of this subsection, child means a person under the  
 15 age of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of  
 16 wedlock.  
 17 (2) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the Department of  
 18 Health and Human Services, county attorneys, and authorized attorneys  
 19 have the authority to require the child, the mother, and the alleged  
 20 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other  
 21 appropriate genetic testing material. All genetic testing shall be  
 22 performed by a laboratory accredited by the College of American  
 23 Pathologists or any other national accrediting body or public agency  
 24 which has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more  
 25 comprehensive than those of the college.

26 (3) Except as authorized under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, a person  
 27 shall not disclose information obtained from genetic paternity testing  
 28 that is done pursuant to such sections.

29 (4) If an alleged father who is tested as part of an action under  
 30 such sections is found to be the child's father, the testing laboratory  
 31 shall retain the genetic testing material of the alleged father, mother,  
 1 and child for no longer than the period of years prescribed by the  
 2 national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. If a man is  
 3 found not to be the child's father, the testing laboratory shall destroy  
 4 the man's genetic testing material in the presence of a witness after  
 5 such material is used in the paternity action. The witness may be an  
 6 individual who is a party to the destruction of the genetic testing  
 7 material. After the man's genetic testing material is destroyed, the  
 8 testing laboratory shall make and keep a written record of the  
 9 destruction and have the individual who witnessed the destruction sign  
 10 the record. The testing laboratory shall also expunge its records  
 11 regarding the genetic paternity testing performed on the genetic testing  
 12 material in accordance with the national standards under which the  
 13 laboratory is accredited. The testing laboratory shall retain the genetic  
 14 testing material of the mother and child for no longer than the period of  
 15 years prescribed by the national standards under which the laboratory is  
 16 accredited. After a testing laboratory destroys an individual's genetic  
 17 testing material as provided in this subsection, it shall notify the  
 18 adult individual, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor individual,  
 19 by certified mail that the genetic testing material was destroyed.

20 (5) A testing laboratory is required to protect the confidentiality  
 21 of genetic testing material, except as required for a paternity  
 22 determination. The court and its officers shall not use or disclose  
 23 genetic testing material for a purpose other than the paternity  
 24 determination.

25 (6) A person shall not buy, sell, transfer, or offer genetic testing  
 26 material obtained under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418.

27 (7) A testing laboratory shall annually have an independent audit  
 28 verifying the contracting laboratory's compliance with this section. The  
 29 audit shall not disclose the names of, or otherwise identify, the test  
 30 subjects required to submit to testing during the previous year. The  
 31 testing laboratory shall forward the audit to the department.

1 (8) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty  
 2 of a Class IV misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class III  
 3 misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offense.

4 (9) For purposes of sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, an expert in  
 5 genetic testing means a person who has formal doctoral training or  
 6 postdoctoral training in human genetics.

7 Sec. 4. Original sections 43-1401 and 43-1414, Reissue Revised  
 8 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 9 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to LB632:

MO144

Indefinitely postpone.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 102.** Introduced by McKinney, 11;  
 Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29;  
 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championships were held on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Antrell Taylor of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln won the 157-pound title against Joey Blaze of Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's victory earned him a second All-American honor and his fiftieth career win; and

WHEREAS, Taylor finished his season with a twenty-seven wins and four losses 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 Antrell Taylor on winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championship at 157 pounds.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Antrell Taylor.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 103.** Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship was held at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Lovett competed in the Championship for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Lovett won the 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship by defeating the number 1 seed, Caleb Henson of Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Lovett was the first national champion since 2011 for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Lovett also earned the title of 2025 Big Ten Champion and is a four-time National Collegiate Athletic Association All-American; and

WHEREAS, outside of competition, Lovett is active with his church and community, volunteering with local projects and programs, as well as coaching with Team Real Life, an outreach ministry that Lovett grew up with; 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 Ridge Lovett on winning the 2025 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ridge Lovett.

Laid over.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Speaker Arch announced the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Room 1507 instead of Room 1510.

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

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

Senator Murman name added to LB169.

Senator Murman name added to LB170.

Senator Murman name added to LB258.

Senator Ballard name added to LR92.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Washington Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Eric Thomsen, Beatrice.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:09 p.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FIFTY-FOURTH DAY - APRIL 1, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Right Reverend J. Scott Barker, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska, Omaha.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Hunt, McKinney, Spivey, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-third day was approved.

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB504](#):  
[AM856](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER21)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act:
- 6 (1) Actual knowledge includes all information and inferences known
- 7 to the covered online service relating to the age of the individual,
- 8 including, but not limited to, self-identified age, and any age the
- 9 covered online service has attributed or associated with the individual
- 10 for any purpose, including marketing, advertising, or product

11 development. If a covered online service's classification of an  
12 individual for purposes of marketing or advertising is inconsistent with  
13 the individual's self-identified age, a covered online service shall  
14 disregard self-identified age for purposes of the act;  
15 (2) Child means an individual younger than thirteen years of age;  
16 (3) Covered design feature means any feature or component of a  
17 covered online service that will encourage or increase the frequency,  
18 time spent, or activity of a user on the covered online service and  
19 includes:  
20 (a) Infinite scroll;  
21 (b) Rewards or incentives for frequency of visits or time spent on  
22 the covered online service;  
23 (c) Notifications or push alerts;  
24 (d) In-game purchases; or  
25 (e) Appearance-altering filters;  
26 (4) Covered minor means a user that a covered online service knows  
1 to be a minor;  
2 (5)(a) Covered online service means a sole proprietorship, a limited  
3 liability company, a corporation, an association, or any other legal  
4 entity that owns, operates, controls, or provides an online service that:  
5 (i) Conducts business in this state;  
6 (ii) Alone, or jointly with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent  
7 companies, determines the purposes and means of the processing of  
8 consumers' personal data;  
9 (iii) Has annual gross revenue in excess of twenty-five million  
10 dollars, adjusted every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the  
11 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Federal  
12 Bureau of Labor Statistics for the two-year period preceding the  
13 adjustment date. The amount shall be rounded to the next highest one-  
14 thousand-dollar amount;  
15 (iv) Annually buys, receives, sells, or shares the personal data of  
16 fifty thousand or more consumers, households, or devices, alone or in  
17 combination with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent companies; and  
18 (v) Derives at least fifty percent of its annual revenue from the  
19 sale or sharing of consumers' personal data.  
20 (b) A covered online service includes:  
21 (i) An entity that controls or is controlled by a business that  
22 meets the definition of covered online service if the entity and business  
23 share a name, service mark, or trademark that would cause a reasonable  
24 consumer to understand that the entity and business are commonly owned;  
25 and  
26 (ii) For a covered online service that is a joint venture or  
27 partnership, any person with an ownership interest of forty percent or  
28 more in such venture or partnership.  
29 (c) A covered online service does not include an online service with  
30 actual knowledge that fewer than two percent of its users are minors,  
31 provided that, in making such assessment, an online service shall not be  
1 required to collect personal data of users, and if an online service  
2 collects personal data of users for such purpose, it shall not use such  
3 personal data for other purposes and shall delete such personal data  
4 after using it to make the assessment;  
5 (6) Dark pattern means a user interface designed or manipulated with  
6 the effect of substantially subverting or impairing user autonomy,  
7 decision-making, or choice. Dark pattern includes any practice determined  
8 to be a dark pattern by the Federal Trade Commission as of January 1,  
9 2024;  
10 (7) Knows to be a child or knows to be a minor means actual  
11 knowledge that the user is a child or minor, as applicable;  
12 (8) Minor means an individual younger than eighteen years of age;  
13 (9) Online service means any service, product, or feature that is

14 accessible to the public via the Internet, including a website or  
15 application. An online service does not include any of the following:  
16 (a) A telecommunications service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153;  
17 (b) A broadband Internet access service as defined in 47 C.F.R.  
18 8.1(b); or  
19 (c) The sale, delivery, or use of a physical device;  
20 (10) Parent has the same meaning as in the federal Children's Online  
21 Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq., and the Federal  
22 Trade Commission rules implementing such act;  
23 (11) Personal data means any information, including derived data and  
24 unique identifiers, that is linked or reasonably linkable, alone or in  
25 combination with other information, to an identified or identifiable  
26 individual or to a device that identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably  
27 linkable to one or more identified or identifiable individuals in a  
28 household. Personal data does not include publicly available data;  
29 (12) Personalized recommendation system means a fully or partially  
30 automated system used to suggest, promote, or rank content, including  
31 other users, hashtags, or posts, based on the personal data of users;  
1 (13) Precise geolocation information means any data that identifies  
2 within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet a covered  
3 minor's present or past location or the present or past location of a  
4 device that links or is linkable to a covered minor or any data that is  
5 derived from a device that is used or intended to be used to locate a  
6 covered minor within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet by  
7 means of technology that includes a global positioning system that  
8 provides latitude and longitude coordinates. Precise geolocation  
9 information does not include the content of communications or any data  
10 generated or connected to advanced utility metering infrastructure  
11 systems or equipment for use by a utility;  
12 (14) Process means to perform an operation or set of operations by  
13 manual or automated means on personal data. Process includes collecting,  
14 using, storing, disclosing, sharing, analyzing, deleting, or modifying  
15 personal data;  
16 (15) Profile means any form of automated processing of personal data  
17 to evaluate, analyze, or predict certain aspects relating to a covered  
18 minor, including a covered minor's economic situation, health, personal  
19 preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location, or movements;  
20 (16) Publicly available data means data (a) that is lawfully made  
21 available from federal, state, or local government records, (b) that a  
22 business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to  
23 the general public by the individual or from widely distributed media, or  
24 (c) that is made available by a person to whom the individual has  
25 disclosed the data if the individual has not restricted the data to a  
26 specific audience. Publicly available data does not mean biometric data  
27 collected by a covered online service about a covered minor without the  
28 covered minor's knowledge;  
29 (17) Targeted advertising means displaying advertisements to an  
30 individual when the advertisement is selected based on personal data  
31 obtained or inferred from that individual's activities over time and  
1 across nonaffiliated websites or online applications to predict the  
2 individual's preferences or interest. Targeted advertising does not  
3 include:  
4 (a) Advertisements based on activities within a covered online  
5 service's own Internet websites or online applications;  
6 (b) Advertisements based on the context of an individual's current  
7 search query, visit to an Internet website, or use of an online  
8 application;  
9 (c) Advertisements directed to an individual in response to the  
10 individual's request for information or feedback; or  
11 (d) Processing personal data solely to measure or report advertising

12 frequency, performance, or reach; and  
13 (18) User means, with respect to a covered online service, an  
14 individual who registers an account or creates a profile on the covered  
15 online service.  
16 Sec. 3. (1) The Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act does not  
17 apply to:  
18 (a) A federal, state, tribal, or local government entity in the  
19 ordinary course of its operations;  
20 (b) Personal data subject to a statute or regulation that is  
21 controlled by a covered online service that is required to comply with:  
22 (i) Title V of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act;  
23 (ii) The federal Health Information Technology for Economic and  
24 Clinical Health Act; or  
25 (iii) Regulations promulgated under section 264 of the federal  
26 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and  
27 (c) Information, including, but not limited to, personal data,  
28 collected as part of a clinical trial subject to the federal policy for  
29 the protection of human subjects in accordance with:  
30 (i) Good clinical practice guidelines issued by the International  
31 Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals  
1 for Human Use; or  
2 (ii) Human subject protection requirements of the federal Food and  
3 Drug Administration.  
4 (2) The requirements of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act  
5 are in addition to and shall not limit or restrict in any way the  
6 application of other laws, including, but not limited to, statutes, rules  
7 and regulations, and the common law of Nebraska.  
8 (3) In the event of a conflict between the Age-Appropriate Online  
9 Design Code Act and one or more other laws, the law that affords the  
10 greatest protection from harm to minors shall control.  
11 Sec. 4. (1) A covered online service shall provide each covered  
12 minor with accessible and easy-to-use tools that accomplish the following  
13 with respect to covered design features:  
14 (a) Limit the ability of other users or visitors to communicate with  
15 the covered minor;  
16 (b) Prevent other individuals from viewing the personal data of the  
17 covered minor;  
18 (c) Control the operation of all design features, including, but not  
19 limited to, all covered design features, that are unnecessary in order to  
20 provide the covered online service by allowing a covered minor to opt out  
21 of the use of all unnecessary covered design features or categories of  
22 unnecessary covered design features;  
23 (d) Control personalized recommendation systems by allowing a  
24 covered minor to opt in to a chronological feed or by preventing  
25 categories of content from being recommended;  
26 (e) Control the use of in-game purchases or other transactions by  
27 allowing a covered minor to opt out of all such purchases and  
28 transactions or to place limits on such purchases and transactions; and  
29 (f) Restrict the sharing of the precise geolocation information of  
30 the covered minor and provide notice regarding tracking of the covered  
31 minor's precise geolocation information.  
1 (2) A covered online service shall provide a covered minor with  
2 accessible and easy-to-use options to limit the amount of time the  
3 covered minor spends on the covered online service.  
4 (3) A covered online service shall establish default settings for  
5 the safeguards required by subsection (1) of this section at the option  
6 or level that provides the highest protection available for the safety of  
7 the covered minor.  
8 Sec. 5. (1) A covered online service shall only collect and use the  
9 minimum amount of a covered minor's personal data necessary to provide

10 the specific elements of an online service with which the covered minor  
11 has knowingly engaged. Such personal data shall not be used for reasons  
12 other than those for which it was collected.

13 (2) A covered online service shall not be required to collect the  
14 personal data of a user to comply with the Age-Appropriate Online Design  
15 Code Act. A covered online service that collects personal data of a user  
16 for age verification cannot use such personal data for other purposes and  
17 shall delete such personal data after use for age verification.

18 (3) A covered online service shall only retain the personal data of  
19 a covered minor as long as necessary to provide the specific elements of  
20 an online service with which the covered minor has knowingly engaged.

21 (4) A covered online service shall not facilitate targeted  
22 advertising to a covered minor.

23 (5) A covered online service shall provide an obvious sign to a  
24 covered minor when precise geolocation information is being collected or  
25 used.

26 (6) The use of notifications and push alerts to a covered minor is  
27 prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and between the hours  
28 of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on week days during the school year in the covered  
29 minor's local time zone.

30 (7) A covered online service shall not profile a covered minor  
31 unless profiling is necessary to provide a covered online service  
1 requested by such covered minor, and only with respect to the aspects of  
2 the covered online service with which the covered minor is actively and  
3 knowingly engaged.

4 (8) A covered online service shall ensure that the default settings  
5 for the protections required pursuant to this section are set at the  
6 highest protection available for the safety of the covered minor.

7 (9) If a covered online service allows parental monitoring, the  
8 covered online service shall provide an obvious signal to a covered minor  
9 when such minor is being monitored.

10 Sec. 6. (1) A covered online service shall provide parents with  
11 tools to help parents protect and support minors using covered design  
12 features of the covered online service. Such parental tools shall be  
13 enabled by default for an individual the covered online service knows to  
14 be a child.

15 (2) With respect to covered design features, a covered online  
16 service shall provide parents the ability to do the following for an  
17 individual the covered online service knows to be a child or minor, as  
18 applicable:

19 (a) Manage the child's privacy and account settings in a manner that  
20 allows parents to:

21 (i) View the child's account settings; and

22 (ii) Change and control privacy and account settings of the child;

23 (b) Restrict purchases and financial transactions of the minor; and

24 (c) Enable parents to view the total time the child has spent on a  
25 covered online service and place reasonable limits on such child's use of  
26 the covered online service. Among such protections, a covered online  
27 service shall offer parents the ability to restrict a child's use of the  
28 covered online service during times of day specified by the parents,  
29 including during school hours and at night.

30 (3) A covered online service shall notify a covered minor of a  
31 covered design feature when any of the tools described in this section  
1 are in effect and describe what settings have been applied.

2 Sec. 7. A covered online service shall establish mechanisms for  
3 covered minors and parents to report harms on covered online services.

4 Sec. 8. (1) A covered online service is prohibited from  
5 facilitating advertisements for prohibited products, such as narcotic  
6 drugs, tobacco products, gambling, and alcohol, to covered minors.

7 (2) A covered online service is prohibited from using dark patterns

8 to subvert or impair covered minor autonomy, decision-making, or choice.  
 9 Sec. 9. (1) Any violation of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code  
 10 Act shall, additionally and separately, constitute a deceptive trade  
 11 practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Civil penalties  
 12 for violations of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act shall be  
 13 subject exclusively to subsection (3) of this section, but the Attorney  
 14 General shall not initiate any action to recover a civil penalty under  
 15 the act until July 1, 2026. The Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act  
 16 shall not be construed to affect the liability for any action that  
 17 otherwise violates the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.  
 18 (2) Each covered online service shall designate one or more of its  
 19 officers to be responsible for the covered online service's compliance  
 20 with the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act.  
 21 (3) Beginning July 1, 2026, a covered online service in violation of  
 22 the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act may be liable for a civil  
 23 penalty not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for each violation.  
 24 Sec. 10. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.  
 25 Sec. 11. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 26 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
 27 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 were adopted.

### PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Senator Conrad renewed [MO7](#), found on page 193 and considered on page 940, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 3 nays, and 16 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 34 ayes, 13 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Present and not voting, 1:

Conrad

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar          Hunt

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 12 ayes, 34 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:

[MO145](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO7.

Pending.

#### **WITHDRAW - Motion to LB530**

Senator Kauth withdrew the following motions to [LB530](#):

[MO123](#), found on page 862, to Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO124](#), found on page 862, to Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO125](#), found on page 862, to Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

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

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to [LB428](#):

[AM803](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 27, strike "a nonanonymous" and insert "(A) a";

2 and in line 31 strike the comma and insert "or (B) a nonanonymous survey

3 requesting students provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol,  
 4 or tobacco use."  
 5 2. On page 3, line 14, strike "questionnaire or"; in line 23 after  
 6 the second "of" insert "(a)"; and in line 26 after "2024" insert ", (b)  
 7 the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment of 1978, 20 U.S.C.  
 8 1232h, as such section existed on January 1, 2025, (c) the federal  
 9 Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq.,  
 10 as such act existed on January 1, 2025, and (d) the federal Children's  
 11 Internet Protection Act, 47 C.F.R. 54.520, as such regulation existed on  
 12 January 1, 2025".

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

#### Natural Resources

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM635](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

#### Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 76.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM798](#)

- 1 1. Strike original sections 2 and 3.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 3 accordingly.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were John Sorrentino, Denver, CO; students from Engleman Elementary, Grand Island; Brad Hardin and Charlotte Hardin, Grand Island; students from Plainview Elementary, Plainview; Grant Hallstrom, Johnson; students from Neihardt Elementary, Omaha; Episcopalians from Episcopal Advocacy Day.

### RECESS

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Clements, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hardin, Hunt, Lippincott, Moser, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.



**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

March 26, 2025

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 Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Roy Christensen, 820 Cottonwood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510, Professional

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

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Senator Conrad renewed [MO145](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO7.

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

Senator Spivey moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 0 nays, and 27 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Bosn	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Holderoft	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Dover

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM272](#), found on page 632, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO9](#), found on page 193, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

#### [ER33](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning "the" in line 1 through line 5 and  
2 insert "law; to amend sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216,  
3 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239,  
4 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304,  
5 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
6 Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No.  
7 436; to redefine terms; to change and eliminate applicability,  
8 administrative, and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Healthy  
9 Families and Workplaces Act; to provide for set off of debt owed due to  
10 the overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security  
11 Law against gambling winnings under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for  
12 Outstanding Debt Act; to change provisions relating to the offset of  
13 overpayment of unemployment benefits against future benefits under the  
14 Employment Security Law; to change and eliminate applicability,  
15 inspection, investigation, licensure, and enforcement provisions of the

16 Conveyance Safety Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize  
17 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

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

Nebraska Tourism Commission:

Courtney Dentlinger  
David Fudge  
Rachel Kreikemeier  
Roger Kuhn  
Robert Sabin  
David Wolf  
Paul Younes

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB258:

[AM880](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM272)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
- 2 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".
- 3 2. Renumber the remaining amendments accordingly.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB258:

[FA73](#)

In AM880, on Line 2, strike "two" and insert "one".

[FA74](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA75](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA76](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA77](#)

On Page 2, Line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".

[FA78](#)

In FA74, Strike "Section 1" and insert "Section 3".

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to [LB646](#):

[AM796](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1 1. On page 2, line 7; page 6, line 1; and page 7, line 15, strike

2 "[January](#)" and insert "[July](#)".

3 2. On page 5, line 30; and page 7, line 13, strike "[December 31](#),"

4 [2025](#)" and insert "[June 30, 2026](#)".

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

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to [LB258](#):

[MO146](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO147](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

[MO148](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO149](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Committee [AM272](#), found on page 632 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed [MO9](#), found on page 193 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Raybould offered the following motion:

[MO150](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper

The Raybould motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 15 ayes, 34 nays, and 0 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 9 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 17 nays, and 0 present and not voting.

Senator Dungan made a parliamentary inquiry on if the two-thirds vote requirement (Art. 3, Sec. 2 of the Nebraska Constitution) for a ballot initiative language change applies to advancing the bill to Enrollment and Review Initial.

The Clerk stated that the understanding from past precedent is that the Art. 3, Sec. 2 threshold applies only to final passage of the bill.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 693.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM302](#)

1 1. On page 7, line 14, after "to" insert "state or".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

## Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB629:

AM859

(Amendments to AM415)

1 1. Strike original sections 23 to 26.

2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references

3 accordingly.

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 230, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 104.** Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 University of Nebraska Wrestling Team had eight wrestlers earn All-American honors, with three finalists, and two champions at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Brock Hardy of Brigham City, Utah, earned a spot in the 141-pound championship, a silver medal, and All-American status; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Lovett, a native of Post Falls, Idaho, and an All-American in 2022 and 2024, won the 149-pound championship match, defeating the defending national champion, and became the first individual national champion for Nebraska since Jordan Burroughs in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Antrell Taylor, a Millard South product, won the 157-pound championship match earning a 4-2 decision and became the second native

Nebraskan to win a division one national title, joining Brad Vering from 2000. Taylor's victory coupled with Lovett's title marked the first time since 1984 the Huskers had multiple individual NCAA champions in the same season when Jim Scherr and Bill Scherr won NCAA titles; and

WHEREAS, Big Red wrestlers put together seventeen bonus-point wins for the fifth-highest point total by a runner-up in NCAA History; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska set a school record for All-Americans with eight at an NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska wrestling had its best performance and team finish ever at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships by scoring the most team points and having the most All-Americans at the 2025 NCAA Championships; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska had a historic national runner-up finish to their season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mark Manning was named the 2025 NCAA Tournament Coach of the Year.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Nebraska Wrestling Team on their tremendous season and for their elite performance at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Wrestling Team and to Head Coach Mark Manning.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Murman name added to LB383.

Senator Rountree name added to LB391.

Senator McKeon name added to LR17.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Zion Lutheran, Kearney; students from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Beatrice.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Rachel Blake, Lincoln.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:37 p.m., on a motion by Senator Riepe, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature





**FIFTY-FIFTH DAY - APRIL 2, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Rountree.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

**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 Guereca who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobsen, McKinney, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-fourth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 87 and 88 were adopted.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 87 and 88.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM638](#), found on page 822, was offered.

Senator Ibach asked unanimous consent to withdraw [FA52](#), found on page 828, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment [AM829](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer objected.

Senator Ibach offered the following motion:

[MO151](#)

Withdraw FA52 and substitute AM829.

Senator Storer requested a roll call vote on the motion to withdraw and substitute.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 2 nays, and 17 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Murman	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	von Gillern
Ballard	Fredrickson	Ibach	Raybould	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Bostar	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Brandt	Hardin	Moser	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKeon      Meyer

Present and not voting, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Dungan	Quick	Storer

Excused and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Dover	Hunt	Lippincott
Clements	Guereca	Jacobson	Strommen

The Ibach motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 27 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach offered [AM829](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM731](#) is available in the Bill Room.

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

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB647:

[FA80](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB179:

[FA81](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:

[AM821](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM492)

1 1. Strike sections 40, 41, 69, 70, 74, and 78 to 81 and insert the

2 following new sections:

3 Sec. 73. Section 76 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2026.

4 The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

5 Sec. 74. Original sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001,

6 2-5003, 20-506, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904,

7 38-2213, 38-2214, 38-2306, 58-202, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706,

8 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109,

9 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431,

10 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,238, 81-15,245, 81-15,246, 82-703, 82-706,

11 85-1008, 85-1607, 85-1643, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1101, 86-1102, and

12 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167,

13 38-2120, 38-2216, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-3401, 43-4001,

14 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-5301, 71-5310,

15 and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

16 Sec. 75. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections

17 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209,

18 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218,

19 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227,

20 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236,

21 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245,

22 2-4246, 38-2307, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-4501,

23 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-4504, and 81-15,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of

24 Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

25 2024.

26 Sec. 76. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections

1 38-206, 71-7105, and 71-7106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

2 2. On page 14, after line 3 insert the following new subdivision:

3 "(a) Establish standards for integrated practice agreements between

4 collaborating physicians and certified nurse midwives;" in line 4 strike

5 "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 7 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line

6 11 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; and in line 16 strike "(d)" and insert

7 "(e)".

8 3. On page 34, strike beginning with the comma in line 27 through

9 the last comma in line 28 and show the old matter as stricken.

10 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator Ballard announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 pm.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were John Cook, President Jeffrey Gold, Chris Kratochvil, and Ryan Rothman – University of Nebraska; students from Hitchcock County FFA, Trenton; students and teachers from Schuyler FFA, Schuyler; students from across Nebraska on their Sophomore Pilgrimage; students from Skyline Elementary, Elkhorn.

**RECESS**

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Guereca and Spivey who were excused; and Senators Clements, Conrad, Dover, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Kauth, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 536.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM756**

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot
- 5 Investment Act.
- 6 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Manufacturing Modernization and
- 7 Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act is to:
- 8 (1) Provide one-time grants to eligible manufacturing operations for
- 9 new and existing capital investments that will increase or lead to the
- 10 adoption and integration of smart technologies and increased
- 11 productivity; and
- 12 (2) Provide a positive economic impact in the State of Nebraska.
- 13 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and
- 14 Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act:
- 15 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
- 16 (2) Eligible manufacturing operation means a manufacturer of goods
- 17 at a facility located in this state that:

18 (a) Has a North American Industry Classification System number  
 19 within the manufacturing sector range of 31 to 33;  
 20 (b) Has been an established business for a minimum of three years  
 21 prior to the date of application for the grant;  
 22 (c) Derives a minimum of fifty-one percent of the manufacturer's  
 23 gross revenue from the sale of manufactured goods;  
 24 (d) Employs a minimum of three full-time employees; and  
 25 (e) Demonstrates the ability to provide private matching financial  
 26 support for the manufacturer's manufacturing modernization investment  
 27 project on a one-to-one basis;  
 1 (3) Manufacturing modernization investment project means a project  
 2 that is intended to lead to the adoption and integration of smart  
 3 technologies into existing manufacturing operations located in the state  
 4 by mitigating the risk to the manufacturer of significant technology  
 5 investments. Manufacturing modernization investment project includes, but  
 6 is not limited to, an investment in the following that are intended to  
 7 assist a manufacturer in increasing the manufacturer's productivity,  
 8 efficiency, and competitiveness;  
 9 (a) Job training; and  
 10 (b) Specialized hardware, software, or other equipment; and  
 11 (4) Private matching financial support means any financial support  
 12 derived from a source other than a direct appropriation from the State of  
 13 Nebraska or its political subdivisions.  
 14 Sec. 4. (1) Beginning October 1, 2025, through November 1, 2026, an  
 15 eligible manufacturing operation may apply to the department for a grant.  
 16 The application shall include, but not be limited to, the following  
 17 information:  
 18 (a) A description of the manufacturing modernization investment  
 19 project;  
 20 (b) The estimated cost of the manufacturing modernization investment  
 21 project; and  
 22 (c) Documentation on the amount of private matching financial  
 23 support available for the manufacturing modernization investment project  
 24 that has been received or will be received by the eligible manufacturing  
 25 operation. Such amount shall be at least equal to the amount of any grant  
 26 received under the act. The documentation provided under this subdivision  
 27 does not need to identify any provider of private matching financial  
 28 support.  
 29 (2) The department shall consider applications in the order in which  
 30 they are received. If an applicant is an eligible manufacturing operation  
 31 and otherwise qualifies for a grant, the department shall, subject to  
 1 subsection (3) of this section, approve the application and notify the  
 2 applicant of the approval.  
 3 (3) The department may approve applications within the limits of  
 4 available funding under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce  
 5 Development Pilot Investment Act. The amount of any grant approved shall  
 6 be equal to the amount of money supplied by the eligible manufacturing  
 7 operation from providers of private matching financial support, as  
 8 documented under subdivision (1)(c) of this section, except that no grant  
 9 shall be for more than fifty thousand dollars.  
 10 Sec. 5. (1) The department shall not approve an application for a  
 11 manufacturing modernization investment project that was commenced prior  
 12 to the date of the application.  
 13 (2) Any eligible manufacturing operation that no longer meets the  
 14 requirements of subdivision (2) of section 3 of this act shall repay any  
 15 grant funds received under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce  
 16 Development Pilot Investment Act.  
 17 Sec. 6. The department may award up to two hundred fifty thousand  
 18 dollars in grants from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund for  
 19 purposes of carrying out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

20 Development Pilot Investment Act.

21 Sec. 7. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 22 regulations to carry out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

23 Development Pilot Investment Act.

24 Sec. 8. Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 25 amended to read:

26 81-407. (1) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund is hereby  
 27 created. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the

28 Legislature.

29 (2) The Department of Labor shall administer the fund ~~to provide~~

30 ~~workforce development grants.~~ The fund may be used:

31 (a) To provide workforce development grants; and

1 (b) For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

2 Development Pilot Investment Act.

3 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested

4 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital

5 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

6 Sec. 9. Original section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of

7 Nebraska, is repealed.

8 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when

9 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Committee [AM638](#), found on page 822 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed [AM829](#), found on page 935 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Ibach moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 1 nays, and 26 not voting.

The Ibach amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach withdrew [AM762](#), found on page 877, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer offered [AM810](#), found on page 896, to the committee amendment.

Senator Ibach moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

The Storer amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 9 ayes, 14 nays, 24 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKeon withdrew [AM796](#), found on page 956, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKeon offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[FA82](#)

In AM638, on page 3, line 5 and page 4, line 19, strike "December 31, 2025" and insert "June 30, 2026". On Page 3, Line 7 and Page 4, Line 21 strike "January" and insert "July".

The McKeon amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 6 ayes, 9 nays, 32 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 26 ayes, 3 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM728](#), found on page 895, was offered.

Senator Bostar offered [AM814](#), found on page 925, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:

[FA79](#)

In AM728, on page 10, line 19, after "shall:" insert the following new subdivision: "(a) Not reduce department-posted Medicaid rates;"; in line 20 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 25 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; and in line 27 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)". On page 11, line 1, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

The Fredrickson amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM554](#), found on page 852, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser withdrew [AM20](#), found on page 327.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick withdrew [FA68](#), found on page 910.

Senator Quick withdrew [FA69](#), found on page 910.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM729](#), found on page 847, was offered.

Senator Hardin offered [AM828](#), found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

The Hardin amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to [LB398](#):  
[AM842](#) is available in the Bill Room.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

##### **General Affairs**

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

Nebraska Arts Council:

Karen Harris  
Julie J Jacobson  
Clark Kolterman  
Jeanne Salerno



Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 105.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Nebraska's electricity is generated by power plants connected to a complex electrical grid consisting of over six thousand miles of transmission and one hundred thousand miles of subtransmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, hospitals, churches, and schools throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, the electrical grid must be maintained and operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days a year despite inclement weather including blizzards, thunderstorms, floods, and other hazards; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's more than one thousand lineworkers have demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication to their jobs working in hazardous conditions to build, maintain, and repair electric infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking lineworkers of Nebraska who leave their families and risk their lives to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to all citizens of the state are deserving of our respect, gratitude, and honor.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the significant contributions and efforts of Nebraska lineworkers who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on and expresses its appreciation to all of Nebraska's hard working lineworkers.

2. That the Legislature recognizes April 14, 2025, as Lineworkers Appreciation Day in Nebraska.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM711](#), found on page 902, was offered.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING****SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB253.

Senator Bosn name added to LB693.

Senator DeKay name added to LR101.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were supporters of the University of Nebraska for "I Love NU" Day; students from Brownell Elementary, Lincoln; students from Fillmore Central FFA; students from Riverside Public School FFA, Cedar Rapids; students and teachers from Paxton FFA, Paxton.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeBoer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**FIFTY-SIXTH DAY - APRIL 3, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, April 3, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Johnny Walker, West 1st Baptist, Trenton.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Moser.

**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 Guereca who was excused; and Senators M. Cavanaugh, Clements, Conrad, Dover, Hardin, McKinney, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-fifth 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 2, 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

Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.  
Blue Gems ABA (Withdrawn 04/02/2025)  
Pelletier, Julianne R  
Mitsubishi Power Americas, Inc.  
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady  
Motion Picture Association, Inc.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94 were adopted.

### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94.

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### **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 LB7 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 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; to define and

redefine terms under the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to change provisions of such act relating to foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases, railroads, public utilities, common carriers, municipalities, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB22 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.**

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

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 105.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power and irrigation districts; to amend sections 70-604.03 and 70-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the division of voting precincts for purposes of establishing boundary lines for operating areas, chartered territory, and district elections and eliminate the requirement of approval by the Secretary of State; to harmonize provisions; 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, 46:



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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Kauth\*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      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.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB143 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to amend section 79-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the preliminary enrollment in a school district by children of military families; to require that any preliminary or advanced enrollment provisions of a school district apply to students with an individualized family service plan or individualized education program or students that receive special education as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB144 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-225, 48-226, 48-227, and 48-238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to veterans preferences for public and private employers; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 168.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act; to provide severability; 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, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 5:

Bosn      Cavanaugh, M.\*    Hunt      Juarez      Riepe\*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca        McKinney

\* Senators were 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.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB179 to Select File**

Senator Ballard moved to return LB179 to Select File for his specific amendment, [FA81](#), found on page 963.

Senator Ballard withdrew his motion to return.

The Ballard amendment, FA81, was not considered.

**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 LB179 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 16-1005 and 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act relating to optional benefit forms for retiring firefighters; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB185 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to amend sections 76-1413, 76-1450, 76-1457, and 76-1474, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for electronic delivery of notices and documents under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.**

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 overdose reversal medications; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Care Licensing Act; to amend section 71-1910, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt certain federal programs from child care licensing requirements as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property; to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to provide applicability.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 10:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Quick*
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer*	Fredrickson	Juarez	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca	McKinney
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\* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 294.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Visitors Improvement Fund; to amend section 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to grants; to repeal the original section; 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, 47:



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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

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

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB312 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to certain students and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists and dietitian nutritionists under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe\*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to settlements; to adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to eliminate provisions relating to grain inspections, the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, and labeling requirements for honey; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814, and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB478 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.15, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-130, 53-134, 53-162, and 53-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101,

53-131.01, and 53-165.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an auction permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor at auction and for a wholesalers shipping license as prescribed; to change provisions relating to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, the method of notice for local governing body hearings related to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and obligations of the primary source of supply for alcoholic liquor; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB501 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1301, 77-1307, 77-1308, 77-1309, and 77-1725.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage; to

redefine and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

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

#### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB527 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to change provisions relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited health service organizations, and insurance companies; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

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 bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Hansen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      McKinney

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 529.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Procurement Act; to amend section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to provide for applicability; to repeal the original section; 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, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.



Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca        McKinney

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

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the achieving a better life experience program; to amend section 77-1407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt accounts from levy, execution, judgment, garnishment, and other judicial enforcement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca        McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 7, 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 105e, 143, 144, 168e, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM565](#), found on page 732, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

#### **PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on April 3, 2025, at 10:47 a.m. were the following: LBs 7, 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 105e, 143, 144, 168e, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 355.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 9, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team won the 2025 Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig Lady Knights defeated the Elkhorn Valley Falcons in the championship game by a score of 51-46; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig girls basketball team finished the season with a record of twenty-six wins and three losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of their coaches, parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Scott Guzinski.

Laid over.

### RESOLUTION(S)

#### LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

WHEREAS, Michael Nissen of Oakland, Nebraska, is recognized for his dedication to tree planting and conservation and is the recipient of the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Tree Planter of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Nissen, his wife, Jessica, and their children, Caleb and Ella, have demonstrated a strong commitment to the planting and care of trees, ensuring both immediate benefits and long-term sustainability for their family farm; and

WHEREAS, Nissen began working with the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) three years ago to develop a strategic tree planting plan that will enhance their land for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, through his foresight and planning, Nissen has inspired his family to actively participate in tree conservation efforts, instilling in his children a lifelong appreciation for natural resource stewardship; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of full-time jobs, young children, and ongoing drought conditions, the Nissen family has planted and cared for approximately one thousand trees over two years, demonstrating their remarkable dedication to conservation; and

WHEREAS, Nissen's proactive approach to tree planting ensures that as their children grow and family activities increase, the trees will be well-established and the farmstead will provide lasting benefits; and

WHEREAS, tree planting is a multigenerational endeavor for the Nissen family, as Michael's father, Tim Nissen, has also worked with the NRD to complete a major two-phase windbreak renovation around his farmstead and livestock facility, carefully considering future land use in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, Nissen understands the profound value of trees, stating, "You don't understand the value of a tree – until you've made it grow," reflecting his deep commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Michael Nissen on receiving the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Tree Planter of the Year Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Nissen.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM691](#), found on page 902, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 48.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM680](#), found on page 892, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 8 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 5 nays, and 20 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree
Bosn	Clouse	Hallstrom	McKinney	Spivey
Bostar	Conrad	Hansen	Prokop	
Brandt	DeBoer	Hardin	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Andersen	Lippincott	Meyer	Sanders	von Gillern
Clements	Lonowski	Moser	Storm	Wordekemper
Kauth	McKeon	Riepe	Strommen	

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Dorn	Hughes	Murman
Armendariz	Dover	Ibach	Storer
DeKay	Holdcroft	Jacobson	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca      Sorrentino

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial with 22 ayes, 14 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Title read. Considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO152](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on her motion to indefinitely postpone.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 0 ayes, 28 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[FA83](#)

Amend the contents of AM680 to LB48 into LB382

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 2 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB246](#):

[AM882](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 81-2,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,

4 is amended to read:

5 81-2,239 Sections 81-2,239 to 81-2,292 and sections 3 to 9, 11, and

6 12 of this act and the provisions of the Food Code and the Current Good

7 Manufacturing Practice In Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food  
8 adopted by reference in sections 81-2,257.01 and 81-2,259, shall be known  
9 and may be cited as the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

10 Sec. 2. Section 81-2,240, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
11 amended to read:

12 81-2,240 For purposes of the Nebraska Pure Food Act, unless the  
13 context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 81-2,241 to  
14 81-2,254 and sections 3 to 9 of this act shall be used. In addition, the  
15 definitions found in the code and practice adopted by reference in  
16 sections 81-2,257.01 and 81-2,259 shall be used.

17 Sec. 3. Agricultural food animal means any domesticated animal that  
18 is raised for human consumption or for the production of products that  
19 are used for human consumption.

20 Sec. 4. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having  
21 one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating  
22 from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from  
23 meat processing, is derived from manufacturing animal cells, including  
24 processes that are part of a manufacturing operation in which one or more  
25 stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are  
26 grown in vitro, and may be manipulated.

27 Sec. 5. Identifying meat term means any word or phrase that states,  
1 indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and includes any:

2 (1) Common name for the species of the agricultural food animal  
3 subject to slaughter and processing, including calf, chicken, cow, goat,  
4 hog, kid, lamb, pig, poultry, sheep, or turkey;

5 (2) Any characteristic of a species of the agricultural food animal  
6 subject to slaughter and processing, including beef, broiler, cabrito,  
7 chevon, fryer, lamb, mutton, pork, poulet, veal, or yearling; and

8 (3) Common name used to describe a major cut of a meat of an  
9 agricultural food animal slaughtered and processed, including a major  
10 meat cut or any other common name that a reasonable purchaser would  
11 immediately and exclusively associate with a meat product prepared for  
12 sale in normal commercial channels, including bacon, baloney, bologna,  
13 bone, brat, bratwurst, brisket, burger, butt, chop, chuck, cold cut,  
14 cutlet, filet, flat iron, frank, frankfurter, ham, hamburger, hock, hot  
15 dog, jerky, liverwurst, loin, London broil, lunch meat, New York strip,  
16 pepperoni, porterhouse, rib, ribeye, roast, salami, sausage, shank,  
17 sirloin, sparerib, tenderloin, or any comparable word or phrase.

18 Sec. 6. Insect-protein food product means a food product having one  
19 or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating  
20 from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from  
21 meat processing, is derived from manufacturing insect parts.

22 Sec. 7. Manufactured-protein food product means a cultivated-  
23 protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein food  
24 product.

25 Sec. 8. Plant-protein food product means a food product that:

26 (1) Has one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of  
27 tissue found in a species of agricultural food animal;

28 (2) Is substantially derived from manufacturing plant parts; and

29 (3) Does not include any part of an animal that has been  
30 slaughtered.

31 Sec. 9. Qualifying term means a word, compound word, or phrase that  
1 would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of meat products that a  
2 food product is not a meat product including cell-cultivated, cell-  
3 cultured, fake, grown in a lab, imitation, insect, insect-based, insect-  
4 protein, lab-created, lab-grown, meat free, meatless, plant, plant-based,  
5 vegan, vegetable, vegetarian, veggie, or any comparable word or phrase.

6 Sec. 10. Section 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 81-2,283 (1) ~~Not shall be unlawful for any person shall to misbrand~~

9 any food or distribute, offer for sale, or sell any misbranded food.  
 10 (2) A food shall be deemed to be misbranded if:  
 11 (a) It does not bear labeling clearly stating (i) the identity of  
 12 the food in terms likely to be easily and accurately understood by the  
 13 consumer, (ii) the net quantity of contents of the food in terms  
 14 authorized under the Weights and Measures Act, and (iii) the name and  
 15 address of the manufacturer, distributor, or seller of the food; ~~or~~  
 16 (b) Its labeling is false or misleading in any manner;  
 17 (c) For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled with  
 18 an identifying meat term, such manufactured-protein food product is not  
 19 labeled with a conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close  
 20 proximity to the identifying meat term; or  
 21 (d) For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled with  
 22 an identifying meat term and offered for sale at a food establishment,  
 23 such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled in a manner that is  
 24 clearly and distinctly separate from any product that is made from tissue  
 25 originating from any agricultural food animal.  
 26 Sec. 11. A manufactured-protein food product is falsely advertised  
 27 if:  
 28 (1) All advertising for such manufactured-protein food product that  
 29 lists an identifying meat term does not include a conspicuous and  
 30 prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the identifying meat  
 31 term; or  
 1 (2) For any manufactured-protein food product that is offered for  
 2 sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is  
 3 not displayed in a manner that:  
 4 (a) Keeps such product separate from products containing tissue  
 5 originating from agricultural food animals; and  
 6 (b) Uses distinctive shelf tags or other posted representations to  
 7 identify and distinguish such manufactured-protein food product from  
 8 products containing tissue originating from agricultural food animals.  
 9 Sec. 12. The department may investigate all credible complaints  
 10 that food products are misbranded or being falsely advertised as meat  
 11 products regardless of whether or not a political subdivision or other  
 12 state agency acts as the regulatory authority for food establishment  
 13 inspections.  
 14 Sec. 13. Original sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, and 81-2,283,  
 15 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB78:

AM784

1 1. On page 3, line 18, after "Survivor" insert "Housing".

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB676:

AM914 is available in the Bill Room.

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 108.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Judiciary 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.

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

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB382.

Senator DeKay name added to LB561.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students and sponsors from Keya Paha County FFA, Springview; Brenda Arch, LaVista; Mia Agner, Papillion; Renee Black, Papillion; Miriam Harder, Bellevue; students, teachers, and sponsors from North Platte Catholic Schools, North Platte; members from across the state of the Nebraska FFA Ag Issues Academy; students from Louisville Elementary, Louisville; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln; students from Christ the King, Omaha.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:59 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY - APRIL 8, 2025**

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Murman.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, DeKay, Guereca, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-sixth day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 7, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 7, 105e, 143, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592 were received in my office on April 3, 2025, and signed on April 7, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 7, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

March 31, 2025

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 Tourism Commission - District 6:

Debra L Kelly, 925 Fairway Drive, O'Neill, NE 68763

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

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM801](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM837](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 170.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 566.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM800](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative

4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-2715.07 (1) There shall be allowed to qualified resident

6 individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by

7 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

8 (a) A credit equal to the federal credit allowed under section 22 of

9 the Internal Revenue Code; and

10 (b) A credit for taxes paid to another state as provided in section

11 77-2730.

12 (2) There shall be allowed to qualified resident individuals against

13 the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

14 (a) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross incomes of

15 greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a nonrefundable credit equal

16 to twenty-five percent of the federal credit allowed under section 21 of

17 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that for taxable

18 years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such

19 nonrefundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have

20 received the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the code after

21 adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted

22 pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal

23 credit;

24 (b) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross income of

25 twenty-nine thousand dollars or less, a refundable credit equal to a

26 percentage of the federal credit allowable under section 21 of the

27 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whether or not the federal

1 credit was limited by the federal tax liability. The percentage of the

2 federal credit shall be one hundred percent for incomes not greater than

3 twenty-two thousand dollars, and the percentage shall be reduced by ten

4 percent for each one thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the

5 reported federal adjusted gross income exceeds twenty-two thousand

6 dollars, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or

7 after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if

8 the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under

9 section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net

10 operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining

11 eligibility for the federal credit;

12 (c) A refundable credit as provided in section 77-5209.01 for

13 individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as a qualified beginning

14 farmer or livestock producer under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act

15 for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1,

16 2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

17 (d) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income

18 tax credit under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska

19 Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research

20 and Development Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, or the

21 Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; and

22 (e) A refundable credit equal to ten percent of the federal credit

23 allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as

24 amended, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or

25 after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if

26 the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under

27 section 32 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net

28 operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining

29 eligibility for the federal credit.

30 (3) There shall be allowed to all individuals as a nonrefundable

31 credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of

1 1967:

2 (a) A credit for personal exemptions allowed under section

3 77-2716.01;

4 (b) A credit for contributions to programs or projects certified for

5 tax credit status as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic  
6 Futures Act. Each partner, each shareholder of an electing subchapter S  
7 corporation, each beneficiary of an estate or trust, or each member of a  
8 limited liability company shall report his or her share of the credit in  
9 the same manner and proportion as he or she reports the partnership,  
10 subchapter S corporation, estate, trust, or limited liability company  
11 income;  
12 (c) A credit for investment in a biodiesel facility as provided in  
13 section 77-27,236;  
14 (d) A credit as provided in the New Markets Job Growth Investment  
15 Act;  
16 (e) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet  
17 Revitalization Act;  
18 (f) A credit to employers as provided in sections 77-27,238 and  
19 77-27,240;  
20 (g) A credit as provided in the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act;  
21 (h) A credit to grocery store retailers, restaurants, and  
22 agricultural producers as provided in section 77-27,241;  
23 (i) A credit as provided in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit  
24 Act;  
25 (j) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Shortline Rail  
26 Modernization Act;  
27 (k) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act; and  
28 (l) A credit as provided in the Caregiver Tax Credit Act.  
29 (4) There shall be allowed as a credit against the income tax  
30 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:  
31 (a) A credit to all resident estates and trusts for taxes paid to  
1 another state as provided in section 77-2730;  
2 (b) A credit to all estates and trusts for contributions to programs  
3 or projects certified for tax credit status as provided in the Creating  
4 High Impact Economic Futures Act; and  
5 (c) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income  
6 tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer  
7 Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
8 after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
9 amended. The credit allowed for each partner, shareholder, member, or  
10 beneficiary of a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or  
11 estate or trust qualifying for an income tax credit as an owner of  
12 agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act shall be  
13 equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion  
14 of the amount of tax credit distributed pursuant to subsection (6) of  
15 section 77-5211.  
16 (5)(a) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007,  
17 and before January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
18 amended, there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or  
19 beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability  
20 company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax  
21 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to fifty percent of the  
22 partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the  
23 amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to  
24 77-3807 by a financial institution.  
25 (b) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009,  
26 under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be  
27 allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a  
28 partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or  
29 estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by  
30 the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to the partner's, shareholder's,  
31 member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to  
1 the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.  
2 (c) Each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary shall report

3 his or her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he or  
4 she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability  
5 company, or estate or trust income. If any partner, shareholder, member,  
6 or beneficiary cannot fully utilize the credit for that year, the credit  
7 may not be carried forward or back.

8 (6) There shall be allowed to all individuals nonrefundable credits  
9 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as  
10 provided in section 77-3604 and refundable credits against the income tax  
11 imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section  
12 77-3605.

13 (7)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after  
14 January 1, 2020, and before January 1, ~~2032~~2026, under the Internal  
15 Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a nonrefundable credit against the  
16 income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the amount of  
17 five thousand dollars shall be allowed to any individual who purchases a  
18 residence during the taxable year if such residence:

19 (i) Is located within an area that has been declared an extremely  
20 blighted area under section 18-2101.02;

21 (ii) Is the individual's primary residence; and

22 (iii) Was not purchased from a family member of the individual or a  
23 family member of the individual's spouse.

24 (b) The credit provided in this subsection shall be claimed for the  
25 taxable year in which the residence is purchased. If the individual  
26 cannot fully utilize the credit for such year, the credit may be carried  
27 forward to subsequent taxable years until fully utilized.

28 (c) No more than one credit may be claimed under this subsection  
29 with respect to a single residence.

30 (d) The credit provided in this subsection shall be subject to  
31 recapture by the Department of Revenue if the individual claiming the  
1 credit sells or otherwise transfers the residence or quits using the  
2 residence as his or her primary residence within five years after the end  
3 of the taxable year in which the credit was claimed.

4 (e) For purposes of this subsection, family member means an  
5 individual's spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, or  
6 grandparent, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption.

7 (8) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits  
8 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as  
9 provided in the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax  
10 Credit Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska  
11 Property Tax Incentive Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, and the  
12 Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act.

13 (9)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after  
14 January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a  
15 refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue  
16 Act of 1967 shall be allowed to the parent of a stillborn child if:

17 (i) A fetal death certificate is filed pursuant to subsection (1) of  
18 section 71-606 for such child;

19 (ii) Such child had advanced to at least the twentieth week of  
20 gestation; and

21 (iii) Such child would have been a dependent of the individual  
22 claiming the credit.

23 (b) The amount of the credit shall be two thousand dollars.

24 (c) The credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which the  
25 stillbirth occurred.

26 (10) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits  
27 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as  
28 provided in section 77-7203 and nonrefundable credits against the income  
29 tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section  
30 77-7204.

31 (11) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits

1 against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as  
 2 provided in section 77-3157 and nonrefundable credits against the income  
 3 tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in sections  
 4 77-3156, 77-3158, and 77-3159.  
 5 Sec. 2. Original section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 6 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education

Room 1525 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Clay Smith - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

Paul Turman - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A.** Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 613, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

### MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 862:

Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

Jeffrey D Harrison

Rebecca Schroeder

Roger Wells

Diva Wilson

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Dungan	Ibach	Moser	Sanders
Arch	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper
Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Riepe	
DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, J.	Clements	Dover	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	DeKay	Hunt
Brandt	Guereca	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 862:

State Board of Health

Mark Bertch  
J Paul Cook  
Staci Hubert  
Patricia Kucera  
Brett Lindau  
Kimberly Stuhmer  
Kenneth Tusha

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sanders
Arch	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Sorrentino
Ballard	Hansen	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Hardin	Kauth	Quick	Storm
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Raybould	von Gillern
Conrad	Hughes	McKeon	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen
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The appointments were confirmed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 863:

Health Information Technology Board  
Drew D Gonshorowski

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Sorrentino
Arch	Hansen	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hardin	Kauth	Quick	Storm
Bosn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Raybould	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Riepe	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Armendariz	Clements	Dorn	Fredrickson	Prokop
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dover	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen
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The appointment was confirmed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 863:

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Kay Crabtree  
John Culver  
Valerie Hitz  
Richard McCowin  
Julie Ann Mruz

Voting in the affirmative, 34:



Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Murman	Sorrentino
Arch	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Ballard	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	Storer
Bosn	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Storm
Cavanaugh, M.	Holdcroft	McKeon	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Rountree	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Moser	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	Clements	Dorn	Dungan	Lippincott
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dover	Fredrickson	McKinney

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen
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The appointments were confirmed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth moved the adoption of the Business and Labor Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 886:

Department of Labor  
Katie Thurber

Voting in the affirmative, 28:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hardin	Kauth	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Raybould	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Meyer	Riepe	
DeKay	Jacobson	Moser	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Rountree
Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 895:

Game and Parks Commission  
Lisa Roskens

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	DeBoer	Juarez	Murman	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Kauth	Prokop	Sorrentino
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Quick	Spivey
Bosn	Hughes	McKeon	Raybould	Storer
Clouse	Ibach	Meyer	Riepe	Storm
Conrad	Jacobson	Moser	Rountree	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 13:

Armendariz	Clements	Dungan	Holdcroft	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Lippincott	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Hardin	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 955:

Nebraska Tourism Commission  
Courtney Dentlinger  
David Fudge  
Rachel Kreikemeier  
Roger Kuhn  
Robert Sabin  
David Wolf  
Paul Younes

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	DeKay	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Arch	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	Storer
Bosn	Holdcroft	McKeon	Raybould	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Hughes	Meyer	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Ibach	Moser	Sanders	Wordekemper
Conrad	Jacobson	Murman	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Hardin	McKinney
Ballard	DeBoer	Dungan	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Lonowski	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 968:

Nebraska Arts Council  
 Karen Harris  
 Julie J Jacobson  
 Clark Kolterman  
 Jeanne Salerno

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeBoer	Juarez	Raybould	Strommen
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Kauth	Rountree	von Gillern
Ballard	Guereca	Lippincott	Sanders	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hansen	Moser	Spivey	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Murman	Storer	
Conrad	Hughes	Quick	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Arch	DeKay	Dungan	Jacobson	Meyer
Bosn	Dorn	Hardin	Lonowski	Prokop
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Ibach	McKinney	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Brandt	Hunt
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The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 95, 99, 100, and 101 were adopted.

### PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 95, 99, 100, and 101.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

#### [ST15](#)

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

1. In the Holdcroft amendment, AM851, section 5 has been renumbered as section 6.
2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 6 has been struck and "the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a holder of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, microdistillery, or entertainment district license; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.
3. On page 8, line 28, "section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and" has been inserted after "Original".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

#### [ER38](#)

1. On page 1, line 3, strike "and prohibit" and insert "; to
- 2 prohibit certain conduct related to adulterated food including".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER37](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 646.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER41](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5  
2 and insert "the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171,  
3 54-1,108, 54-1,110, 54-1,111, 54-1,119, 54-1,120, and 54-1,121, Reissue  
4 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change fees; to provide  
5 exemptions for brand inspections; to change requirements for registering  
6 as a registered feedlot; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the  
7 original sections."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER39](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 6 and insert "sections 68-982,  
2 68-985, 68-986, 68-987, and 68-988, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
3 and sections 68-974, 68-995, and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to program integrity,  
5 ground emergency medical transport, and mental health and substance use  
6 disorder services; to provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and  
7 Long-Term Care; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original  
8 sections."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER40](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "to remove a sunset date;" and insert  
2 "to change and eliminate provisions relating to eligibility for benefits  
3 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to eliminate  
4 requirements for an evaluation and a report;"

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator von Gillern filed the following motions to [LB650](#):

[MO153](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO154](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO155](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO156](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO157](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

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

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendments to LB650:

[FA84](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA85](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Prokop filed the following amendment to LB36:

[AM930](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM635)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 35. The Research Excellence Cash Fund is created. The fund  
 3 shall be administered by the University of Nebraska. The fund shall  
 4 consist of money from gifts, grants, or bequests designated for the fund  
 5 and transfers authorized by the Legislature. The fund may be used to  
 6 support research-based investments in data, data collection, and ongoing  
 7 research critical to the Nebraska economy, including, but not limited to,  
 8 the Nebraska Mesonet system. No money appropriated or transferred from  
 9 the fund shall be used for electronic-related equipment or electronic-  
 10 related components manufactured or supplied by a foreign adversary as  
 11 identified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on February 7,  
 12 2025, for data gathering equipment that will be or is located within a  
 13 ten-mile radius of a military installation as defined in section  
 14 70-1001.01. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be  
 15 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 16 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
 17 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendments to LB677:

[AM935](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 21, after "plant" insert "of the genus cannabis".

[AM934](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 7, after the comma insert "unless the context  
 2 otherwise requires,".

**BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 391, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 712A.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 712, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 109.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts Outstanding Community Conservation Award recognizes communities leading the state in natural resource conservation efforts and was awarded to the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden has, for many years, brought hope and a sense of community through its carefully designed landscaping and is considered a treasured asset of southeast Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, for individuals whose lives have been touched by cancer, the connection to nature provided by the Memorial Garden offers solace, healing, and deep spiritual meaning; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Memorial Garden to serve as a loving tribute to all cancer survivors, those still fighting cancer, and those who have lost their battle with cancer has been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, each year, volunteers devote countless hours to the landscaping, maintenance, and enhancement of the Memorial Garden and its amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Garden promotes conservation through its thoughtful display of native and ornamental plants, pollinator habitat, educational components, and wildlife habitat.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden as being named Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Community Conservation Award winner.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden.

Laid over.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 140.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Senator Murman offered [AM803](#), found on page 951.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** [ER21](#), found on page 653, was offered.

ER21 was adopted.

Senator Bosn withdrew [FA16](#), found on page 418.

Senator Bosn offered [AM856](#), found on page 945.

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM933](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 19 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The purpose of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act is to
- 6 provide incentives to encourage employers to locate their workforce in
- 7 this state to support military defense efforts and foster the growth of
- 8 the workforce required to advance global defense communications and
- 9 technologies.
- 10 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act, the
- 11 definitions found in sections 4 to 13 of this act shall be used.
- 12 Sec. 4. Any term defined in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 has
- 13 the same meaning in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act unless the context
- 14 or the express language of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act requires a
- 15 different meaning.
- 16 Sec. 5. Base year means the year immediately preceding the year of
- 17 application.
- 18 Sec. 6. Full-time employee means with respect to any month, an
- 19 employee who is employed on average at least thirty hours of service per
- 20 week.
- 21 Sec. 7. Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for any year means
- 22 the most recent statewide average hourly wage paid by all employers in
- 23 all counties in Nebraska as calculated by the Office of Labor Market
- 24 Information of the Department of Labor using annual data from the
- 25 Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by October 1 of the year prior
- 26 to application. Hourly wages shall be calculated by dividing the reported
- 27 average annual weekly wage by forty.
- 1 Sec. 8. Performance period means the year of application plus the
- 2 next nine years.
- 3 Sec. 9. Qualified employee means a person employed by the taxpayer
- 4 who is (1) a full-time employee, (2) exclusively dedicated to supporting



5 military defense efforts in this state, and (3) paid wages at a rate  
6 equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide  
7 average hourly wage.

8 Sec. 10. Qualified employer means a taxpayer that:

9 (1) Employs (a) at least ten full-time qualified employees in  
10 Nebraska during the base year and (b) at least the same number of full-  
11 time qualified employees as were employed in the prior year for each year  
12 of the performance period;

13 (2) Pays wages for services rendered (a) at a rate equal to at least  
14 one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage  
15 in the base year and (b) at a rate equal to at least one hundred two  
16 percent of the prior year wage level during each year of the performance  
17 period; and

18 (3) Electronically verifies the work eligibility status of all new  
19 qualified employees employed in Nebraska prior to hire during the entire  
20 performance period.

21 Sec. 11. Taxpayer means any person subject to sales and use taxes  
22 under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and subject to withholding under  
23 section 77-2753 and any entity that is or would otherwise be a member of  
24 the same unitary group, if incorporated, that is subject to such sales  
25 and use taxes and such withholding. Taxpayer does not include a political  
26 subdivision or an organization that is exempt from income taxes under  
27 section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For  
28 purposes of this section, political subdivision includes any public  
29 corporation created for the benefit of a political subdivision and any  
30 group of political subdivisions forming a joint public agency, organized  
31 by interlocal agreement, or utilizing any other method of joint action.

1 Sec. 12. Wage credit means the credit described in the Defense  
2 Efforts Workforce Act.

3 Sec. 13. Year means calendar year.

4 Sec. 14. (1) If a qualified employer has entered into an agreement  
5 with the state pursuant to section 15 of this act, the qualified employer  
6 shall during each year of the performance period receive the wage credit  
7 approved by the Tax Commissioner in the manner provided in the Defense  
8 Efforts Workforce Act.

9 (2) The wage credit shall equal five percent of the total  
10 compensation paid by the qualified employer in the year to all qualified  
11 employees of the qualified employer in Nebraska. The wage credit earned  
12 for all qualified employers shall not exceed four million dollars in any  
13 year. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits in any  
14 given year, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first.

15 (3) The wage credits shall be allowed for each year in the  
16 performance period. Unused credits may carry over and be applied against  
17 future state withholdings.

18 (4) The total amount all qualified employers may receive in credits  
19 pursuant to the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not exceed forty  
20 million dollars. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits,  
21 the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first. This  
22 benefit is in addition to any benefits the qualified employer may  
23 otherwise qualify for under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act or may have  
24 qualified for previously under the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Employment  
25 and Investment Growth Act, or the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act.

26 (5) The qualified employer may use the wage credit to reduce the  
27 qualified employer's income tax withholding employer or payor tax  
28 liability under section 77-2756 or 77-2757. To the extent of the credit  
29 used, such withholding shall not constitute public funds or state tax  
30 revenue and shall not constitute a trust fund or be owned by the state.  
31 The use by the qualified employer of the credit shall not change the  
1 amount that otherwise would be reported by the qualified employer to the  
2 employee under section 77-2754 as income tax withheld and shall not

3 reduce the amount that otherwise would be allowed by the state as a  
4 refundable credit on an employee's income tax return as income tax  
5 withheld under section 77-2755.  
6 Sec. 15. (1) In order for the qualified employer to be eligible for  
7 the wage credit, the qualified employer shall file an application for an  
8 agreement with the Tax Commissioner.  
9 (2) The application shall:  
10 (a) State the exact name of the taxpayer and any related companies;  
11 (b) Include a description, in detail, of the nature of the company's  
12 business, including the products sold and respective markets;  
13 (c) Request that the company be considered for approval under the  
14 Defense Efforts Workforce Act;  
15 (d) Acknowledge that the qualified employer understands and complies  
16 with the requirements for verifying the work eligibility status of all  
17 new qualified employees;  
18 (e) Include a description, in detail, regarding each qualified  
19 employee employed during the base year, including employment status and  
20 wages paid; and  
21 (f) Include a nonrefundable application fee of five thousand  
22 dollars. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to  
23 the Nebraska Incentives Fund.  
24 (3) Any complete application shall be considered a valid application  
25 on the date submitted for the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce  
26 Act.  
27 (4) The application and all supporting information are confidential  
28 except for the name of the taxpayer, the number of qualified employees,  
29 and whether the application has been approved.  
30 (5) The Tax Commissioner shall determine whether to approve the  
31 application based upon whether the applicant meets the definition of a  
1 qualified employer.  
2 (6) The Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing as to  
3 whether the application has been approved or not. The Tax Commissioner  
4 shall decide and mail the notice within thirty days after receiving the  
5 application, regardless of whether he or she approves or disapproves the  
6 application, unless the time is extended by mutual written consent of the  
7 Tax Commissioner and the applicant.  
8 (7) An application may be approved only if it is consistent with the  
9 legislative purposes contained in section 2 of this act.  
10 (8) If the application is approved by the Tax Commissioner, the  
11 qualified employer and the state shall enter into a written agreement,  
12 which shall be executed on behalf of the state by the Tax Commissioner.  
13 In the agreement, the qualified employer shall agree to maintain the  
14 required level of employment and make the required wage increases, and in  
15 consideration of the qualified employer's agreement, the state shall  
16 agree to allow the wage credits as provided in the Defense Efforts  
17 Workforce Act. The application, and all supporting documentation, to the  
18 extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. The  
19 agreement may contain such terms and conditions as the Tax Commissioner  
20 specifies in order to carry out the legislative purposes of the Defense  
21 Efforts Workforce Act. The agreement shall contain provisions to allow  
22 the Tax Commissioner to verify that the required levels of employment  
23 have been maintained and the appropriate increases in wages have been  
24 made.  
25 Sec. 16. (1) If the taxpayer fails to maintain the required level  
26 of employment and meet the wage requirements through the entire  
27 performance period, all or a portion of the wage credits shall be  
28 recaptured directly by the state from the taxpayer or shall be  
29 disallowed. In no event shall any wage credits be required to be paid  
30 back directly or indirectly by the employees. All such credits must be  
31 repaid by the taxpayer.

1 (2) The recapture or disallowance shall be as follows:

2 (a) No wage credits shall be allowed, and if already allowed shall  
3 be recaptured, for the actual year or years in which the required level  
4 of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met;  
5 (b) For wage credits allowed in prior years, one-tenth of the  
6 credits shall be recaptured from the taxpayer for each year the required  
7 level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not  
8 met; and

9 (c) For wage credits for future years, one-tenth of the credits  
10 shall be disallowed for each year the required level of employment was  
11 not maintained or the wage requirement was not met in previous years.  
12 (3) Any amounts required to be recaptured shall be deemed to be an  
13 underpayment of tax, immediately due and payable, and shall constitute a  
14 lien on the assets of the taxpayer. When wage credits were received in  
15 more than one year, the credits received in the most recent year shall be  
16 recovered first and then the credits received in earlier years shall be  
17 recovered up to the extent of the required recapture.

18 (4) Interest shall accrue from the due date for the return for the  
19 year in which the taxpayer failed to maintain the required level of  
20 employment or meet the required wage level.

21 (5) Penalties shall not accrue until ninety days after the  
22 requirement for recapture or disallowance becomes known or should have  
23 become known to the taxpayer.

24 (6) The recapture or disallowance required by this section may be  
25 waived by the Tax Commissioner if he or she finds the failure to maintain  
26 the required level of employment or meet the required wage level was  
27 caused by unavoidable circumstances such as an act of God or a national  
28 emergency.

29 Sec. 17. (1) The wage credits allowed under the Defense Efforts  
30 Workforce Act shall not be transferable except in the following  
31 situations:

1 (a) Any credit allowable to a partnership, a limited liability  
2 company, a subchapter S corporation, a cooperative, including a  
3 cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
4 1986, as amended, a limited cooperative association, or an estate or  
5 trust may be distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons,  
6 or beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use  
7 against their income tax liabilities, and such partners, members,  
8 shareholders, or beneficiaries shall be deemed to have made an  
9 underpayment of their income taxes for any recapture required by section  
10 16 of this act. A credit distributed shall be considered a credit used  
11 and the partnership, limited liability company, subchapter S corporation,  
12 cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the  
13 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limited cooperative  
14 association, estate, or trust shall be liable for any repayment required  
15 by section 16 of this act; and

16 (b) The credits previously allowed and future credits may be  
17 transferred when an agreement is transferred in its entirety by sale or  
18 lease to another taxpayer or in an acquisition of assets qualifying under  
19 section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

20 (2) The acquiring taxpayer, as of the date of notification to the  
21 Tax Commissioner of the completed transfer, shall be entitled to any  
22 unused credits and to any future credits allowable under the Defense  
23 Efforts Workforce Act.

24 (3) The acquiring taxpayer shall be liable for any recapture that  
25 becomes due after the date of the transfer for the repayment of any  
26 credits received either before or after the transfer.

27 (4) If a taxpayer dies and there is a credit remaining after the  
28 filing of the final return for the taxpayer, the personal representative  
29 shall determine the distribution of the credit or any remaining carryover

30 with the initial fiduciary return filed for the estate. The determination  
 31 of the distribution of the credit may be changed only after obtaining the  
 1 permission of the Tax Commissioner.  
 2 (5) The Tax Commissioner may disclose information to the acquiring  
 3 taxpayer about the agreement and prior credits that is reasonably  
 4 necessary to determine the future credits and liabilities of the  
 5 taxpayer.  
 6 Sec. 18. The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 7 regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the  
 8 Defense Efforts Workforce Act.  
 9 Sec. 19. (1) The Department of Revenue shall submit electronically  
 10 an annual report to the Legislature no later than October 31 of each  
 11 year. The report shall be on a fiscal year, accrual basis that satisfies  
 12 the requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The  
 13 Department of Revenue shall, on or before December 15 of each year,  
 14 appear at a joint hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the  
 15 Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and present the  
 16 report. Any supplemental information requested by three or more committee  
 17 members must be provided within thirty days after the request.  
 18 (2) The report shall list (a) the agreements which have been signed  
 19 during the previous calendar year, (b) the agreements which are still in  
 20 effect, and (c) the identity of each taxpayer that is a party to an  
 21 agreement.  
 22 (3) The report shall provide information on agreement-specific total  
 23 credits used every two years for each agreement. The report shall  
 24 disclose the identity of the taxpayer and the total credits used during  
 25 the immediately preceding two years, expressed as a single, aggregated  
 26 total. The information required to be reported under this subsection  
 27 shall not be reported for the first year the taxpayer maintains the  
 28 required employment threshold. The information on first-year credits used  
 29 shall be combined with and reported as part of the second year.  
 30 Thereafter, the information on credits used for succeeding years shall be  
 31 reported for each agreement every two years containing information on two  
 1 years of credits used.  
 2 (4) No information shall be provided in the report that is protected  
 3 by state or federal confidentiality laws.  
 4 Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2027.

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB148A:

[FA86](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB78A:

[AM931](#)

1 1. On page 2, lines 2 and 4, after "Survivor" insert "Housing".

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to LB265:

[AM900](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB504:

[FA87](#)

In AM856, on page 9, line 23 after "." insert "All penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for the distribution in accordance with Article VII Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska."

**RESOLUTION(S)****LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 110.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Basketball Championships were held at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the McCool Junction Mustangs boys basketball team, the Cross County Cougars boys basketball team, and the Milford Eagles girls basketball team competed in the 2025 State Basketball Championships; and

WHEREAS, the McCool Junction Mustangs earned the third-place Class D-1 title against the Bancroft-Rosalie Panthers 71-49; and

WHEREAS, the Cross County Cougars earned the runner-up Class C-2 title against the Johnson-Brock Eagles; and

WHEREAS, the Milford Eagles earned the runner-up Class C-1 title against Lincoln Christian; 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 congratulates the McCool Junction Mustangs, the Cross County Cougars, and the Milford Eagles on earning their respective State Basketball Championship titles.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the McCool Junction Mustangs boys basketball team, the Cross County Cougars boys basketball team, and the Milford Eagles girls basketball team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 111.** Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska School Activities Association State Speech Championship was held on March 26, 2025, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the York High School speech team participated in the Class B State Speech Championship title; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, York has earned the runner-up title against Gering High School, but the team took first place this year; 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 congratulates the York High School speech team on winning the Class B State Speech Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the York High School speech team.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 112.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, Special Olympics was founded in 1968 with a mission "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community"; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Sue Mulligan of Papillion, Nebraska, was one of the one hundred athletes from the United States of America to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games, was one of only five athletes from the USA to compete in cross country skiing, and was the sole athlete from Nebraska to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics World Winter Games was held in Turin, Italy, from March 8 through 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan has been involved in competitive skiing and Special Olympics for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan medaled in the 2023 Special Olympics Heartland Games, was nominated by Special Olympics Nebraska to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games, was selected by Special Olympics USA, and attended training camp in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan earned three silver medals in the Special Olympics World Winter Games medaling in the 1K – Free Technique, the 4x1K Relay – Free Technique, and the 2.5K-Classical – Technique.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Rachel Sue Mulligan of Papillion for her participation in Special Olympics and her success at the World Winter Games.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Rachel Mulligan.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 113.** Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 25, 1950, and was a graduate of Southeast High School; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in English and

Education, a Master's of Education, and a Master's of the Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in American Government; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was a junior high English teacher for Lincoln Public Schools for several years; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts from 1980 until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel founded the Kissel E and S Associates LLC lobbying, governmental relations, and association management firm in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel served in the role of managing partner of the firm and developed it into one of the leading lobbying firms in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, after Gordon Kissel's retirement in 2017, he continued to serve the clients and the firm as a Senior Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was married to Joann Kissel for fifty-three years, was father to Alex and Meg, and was an avid golfer and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was most proud of his roles as husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its condolences to the family of Gordon Kissel.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Gordon Kissel.

Laid over.

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from students from Cardinal Elementary, South Sioux City; members of Women's Fund of Omaha, Circles Leadership Group; members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Lincoln and Omaha; students from Bloomfield Elementary, Bloomfield; students from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Plymouth; students and teachers from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Arlington.

### **RECESS**

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, 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 Senators McKinney and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 3.** Senator Conrad offered [MO1](#), found on page 152, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Lippincott opened on his bill, LB3.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO1.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING****PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 110.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM63](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:  
2 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, intimate examination  
3 means the manual examination of a patient's breast or an internal pelvic,  
4 prostate, or rectal examination but does not include a visual examination  
5 of a patient's breast or any body part associated with an internal  
6 pelvic, prostate, or rectal examination.  
7 (2) The Legislature finds and declares that:  
8 (a) The ethical principle of informed consent in medical practice is  
9 critical to the trust a patient places in a health care provider;  
10 (b) A patient has the rational expectation to have control over the  
11 patient's medical decisions; and  
12 (c) The parts of the body subject to an intimate examination are  
13 protected under state law and deserve similar protection in medical  
14 practice.  
15 (3) A health care provider shall not perform an intimate examination  
16 on a patient who is anesthetized or unconscious in a hospital or medical  
17 clinic without prior written consent unless:  
18 (a) An individual authorized to make health care decisions for the  
19 patient has given written consent for the examination;  
20 (b) The examination is necessary for emergency diagnostic or  
21 emergency treatment purposes; or  
22 (c) A court orders the performance of the examination for the  
23 collection of evidence.  
24 (4) If an intimate examination is performed on an unconscious or  
25 anesthetized patient, the patient shall be notified in writing prior to  
26 discharge of such patient from the hospital or medical clinic.  
27 (5) A health care provider who violates subsection (1) of this  
1 section is subject to discipline under the Uniform Credentialing Act.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 365.** Placed on General File with amendment.**AM816**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care  
6 and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social  
7 Security Act, including, but not limited to:  
8 (a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;  
9 (b) Laboratory and X-ray services;  
10 (c) Nursing facility services;  
11 (d) Home health services;  
12 (e) Nursing services;  
13 (f) Clinic services;  
14 (g) Physician services;  
15 (h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;  
16 (i) Nurse practitioner services;  
17 (j) Nurse midwife services;  
18 (k) Pregnancy-related services;  
19 (l) Medical supplies;  
20 (m) Mental health and substance abuse services;  
21 (n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment  
22 services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral  
23 health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;  
24 (o) Rural health clinic services; and  
25 (p) Federally qualified health center services.  
26 (2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section,  
27 medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related  
28 services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal  
29 Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:  
30 (a) Prescribed drugs;  
31 (b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental  
32 disabilities;  
33 (c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons  
34 with disabilities;  
35 (d) Dental services;  
36 (e) Rehabilitation services;  
37 (f) Personal care services;  
38 (g) Durable medical equipment;  
39 (h) Medical transportation services;  
40 (i) Vision-related services;  
41 (j) Speech therapy services;  
42 (k) Physical therapy services;  
43 (l) Chiropractic services;  
44 (m) Occupational therapy services;  
45 (n) Optometric services;  
46 (o) Podiatric services;  
47 (p) Hospice services;  
48 (q) Mental health and substance abuse services;  
49 (r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and  
50 (s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities,  
51 including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational  
52 service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for  
53 medical assistance.  
54 (3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state  
55 plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid  
56 Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for  
57 community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health

31 services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the  
1 recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska  
2 Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.  
3 (4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation  
4 with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan  
5 amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as  
6 necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services  
7 when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education  
8 program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic  
9 screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical  
10 transportation services; mental health services; nursing services;  
11 occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy  
12 services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for  
13 individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-  
14 related services.  
15 (5)(a) No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall provide  
16 coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical assistance  
17 program for all eligible recipients who have a prescription for such  
18 device.  
19 (b) Effective August 1, 2024, eligible recipients shall include all  
20 individuals who meet local coverage determinations, as defined in section  
21 1869(f)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as such act  
22 existed on January 1, 2024, and shall include individuals with  
23 gestational diabetes.  
24 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that no more than six  
25 hundred thousand dollars be appropriated annually from the Medicaid  
26 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, as described in section 68-996, for the  
27 purpose of implementing subdivision (5)(b) of this section. Any amount in  
28 excess of six hundred thousand dollars shall be funded by the Medicaid  
29 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.  
30 (6) On or before October 1, 2023, the department shall seek federal  
31 approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare  
1 and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment or waiver to extend  
2 postpartum coverage for beneficiaries from sixty days to at least six  
3 months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from  
4 submitting a state plan amendment for twelve months.  
5 (7)(a) No later than October 1, 2025, the department shall submit a  
6 medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to the federal Centers for  
7 Medicare and Medicaid Services to designate two medical respite  
8 facilities to reimburse for services provided to an individual who is:  
9 (i) Homeless; and  
10 (ii) An adult in the expansion population.  
11 (b) For purposes of this subsection:  
12 (i) Adult in the expansion population means an adult (A) described  
13 in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) as such section existed on January  
14 1, 2024, and (B) not otherwise eligible for medicaid as a mandatory  
15 categorically needy individual;  
16 (ii) Homeless has the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11302 as  
17 such section existed on January 1, 2024;  
18 (iii) Medical respite care means short-term housing with supportive  
19 medical services; and  
20 (iv) Medical respite facility means a residential facility that  
21 provides medical respite care to homeless individuals.  
22 (c) The department shall choose two medical respite facilities, one  
23 in a city of the metropolitan class and one in a city of the primary  
24 class, best able to serve homeless individuals who are adults in the  
25 expansion population.  
26 (d) Once such waiver or state plan amendment is approved, the  
27 department shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services  
28 Committee of the Legislature on or before November 30 each year, which

29 provides the (i) number of homeless individuals served at each facility,  
 30 (ii) cost of the program, and (iii) amount of reduction in health care  
 31 costs due to the program's implementation.  
 1 (e) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
 2 carry out this subsection.  
 3 (f) The services described in subdivision (7)(a) of this section  
 4 shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as  
 5 described in section 68-996.  
 6 (8)(a) No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide  
 7 coverage for an electric personal-use breast pump for every pregnant  
 8 woman covered under the medical assistance program, or child covered  
 9 under the medical assistance program if the pregnant woman is not  
 10 covered, beginning at thirty-six weeks gestation or the child's date of  
 11 birth, whichever is earlier. The electric personal-use breast pump shall  
 12 be capable of (i) sufficiently supporting milk supply, (ii) double and  
 13 single side pumping, and (iii) suction power ranging from zero mmHg to  
 14 two hundred fifty mmHg. No later than January 1, 2025, the department  
 15 shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits  
 16 for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child  
 17 covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not  
 18 covered under such program.  
 19 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for  
 20 lactation consultation visits shall be equal to an amount that is a one  
 21 hundred forty-five percent rate increase over the current lactation  
 22 consultation rate paid by the department.  
 23 (9)(a) No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall provide  
 24 coverage, and reimbursement to providers, for all necessary translation  
 25 and interpretation services for eligible recipients utilizing a medical  
 26 assistance program service. The department shall take all actions  
 27 necessary to maximize federal funding to carry out this subsection.  
 28 (b) The services described in subdivision (9)(a) of this section  
 29 shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as  
 30 described in section 68-996.  
 31 (10) No later than January 1, 2026, the department shall provide  
1 coverage and reimbursement for self-measure blood pressure monitoring  
2 services for pregnant and postpartum women eligible under the medical  
3 assistance program. Such services shall include (a) education and  
4 training on the setup and use of a home blood pressure monitoring device,  
5 (b) separate self-measurement blood pressure readings, (c) daily  
6 collection, and (d) transmission of data by the patient or caregiver to  
7 report blood pressure readings to allow a health care provider to review  
8 such readings and create or modify a treatment plan.  
 9 Sec. 2. Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 10 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

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

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB454:  
AM952

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM547)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
 2 insert the following new sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 71-809 (1) Each regional behavioral health authority shall be  
 6 responsible for the development and coordination of publicly funded  
 7 behavioral health services within the behavioral health region pursuant

8 to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department,  
9 including, but not limited to, (a) administration and management of the  
10 regional behavioral health authority, (b) integration and coordination of  
11 the public behavioral health system within the behavioral health region,  
12 (c) comprehensive planning for the provision of an appropriate array of  
13 community-based behavioral health services and continuum of care for the  
14 region, (d) submission for approval by the division of an annual budget  
15 and a proposed plan for the funding and administration of publicly funded  
16 behavioral health services within the region, (e) submission of annual  
17 reports and other reports as required by the division, (f) initiation and  
18 oversight of contracts for the provision of publicly funded behavioral  
19 health services, and (g) coordination with the division in conducting  
20 audits of publicly funded behavioral health programs and services.

21 (2) Each regional behavioral health authority shall adopt a policy  
22 for use in determining the financial eligibility of all consumers and  
23 shall adopt a uniform schedule of fees and copays, based on the policy  
24 and schedule developed by the division, to be assessed against consumers  
25 utilizing community-based behavioral health services in the region. The  
26 methods used to determine the financial eligibility of all consumers  
1 shall take into account taxable income, the number of family members  
2 dependent on the consumer's income, liabilities, and other factors as  
3 determined by the division. The policy and the schedule of fees and  
4 copays shall be approved by the regional governing board and included  
5 with the budget plan submitted to the division annually. Providers shall  
6 charge fees consistent with the schedule of fees and copays in accordance  
7 with the financial eligibility of all consumers but not in excess of the  
8 actual cost of the service. Each regional behavioral health authority  
9 shall assure that its policy and schedule of fees and copays are applied  
10 uniformly by the providers in the region.

11 (3) Except for services being provided by a regional behavioral  
12 health authority on July 1, 2004, under applicable state law in effect  
13 prior to such date, no regional behavioral health authority shall provide  
14 behavioral health services funded in whole or in part with revenue  
15 received and administered by the division under the Nebraska Behavioral  
16 Health Services Act unless:

17 (a) There has been a public competitive bidding process for such  
18 services or the process is authorized pursuant to subsection (5) of this  
19 section;

20 (b) There are no qualified and willing providers to provide such  
21 services; and

22 (c) The regional behavioral health authority receives written  
23 authorization from the director and enters into a contract with the  
24 division to provide such services.

25 (4) Each regional behavioral health authority shall comply with all  
26 applicable rules and regulations of the department relating to the  
27 provision of behavioral health services by such authority, including, but  
28 not limited to, rules and regulations which (a) establish definitions of  
29 conflicts of interest for regional behavioral health authorities and  
30 procedures in the event such conflicts arise, (b) establish uniform and  
31 equitable ~~public bidding~~ procedures for such services, and (c) require  
1 each regional behavioral health authority to establish and maintain a  
2 separate budget and separately account for all revenue and expenditures  
3 for the provision of such services.

4 (5) A behavioral health services provider may, with approval by the  
5 department, provide new behavioral health services or expand the capacity  
6 of existing services if the provider (a) meets the department's required  
7 network enrollment standards, (b) is enrolled as a network provider with  
8 the department and a regional behavioral health authority, and (c) is  
9 contracted with a regional behavioral health authority.

10 Sec. 2. Section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

11 2024, is amended to read:

12 71-812 (1) The Behavioral Health Services Fund is created. The fund  
13 shall be administered by the division and shall contain cash funds  
14 appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise received by the department  
15 for the provision of behavioral health services from any other public or  
16 private source and directed by the Legislature for credit to the fund.  
17 Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction  
18 of the Legislature.

19 (2) The Behavioral Health Services Fund shall be used to encourage  
20 and facilitate the statewide development and provision of community-based  
21 behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, (a) the  
22 provision of grants, loans, and other assistance for such purpose and (b)  
23 reimbursement to providers of such services.

24 (3)(a) Money transferred to the fund under section 76-903 shall be  
25 used for housing-related assistance for very low-income adults with  
26 serious mental illness or ~~substance abuse disorder~~, except that if the  
27 division determines that all housing-related assistance obligations under  
28 this subsection have been fully satisfied, the division may distribute  
29 any excess, up to twenty percent of such money, to regional behavioral  
30 health authorities for acquisition or rehabilitation of housing to assist  
31 such persons. The division shall manage and distribute such funds based  
1 upon a formula established by the division, in consultation with regional  
2 behavioral health authorities and the department, in a manner consistent  
3 with and reasonably calculated to promote the purposes of the public  
4 behavioral health system enumerated in section 71-803. The division shall  
5 contract with each regional behavioral health authority for the provision  
6 of such assistance. Each regional behavioral health authority may  
7 contract with qualifying public, private, or nonprofit entities for the  
8 provision of such assistance.

9 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

10 (i) Adult with serious mental illness means a person eighteen years  
11 of age or older who has, or at any time during the immediately preceding  
12 twelve months has had, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional  
13 disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria identified in  
14 the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of  
15 Mental Disorders and which has resulted in functional impairment that  
16 substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life functions.  
17 Serious mental illness does not include DSM V codes, substance abuse  
18 disorders, or developmental disabilities unless such conditions exist  
19 concurrently with a diagnosable serious mental illness;

20 (ii) Housing-related assistance includes rental payments, utility  
21 payments, security and utility deposits, landlord risk mitigation  
22 payments, and other related costs and payments;

23 (iii) Landlord risk mitigation payment means a payment provided to a  
24 landlord who leases or rents property to a very low-income adult with  
25 serious mental illness which may be used to pay for excessive damage to  
26 the rental property, any lost rent, any legal fees incurred by the  
27 landlord in excess of the security deposit, or any other expenses  
28 incurred by the landlord as a result of leasing or renting the property  
29 to such individual; and

30 (iv) Very low-income means a household income of fifty percent or  
31 less of the applicable median family income estimate as established by  
1 the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

2 (4) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
3 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
4 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

5 Sec. 3. Original section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
6 Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
7 2024, are repealed.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB36:

FA88

Strike Section 1.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB676:

AM941

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM655)

- 1 1. Strike sections 32 and 35 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 13. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the
- 3 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn
- 4 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- 5 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and
- 6 maintain thermal stability;
- 7 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;
- 8 (3) Vitamin K administration;
- 9 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;
- 10 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,
- 11 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as
- 12 indicated; and
- 13 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with
- 14 section 71-519.
- 15 Sec. 23. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the
- 16 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn
- 17 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- 18 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and
- 19 maintain thermal stability;
- 20 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;
- 21 (3) Vitamin K administration;
- 22 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;
- 23 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,
- 24 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as
- 25 indicated; and
- 26 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with
- 1 section 71-519.
- 2 Sec. 34. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a licensed
- 3 professional midwife may practice professional midwifery at any location
- 4 other than a hospital as defined in section 71-419 and shall not be
- 5 required to practice under the supervision of or under a collaborative
- 6 practice agreement with another health care provider.
- 7 (2) In order to be permitted to practice professional midwifery in a
- 8 health care practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414 or a
- 9 health clinic as defined in section 71-416, a licensed professional
- 10 midwife shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the facility
- 11 relating to medical staff membership and privileges.
- 12 Sec. 37. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section
- 13 34 of this act, nothing in the Licensed Professional Midwives Practice
- 14 Act shall abridge, limit, or change in any way the right of parents to
- 15 deliver their baby where, when, how, and with whom they choose,
- 16 regardless of credentialed status.
- 17 2. On page 8, lines 20 and 27, strike "section 11" and insert
- 18 "sections 11 and 13".
- 19 3. On page 10, line 26, strike "for females"; in line 27 strike
- 20 "immediately following birth"; and in line 28 after "age" insert "1",
- 21 except that in the case of a home birth, the practice of the certified
- 22 nurse midwife relating to the newborn shall be limited to immediate
- 23 newborn care".
- 24 4. On page 11, strike line 19 and show the old matter as stricken.
- 25 5. On page 15, line 12, strike "17 to 37" and insert "18 to 39"; and
- 26 in line 16 strike "19 to 24" and insert "20 to 26".

- 27 6. On page 17, strike beginning with "care" in line 14 through line 28 15 and insert "immediate newborn care."  
 29 7. On page 21, line 13, strike "40" and insert "42".  
 30 8. On page 23, line 20, strike "38-618, and 44-2803" and insert "and 31 38-618".  
 1 9. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 3.** Senator Conrad renewed [MO1](#), found on page 152, and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Lippincott offered the following motion:

[MO158](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Lippincott moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 18:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Riepe	
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree	

The Lippincott motion to invoke cloture failed with 31 ayes, 18 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 422.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM841](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 76-3401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 76-3401 Sections 76-3401 to 76-3423 and section 3 of this act shall

6 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer  
7 on Death Act.

8 Sec. 2. Section 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

9 amended to read:

10 76-3410 (a) A transfer on death deed:

11 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this  
12 subsection, must contain the essential elements and formalities of a  
13 properly recordable inter vivos deed;

14 (2) Must state that the transfer to the designated beneficiary is to  
15 occur at the transferor's death;

16 (3) Must contain the warnings provided in subsection (b) of this  
17 section; and

18 (4) Must be recorded (i) within thirty days after being executed as  
19 required in section 76-3409, (ii) before the transferor's death, and  
20 (iii) in the public records in the office of the register of deeds of the  
21 county where the property is located.

22 (b)(1) A transfer on death deed shall contain the following

23 warnings:

24 WARNING: The property transferred remains subject to inheritance  
25 taxation in Nebraska to the same extent as if owned by the transferor at  
26 death. Failure to timely pay inheritance taxes is subject to interest and  
27 penalties as provided by law.

1 WARNING: The designated beneficiary is personally liable, to the  
2 extent of the value of the property transferred, to account for medicaid  
3 reimbursement to the extent necessary to discharge any such claim  
4 remaining after application of the assets of the transferor's estate. The  
5 designated beneficiary may also be personally liable, to the extent of  
6 the value of the property transferred, for claims against the estate,  
7 statutory allowances to the transferor's surviving spouse and children,  
8 and the expenses of administration to the extent needed to pay such  
9 amounts by the personal representative.

10 WARNING: The Department of Health and Human Services may require  
11 revocation of this deed by a transferor, a transferor's spouse, or both a  
12 transferor and the transferor's spouse in order to qualify or remain  
13 qualified for medicaid assistance.

14 (2) A transfer on death deed created after the effective date of  
15 this act shall contain the following warning in addition to the warnings  
16 required under subdivision (1) of this subsection:

17 WARNING: Property insurance on the transferred property may expire  
18 thirty days after the death of the transferor. Unless the transferor has  
19 added the designated beneficiary as an insured or additional named  
20 insured to the property insurance policy of the transferred property, any  
21 property insurance coverage of the transferred property will end on the  
22 earliest to occur of the following after the transferor's death: The end  
23 of the policy period as determined as if the transferor was still living;  
24 the date the designated beneficiary obtains alternative coverage; or  
25 thirty days after the transferor's death only if any premium required for  
26 the additional days beyond the policy period is paid.

27 (3)(2) No recorded transfer on death deed shall be invalidated  
28 because of any defects in the wording of the warnings required by this  
29 subsection.

30 (c) No action may be commenced to set aside a transfer on death  
31 deed, based on failure to comply with the requirement of disinterested  
1 witnesses pursuant to section 76-3409, more than ninety days after the  
2 date of death of the transferor or, if there is more than one transferor,  
3 more than ninety days after the date of death of the last surviving



4 transferor.

5 (d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, an action to set  
6 aside a transfer on death deed, based on failure to comply with the  
7 requirement of disinterested witnesses pursuant to section 76-3409, in  
8 which the transferor or, if there is more than one transferor, the last  
9 surviving transferor, has died prior to May 8, 2013, shall be commenced  
10 by the later of (1) ninety days after the date of death of the transferor  
11 or, if there is more than one transferor, ninety days after the date of  
12 death of the last surviving transferor, or (2) ninety days after May 8,  
13 2013.

14 Sec. 3. (a) In addition to any other coverage provided under an  
15 insurance policy on real estate transferred pursuant to a transfer on  
16 death deed, the designated beneficiary shall be deemed to be an insured  
17 party under any property insurance policy for the period from the date of  
18 the transferor's death until the first to occur of:

19 (1) The end of the policy period as determined as if the transferor  
20 was still living;

21 (2) The date the designated beneficiary obtains alternative  
22 coverage; or

23 (3) Thirty days after the transferor's death only if any premium  
24 required for the additional days beyond the policy period is paid.

25 (b) Nothing in this section shall affect coverage provided under an  
26 insurance policy to household members or others who are deemed to be  
27 insured upon the death of the transferor.

28 (c) The designated beneficiary shall not acquire any interest in  
29 proceeds of an insurance policy that have accrued before the death of the  
30 insured.

31 Sec. 4. Original sections 76-3401 and 76-3410, Reissue Revised  
1 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB80:

##### FA89

In AM801, strike the comma on page 1, line 22 after " 28-311.08".

##### FA90

In AM801, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 after the word "municipalities".

#### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 114.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Papillion-La Vista South High School boys basketball team, the Titans, defeated the Omaha Westside High School Warriors in the championship game by a score of 61-58; and

WHEREAS, the Titans won the 2025 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the well-deserved title was earned by the Titans after three years of falling short in district finals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joel Hueser has been the team's only coach in its twenty-two year history; and

WHEREAS, this is Papillion-La Vista South's first Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, 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 congratulates the Papillion-La Vista High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Papillion-La Vista High School boys basketball team and to Coach Joel Hueser.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 115.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Walter "Thane" Baker is the oldest living male United States Olympic medalist in track and the second oldest in the world; and

WHEREAS, Thane was born in Elkhart, Kansas, on October 4, 1931; and

WHEREAS, Thane enrolled at Kansas State University, joined the track team as a walk-on, and earned numerous accolades, including the 1953 NCAA championship in the 220-yard dash; and

WHEREAS, Thane participated in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, and earned a silver medal in the 200-meter event wearing borrowed shoes from Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Thane also competed in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, where he won a gold medal in the 400-meter relay event with the United States team, a silver medal in the 100-meter event, and a bronze medal in the 200-meter event; and

WHEREAS, Thane resides in Bellevue, Nebraska, and has kept track in his life by officiating for fifty-five years and mentoring others; and

WHEREAS, Thane is one of the greatest runners and Olympians in the history of Nebraska and the United States.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Walter "Thane" Baker for his many incredible accomplishments in the sport of track and field and his extraordinary success in the 1952 and 1956 Summer Olympics.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Walter "Thane" Baker and his family.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB693.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Wilber-Clatonia, Wilber; students from Cornerstone Christian School, Bellevue; Mackenzie Reidy, Omaha.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:38 p.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Bishop Joe Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, Grand Island.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Hardin, Holdcroft, Spivey, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-seventh day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

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

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards:

Kyle Anderson  
Nathan J Sorben

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to [LB561](#):

[AM758](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM316)

1 1. On page 11, line 22, strike "General" and insert "Roads

2 Operations Cash".

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

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 102, 103, and 104 were adopted.

#### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 102, 103, and 104.

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB148A to Select File**

Senator Hansen moved to return LB148A to Select File for his specific amendment, [FA86](#), found on page 1020.

The Hansen motion to return prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A.** The Hansen specific amendment, [FA86](#), found on page 1020, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

LB148A stands indefinitely postponed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Senator Bosn renewed [AM856](#), found on page 945, and considered on page 1016.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [FA87](#), found on page 1020, to the Bosn amendment.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment to the Bosn amendment:

[FA91](#)

In AM856, strike lines 4-7 on page 7, and lines 4-6 on page 8.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 17 ayes, 2 nays, and 30 not voting.

The Dungan amendment lost with 10 ayes, 26 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Bosn amendment, as amended, was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Ron Burtz, Central City; Norm Kaiser, Central City; students, teachers, and sponsors from Standing Bear High School, Lincoln; students from Cedar Bluffs High School, Cedar Bluffs; students from White Tail Creek Elementary, Omaha; students from St. Joseph School, Lincoln; JR Bosn, Lincoln.

#### **RECESS**

At 11:49 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

#### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Clements, DeKay, Dorn, Guereca, Hardin, Hunt, Kauth, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services  
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Alysson Muotri - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

Rui Yi - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee

DHHS briefing on Community Services Block Grant/Shannon Grottrian

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 265.** [ER17](#), found on page 592, was offered.

ER17 was adopted.

Senator Sorrentino offered [AM900](#), found on page 1020.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Sorrentino amendment:

[AM977](#)

(Amendments to AM900)

1 1. On page 28, line 10, after the period insert "In the case of a  
2 rejection or modification of any grant proposal, the commissioner shall  
3 provide written notice of the decision to the board and include rationale  
4 for the rejection or modification."; and strike beginning with "shall" in  
5 line 11 through "proposals" in line 12 and insert "shall have the  
6 authority to approve up to three grant proposals not previously submitted  
7 by the board in a calendar year. The total amount of such grants shall  
8 not exceed twenty percent of the balance of the Workforce Development  
9 Program Cash Fund at the beginning of the calendar year".

Senator McKinney requested a point of order on whether the Sorrentino amendment, AM900, is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Sorrentino amendment is germane to LB265 as AM900 is a white copy amendment to the bill.

Senator McKinney challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Senator McKinney withdrew his motion to overrule the Chair.

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING**

Senator Arch requested to pass over LB265.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** [ER28](#), found on page 871, was offered.



**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

ER28 was adopted.

Senator DeKay offered [AM759](#), found on page 881.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** [ER30](#), found on page 871, was offered.

ER30 was adopted.

Senator Ballard offered [AM797](#), found on page 908.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** [ER29](#), found on page 902, was offered.

ER29 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered [AM784](#), found on page 999.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** [ER32](#), found on page 907, was offered.

ER32 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:  
[AM990](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:  
[AM961](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM608)

1 1. On page 10, strike lines 10 through 22 and insert the following

2 new subdivision:

3 "(40) To require any housing authority in a city of the metropolitan

4 class to comply with any city rental inspection and registration

5 ordinance, code enforcement, and inspection of residential rental  
6 properties.".

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM307](#), found on page 709, was offered.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM669](#), found on page 936, to the committee amendment.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Moser offered [AM842](#), found on page 968.

The Moser amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM765](#), found on page 927.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM635](#), found on page 952, was offered.

Senator Prokop offered [AM930](#), found on page 1014, to the committee amendment.

The Prokop amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew [FA88](#), found on page 1030.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 114.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM607](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 60-483, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 60-483 (1) The director shall assign a distinguishing number to each  
6 operator's license issued and shall keep a record of the same which shall  
7 be open to public inspection by any person requesting inspection of such  
8 record who qualifies under section 60-2906 or 60-2907. Any person  
9 requesting such driver record information shall furnish to the Department  
10 of Motor Vehicles (a) verification of identity and purpose that the  
11 requester is entitled under section 60-2906 or 60-2907 to disclosure of  
12 the personal information in the record, (b) the name of the person whose  
13 record is being requested, and (c) when the name alone is insufficient to  
14 identify the correct record, the department may request additional  
15 identifying information. The department shall, upon request of any  
16 requester, furnish a certified abstract of the operating record of any  
17 person, in either hard copy or electronically, and shall charge the  
18 requester a fee of three dollars per abstract.  
19 (2) The department shall remit any revenue generated under  
20 subsections (1) through (5) of this section to the State Treasurer, and  
21 the State Treasurer shall credit forty-one and two-thirds percent to the  
22 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, twenty-five percent to the  
23 General Fund, and thirty-three and one-third percent to the Records  
24 Management Cash Fund.  
25 (3) The director shall, upon receiving a request and an agreement  
26 from the United States Selective Service System to comply with  
27 requirements of this section, furnish driver record information to the  
1 United States Selective Service System to include the name, post office  
2 address, date of birth, sex, and social security number of licensees. The  
3 United States Selective Service System shall pay all costs incurred by  
4 the department in providing the information but shall not be required to  
5 pay any other fee required by law for information. No driver record  
6 information shall be furnished to the United States Selective Service  
7 System regarding any female, nor regarding any male other than those  
8 between the ages of seventeen years and twenty-six years. The information  
9 shall only be used in the fulfillment of the required duties of the  
10 United States Selective Service System and shall not be furnished to any  
11 other person.  
12 (4) The director shall keep a record of all applications for  
13 operators' licenses that are disapproved with a brief statement of the  
14 reason for disapproval of the application.

(5) The director may establish a monitoring service which provides information on operating records that have changed due to any adjudicated traffic citation or administrative action. The director shall charge a fee of ~~fifteen~~<sup>six</sup> cents per operating record searched pursuant to this section and the fee provided in subsection (1) of this section for each abstract returned as a result of the search. For each fee charged the department shall remit to the State Treasurer nine cents to be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and six cents to be credited as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(6) Driver record header information, including name, license number, date of birth, address, and physical description, from every driver record maintained by the department may be made available so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act is not violated. Monthly updates, including all new records, may also be made available. There shall be a fee of ~~thirty-eight~~<sup>thirteen</sup> dollars per thousand records. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(7) The department may enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of this state. Any such agreement entered into by the department shall not include the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a commercial driver's license.

(8) ~~For Beginning July 1, 2021, for~~ any record provided pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the requester shall be required to pay, in addition to the fee prescribed in such subsection, a fee of ~~twelve dollars~~<sup>four dollars and fifty cents</sup> per record. For each fee charged the department shall remit to the State Treasurer eight dollars to Fifty cents shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and four dollars to shall be credited to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund.

Sec. 2. Section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-1506 (1) For purposes of this section, vehicle means any motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike.

(2)(4) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall keep a record of each ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, and minibike~~ registered or titled in this state, alphabetically by name of the owner, with cross reference in each instance to the registration number assigned to such ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, and minibike~~. The record may be destroyed by any public officer having custody of it after three years from the date of its issuance.

(3)(a)(2) The department shall issue a copy of the record of a registered or titled ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ to any person after receiving from the person the name on the registration or certificate of title, the license plate number, the vehicle identification or other type of identification number, or the title number of a ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~, if the person provides to the department verification of identity and purpose pursuant to section 60-2906 or 60-2907. A fee of ~~three dollars~~<sup>one dollar</sup> shall be charged for the copy. Any fee received by the department pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited into the License Plate Cash Fund.

(b)(i) An extract of the entire file of ~~motor vehicles, trailers, motorboats, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, snowmobiles, and~~

13 minibikes registered or titled in the state or updates to the entire file  
 14 may be provided to a person upon payment of the following fee of  
 15 ~~eighteen dollars~~ per one thousand records;:  
 16 (A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and  
 17 (B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars.  
 18 (ii) Any fee received by the department pursuant to this subdivision  
 19 (b) ~~subsection~~ shall be deposited into the Department of Motor Vehicles  
 20 Cash Fund.  
 21 ~~(4)(a)(3)~~ The record of each ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-~~  
 22 ~~terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~  
 23 registration or title maintained by the department pursuant to this  
 24 section may be made available electronically through the portal  
 25 established under section 84-1204 so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle  
 26 Records Disclosure Act is not violated.  
 27 (b) There shall be a fee of ~~three dollars~~ one dollar per record for  
 28 individual records and for data-to-data requests for multiple ~~motor~~  
 29 ~~vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle,~~  
 30 ~~snowmobile, or minibike~~ title and registration records.  
 31 (c) The following fees apply for ~~For~~ bulk record requests of  
 1 multiple ~~motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-~~  
 2 ~~type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ titles and registrations selected  
 3 on the basis of criteria of the individual making the request;  
 4 (i) ~~Fifty, there shall be a fee of fifty dollars~~ for every request  
 5 under two thousand records;:  
 6 (ii) ~~Per and a fee of eighteen dollars~~ per one thousand records for  
 7 any number of records over two thousand;:  
 8 (A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and  
 9 (B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars; and  
 10 (iii) ~~A plus a reasonable programming fee~~ not to exceed five hundred  
 11 twenty dollars.  
 12 ~~(d)(i)~~ All fees collected pursuant to this subsection for electronic  
 13 access to records through the portal shall be remitted to the State  
 14 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit:  
 15 (A) For each fee paid under subdivision (b) of this subsection, two  
 16 dollars per record to the License Plate Cash Fund and the remainder of  
 17 such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund;  
 18 (B) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(A) of this  
 19 subsection, seven dollars per one thousand records for any number of  
 20 records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the  
 21 remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund; and  
 22 (C) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(B) of this  
 23 subsection, seventeen dollars per one thousand records for any number of  
 24 records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the  
 25 remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund.  
 26 (ii) All fees credited ~~to~~ deposited in the Records Management Cash  
 27 Fund pursuant to this subsection and shall be distributed as provided in  
 28 any agreements between the State Records Board and the department.  
 29 Sec. 3. Section 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 30 2024, is amended to read:  
 31 60-1509 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall build and  
 1 maintain a new operator's license services system for the issuance of  
 2 operators' licenses and state identification cards. The Director of Motor  
 3 Vehicles shall designate an implementation date for the new system which  
 4 date is on or before July 1, 2032.  
 5 (2) The Operator's License Services System Replacement and  
 6 Maintenance Fund is created. The fund shall consist of amounts credited  
 7 under ~~subsection (8)~~ of section 60-483. The fund shall be used for the  
 8 building, implementation, and maintenance of a new operator's license  
 9 services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state  
 10 identification cards.

11 (3) Any money in the Operator's License Services System Replacement  
12 and Maintenance Fund available for investment shall be invested by the  
13 state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act  
14 and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024,  
15 any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be  
16 credited to the General Fund.  
17 Sec. 4. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
18 Sec. 5. Original section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
19 Nebraska, and sections 60-483 and 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
20 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.  
21 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
22 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM923](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER42](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to [LB561](#):  
[AM978](#) is available in the Bill Room.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM395](#), found on page 637, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM251](#), found on page 614, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to [LB322](#):  
[AM991](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

- 1 1. On page 3, after line 15 insert the following new subdivision:
- 2 "(2) Health care practitioner facility has the same meaning as in
- 3 section 71-414;"; in line 16 strike "(2)", show as stricken, and insert
- 4 "(3)"; in line 19 strike "hospital or health clinic", show as stricken,
- 5 and insert "medical facility"; in line 20 strike "hospital or health
- 6 clinic" and insert "medical facility"; in line 21 strike "(3)", show as
- 7 stricken, and insert "(4)"; in line 22 strike "(4)", show as stricken,
- 8 and insert "(5)"; after line 22 insert the following new subdivision:
- 9 "(6) Medical facility means a health care practitioner facility,
- 10 health clinic, or hospital"; in line 23 strike "(5)" and insert "(7)";
- 11 in line 25 strike "(6)" and insert "(8)"; and in line 26 strike "(7)" and
- 12 insert "(9)".
- 13 2. On page 4, line 14, strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert
- 14 "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the comma in line 15
- 15 through "clinic" in line 16 and insert "or medical facility".
- 16 3. On page 5, lines 15 and 16, strike "hospital or health clinic"
- 17 and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the first comma
- 18 in line 17 through "clinic" in line 18 and insert "or medical facility".
- 19 4. On page 6, line 24, strike "hospital or health clinic" and
- 20 insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the comma in line 25
- 21 through "clinic" in line 26 and insert "or medical facility".
- 22 5. On page 7, lines 21 and 22, strike "hospital or health clinic"
- 23 and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the first comma
- 24 in line 23 through "clinic" in line 24 and insert "or medical facility".
- 25 6. On page 9, line 11, strike "hospital and health clinic", show as
- 26 stricken, and insert "medical facility".

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

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

Senator Dover name added to LB561.

Senator Meyer name added to LB561.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Catholics at the Capitol Advocacy Day from across the state; Tracy Olson, North Platte; members of the Nebraska Insurance Federation from across the state and United States; members from across the state of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for Youth Day at the Capitol.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:44 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**FIFTY-NINTH DAY - APRIL 10, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**FIFTY-NINTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, April 10, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Clements.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Quick.

**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 Sanders who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Guereca, Hansen, Juarez, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-eighth day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 9, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 144, and 168e were received in my office on April 3, 2025, and signed on April 9, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 9, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

### **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 LB84 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend section 38-3113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz    Guereca    Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB97 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 97.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-1202, 37-1284, 60-101, 60-102, 60-121, 60-137, 60-158, 60-167, 60-168, 60-337, 60-399, 60-3,157, 60-4,113, 60-4,117, 60-4,118.06, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-4,126, 60-4,127, 60-636, 60-6,211.05, 60-2904, and 66-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-2292, 37-1201, 60-146, 60-169, 60-392, 60-3,100, 60-3,101, 60-3,102, 60-4,115, 60-4,120, 60-4,124, 60-4,148, 60-4,148.01, 60-4,149, 60-4,150, 60-4,181, and 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to deferred judgments; to change provisions of the State Boat Act relating to amphibious vehicles and certificates of title; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to junk vehicles and certificates of title, minibikes, applicability of the act to fertilizer trailers, applications for certificates of title, identification inspections, and lienholders and bonded certificates of title; to change and provide provisions under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to minibikes, registrations, decals, fees, and the modification of license plates; to provide for the issuance of only one license plate for a motor vehicle; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to fees, surcharges, and ignition interlock permits; to change provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to minibikes and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions relating to the source of the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; to change provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act relating to personal information and sensitive personal information; to provide for the Department of Motor Vehicles to credit money to the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund and eliminate certain provisions of the fund relating to the State Treasurer; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz    Guereca    Sanders

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

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB113 to Select File**

Senator Raybould moved to return LB113 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA92](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator Raybould withdrew her motion to return.

The Raybould amendment, FA92, was not considered.

#### **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 LB113 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a holder of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, microdistillery, or entertainment

district license; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Senator Raybould requested a roll call vote.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hallstrom	McKeon	Rountree	
Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Arch*	Clements	Jacobson*	Lippincott*	Wordekemper
Ballard*	DeBoer	Juarez*	Raybould	
Bosn	Hardin*	Kauth	Riepe	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Guereca	Sanders
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\* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB148 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require certain criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to change

requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB326 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-1523, 44-1524, 44-1525, 44-1527, 44-1528, 44-1529, 44-1530, 44-1532, 44-2403, 44-2405, 44-2406, 44-2407, 44-2411, and 44-6135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change powers and duties of the Director of Insurance; to change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies; to change provisions relating to the board of directors of the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and first-party and third-party claims; to change provisions relating to settlements,

releases, compromises, and judgments; to provide for defenses as prescribed; to change requirements relating to exhaustion of remedies; to change requirements relating to annual statements as prescribed; to eliminate the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 44-5301, 44-5302, 44-5303, 44-5304, 44-5305, 44-5306, 44-5307, 44-5308, 44-5309, 44-5310, 44-5311, 44-6701, and 44-6702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB355 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to census data; to amend sections 13-1906, 81-1203, and 81-12,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2610, 18-2103, 77-6831, and 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change certain census data provisions relating to

development districts and a committee formed under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to redefine terms under the Community Development Law, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Urban Redevelopment Act, a job training grant program, and the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to provide an operative date; 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.\*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

\* 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.

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB390 to Select File**

Senator Hunt moved to return LB390 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA93](#)

Strike the enacting clause

The Hunt motion to return failed with 8 ayes, 31 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Hunt amendment, FA93, was not considered.



Senator Hunt moved to return LB390 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA94](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, FA94, was not considered.

### **BILLS ON FINAL READING**

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Brandt	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Bostar*	Dungan	Hunt	Quick*	Rountree*
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.*	Guereca*	McKinney	Riepe*	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

\* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Department of Education to develop model policies relating to anaphylaxis for use in school districts and licensed child care programs as prescribed; to change provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act; to require school districts to adopt a policy relating to anaphylaxis as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Department of Education; to limit the out-of-pocket cost of medically necessary epinephrine injectors to a covered individual as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe\*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

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

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457.

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

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB287:

**AM1000**

- 1 1. Strike the McKinney amendment, AM961.
- 2 2. Insert the following new section:
- 3 Section 1. Section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 14-102 In addition to the powers granted in section 14-101, cities
- 6 of the metropolitan class shall have power by ordinance:
- 7 (1) To levy any tax or special assessment authorized by law;
- 8 (2) To provide a corporate seal for the use of the city, and also
- 9 any official seal for the use of any officer, board, or agent of the
- 10 city, whose duties require an official seal to be used. Such corporate
- 11 seal shall be used in the execution of municipal bonds, warrants,
- 12 conveyances, and other instruments and proceedings as required by law;
- 13 (3) To provide all needful rules and regulations for the protection
- 14 and preservation of health within the city, including providing for the
- 15 enforcement of the use of water from public water supplies when the use
- 16 of water from other sources shall be deemed unsafe;
- 17 (4) To appropriate money and provide for the payment of debts and
- 18 expenses of the city;
- 19 (5) To adopt all such measures as may be deemed necessary for the
- 20 accommodation and protection of strangers and the traveling public in
- 21 person and property;
- 22 (6) To punish and prevent the discharge of firearms, fireworks, or
- 23 explosives of any description within the city, other than the discharge
- 24 of firearms at a shooting range pursuant to the Nebraska Shooting Range
- 25 Protection Act;
- 26 (7) To regulate the inspection and sale of meats, flour, poultry,
- 27 fish, milk, vegetables, and all other provisions or articles of food
- 1 exposed or offered for sale in the city;
- 2 (8) To require all elected or appointed officers to give bond and
- 3 security for the faithful performance of their duties, except that no
- 4 officer shall become bonded and secured upon the official bond of another
- 5 or upon any bond executed to the city;
- 6 (9) To require from any officer of the city at any time a report, in
- 7 detail, of the transactions of his or her office or any matter connected
- 8 with such office;
- 9 (10) To provide for the prevention of cruelty to children and
- 10 animals;
- 11 (11) To regulate, license, or prohibit the running at large of dogs
- 12 and other animals within the city as well as in areas within the
- 13 extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the city; to guard against
- 14 injuries or annoyance from such dogs and other animals; and to authorize
- 15 the destruction of such dogs and other animals when running at large
- 16 contrary to the provisions of any ordinance. Any licensing provision
- 17 shall comply with subsection (2) of section 54-603 for service animals;
- 18 (12) To provide for keeping sidewalks clean and free from
- 19 obstructions and accumulations; to provide for the assessment and
- 20 collection of taxes on real estate and for the sale and conveyance
- 21 thereof; and to pay the expenses of keeping the sidewalk adjacent to such

22 real estate clean and free from obstructions and accumulations as  
23 provided by law;

24 (13) To provide for the planting and protection of shade or  
25 ornamental and useful trees upon streets or boulevards; to assess the  
26 cost of such trees to the extent of benefits upon the abutting property  
27 as a special assessment; to provide for the protection of birds and  
28 animals and their nests; to provide for the trimming of trees located  
29 upon streets and boulevards or when the branches of trees overhang  
30 streets and boulevards when in the judgment of the mayor and city council  
31 such trimming is made necessary to properly light such street or  
1 boulevard or to furnish proper police protection; and to assess the cost  
2 of such trimming upon the abutting property as a special assessment;

3 (14) To provide for, regulate, and require the numbering or  
4 renumbering of houses along public streets or avenues; and to care for  
5 and control and to name and rename streets, avenues, parks, and squares  
6 within the city;

7 (15) To require weeds and worthless vegetation growing upon any lot  
8 or piece of ground within the city or its extraterritorial zoning  
9 jurisdiction to be cut and destroyed so as to abate any nuisance  
10 occasioned by such vegetation; to prohibit and control the throwing,  
11 depositing, or accumulation of litter on any lot or piece of ground  
12 within the city or its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; to require  
13 the removal of such litter so as to abate any nuisance occasioned  
14 thereby. If the owner fails to cut and destroy weeds and worthless  
15 vegetation or remove litter, or both, after notice as required by  
16 ordinance, the city may assess the cost of such destruction or removal  
17 upon the lots or lands as a special assessment. The required notice may  
18 be by publication in the official newspaper of the city and may be  
19 directed in general terms to the owners of lots and lands affected  
20 without naming such owners;

21 (16) To prohibit and regulate the running at large or the herding or  
22 driving of domestic animals, such as hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats,  
23 fowls, or animals of any kind or description within the corporate limits;  
24 to provide for the impounding of all animals running at large, herded, or  
25 driven contrary to such prohibition and regulations; and to provide for  
26 the forfeiture and sale of animals impounded to pay the expense of taking  
27 up, caring for, and selling such impounded animals, including the cost of  
28 advertising and fees of officers;

29 (17) To regulate the transportation of articles through the streets  
30 and to prevent injuries to the streets from overloaded vehicles;

31 (18) To prevent or regulate any amusement or practice having a  
1 tendency to annoy persons passing in the streets or on the sidewalks; and  
2 to regulate the use of vehicles propelled by steam, gas, electricity, or  
3 other motive power, operated on the streets of the city;

4 (19) To regulate or prohibit the transportation and keeping of  
5 gunpowder, oils, and other combustible and explosive articles;

6 (20) To regulate, license, or prohibit the sale of domestic animals  
7 or of goods, wares, and merchandise at public auction on the streets,  
8 alleys, highways, or any public ground within the city;

9 (21) To regulate and prevent the use of streets, sidewalks, and  
10 public grounds for signs, posts, awnings, awning posts, scales, or other  
11 like purposes; and to regulate and prohibit the exhibition or carrying or  
12 conveying of banners, placards, advertisements, or the distribution or  
13 posting of advertisements or handbills in the streets or public grounds  
14 or upon the sidewalks;

15 (22) To provide for the punishment of persons disturbing the peace  
16 by noise, intoxication, drunkenness, or fighting, or otherwise violating  
17 the public peace by indecent or disorderly conduct or by lewd and  
18 lascivious behavior;

19 (23) To provide for the punishment of vagrants, tramps, street

20 beggars, prostitutes, disturbers of the peace, pickpockets, gamblers,  
21 burglars, thieves, persons who practice any game, trick, or device with  
22 intent to swindle, and trespassers upon private property;  
23 (24) To prohibit, restrain, and suppress houses of prostitution,  
24 opium joints, gambling houses, prize fighting, dog fighting, cock  
25 fighting, and other disorderly houses and practices, all games and  
26 gambling, and all kinds of indecencies; to regulate and license or  
27 prohibit the keeping and use of billiard tables, bowling alleys, shooting  
28 galleries except as provided in the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection  
29 Act, and other similar places of amusement; and to prohibit and suppress  
30 all lotteries and gift enterprises of all kinds under whatsoever name  
31 carried on, except that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to  
1 apply to bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the sale of pickle cards, or  
2 raffles conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska  
3 Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the  
4 Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act;  
5 (25) To make and enforce all police regulations for the good  
6 government, general welfare, health, safety, and security of the city and  
7 the citizens of the city in addition to the police powers expressly  
8 granted by law; in the exercise of the police power, to pass all needful  
9 and proper ordinances and impose fines, forfeitures, and penalties for  
10 the violation of any ordinance; to provide for the recovery, collection,  
11 and enforcement of such fines; and in default of payment to provide for  
12 confinement in the city or county prison or other place of confinement as  
13 may be provided by ordinance;  
14 (26) To prevent immoderate driving on the street;  
15 (27) To establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, and  
16 museums and to provide the necessary grounds or buildings for such  
17 libraries, galleries, and museums; to purchase books, papers, maps,  
18 manuscripts, works of art, and objects of natural or of scientific  
19 curiosity and instruction for such libraries, galleries, and museums; to  
20 receive donations and bequests of money or property for such libraries,  
21 galleries, and museums in trust or otherwise; and to pass necessary  
22 bylaws and regulations for the protection and government of such  
23 libraries, art galleries, and museums;  
24 (28) To erect, designate, establish, maintain, and regulate  
25 hospitals, houses of correction, jails, station houses, fire engine  
26 houses, asphalt repair plants, and other necessary buildings; to erect,  
27 designate, establish, maintain, and regulate plants for the removal,  
28 disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse or to make contracts for  
29 garbage and refuse removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same;  
30 and to charge equitable fees for such removal, disposal, or recycling, or  
31 all of the same, except as provided by law. The fees collected pursuant  
1 to this subdivision shall be credited to a single fund to be used  
2 exclusively by the city for the removal, disposal, or recycling of  
3 garbage and refuse, or all of the same, including any costs incurred for  
4 collecting the fee. Before any contract for such removal, disposal, or  
5 recycling is let, the city council shall make specifications for such  
6 contract, bids shall be advertised for as now provided by law, and the  
7 contract shall be let to the lowest and best bidder, who shall furnish  
8 bond to the city conditioned upon his or her carrying out the terms of  
9 the contract, the bond to be approved by the city council. Nothing in  
10 this section, and no contract or regulation made by the city council,  
11 shall be so construed as to prohibit any person, firm, or corporation  
12 engaged in any business in which garbage or refuse accumulates as a  
13 byproduct from selling, recycling, or otherwise disposing of his, her, or  
14 its garbage or refuse or hauling such garbage or refuse through the  
15 streets and alleys under such uniform and reasonable regulations as the  
16 city council may by ordinance prescribe for the removal and hauling of  
17 garbage or refuse;

18 (29) To erect and establish market houses and market places and to  
19 provide for the erection of all other useful and necessary buildings for  
20 the use of the city and for the protection and safety of all property  
21 owned by the city. Such market houses, market places, and buildings may  
22 be located on any street, alley, or public ground or on land purchased  
23 for such purpose;

24 (30) To prohibit the establishment of additional cemeteries within  
25 the limits of the city; to regulate the registration of births and  
26 deaths; to direct the keeping and returning of bills of mortality; and to  
27 impose penalties on physicians, sextons, and others for any default in  
28 the premises;

29 (31) To provide for the inspection of steam boilers, electric light  
30 appliances, pipefittings, and plumbings; to regulate their erection and  
31 construction; to appoint inspectors; and to declare their powers and  
1 duties, except as otherwise provided by law;

2 (32) To enact a fire code and regulate the erection of all buildings  
3 and other structures within the corporate limits; to provide for the  
4 removal of any buildings or structures or additions to buildings or  
5 structures erected contrary to such code or regulations and to provide  
6 for the removal of dangerous buildings; but no such code or regulation  
7 shall be suspended or modified by resolution, nor shall exceptions be  
8 made by ordinance or resolution in favor of any person, firm, or  
9 corporation or concerning any particular lot or building; to direct that  
10 when any building has been damaged by fire, decay, or otherwise, to the  
11 extent of fifty percent of the value of a similar new building above the  
12 foundation, shall be torn down or removed; to prescribe the manner of  
13 ascertaining such damages and to assess the cost of removal of any  
14 building erected or existing contrary to such code or regulations against  
15 the lot or real estate upon which such building or structure is located  
16 or shall be erected or to collect such costs from the owner of any such  
17 building or structure; and to enforce the collection of such costs by  
18 civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction;

19 (33) To regulate the construction, use, and maintenance of party  
20 walls, to prescribe and regulate the thickness, strength, and manner of  
21 constructing stone, brick, wood, or other buildings and the size and  
22 shape of brick and other material placed in such buildings; to prescribe  
23 and regulate the construction and arrangement of fire escapes and the  
24 placing of iron and metallic shutters and doors in or on such fire  
25 escapes; to provide for the inspection of elevators; to prescribe,  
26 regulate, and provide for the inspection of all plumbing, pipefitting, or  
27 sewer connections in all houses or buildings now or hereafter erected; to  
28 regulate the size, number, and manner of construction of halls, doors,  
29 stairways, seats, aisles, and passageways of theaters and buildings of a  
30 public character, whether now built or hereafter to be built, so that  
31 there may be convenient, safe, and speedy exit in case of fire; to  
1 prevent the dangerous construction and condition of chimneys, fireplaces,  
2 hearths, stoves, stovepipes, ovens, boilers, and heating appliances used  
3 in or about any building and to cause such appliances to be removed or  
4 placed in safe condition when they are considered dangerous; to prevent  
5 the deposit of ashes in unsafe places and to cause such buildings and  
6 enclosures as may be in a dangerous state to be put in a safe condition;  
7 to prevent the disposing of and delivery or use in any building or other  
8 structure of unsuitable building material within the city limits and  
9 provide for the inspection of building materials; to provide for the  
10 abatement of dense volumes of smoke; to regulate the construction of  
11 areaways, stairways, and vaults and to regulate partition fences; and to  
12 enforce proper heating and ventilation of buildings used for schools or  
13 other buildings where large numbers of persons are liable to congregate;

14 (34) To regulate levees, depots and depot grounds, and places for  
15 storing freight and goods and to provide for and regulate the laying of

16 tracks and the passage of railways through the streets, alleys, and  
 17 public grounds of the city;  
 18 (35) To require the lighting of any railway within the city and to  
 19 fix and determine the number, size, and style of all fixtures and  
 20 apparatus necessary for such lighting and the points of location for such  
 21 lampposts. If any company owning or operating such railways shall fail to  
 22 comply with such requirements, the city council may cause such lighting  
 23 to be done and may assess the expense of such lighting against such  
 24 company. Such expense shall constitute a lien upon any real estate  
 25 belonging to such company and lying within such city and may be collected  
 26 in the same manner as taxes for general purposes;  
 27 (36) To provide for necessary publicity and to appropriate money for  
 28 the purpose of advertising the resources and advantages of the city;  
 29 (37) To erect, establish, and maintain offstreet parking areas on  
 30 publicly owned property located beneath any elevated segment of the  
 31 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or portion thereof, or  
 1 public property title to which is in the city on May 12, 1971, or  
 2 property owned by the city and used in conjunction with and incidental to  
 3 city-operated facilities; and to regulate parking on such property by  
 4 time limitation devices or by lease;  
 5 (38) To acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent domain or  
 6 otherwise, lease, purchase, construct, own, maintain, operate, or  
 7 contract for the operation of public passenger transportation systems,  
 8 excluding taxicabs, transportation network companies and railroad  
 9 systems, including all property and facilities required for such public  
 10 passenger transportation systems, within and without the limits of the  
 11 city; to redeem such property from prior encumbrance in order to protect  
 12 or preserve the interest of the city in such property; to exercise all  
 13 powers granted by the Constitution of Nebraska and laws of the State of  
 14 Nebraska or exercised by or pursuant to a home rule charter adopted  
 15 pursuant thereto, including, but not limited to, receiving and accepting  
 16 from the government of the United States or any agency thereof, from the  
 17 State of Nebraska or any subdivision thereof, and from any person or  
 18 corporation donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for or  
 19 in aid of the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of such public  
 20 passenger transportation systems; to administer, hold, use, and apply  
 21 such donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for the  
 22 purposes for which such donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or  
 23 grants may have been made; to negotiate with employees and enter into  
 24 contracts of employment; to employ by contract or otherwise individuals  
 25 singularly or collectively; to enter into agreements authorized under the  
 26 Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act; to contract  
 27 with an operating and management company for the purpose of operating,  
 28 servicing, and maintaining any public passenger transportation systems  
 29 the city shall acquire; and to exercise such other and further powers as  
 30 may be necessary, incident, or appropriate to the powers of the city; ~~and~~  
 31 (39) In addition to powers conferred elsewhere in the laws of the  
 1 state, to implement and enforce an air pollution control program within  
 2 the corporate limits of the city under subdivision (23) of section  
 3 81-1504 or subsection (1) of section 81-1528, which program shall be  
 4 consistent with the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et  
 5 seq. Such powers shall include without limitation those involving  
 6 injunctive relief, civil penalties, criminal fines, and burden of proof.  
 7 Nothing in this section shall preclude the control of air pollution by  
 8 resolution, ordinance, or regulation not in actual conflict with state  
 9 air pollution control regulations; ~~and~~  
 10 (40) To require any housing authority in a city of the metropolitan  
 11 class to comply with any city rental inspection and registration  
 12 ordinance, code enforcement, and inspection of residential rental  
 13 properties.

14 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
15 accordingly.  
16 4. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the  
17 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months  
18 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

#### **Education**

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

Board of Educational Lands and Funds:  
Duane Kime

Aye: 7. Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 1. Conrad. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Gerald Catholic School, Ralston; students from Freeman Public School, Adams; students from Lifegate Christian School, Omaha.

### **RECESS**

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bostar, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

### **AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Clements, Dorn, Hunt, and Murman who were excused until they arrive.

### **PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on April 10, 2025, at 11:58 a.m. were the following: LBs 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457.

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



**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

## Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER36](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 319.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Rountree withdrew [FA72](#), found on page 910.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

## Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER44](#)

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM565, on page 1, line 14,  
2 after the semicolon insert "and" and after the first occurrence of "of"  
3 insert "the".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER43](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "cryptocurrency" in line 1  
2 through line 8 and insert "cryptocurrency mining; to define terms; to  
3 provide powers and duties for public power suppliers; to allow public  
4 power suppliers to impose requirements on cryptocurrency mining  
5 operations for the costs of certain infrastructure upgrades; and to  
6 provide an operative date."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER35](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and  
2 insert the following new sections:  
3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
4 establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program  
5 for a period of five years in cities of the metropolitan class areas,  
6 that shall operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The pilot  
7 program shall be developed in partnership with local grassroots  
8 organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth  
9 and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.  
10 (2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a  
11 facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention  
12 services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the  
13 juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer  
14 comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues  
15 contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental

16 health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.

17 Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this  
18 act shall:

19 (1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from  
20 entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;

21 (2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues  
22 before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family  
23 services, and adult criminal justice systems; and

24 (3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally  
25 relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.

26 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
27 establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile  
1 assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in  
2 service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.

3 (2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive  
4 self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family  
5 Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall  
6 submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for  
7 review.

8 (3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as  
9 part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm  
10 compliance with designation standards.

11 (4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive  
12 official designation. A center that does not meet the designation  
13 criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such  
14 center may improve and reapply for designation.

15 (5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established  
16 pursuant to section 1 of this act.

17 Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile  
18 assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet  
19 the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including  
20 parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early  
21 childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and  
22 substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family  
23 support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the  
24 strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local  
25 grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services,  
26 outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a  
27 clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery,  
28 continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5)  
29 implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes  
30 for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.

31 Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
1 shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and  
2 embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and  
3 ongoing needs of youth and families.

4 (2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of  
5 charge to families and maintain active membership in the National  
6 Assessment Center Association.

7 (3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and  
8 families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a  
9 safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of  
10 presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in  
11 partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth  
12 and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.

13 Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center  
14 shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services,  
15 including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including  
16 those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict  
17 resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness

18 services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social  
 19 skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g)  
 20 youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug  
 21 and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and  
 22 clothing assistance and resource navigation.

23 (2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide  
 24 apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with  
 25 local businesses, trades, and community organizations.

26 Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
 27 (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of  
 28 community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain  
 29 relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events,  
 30 workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based  
 31 groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive  
 1 engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ  
 2 individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide  
 3 youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist  
 4 with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

5 Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
 6 implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track  
 7 youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those  
 8 served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services,  
 9 with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the  
 10 juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

11 Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall  
 12 offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service  
 13 period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic  
 14 check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into  
 15 adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

16 Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment  
 17 centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local  
 18 grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide  
 19 direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated  
 20 center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars annually from  
 21 the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not  
 22 available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General  
 23 Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the  
 24 Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to one  
 25 hundred thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot  
 26 program.

27 Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct  
 28 an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment  
 29 Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community  
 30 trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform  
 31 future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

1 Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 2 2024, is amended to read:

3 68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created.

4 The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to  
 5 subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

6 (2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under  
 7 subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services  
 8 addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical  
 9 Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b) providing system  
 10 improvements, (c) providing evidence-based early intervention home  
 11 visitation programs, (d) providing medical respite services, (e)  
 12 translation and interpretation services, (f) providing coverage for  
 13 continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g) providing  
 14 other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska  
 15 Prenatal Plus Program, (i) and providing grants pursuant to the

16 Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, (j) the Family  
 17 Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, and (k) beginning  
 18 on the operative date of sections 13 and 14 of this act, reimbursement of  
 19 the actual costs of providing eligible activities and services described  
 20 in section 81-2222, as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only  
 21 be used for the purposes described in this section.

22 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
 23 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
 25 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
 26 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

27 Sec. 13. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two  
 28 million dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 and two million dollars in fiscal  
 29 year 2026-27 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the  
 30 area agencies on aging for the purpose of providing additional eligible  
 31 activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. An equal amount  
 1 shall be distributed to each of the state's eight area agencies on aging.

2 Sec. 14. Section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:

4 81-2224 The department shall reimburse each designated area agency  
 5 on aging for seventy-five percent of the actual cost of providing  
 6 eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. Such  
 7 reimbursement shall be made from (1) state funds appropriated by the  
 8 Legislature, including, but not limited to, cash fund appropriations as  
 9 described in section 13 of this act, (2) federal funds allocated to the  
 10 department, including federal funds allocated under the Older Americans  
 11 Act, as now or hereafter amended, and (3) other funds as available. The  
 12 payments shall be made by the department on or before the twentieth day  
 13 of each month. If state funds appropriated, federal funds allocated, or  
 14 other funds available are insufficient to finance the department-approved  
 15 plan and budget for each designated area agency on aging, the  
 16 reimbursement to each area agency on aging shall be proportionately  
 17 reduced. If an area agency on aging chooses to exceed the budget approved  
 18 by the department, costs in excess of the approved budget shall not be  
 19 reimbursed by the department.

20 Sec. 15. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 of  
 21 this act become operative on September 1, 2025. Sections 13, 14, and 17  
 22 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment  
 23 of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become  
 24 operative on their effective date.

25 Sec. 16. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 26 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

27 Sec. 17. Original section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 28 Nebraska, is repealed.

29 Sec. 18. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 30 passed and approved according to law.

31 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "aging" in line 1 through line 6  
 1 and insert "government services; to amend section 81-2224, Reissue  
 2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes  
 3 Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for establishment of a Family  
 4 Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program; to provide powers  
 5 and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to authorize  
 6 use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund for the pilot program  
 7 and for activities and services under the Nebraska Community Aging  
 8 Services Act; to state intent regarding appropriations, disbursement, and  
 9 reimbursement; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original  
 10 sections; and to declare an emergency."

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:

[FA95](#)

On Page 1, Line 14 of AM829, strike "Affiliated" and insert "Contracted".

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM837](#), found on page 1002, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM1007](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM837)

- 1 1. On page 60, line 29, after the period insert "All penalties
- 2 collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State
- 3 Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of
- 4 the Constitution of Nebraska."

Senator Dungan requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:

[AM1010](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Sec. 26. Sections 26 to 30 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Parental Rights in Social Media Act.
- 5 Sec. 27. For purposes of the Parental Rights in Social Media Act:
- 6 (1) Account holder means a person who, on or after the operative
- 7 date of this section, creates an account or profile on a social media
- 8 platform;
- 9 (2)(a) Content includes a text, an image, or a video.
- 10 (b) Content does not include an interactive game or any form of
- 11 educational entertainment;
- 12 (3) Digitized identification card means a data file that contains
- 13 all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a government-
- 14 issued operator's license or government-issued identification document
- 15 and displays the current status of the license or document;
- 16 (4)(a) Interactive computer service means an information service as
- 17 defined in 47 U.S.C. 153, an information system, or an information access
- 18 software that:
- 19 (i) Provides or enables access by multiple users to a computer
- 20 server; and
- 21 (ii) Provides access to the Internet.
- 22 (b) An interactive computer service includes an Internet service, an
- 23 Internet system, an Internet application, an Internet portal, and a
- 24 website;
- 25 (5) Minor means an individual who is:
- 26 (a) Known or reasonably believed by a social media platform to be
- 27 under eighteen years of age;

1 (b) Not emancipated; and  
2 (c) A resident of this state;  
3 (6) Parent means the parent or legal guardian of a minor;  
4 (7) Person means an individual or entity;  
5 (8) Post means content that an account holder makes available on a  
6 social media platform for other account holders and users to view;  
7 (9) Reasonable age verification method includes requiring  
8 presentation of a digitized identification card or any commercially  
9 reasonable age verification method to confirm an individual's age;  
10 (10) Social media company means a person that is an interactive  
11 computer service and that provides a social media platform;  
12 (11)(a) Social media platform means a website or Internet  
13 application that:  
14 (i) Allows a person to create an account; and  
15 (ii) Enables an account holder to communicate with other account  
16 holders and users through posts.  
17 (b) Social media platform does not include:  
18 (i) A broadband Internet access service, as defined in 47 C.F.R.  
19 8.1(b);  
20 (ii) An email service;  
21 (iii) An Internet service, Internet application, or website;  
22 (A) That consists primarily of content that is not generated by  
23 account holders, but rather is preselected by the service, application,  
24 or website provider; and  
25 (B) For which interactive functionality is incidental to, directly  
26 related to, or dependent upon, such preselected content;  
27 (iv) Online shopping, if the interaction with other account holders  
28 or users is predominantly limited to the ability to (A) send, receive,  
29 request, or settle funds, (B) comment on transactions, (C) display goods  
30 for sale, (D) engage as consumers about products and reviews, or (E) post  
31 a wish list;  
1 (v) An Internet service, Internet application, or website that  
2 primarily provides career development opportunities;  
3 (vi) A cloud storage or cloud computing service;  
4 (vii) An online service, application, or website in which  
5 interaction between users is predominately (A) used for technical support  
6 or (B) limited to reviewing products offered for sale by means of  
7 electronic commerce or commenting on such reviews posted by other users;  
8 or  
9 (viii) Peer-to-peer payment platforms, if the interaction with other  
10 users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to send,  
11 receive, or request funds and to like or comment on such transactions, or  
12 other functions that are focused on sending, receiving, requesting, or  
13 settling payments between users or account holders; and  
14 (12) User means a person who consumes posts on a social media  
15 platform but who is not an account holder.  
16 Sec. 28. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this  
17 section, a social media company shall not permit a minor to become an  
18 account holder. A social media platform shall use a reasonable age  
19 verification method to verify the age of an individual seeking to become  
20 an account holder on the company's social media platform. A social media  
21 company may use a third-party vendor to perform such verification.  
22 (b) A social media company or third-party vendor conducting such  
23 verification shall not retain any identifying information of an  
24 individual after verification is complete.  
25 (2) A social media company may allow a minor to become an account  
26 holder if the parent of such minor provides express parental consent  
27 authorizing such minor to become an account holder. A social media  
28 company or third-party vendor shall verify the express parental consent  
29 which shall include:

30 (a) Age verification of the parent through a reasonable age  
 31 verification method; and  
 1 (b) An oath, affirmation, or form signed by the parent and returned  
 2 to the social media company or third-party vendor by common carrier,  
 3 facsimile, or electronic scan stating that the consenting adult is the  
 4 minor user's parent and authorizes such minor to become an account  
 5 holder.  
 6 (3)(a) Once age and parental consent, if applicable, are verified,  
 7 the social media company may permit the minor to become an account  
 8 holder. Reverification of an account holder is not required unless  
 9 parental consent is revoked by a parent.  
 10 (b) A social media company shall develop a method for a parent to  
 11 revoke consent for a minor to be an account holder. If consent is  
 12 revoked, a social media company shall remove the account of such parent's  
 13 minor and prohibit such minor from becoming an account holder until  
 14 additional express parental consent is provided.  
 15 (4) A social media company shall provide a parent of a minor account  
 16 holder with methods for the parent to supervise the minor's account. Such  
 17 methods shall include options for the parent to:  
 18 (a) View all posts the minor account holder makes under the social  
 19 media platform account;  
 20 (b) View all responses and messages sent to or by the minor account  
 21 holder in the social media platform account;  
 22 (c) Control the minor's privacy and account settings; and  
 23 (d) Monitor and limit the amount of time the minor account holder  
 24 spends using the social media platform.  
 25 Sec. 29. (1) A person aggrieved by a violation of section 28 of  
 26 this act may bring a civil action against the social media company or  
 27 third-party vendor which engaged in the violation to recover such relief  
 28 as may be appropriate.  
 29 (2) In an action under this section, appropriate relief includes:  
 30 (a) Such preliminary and other equitable or declaratory relief as  
 31 may be appropriate;  
 1 (b) Damages under subsection (3) of this section; and  
 2 (c) At the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney's fees and  
 3 other litigation costs reasonably incurred.  
 4 (3)(a) An individual whose information was retained in violation of  
 5 subdivision (1)(b) of section 28 of this act may recover actual damages  
 6 caused by such violation.  
 7 (b) A minor or a parent of such minor aggrieved by any other  
 8 violation of section 28 of this act may recover actual damages caused by  
 9 such violation.  
 10 Sec. 30. The Attorney General shall enforce the Parental Rights in  
 11 Social Media Act and may impose a penalty of up to two thousand five  
 12 hundred dollars per violation.  
 13 Sec. 31. Sections 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 of this act become  
 14 operative on January 1, 2026. The other sections of this act become  
 15 operative on their effective date.  
 16 Sec. 32. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 17 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
 18 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM1009](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM1010](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [AM1007](#), found in this day's Journal, to the first committee amendment.

Senator Hunt offered the following motion:

[MO159](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Storer moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 3 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Hunt motion to bracket failed with 4 ayes, 26 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

#### **WITHDRAW - Motions to LB650**

Senator von Gillern withdrew the following motions:

[MO153](#), found on page 1013, to Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO154](#), found on page 1013, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO155](#), found on page 1013, to Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO156](#), found on page 1013, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.

[MO157](#), found on page 1013, to Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

#### **WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB650**

Senator von Gillern withdrew the following amendments:

[FA84](#), found on page 1014

[FA85](#), found on page 1014

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM904](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13CA.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to [LB288](#):

[AM968](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 9. Section 58-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:



4 58-708 (1) During each calendar year in which funds are available  
5 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for use by the Department of  
6 Economic Development, the department shall make its best efforts to  
7 allocate not less than thirty percent of such funds to each congressional  
8 district. The department shall announce a grant and loan application  
9 period of at least ninety days duration for all projects. Before a grant  
10 application for any new construction project can be submitted to the  
11 department, the land for the project shall be identified. In selecting  
12 projects to receive trust fund assistance, the department shall develop a  
13 qualified allocation plan and give first priority to financially viable  
14 projects that serve the lowest income occupants for the longest period of  
15 time. The qualified allocation plan shall:  
16 (a) Set forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing  
17 priorities of the housing trust fund which are appropriate to local  
18 conditions, including the community's immediate need for affordable  
19 housing, proposed increases in home ownership, private dollars leveraged,  
20 level of local government support and participation, and repayment, in  
21 part or in whole, of financial assistance awarded by the fund; and  
22 (b) Give first priority in allocating trust fund assistance among  
23 selected projects to those projects which are located in whole or in part  
24 within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act  
25 or an opportunity zone designated pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and  
26 Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97, serve the lowest income occupant, are  
1 located in an area that has been declared an extremely blighted area  
2 under section 18-2101.02, and are obligated to serve qualified occupants  
3 for the longest period of time.  
4 (2) Beginning on July 1, 2026:  
5 (a) The Department of Economic Development shall disburse grant  
6 funds to a qualified recipient equal to eighty percent of the housing  
7 development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration  
8 costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and  
9 technical assistance costs, once the department approves such recipient  
10 for grant funds; and  
11 (b) The department shall disburse grant funds to a qualified  
12 recipient equal to twenty percent of the housing development costs of  
13 such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing  
14 management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance  
15 costs, upon the completion of the project.  
16 (3)(a) Beginning on the operative date of this act, a qualified  
17 recipient shall submit to the Department of Economic Development a  
18 schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities on a quarterly basis,  
19 no later than thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, during  
20 the time of performance under the award agreement.  
21 (b) The schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities shall  
22 include an itemization of costs for eligible activities. If reasonable,  
23 the department may require source documentation and proof of payment,  
24 including, but not limited to, a paid invoice, completed payment, or  
25 cleared check, to be submitted with the schedule as evidence of  
26 appropriate use of funds. Qualified recipients shall ensure proper use of  
27 funds. The department is not responsible for the audit or approval of  
28 each of the qualified recipient's transactions involving funds.  
29 (c) The department may initiate any of the following actions if a  
30 qualified recipient does not submit a schedule of uses of funds for  
31 eligible activities:  
1 (i) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending  
2 applications for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;  
3 (ii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending  
4 applications for other department programs;  
5 (iii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient as an eligible  
6 applicant for Affordable Housing Trust Fund applications for up to

7 twenty-four months from the date of the department action; or  
 8 (iv) Other actions deemed necessary by the department to meet the  
 9 department's responsibility to ensure proper use of funds so long as such  
 10 actions do not unduly harm a qualified recipient's reputation and ability  
 11 to successfully operate in Nebraska. This subdivision does not prohibit  
 12 the department from taking appropriate actions against qualified  
 13 recipients that have committed illegal actions, such as fraud and theft.  
 14 ~~(4)(2)~~ The Department of Economic Development ~~department~~ shall fund  
 15 in order of priority as many applications as will utilize available funds  
 16 less actual administrative costs of the department in administering the  
 17 program. In administering the program the department may contract for  
 18 services or directly provide funds to other governmental entities or  
 19 instrumentalities.

20 ~~(5)(a)(3)~~ The Department of Economic Development ~~department~~ may  
 21 recapture any funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an  
 22 eligible project through an award agreement if such funds were not  
 23 utilized for eligible costs within the time of performance under the  
 24 agreement and are therefor no longer obligated to the project.  
 25 (b) Upon completion of a project, the department shall recapture a  
 26 percentage of the funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for  
 27 an eligible project through an award agreement equal to the percentage of  
 28 the housing development the qualified recipient agreed to construct under  
 29 the award agreement but failed to complete. Any funds recaptured under  
 30 this subdivision shall be credited to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.  
 31 (c) A qualified recipient shall recapture any funds allocated to  
 1 such recipient from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that are provided  
 2 to a homebuyer by the recipient as financial assistance for the purchase  
 3 of a home upon sale of such home from the net proceeds of such sale, if  
 4 any.

5 ~~The recaptured funds shall be credited to the Affordable Housing~~  
 6 ~~Trust Fund.~~

7 Sec. 10. Section 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 8 amended to read:

9 58-711 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall submit, as  
 10 part of the department's annual status report under section 81-1201.11,  
 11 the following information regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund:  
 12 (a) The applications funded during the previous calendar year; (b) the  
 13 applications funded in previous years; (c) the identity of the  
 14 organizations receiving funds; (d) the location of each project; (e) the  
 15 amount of funding provided to each project; (f) the amount of funding  
 16 leveraged as a result of each project; (g) the number of units of housing  
 17 created by each project and the occupancy rate; (h) the expected cost of  
 18 rent or monthly payment of those units; (i) the projected number of new  
 19 employees and community investment as a result of each project; (j) the  
 20 amount of revenue deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund  
 21 pursuant to section 76-903; (k) the total amount of funds for which  
 22 applications were received during the previous calendar year, the year-  
 23 end fund balance, and, if all available funds have not been committed, an  
 24 explanation of the reasons why all such funds have not been so committed;  
 25 (l) the amount of appropriated funds actually expended by the department  
 26 for the previous calendar year; (m) the department's current budget for  
 27 administration of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the  
 28 department's planned use and distribution of funds, ~~including details on~~  
 29 ~~the amount of funds to be expended on projects and the amount of funds to~~  
 30 ~~be expended by the department for administrative purposes; and (n)~~  
 31 ~~project summaries, including the applicant municipality, project~~  
 1 ~~description, and grant amount requested, amount and type of matching~~  
 2 ~~funds, and reasons for approval or denial for every application seeking~~  
 3 ~~funds during the previous calendar year.~~  
 4 (2) The status report shall contain no information that is protected

5 by state or federal confidentiality laws.  
 6 Sec. 16. Sections 9, 10, and 18 of this act become operative on  
 7 October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their  
 8 effective date.  
 9 Sec. 18. Original sections 58-708 and 58-711, Reissue Revised  
 10 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 11 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
 12 accordingly.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB650:  
AM981

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM923)

1 1. Strike sections 48 and 49 and insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 48. Section 77-3126, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 3 2024, is amended to read:  
 4 77-3126 (1) The total amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal  
 5 year under the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act shall not exceed five hundred  
 6 thousand dollars ~~in fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars in any~~  
 7 ~~fiscal year thereafter.~~  
 8 (2) The maximum allowable tax credit claimed under the act in any  
 9 single taxable year for any qualified production activity that is a full-  
 10 length film, made-for-television movie, television series of at least  
 11 five episodes, or streaming television series shall not exceed five  
 12 hundred thousand dollars ~~in fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars~~  
 13 ~~in any fiscal year thereafter.~~  
 14 Sec. 49. Section 77-3136, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 15 2024, is amended to read:  
 16 77-3136 (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or  
 17 after January 1, 2025, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
 18 amended, an eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the  
 19 income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 or any tax imposed  
 20 by sections 77-907 to 77-918 or 77-3801 to 77-3807 for qualified  
 21 shortline railroad maintenance expenditures.  
 22 (2) The credit provided in this section shall be a nonrefundable tax  
 23 credit equal to fifty percent of the qualified shortline railroad  
 24 maintenance expenditures incurred during the taxable year by the eligible  
 25 taxpayer. The amount of the credit may not exceed an amount equal to one  
 26 thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the number of miles of  
 1 railroad track owned or leased in the state by the eligible taxpayer at  
 2 the end of the taxable year.  
 3 (3) The total amount of tax credits allowed in a fiscal year under  
 4 the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act shall not exceed five  
 5 hundred thousand dollars ~~for fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars~~  
 6 ~~for any fiscal year thereafter.~~  
 7 2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the  
 8 sections added by this amendment become operative on their effective  
 9 date.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB192:  
FA96

On Page 2, Line 4 strike ", " after "possible".

FA97

On Page 3, Line 5 strike ", " after "gifts".

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB383:

[AM1016](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM837)

1 1. On page 60, line 31, strike "January" and insert "July".

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

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

Senator Ballard name added to LB80.

**WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Brandt name withdrawn from LR20CA.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students, teachers, and sponsors from Holy Family, Lindsay.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:39 a.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Colonel Walter "Thane" Baker, Air Force, Bellevue.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Raybould and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, Hansen, Hughes, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifty-ninth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)****Revenue**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 169.** Placed on General File with amendment.

**AM965**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 77-382 (1) The department shall prepare a tax expenditure report  
6 describing (a) the basic provisions of the Nebraska tax laws, (b) the  
7 actual or estimated revenue loss caused by the exemptions, deductions,  
8 exclusions, deferrals, credits, and preferential rates in effect on July  
9 1 of each year and allowed under Nebraska's tax structure and in the  
10 property tax, (c) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by failure  
11 to impose sales and use tax on services purchased for nonbusiness use,

12 and (d) the elements which make up the tax base for state and local  
13 income, including income, sales and use, property, and miscellaneous  
14 taxes.

15 (2) The department shall review the major tax exemptions for which  
16 state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to  
17 a tax expenditure. The report shall indicate an estimate of the amount of  
18 the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax  
19 expenditures. The report shall list each tax expenditure relating to  
20 sales and use tax under the following categories:

21 (a) Agriculture, which shall include a separate listing for the  
22 following items: Agricultural machinery; agricultural chemicals; seeds  
23 sold to commercial producers; water for irrigation and manufacturing;  
24 commercial artificial insemination; mineral oil as dust suppressant;  
25 animal specialty services and animal grooming services performed on  
26 livestock as defined in section 54-183grooming; oxygen for use in  
27 aquaculture; animal life whose products constitute food for human  
1 consumption; and grains;

2 (b) Business across state lines, which shall include a separate  
3 listing for the following items: Property shipped out-of-state;  
4 fabrication labor for items to be shipped out-of-state; property to be  
5 transported out-of-state; property purchased in other states to be used  
6 in Nebraska; aircraft delivery to an out-of-state resident or business;  
7 state reciprocal agreements for industrial machinery; and property taxed  
8 in another state;

9 (c) Common carrier and logistics, which shall include a separate  
10 listing for the following items: Railroad rolling stock and repair parts  
11 and services; common or contract carriers and repair parts and services;  
12 common or contract carrier accessories; and common or contract carrier  
13 safety equipment;

14 (d) Consumer goods, which shall include a separate listing for the  
15 following items: Motor vehicles and motorboat trade-ins; merchandise  
16 trade-ins; certain medical equipment and medicine; newspapers;  
17 laundromats; ~~telefloral deliveries~~; motor vehicle discounts for the  
18 disabled; and political campaign fundraisers;

19 (e) Energy, which shall include a separate listing for the following  
20 items: Motor fuels; energy used in industry; energy used in agriculture;  
21 aviation fuel; and minerals, oil, and gas severed from real property;

22 (f) Food, which shall include a separate listing for the following  
23 items: Food for home consumption; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
24 Program; school lunches; meals sold by hospitals; meals sold by  
25 institutions at a flat rate; food for the elderly, handicapped, and  
26 Supplemental Security Income recipients; and meals sold by churches;

27 (g) General business, which shall include a separate listing for the  
28 following items: Component and ingredient parts; manufacturing machinery;  
29 containers; film rentals; molds and dies; syndicated programming;  
30 intercompany sales; intercompany leases; sale of a business or farm  
31 machinery; and transfer of property in a change of business ownership;

1 (h) Lodging and shelter, which shall include a separate listing for  
2 the following item: Room rentals by certain institutions;

3 (i) Miscellaneous, which shall include a separate listing for the  
4 following items: Cash discounts and coupons; separately stated finance  
5 charges; casual sales; lease-to-purchase agreements; and separately  
6 stated taxes;

7 (j) Nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities, which shall  
8 include a separate listing for the following items: Purchases by  
9 political subdivisions of the state; purchases by churches and nonprofit  
10 colleges and medical facilities; purchasing agents for public real estate  
11 construction improvements; contractor as purchasing agent for public  
12 agencies; Nebraska lottery; admissions to school events; sales on Native  
13 American Indian reservations; school-supporting fundraisers; fine art

14 purchases by a museum; purchases by the Nebraska State Fair Board;  
 15 purchases by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and licensees of  
 16 the State Racing and Gaming Commission; purchases by the United States  
 17 Government; public records; and sales by religious organizations;  
 18 (k) Recent sales tax expenditures, which shall include a separate  
 19 listing for each sales tax expenditure created by statute or rule and  
 20 regulation after July 19, 2012;

21 (l) Services purchased for nonbusiness use, which shall include a  
 22 separate listing for each such service, including, but not limited to,  
 23 the following items: Motor vehicle cleaning, maintenance, and repair  
 24 services; ~~cleaning and repair of clothing~~; cleaning, maintenance, and  
 25 repair of other tangible personal property; maintenance, painting, and  
 26 repair of real property; entertainment admissions; ~~hair care and hair~~  
 27 ~~removal~~ ~~personal care~~ services; lawn care, gardening, and landscaping  
 28 services; ~~veterinary~~ ~~pet-related~~ services; storage and moving services;  
 29 household utilities; other personal services; ~~taxi, limousine, and other~~  
 30 ~~transportation~~ services; legal services; accounting services; other  
 31 professional services; and other real estate services; and

1 (m) Telecommunications, which shall include a separate listing for  
 2 the following items: Telecommunications access charges; prepaid calling  
 3 arrangements; conference bridging services; and nonvoice data services.

4 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in the Tax  
 5 Expenditure Reporting Act shall cause the valuation or assessment of any  
 6 property exempt from taxation on the basis of its use exclusively for  
 7 religious, educational, or charitable purposes.

8 Sec. 2. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 9 2024, is amended to read:

10 77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling  
 11 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner  
 12 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all  
 13 other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift,  
 14 or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows:

15 (a) On each package of cigarettes intended to be burned which  
 16 contains not more than twenty cigarettes, one dollar and  
 17 thirty-six cents per package; and on packages containing more  
 18 than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing  
 19 not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each  
 20 package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty  
 21 cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each  
 22 package; or-

23 (b) On each package of cigarettes intended to be heated which  
 24 contains not more than twenty cigarettes, thirty-two cents per package;  
 25 and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as  
 26 provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the  
 27 first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the  
 28 tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty  
 29 cigarettes in each package.

30 (2) Beginning July 1, 2025~~October 1, 2004~~, the State Treasurer shall  
 31 place the equivalent of ~~one dollar and eighteen~~ ~~forty-nine~~ cents of  
 1 ~~the~~ ~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section in the  
 2 General Fund. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified  
 3 number of cents of the tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this  
 4 section shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the  
 5 specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes  
 6 containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

7 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of  
 8 ~~the~~ ~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section as follows:

9 (a) Beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place the  
 10 equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation  
 11 Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after

12 FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than  
13 the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money  
14 needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the  
15 FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;  
16 (b) Beginning July 1, ~~2025~~1993, the State Treasurer shall place the  
17 equivalent of ~~six~~three cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services  
18 Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year  
19 distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this  
20 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this  
21 subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount  
22 distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce  
23 the distribution to the General Fund;  
24 (c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes  
25 of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State  
26 Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the  
27 Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision  
28 shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for  
29 FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this  
30 subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the  
31 General Fund;  
1 (d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the  
2 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred  
3 twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety  
4 Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall  
5 reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to  
6 subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the  
7 distribution pursuant to this subdivision; and  
8 (e) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the  
9 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred  
10 fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.  
11 If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax  
12 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section  
13 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this  
14 subdivision.  
15 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of ~~the~~such tax imposed under  
16 subdivision (1)(a) of this section pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of  
17 this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall  
18 place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.  
19 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects  
20 funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical  
21 importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature  
22 that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such  
23 fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the  
24 construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects  
25 funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any  
26 reductions in the cigarette tax rate imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of  
27 this section that are made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously  
28 accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount dedicated to the  
29 General Fund from such cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the  
30 Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax imposed  
31 under subdivision (1)(a) of this section for projects or programs other  
1 than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation  
2 Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d)  
3 the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (e) the Nebraska Public Safety  
4 Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) the Nebraska Health Care Cash  
5 Fund shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any  
6 of the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (f) of  
7 this subsection.  
8 (6) Beginning July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer shall place all of  
9 the cigarette tax revenue received pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this



10 section in the General Fund.

11 Sec. 3. Section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 77-2701.16 (1) Gross receipts means the total amount of the sale or  
14 lease or rental price, as the case may be, of the retail sales of  
15 retailers.

16 (2) Gross receipts of every person engaged as a public utility  
17 specified in this subsection, as a community antenna television service  
18 operator, or as a satellite service operator or any person involved in  
19 connecting and installing services defined in subdivision (2)(a), (b), or  
20 (d) of this section means:

21 (a)(i) In the furnishing of telephone communication service, other  
22 than mobile telecommunications service as described in section  
23 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing ancillary services,  
24 except for conference bridging services, and intrastate  
25 telecommunications services, except for value-added, nonvoice data  
26 service.

27 (ii) In the furnishing of mobile telecommunications service as  
28 described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from  
29 furnishing mobile telecommunications service that originates and  
30 terminates in the same state to a customer with a place of primary use in  
31 Nebraska;

1 (b) In the furnishing of telegraph service, the gross income  
2 received from the furnishing of intrastate telegraph services;

3 (c)(i) In the furnishing of gas, sewer, water, and electricity  
4 service, other than electricity service to a customer-generator as  
5 defined in section 70-2002, the gross income received from the furnishing  
6 of such services upon billings or statements rendered to consumers for  
7 such utility services.

8 (ii) In the furnishing of electricity service to a customer-  
9 generator as defined in section 70-2002, the net energy use upon billings  
10 or statements rendered to customer-generators for such electricity  
11 service;

12 (d) In the furnishing of community antenna television service or  
13 satellite service, the gross income received from the furnishing of such  
14 community antenna television service as regulated under sections 18-2201  
15 to 18-2205 or 23-383 to 23-388 or satellite service; and

16 (e) The gross income received from the provision, installation,  
17 construction, servicing, or removal of property used in conjunction with  
18 the furnishing, installing, or connecting of any public utility services  
19 specified in subdivision (2)(a) or (b) of this section or community  
20 antenna television service or satellite service specified in subdivision  
21 (2)(d) of this section, except when acting as a subcontractor for a  
22 public utility, this subdivision does not apply to the gross income  
23 received by a contractor electing to be treated as a consumer of building  
24 materials under subdivision (2) or (3) of section 77-2701.10 for any such  
25 services performed on the customer's side of the utility demarcation  
26 point. This subdivision also does not apply to:

27 (i) The gross income received by a political subdivision of the  
28 state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association for  
29 the lease or use of, or by a contractor for the construction of or  
30 services provided on, electric generation, transmission, distribution, or  
31 street lighting structures or facilities owned by a political subdivision  
1 of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership  
2 association; or

3 (ii) The gross income received for the lease or use of towers or  
4 other structures primarily used in conjunction with the furnishing of (A)  
5 Internet access services, (B) agricultural global positioning system  
6 locating services, or (C) over-the-air radio and television broadcasting  
7 licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, including antennas and

8 studio transmitter link systems. For purposes of this subdivision, studio  
9 transmitter link system means a system which serves as a conduit to  
10 deliver audio from its origin in a studio to a broadcast transmitter.  
11 (3) Gross receipts of every person engaged in selling, leasing, or  
12 otherwise providing intellectual or entertainment property means:  
13 (a) In the furnishing of computer software, the gross income  
14 received, including the charges for coding, punching, or otherwise  
15 producing any computer software and the charges for the tapes, disks,  
16 punched cards, or other properties furnished by the seller; and  
17 (b) In the furnishing of videotapes, movie film, satellite  
18 programming, satellite programming service, and satellite television  
19 signal descrambling or decoding devices, the gross income received from  
20 the license, franchise, or other method establishing the charge.  
21 (4) Gross receipts for providing a service means:  
22 (a) The gross income received for building cleaning and maintenance,  
23 pest control, and security;  
24 (b) The gross income received for motor vehicle washing, waxing,  
25 towing, and painting;  
26 (c) The gross income received for computer software training;  
27 (d) The gross income received for installing and applying tangible  
28 personal property if the sale of the property is subject to tax. If any  
29 or all of the charge for installation is free to the customer and is paid  
30 by a third-party service provider to the installer, any tax due on that  
31 part of the activation commission, finder's fee, installation charge, or  
1 similar payment made by the third-party service provider shall be paid  
2 and remitted by the third-party service provider;  
3 (e) The gross income received for services of recreational vehicle  
4 parks;  
5 (f) The gross income received for labor for repair or maintenance  
6 services performed with regard to tangible personal property the sale of  
7 which would be subject to sales and use taxes, excluding motor vehicles,  
8 except as otherwise provided in section 77-2704.26 or 77-2704.50;  
9 (g) The gross income received for animal specialty services and  
10 animal grooming services except for (i) veterinary services; and (ii)  
11 animal specialty services or animal grooming services performed on  
12 livestock as defined in section 54-183; and (iii) animal grooming  
13 performed by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician  
14 in conjunction with medical treatment; and  
15 (h) The gross income received for detective services;  
16 (i) The gross income received for providing chartered flights;  
17 (j) The gross income received for the cleaning of clothing,  
18 excluding any amounts exempt pursuant to section 77-2704.14;  
19 (k) The gross income received for dating services;  
20 (l) The gross income received for interior design and decorating  
21 services;  
22 (m) The gross income received for lobbying services;  
23 (n) The gross income received for local passenger transportation by  
24 chartered road vehicles, including limousines and similar luxury  
25 vehicles;  
26 (o) The gross income received for telemarketing services;  
27 (p) The gross income received for massage services, except for any  
28 such services that are part of a course of medical treatment or are  
29 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed massage  
30 therapist and in a licensed massage therapy establishment or other  
31 location specifically permitted in the Massage Therapy Practice Act;  
1 (q) The gross income received for nail care services;  
2 (r) The gross income received for personal instruction services for  
3 dance, golf, or tennis;  
4 (s) The gross income received for sightseeing services by ground  
5 vehicles;

6 (t) The gross income received for skin care services, except for any  
7 such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are  
8 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care  
9 practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;  
10 (u) The gross income received for swimming pool cleaning and  
11 maintenance services;  
12 (v) The gross income received for tattoo and body modification  
13 services, except for any such services that are part of a course of  
14 medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of  
15 a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care  
16 facility;  
17 (w) The gross income received for telefloral delivery services,  
18 defined as amounts received by florists in this state who make deliveries  
19 in this state pursuant to instructions received from florists in other  
20 states;  
21 (x) The gross income received for travel agency services; and  
22 (y) The gross income received for weight loss services, except for  
23 any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are  
24 provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care  
25 practitioner or in a licensed health care facility.  
26 (5) Gross receipts includes the sale of admissions. When an  
27 admission to an activity or a membership constituting an admission is  
28 combined with the solicitation of a contribution, the portion or the  
29 amount charged representing the fair market price of the admission shall  
30 be considered a retail sale subject to the tax imposed by section  
31 77-2703. The organization conducting the activity shall determine the  
1 amount properly attributable to the purchase of the privilege, benefit,  
2 or other consideration in advance, and such amount shall be clearly  
3 indicated on any ticket, receipt, or other evidence issued in connection  
4 with the payment.  
5 (6) Gross receipts includes the sale of live plants incorporated  
6 into real estate except when such incorporation is incidental to the  
7 transfer of an improvement upon real estate or the real estate.  
8 (7) Gross receipts includes the sale of any building materials  
9 annexed to real estate by a person electing to be taxed as a retailer  
10 pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10.  
11 (8) Gross receipts includes the sale of and recharge of prepaid  
12 calling service and prepaid wireless calling service.  
13 (9) Gross receipts includes the retail sale of digital audio works,  
14 digital audiovisual works, digital codes, and digital books delivered  
15 electronically if the products are taxable when delivered on tangible  
16 storage media. A sale includes the transfer of a permanent right of use,  
17 the transfer of a right of use that terminates on some condition, and the  
18 transfer of a right of use conditioned upon the receipt of continued  
19 payments.  
20 (10) Gross receipts includes any receipts from sales of tangible  
21 personal property made over a multivendor marketplace platform that acts  
22 as the intermediary by facilitating sales between a seller and the  
23 purchaser and that, either directly or indirectly through agreements or  
24 arrangements with third parties, collects payment from the purchaser and  
25 transmits payment to the seller.  
26 (11) Gross receipts does not include:  
27 (a) The amount of any rebate granted by a motor vehicle or motorboat  
28 manufacturer or dealer at the time of sale of the motor vehicle or  
29 motorboat, which rebate functions as a discount from the sales price of  
30 the motor vehicle or motorboat; or  
31 (b) The price of property or services returned or rejected by  
1 customers when the full sales price is refunded either in cash or credit.  
2 Sec. 4. Section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 81-638 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the  
5 Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human  
6 Services Cash Fund to the department an amount derived from ~~two cents~~  
7 ~~cent~~ of the cigarette tax imposed ~~under subdivision (1)(a) of~~ section  
8 77-2602, less any amount appropriated from the fund specifically to the  
9 University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied  
10 Diseases. The department shall, after deducting expenses incurred in the  
11 administration of such funds, distribute such funds exclusively for  
12 grants and contracts for research of cancer and smoking diseases, for  
13 funding the cancer registry prescribed in sections 81-642 to 81-650, and  
14 for associated expenses due to the establishment and maintenance of such  
15 cancer registry. Not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be  
16 appropriated for funding the cancer registry and associated expenses. The  
17 University of Nebraska may receive such grants and contracts, and other  
18 postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in the  
19 State of Nebraska may receive such contracts.

20 (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall  
21 appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to  
22 the department for cancer research an amount derived from ~~four~~two cents  
23 of the cigarette tax imposed ~~under subdivision (1)(a) of~~ section  
24 77-2602 to be used exclusively for grants and contracts for research on  
25 cancer and smoking diseases. No amount shall be appropriated or used  
26 pursuant to this subsection for the operation and associated expenses of  
27 the cancer registry. Not more than one-half of the funds appropriated  
28 pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the University of  
29 Nebraska Medical Center for research in cancer and allied diseases and  
30 the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and  
31 Allied Diseases. The remaining funds available pursuant to this  
1 subsection shall be distributed for contracts with other postsecondary  
2 educational institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska  
3 which have cancer research programs for the purpose of conducting  
4 research in cancer and allied diseases.

5 (3) Any contract between the department and another postsecondary  
6 educational institution for cancer research under subsection (2) of this  
7 section shall provide that:

8 (a) Any money appropriated for such contract shall only be used for  
9 cancer research and shall not be used to support any other program in the  
10 institution;

11 (b) Full and detailed reporting of the expenditure of all funds  
12 under the contract is required. The report shall include, but not be  
13 limited to, separate accounting for personal services, equipment  
14 purchases or leases, and supplies. Such reports shall be made available  
15 electronically to the Legislature; and

16 (c) No money appropriated for such contract shall be spent for  
17 travel, building construction, or any other purpose not directly related  
18 to the research that is the subject of the contract.

19 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from  
20 the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before  
21 June 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the  
22 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of  
23 Administrative Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the  
24 transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to  
25 the Cancer Research subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund  
26 which were in excess of appropriations established in subsections (1) and  
27 (2) of this section.

28 Sec. 5. Sections 2, 4, and 6 of this act become operative on July  
29 1, 2025. Sections 1, 3, and 7 of this act become operative on October 1,  
30 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective  
31 date.

1 Sec. 6. Original section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of

2 Nebraska, and section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, are repealed.  
4 Sec. 7. Original sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes  
5 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.  
6 Sec. 8. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
7 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

## 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 10, 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

Dukette, Aaron  
U.S. Term Limits  
Gibbs, Patrick  
SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks  
Schwend, Adam  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America (Withdrawn 04/04/2025)  
Stopak, Kenneth  
Kenneth Stopak  
Wayne, Justin  
Nebraska Democratic Party

## GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:

[MO160](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator von Gillern opened on his bill, LB650.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM923](#), found on page 1046, was offered.

Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:

[MO161](#)

Bracket until June 10, 2025.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to bracket until June 10, 2025.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:

[MO162](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM981](#), found on page 1075, to the committee amendment.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST18](#)

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

1. In the Murman amendment, AM803, on page 1, line 2, "first" has been inserted after "the".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST16](#)

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

1. In lieu of the J. Cavanaugh amendment, FA87, in the Bosn amendment, AM856, on page 9, line 23, "All penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska." has been inserted after the underscored period.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Storm filed the following motions to LB677:

[MO163](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO164](#)

Recommit to the General Affairs Committee.

[MO165](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB89:

[AM1024](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM701)

1 1. Strike section 1.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senator Hallstrom has filed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statement is on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Health and Human Services

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

DHHS briefing on Community Services Block Grant/Shannon Grotrian  
(cancel)

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

DHHS Hearing on Community Services Block Grant State Plan

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Committee [AM923](#), found on page 1046 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator von Gillern renewed [AM981](#), found on page 1075 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM1020](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM923)

- 1 1. Strike sections 36 and 63 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 38. Section 77-2706.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 77-2706.02 (1) This section applies on and after July 1, 2026.
- 5 (2) The appointment of purchasing agents shall be recognized for the
- 6 purpose of permitting a construction contractor to purchase materials tax
- 7 free based on the buyer-based exemption of the contractor's client for
- 8 items that are physically annexed to the structure and which subsequently
- 9 belong to the client who is eligible for the buyer-based exemption. The
- 10 appointment of purchasing agents shall be in writing and occur prior to
- 11 having any buyer-based tax-exempt items annexed to real estate in the
- 12 construction, improvement, or repair. The contractor who has been
- 13 appointed as a purchasing agent may purchase the materials tax free or
- 14 may apply for a refund of or use as a credit against a future use tax
- 15 liability the tax paid on inventory items annexed to real estate in the
- 16 construction, improvement, or repair of a project that belongs to the
- 17 client who is eligible for the buyer-based exemption.
- 18 (3) A client described in subsection (2) of this section which
- 19 enters into a contract of construction, improvement, or repair with
- 20 respect to buyer-based tax-exempt items annexed to real estate without
- 21 first issuing a purchasing agent authorization to a construction
- 22 contractor prior to such items being annexed to real estate in the
- 23 project may apply to the Tax Commissioner for a refund of any sales and
- 24 use tax paid by the contractor on such items physically annexed to real
- 25 estate in the construction, improvement, or repair.
- 26 (4) For purposes of this section, client means a nonprofit entity.
- 1 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.
- 2 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
- 3 section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM690](#), found on page 810.

The von Gillern amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** The first committee amendment, [AM1010](#), found and considered on pages 1069, was renewed.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [AM1007](#), found on page 1069 and considered on pages 1069 and 1072, to the first committee amendment.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to the first committee amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The first committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The second committee amendment, [AM1009](#), found on page 1071, was offered.

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

Senator Storer offered [AM1016](#), found on page 1076.

The Storer amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to [LB382](#):  
[AM999](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER35)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created.
- 6 The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to
- 7 subdivision (3) of section 68-995.
- 8 (2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under
- 9 subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services
- 10 addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical
- 11 Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b) ~~providing~~ system
- 12 improvements, (c) ~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home
- 13 visitation programs, (d) ~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e)
- 14 translation and interpretation services, (f) ~~providing~~ coverage for
- 15 continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g) ~~providing~~
- 16 other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska
- 17 Prenatal Plus Program, (i) ~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the
- 18 Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j)
- 19 reimbursement of the actual costs of providing eligible activities and
- 20 services described in section 81-2222, as determined by the Legislature.
- 21 The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.

22 (3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested  
 23 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 24 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning  
 25 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the  
 26 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.  
 1 Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two  
 2 million dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 and two million dollars in fiscal  
 3 year 2026-27 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the  
 4 area agencies on aging for the purpose of providing additional eligible  
 5 activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. An equal amount  
 6 shall be distributed to each of the state's eight area agencies on aging.  
 7 Sec. 3. Section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 8 amended to read:  
 9 81-2224 The department shall reimburse each designated area agency  
 10 on aging for seventy-five percent of the actual cost of providing  
 11 eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. Such  
 12 reimbursement shall be made from (1) state funds appropriated by the  
 13 Legislature, including, but not limited to, cash fund appropriations as  
 14 described in section 2 of this act, (2) federal funds allocated to the  
 15 department, including federal funds allocated under the Older Americans  
 16 Act, as now or hereafter amended, and (3) other funds as available. The  
 17 payments shall be made by the department on or before the twentieth day  
 18 of each month. If state funds appropriated, federal funds allocated, or  
 19 other funds available are insufficient to finance the department-approved  
 20 plan and budget for each designated area agency on aging, the  
 21 reimbursement to each area agency on aging shall be proportionately  
 22 reduced. If an area agency on aging chooses to exceed the budget approved  
 23 by the department, costs in excess of the approved budget shall not be  
 24 reimbursed by the department.  
 25 Sec. 4. Original section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 26 Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 27 2024, are repealed.

### RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 116.** Introduced by McKeon, 41;  
 Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Hardin, 48;  
 Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33;  
 Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23;  
 Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center is celebrating fifty years of  
 service through a series of parties every fifteenth day of the month leading  
 up to August 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the nonprofit began with a group at the Grand  
 Manor and eventually moved its operations to its current location on Main  
 Street; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center has been serving the community  
 by providing activities, meals, and a space for sharing stories of Ravenna's  
 past; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the volunteers that serve daily meals and deliver to  
 those who are home bound, the center is still a hotspot for conversation and  
 camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center is a hub of history, specifically  
 stories discovered through quilts by Gwen Stengel; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center's dedication to the community deserves recognition and celebration.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ravenna Senior Center on fifty years of service to the community.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ravenna Senior Center.

Laid over.

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

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB417.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Colonel Thane Baker, Bellevue; Catherine Nicholson, Bellevue; Maddie Fraser, La Vista; students from Newell Elementary, Grand Island; students from First Baptist School, Plattsmouth; students and teachers from Schlegel Center for Service and Justice at Creighton University, Omaha; former Senator Mike Gloor, Grand Island; students from Walnut Creek Elementary, Papillion; Ashley DuBray, Lincoln; Mikey Egger and his son, Mikey, Arizona.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 12:48 p.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**SIXTY-FIRST DAY - APRIL 14, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Jensen, Geneva Evangelical Free Church, Geneva.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Strommen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Hardin, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused; and Senators M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Holdcroft, Hunt, Meyer, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixtieth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 117.** Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, The Copic Humanitarian Award is presented annually by the Nebraska Medical Association and Copic Insurance to a physician who demonstrates meaningful work in improving healthcare in their local community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Melvin Campbell earned the 2024 Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell is a lifelong Nebraskan, residing in Ainsworth, and has spent his career as an internal medicine physician dedicated to providing care to his community by acting as the sole provider for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell's career includes service with the United States Public Health Service, the Indian Health Service Branch, and the Ainsworth Family Clinic, where he practiced from August of 1978 to June of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell has held several notable positions including Chief of Staff at Brown County Hospital, Medical Director of the Brown County and Keya Paha County Ambulance Associations, and the Ainsworth Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell was one of few internists in the state to deliver babies, performing over five hundred deliveries, and at times covering the emergency room at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell chose Brown County Hospital Auxiliary to receive the ten thousand dollar donation associated with the award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dr. Melvin Campbell as recipient of the 2024 Copic Humanitarian Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Melvin Campbell.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 105, 106, and 107 were adopted.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 105, 106, and 107.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:

[MO166](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bostar opened on his resolution, LR20CA.

Senator von Gillern opened on his motion, MO166.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

No objections. So ordered.

Read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 16 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM801](#), found on page 1002, was offered.

Senator Dungan offered [FA89](#), found on page 1033, to the committee amendment.

The Dungan amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Dungan withdrew [FA90](#), found on page 1033, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Storer offered [FA44](#), found on page 823.

The Storer amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 669.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB382](#):

[MO167](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO168](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

[MO169](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO170](#)

Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to [LB80](#):

[FA98](#)

In AM801, strike the comma on page 1, line 22 after "28-311.08".

[FA99](#)

In AM801, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 after the word "municipalities".

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Electrical Lineworkers from across Nebraska; students from St. John School, Weston; students from Manchester Elementary, Omaha; students, teacher, and sponsors from North Star High School, Lincoln.

**RECESS**

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

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Hardin and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Clements, Conrad, Dorn, Lippincott, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Senator Spivey offered [MO87](#), found on page 799, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hansen opened on his bill, LB632.

Senator Spivey opened on her motion, MO87.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Pending.



**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM944](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Christensen, Roy - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health  
and Human Services  
Kelly, Debra L. - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military  
and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to [LB316](#):  
[AM628](#) is available in the Bill Room.

[FA100](#)

In AM944, Strike Section 1.

[FA101](#)

In AM944, Strike Section 2.

[FA102](#)

In AM944, Strike Section 3.

[FA103](#)

In AM944, Strike Section 4.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to [LB317](#):  
[AM1035](#)

(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".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB257:  
AM947

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER37)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 24. Section 71-1911.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 71-1911.03 (1) An applicant for a license under the Child Care  
5 Licensing Act shall provide to the department written proof of liability  
6 insurance coverage for the hours such applicant is operating and a child  
7 is in the applicant's care of at least one hundred thousand dollars per  
8 occurrence prior to issuance of the license. ~~A licensee subject to the~~  
9 ~~Child Care Licensing Act on July 1, 2014, shall obtain such liability~~  
10 ~~insurance coverage and provide written proof to the department within~~  
11 ~~thirty days after July 1, 2014.~~

12 (2) A licensee shall continue to maintain the required level of  
13 liability insurance for any time period during which a child is in the  
14 care of such licensee. Failure by a licensee to maintain the required  
15 level of liability insurance coverage shall be deemed noncompliance with  
16 the Child Care Licensing Act. If the licensee is the State of Nebraska or  
17 a political subdivision, the licensee may utilize a risk retention group  
18 or a risk management pool for purposes of providing such liability  
19 insurance coverage or may self-insure all or part of such coverage.

20 Sec. 25. Section 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
21 2024, is amended to read:

22 71-1912 (1) Before issuance of a license, the department shall  
23 investigate or cause an investigation to be made, when it deems  
24 necessary, to determine if the applicant or person in charge of the  
25 program meets or is capable of meeting the physical well-being, safety,  
26 and protection standards and the other rules and regulations of the  
1 department adopted and promulgated under the Child Care Licensing Act.  
2 The department may investigate the character of applicants and licensees,  
3 any member of the applicant's or licensee's household, and the staff and  
4 employees of programs. The department may at any time inspect or cause an  
5 inspection to be made of any place where a program is operating to  
6 determine if such program is being properly conducted.

7 (2) All inspections by the department shall be unannounced except  
8 for initial licensure visits and consultation visits. Initial licensure  
9 visits are announced visits necessary for a provisional license to be  
10 issued to a family child care home I, family child care home II, child  
11 care center, or school-age-only or preschool program. Consultation visits  
12 are announced visits made at the request of a licensee for the purpose of  
13 consulting with a department specialist on ways of improving the program.

14 (3) An unannounced inspection of any place where a program is  
15 operating shall be conducted by the department or the city, village, or  
16 county pursuant to subsection (2) of section 71-1914 at least annually  
17 for a program licensed to provide child care for fewer than thirty  
18 children and at least twice every year for a program licensed to provide  
19 child care for thirty or more children. At each unannounced inspection,  
20 the inspector shall request from the licensee, and verify, current proof  
21 of required liability insurance. If the licensee is unable to provide  
22 current proof of liability insurance or has let the required coverage  
23 lapse, the department shall notify the licensee that proof of insurance  
24 shall be provided to the department within three business days. If such  
25 proof of insurance is not provided to the department within three  
26 business days, the licensee's license shall be suspended. Licensure shall  
27 be restored upon the department's receipt and verification of current  
28 proof of the required liability insurance as provided in section  
29 71-1911.03.

30 (4) Whenever an inspection is made, the findings shall be recorded  
31 in a report designated by the department. The public shall have access to

1 the results of these inspections upon a written or oral request to the  
2 department. The request must include the name and address of the program.  
3 Additional unannounced inspections shall be performed as often as is  
4 necessary for the efficient and effective enforcement of the Child Care  
5 Licensing Act.

6 (5)(a) A person applying for a license as a child care provider or a  
7 licensed child care provider under the Child Care Licensing Act shall  
8 submit a request for a national criminal history record information check  
9 for each child care staff member, including a prospective child care  
10 staff member of the child care provider, at the applicant's or licensee's  
11 expense, as set forth in this section.

12 (b) A prospective child care staff member shall submit to a national  
13 criminal history record information check (i) prior to employment, except  
14 as otherwise permitted under 45 C.F.R. 98.43, as such regulation existed  
15 on January 1, 2019, or (ii) prior to residing in a family child care  
16 home.

17 (c) The department shall provide documentation of national criminal  
18 history record information checks which proves eligibility for  
19 employment. Such documentation shall be made available to each child care  
20 staff member or prospective child care staff member by the applicant or  
21 licensee for at least one hundred eighty days after the last day of  
22 employment or date the documentation was provided by the department,  
23 whichever is later.

24 (d) A child care staff member shall be required to undergo a  
25 national criminal history record information check not less than once  
26 during each five-year period. A child care staff member shall submit a  
27 complete set of his or her fingerprints to the Nebraska State Patrol. The  
28 Nebraska State Patrol shall transmit a copy of the child care staff  
29 member's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a  
30 national criminal history record information check. The national criminal  
31 history record information check shall include information concerning  
1 child care staff members from federal repositories of such information  
2 and repositories of such information in other states, if authorized by  
3 federal law for use by the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State  
4 Patrol shall issue a report to the department that includes the  
5 information collected from the national criminal history record  
6 information check concerning child care staff members. The department  
7 shall seek federal funds, if available, to assist child care providers  
8 and child care staff members with the costs of the fingerprinting and  
9 national criminal history record information check. If the department  
10 does not receive sufficient federal funds to assist child care providers  
11 and staff members with such costs, then the child care staff member being  
12 screened, applicant for a license, or licensee shall pay the actual cost  
13 of the fingerprinting and national criminal history record information  
14 check, except that the department may pay all or part of the cost if  
15 funding becomes available. The department and the Nebraska State Patrol  
16 may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the costs  
17 associated with the fingerprinting and the national criminal history  
18 record information check. The department may adopt and promulgate rules  
19 and regulations implementing national criminal history record information  
20 check requirements for child care providers and child care staff members.

21 (e) A child care staff member shall also submit to the following  
22 background checks at his or her expense not less than once during each  
23 five-year period:

24 (i) A search of the National Crime Information Center's National Sex  
25 Offender Registry; and

26 (ii) A search of the following registries, repositories, or  
27 databases in the state where the child care provider is located or where  
28 the child care staff member resides and each state where the child care  
29 provider was located or where the child care staff member resided during

30 the preceding five years:

31 (A) State criminal registries or repositories;

1 (B) State sex offender registries or repositories; and

2 (C) State-based child abuse and neglect registries and databases.

3 (f) Background checks shall be portable between child care  
4 providers.

5 (g) Any individual shall be ineligible for employment by a child  
6 care provider if such individual:

7 (i) Refuses to consent to the national criminal history record

8 information check or a background check described in this subsection;

9 (ii) Knowingly makes a materially false statement in connection with

10 the national criminal history record information check or a background  
11 check described in this subsection;

12 (iii) Is registered, or required to be registered, on a state sex

13 offender registry or repository or the National Sex Offender Registry; or

14 (iv) Has been convicted of a crime of violence, a crime of moral  
15 turpitude, or a crime of dishonesty.

16 (h) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations  
17 for purposes of this section.

18 (i) A child care provider shall be ineligible for a license under

19 the Child Care Licensing Act and shall be ineligible to participate in

20 the child care subsidy program if the provider employs a child care staff

21 member who is ineligible for employment under subdivisions (g) or (h) of  
22 this subsection.

23 (j) National criminal history record information and information

24 from background checks described in this subsection subject to state or

25 federal confidentiality requirements may only be used for purposes of

26 granting a child care license or approving a child care provider for

27 participation in the child care subsidy program.

28 (k) For purposes of this subsection:

29 (i) Child care provider means a child care program required to be  
30 licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act; and

31 (ii) Child care staff member means an individual who is not related

1 to all of the children for whom child care services are provided and:

2 (A) Who is employed by a child care provider for compensation,

3 including contract employees or self-employed individuals;

4 (B) Whose activities involve the care or supervision of children for

5 a child care provider or unsupervised access to children who are cared  
6 for or supervised by a child care provider; or

7 (C) Who is residing in a family child care home and who is eighteen  
8 years of age or older.

9 Sec. 26. Section 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
10 amended to read:

11 71-1913 (1) The department may request the State Fire Marshal to

12 inspect any program for fire safety pursuant to section 81-502. The State

13 Fire Marshal shall immediately notify the department whenever he or she

14 delegates authority for such inspections under such section.

15 (2) The department may investigate all facilities and programs of

16 licensed providers of child care programs as defined in section 71-1910

17 or applicants for licenses to provide such programs to determine if the

18 place or places to be covered by such licenses meet standards of

19 sanitation and physical well-being set by the department for the care and

20 protection of the child or children who may be placed in such facilities

21 and programs. The department may delegate this authority to qualified

22 local environmental health personnel.

23 (3) At each investigation, the inspector shall request from the

24 licensee, and verify, current proof of liability insurance pursuant to

25 section 71-1911.03.

26 ~~(4)(3)~~ This section does not apply to school-age child care programs

27 which are licensed pursuant to section 71-1917.

28 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer  
29 accordingly.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB380:  
[AM1034](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM814)

1 1. On page 13, after line 12, insert the following new subdivision:  
2 "(a) Not reduce department-posted medicaid rates for mental health or  
3 substance use disorder services;"; in line 13 strike "(a)" and insert  
4 "(b)"; in line 18 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 20 strike "(c)"  
5 and insert "(d)"; and in line 25 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

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

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB669:

[MO171](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO172](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

[MO173](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO174](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO175](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

[MO176](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO177](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Senator Spivey renewed [MO87](#), found on page 799 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, and 22 not voting.

The Storer motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 3 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Riepe	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer	
Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar Hardin Quick Sanders

The Spivey motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 12 ayes, 31 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Spivey offered the following motion:

[MO178](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Pending.

### **MOTION - Adjournment**

Senator Holdcroft moved to adjourn until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

### **MOTION - Recess**

Senator Hunt moved to recess until 5:25 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025.

Senator Hunt requested a machine vote on the motion to recess.

The Hunt motion to recess failed with 0 ayes, 37 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to adjourn is out of order.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Senator Spivey renewed [MO178](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Pending.

### MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 14, 2025

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

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457 were received in my office on April 10, 2025, and signed on April 14, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 14, 2025.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Education

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 378.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM825](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

4 (a) Contract means any agreement between a covered institution and a  
5 foreign adversarial source for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or  
6 barter of property or services, for the direct benefit or use of either  
7 of the parties;

8 (b) Covered institution means any public or private two-year or  
9 four-year college or university having a campus or place of business in  
10 Nebraska;

11 (c) Foreign adversarial source means:

12 (i) A foreign adversary government, including an agency of a foreign  
13 adversary government;

14 (ii) A legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under

15 laws of a foreign adversary government;  
 16 (iii) An individual who is a citizen or a national of a foreign  
 17 adversary government; and  
 18 (iv) An agent of any entity or individual described in subdivision  
 19 (1)(c)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, including a subsidiary or  
 20 affiliate of a foreign adversary legal entity acting on behalf of any  
 21 such entity or individual;  
 22 (d) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined  
 23 pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1,  
 24 2025; and  
 25 (e) Reportable funding means revenue or the fair-market value of  
 26 anything received as the result of any contract, gift, grant, endowment,  
 27 award, scholarship, or donation, including a conditional or unconditional  
 1 pledge of a contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or  
 2 donation from a foreign adversarial source.  
 3 (2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection,  
 4 each covered institution shall provide a report biannually to the  
 5 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in a manner  
 6 prescribed by the commission, detailing all reportable funding received  
 7 by the covered institution. Unless the information is exempt or  
 8 prohibited from disclosure or deemed confidential under federal or state  
 9 law, the report shall include the following information:  
 10 (i) The amount of the reportable funding and the date that such  
 11 funding was received;  
 12 (ii) A description of the type of reportable funding and the purpose  
 13 for such funding, including whether the reportable funding is part of an  
 14 ongoing relationship with the foreign adversarial source;  
 15 (iii) A detailed description of the foreign adversarial source  
 16 providing the reportable funding, including the name of the foreign  
 17 adversarial source and, if not a foreign government, the country of  
 18 citizenship, if known, and the country of principal residence or domicile  
 19 of the foreign adversarial source; and  
 20 (iv) A copy of any contract, agreement, pledge, or memorandum of  
 21 understanding associated with the funding.  
 22 (b) This section shall not require reporting of payments made to a  
 23 covered institution by a natural person who would otherwise qualify as a  
 24 foreign adversarial source for tuition or related fees to support an  
 25 individual enrolled or planning to attend a covered institution.  
 26 (c) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall  
 27 post the report on its public website.  
 28 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.  
 29 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 30 passed and approved according to law.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 417. Placed on General File with amendment.**

## **AM748**

1 1. Insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 2. During any academic year in which the Federal Pell Grant  
 3 Program is not available to students, the Board of Regents of the  
 4 University of Nebraska may choose not to administer the Nebraska Promise  
 5 Program as described in section 1 of this act for such academic year. The  
 6 Board of Regents shall provide notice to students prior to each academic  
 7 year in a manner prescribed by the board regarding the availability of  
 8 the Nebraska Promise Program for the upcoming academic year.  
 9 Sec. 12. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 10 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
 11 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.  
 12 2. On page 2, line 1, after "section" insert "and section 2 of this  
 13 act"; and in line 8 strike "The" and insert "Subject to section 2 of this  
 14 act, the".



15 3. On page 11, line 26, strike "and 7" and insert "7, and 8".  
16 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references  
17 accordingly.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 653.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM995](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to [LB653](#):

[FA107](#)

In AM995, Strike Section 1.

[FA108](#)

In AM995, Strike Section 2.

[FA109](#)

In AM995, Strike Section 3.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to [LB288](#):

[AM1052](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)

- 1 1. On page 24, lines 21 through 25, strike the new matter; and in
- 2 line 25 reinstate the stricken matter.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB316](#):

[AM1063](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to [LB632](#):

[FA105](#)

In AM616, on Line 2 before "completed" insert "then".

[FA106](#)

Strike lines 17-18 and insert the following: "(5) Notice of the method of dispositions shall not be required to be given to a woman upon whom an abortion was performed."

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Ralph, Emily, and Ozzy Armendariz, Omaha; Lauren, Miles, Gigi, and Forrest Gentsch, Morton Grove, IL; UNL Krutsinger Beef Industry Scholars, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Emily Franzen, Lincoln.

**MOTION - Adjournment**

Senator Hansen moved to adjourn until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the motion to adjourn.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 14:

Arch	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 4:

Brandt	Dover	Hughes	McKeon
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Excused and not voting, 6:

Armendariz	Hardin	Quick
Bostar	Prokop	Sanders

The Hansen motion to adjourn prevailed with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting, and at 5:24 p.m., the Legislature adjourned until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**SIXTY-SECOND DAY - APRIL 15, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SIXTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Petty Officer RG Smith, Division A, Navy.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Guereca, Hallstrom, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-first day was approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Items appearing on pages 1103 to 1105 of the Journal were received and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature prior to adjournment on Monday, April 14, 2025.

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

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB632:

[FA110](#)

Strike lines 17-18 and insert the following: "(5) Notice of the method of dispositions shall not be required to be given to a woman upon whom an abortion was performed."

Senator Spivey filed the following amendments to LB632:

[FA111](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA112](#)

Add: The State of Nebraska will reimburse providers for the total cost of cremation and/or burial.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115 were adopted.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Senator Spivey renewed [MO178](#), found and considered on page 1102, to reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM616](#), found on page 792, was offered.

Senator Spivey offered [MO89](#), found on page 800, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Hansen offered the following motion:

[MO179](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 1:

Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar          Raybould

The Hansen motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 13 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Spivey motion to bracket failed with 14 ayes, 33 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 11 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to [LB243](#):  
[AM1038](#) is available in the Bill Room.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Senator DeBoer offered [MO106](#), found on page 840, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Clouse opened on his bill, LB322.

Senator DeBoer opened on her motion, MO106.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 468.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM874](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to [LB468](#):

[FA113](#)

In AM874, Strike Section 1.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Senator DeBoer renewed [MO106](#), found on page 840 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	McKinney	Spivey

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Prokop
DeBoer	Guereca	Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar            Raybould

The Jacobsen motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 7 ayes, 34 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator DeBoer offered the following motion:

[MO180](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO106.

Pending.

### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A.** Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 380, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 118.** Introduced by Strommen, 47; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and formulate a standardized method of classifying and valuing property relating to biofuel facilities.

The valuation and classification of property, both real property and improvements, as it pertains to biofuel facilities varies among counties and assessors in the state, creating inconsistencies in taxation and property assessments from county to county. These inconsistencies may create financial burdens on biofuel producers and inhibit further investment and development of the renewable energy industry.

A more uniform and equitable system for valuing and classifying property related to biofuel facilities would provide clarity for assessors, entities

funded by property taxes, property owners, and developers and could stimulate growth in the future of our biofuel sector.

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 119.** Introduced by Hardin, 48; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have participated in a sister-state relationship since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan share the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship with Taiwan ranking as Nebraska's twelfth largest import source and eighth largest export destination in 2023; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening of bilateral trade and mutual investment between Nebraska and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major global trading partner for the United States and is a major export market for American agricultural products.

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

1. That the Legislature supports Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the forty-second anniversary of Nebraska's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and welcomes strengthening economic and trade relations between Nebraska and Taiwan.

Laid over.

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Virgie Smith, Bellevue; students from Emmanuel Faith Lutheran, York; students from Wilber-Claytonia Elementary, Wilber; Nebraska HR Professionals from across the state; Jerry Lucas and Joe Lucas, Colorado; members of OutNebraska for LGBTQ



Legislative Day; students from St. Michael's Elementary, Lincoln; students from Holy Name School, Omaha; members of I Be Black Girl, Omaha.

### RECESS

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

### AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Spivey who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Clements, Conrad, Dorn, Dover, Hughes, Hunt, Lippincott, Raybould, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Nebraska Retirement Systems

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Placed on General File with amendment.

#### AM876

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:  
5 79-958 (1)(a)(+) Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to July  
6 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula  
7 annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the School  
8 Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of  
9 compensation. ~~Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and in~~  
10 ~~the same manner as required employer contributions.~~  
11 (b) Beginning on July 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the  
12 funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to  
13 deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:  
14 (i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
15 School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent for the most  
16 recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report  
17 for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to  
18 section 84-1503, nine and three-quarters of one percent of compensation;  
19 (ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
20 School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than  
21 ninety-eight percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the  
22 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for  
23 the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, eight and three-  
24 quarters of one percent of compensation;  
25 (iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
26 School Retirement Fund is ninety-eight percent or greater and less than  
27 one hundred percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the  
1 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for  
2 the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, eight percent of  
3 compensation; and  
4 (iv) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the

5 School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater for the most  
6 recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report  
7 for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to  
8 section 84-1503, seven and one-quarter of one percent of compensation.  
9 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same  
10 time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.

11 (2) For the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula  
12 annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School  
13 Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the required contributions of  
14 the school employees of each employer. Such deposits shall be transmitted  
15 to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as such  
16 required employee contributions.

17 (3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by  
18 this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and  
19 the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions  
20 pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining  
21 federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross  
22 income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made  
23 available. The contributions, although designated as member  
24 contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member  
25 contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the  
26 same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The  
27 employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction  
28 through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member  
29 contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School  
30 Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as  
31 member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

1 (4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through  
2 irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921  
3 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be  
4 treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions  
5 picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

6 Sec. 2. Section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
7 amended to read:

8 79-966 (1)(a) On the basis of all data in the possession of the  
9 retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are  
10 recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted by  
11 the retirement board, the retirement board shall annually, on or before  
12 July 1, determine the state deposit to be made by the state in the School  
13 Retirement Fund for that fiscal year. The amount of such state deposit  
14 shall be determined pursuant to section 79-966.01. The retirement board  
15 shall thereupon certify the amount of such state deposit, and on the  
16 warrant of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer  
17 shall, as of July 1 of such year, transfer from funds appropriated by the  
18 state for that purpose to the School Retirement Fund the amount of such  
19 state deposit.

20 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, the contingent state transfer described  
21 in this subsection shall be calculated as a percent of compensation of  
22 all members of the retirement system. For any year in which a deposit is  
23 made to the School Retirement Fund under this subsection, if the actuary  
24 for a retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees  
25 Retirement Act determines that the actuarially required contribution  
26 rate, for the fiscal year of the retirement system that begins before the  
27 state deposit, exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to  
28 the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, using the amortization  
29 period specified in section 79-966.01, the Class V district school board  
30 may request a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the  
31 Legislature to ask the state to transfer to the Class V school district  
1 for transfer to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the  
2 Class V School Employees Retirement Act an amount determined by

3 multiplying the compensation of all members of such retirement system by  
4 the lesser of the percent of compensation transferred into the School  
5 Retirement Fund under this subsection or the percent of compensation of  
6 the members of the retirement system provided for under the Class V  
7 School Employees Retirement Act needed to meet the actuarially required  
8 contribution rate for such system, using the amortization period  
9 specified in section 79-966.01. Any additional amount of transfer so  
10 calculated, recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the  
11 Legislature, and approved by the Legislature, shall be added to the ~~two~~  
12 percent specified in subsection (2) of this section for the amount  
13 required by subsection (2) of section 79-916 to be transferred to the  
14 Class V school district, which shall transfer such amount to the funds of  
15 the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees  
16 Retirement Act.  
17 (2)(a)(2) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and prior to  
18 July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections  
19 (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School  
20 Retirement Fund an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all  
21 members of the retirement system.  
22 (b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in addition to the  
23 state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the  
24 state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund the following  
25 amount:  
26 (i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
27 School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent for the most  
28 recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report  
29 for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to  
30 section 84-1503, an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of  
31 all members of the retirement system;  
1 (ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
2 School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than one  
3 hundred percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the  
4 annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for  
5 the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, an amount equal to  
6 seven-tenths of one percent of the compensation of all members of the  
7 retirement system; and  
8 (iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
9 School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater for the most  
10 recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report  
11 for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to  
12 section 84-1503, no transfer shall be made under this subsection.  
13 (3) In addition to the state deposits and transfers required by  
14 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2005, and  
15 each fiscal year thereafter for employees who become members prior to  
16 July 1, 2016, the state shall transfer into the Service Annuity Fund such  
17 amounts as may be necessary to pay the normal cost and amortize the  
18 unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the service annuity benefit  
19 established pursuant to sections 79-933 and 79-952 as accrued through the  
20 end of the previous fiscal year of the school employees who are members  
21 of the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School  
22 Employees Retirement Act.  
23 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-958 and 79-966, Reissue Revised  
24 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.  
25 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
26 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Senator DeBoer renewed [MO180](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO106.

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

Senator Jacobson moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The Hallstrom motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to reconsider failed with 8 ayes, 33 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM767](#), found on page 940, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered [MO107](#), found on page 840, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Executive Board

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM884](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "the general election in November" and  
2 insert "a special election on May 12,".

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40.** Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

## Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST19](#)

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

1. On page 2, line 17, "and" has been struck; and in line 20 "and" has been inserted after the semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 295.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST17](#)

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

1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM404, on page 9, line 14, "6" has been struck and "5" inserted; and in line 15 "and 27" has been struck and "26, and 28 of this act" inserted.

2. On page 1, line 5, "4-108," has been inserted after "sections"; and in line 6 "to change provisions relating to certain documents that are required to be maintained by employing state agencies and political subdivisions;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

3. On page 101, line 21, "4-108," has been inserted after "sections".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 169A.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 169, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
Room 1507 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Debra L Kelly - Nebraska Tourism Commission  
AM1038 Amending LB243

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 120.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35;

Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Madison Chrisman, a senior at Central City High School, was awarded first place in Agriscience Research-Animal Systems; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Madison represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; 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 Madison Chrisman for earning first place in Agriscience Research-Animal Systems at the State FFA Convention.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Madison Chrisman.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 121.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Carlstrom, a senior at High Plains High School, was awarded first place in Agricultural Sales-Placement; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Courtney represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; 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 Courtney Carlstrom for earning first place in Agricultural Sales-Placement at the State FFA Convention.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Courtney Carlstrom.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 122.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Thede, a sophomore at Palmer High School, was awarded first place in Automobile Technology; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Joseph represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; 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 Joseph Thede for earning first place in Automobile Technology at the State FFA Convention.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph Thede.

Laid over.

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

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB474:

AM1041

(Amendments to AM669)

1 1. Strike sections 110 and 111 and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Sec. 110. Section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth

4 Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:

5 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of Insurance

6 shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of not to exceed

7 six percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums

8 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority

9 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal

10 law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director

11 shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The

12 State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to

13 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.

14 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human

15 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal

16 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial

17 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

18 (3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January

19 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar

20 year and each year thereafter.

21 Sec. 111. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,

22 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,

23 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51,

24 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70,

25 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88,

26 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105,

1 106, 107, 108, 109, 113, and 114 of this act become operative on October

2 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their

3 effective date.

4 Sec. 112. Original sections 44-502 and 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised

5 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred

6 Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, are repealed.

7 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB288:

AM1074

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)

1 1. Strike section 13.

2 2. On page 24, lines 21 through 25, strike the new matter; and in

3 line 25 reinstate the stricken matter.

4 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to LB258:

AM1077

(Amendments to AM880)

1 1. On page 1, strike line 2 and insert the following new amendment:

2 1. On page 2, strike beginning with "the" in line 17 through "cents"

3 in line 25, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "one and three-

4 quarter percent".

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB468:

AM1069

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM874)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and

2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 77-2004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 77-2004 (1) In the case of a father, mother, grandfather,

6 grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, child or children legally



7 adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted,  
8 any lineal descendant, any lineal descendant legally adopted as such in  
9 conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any person to whom  
10 the deceased for not less than ten years prior to death stood in the  
11 acknowledged relation of a parent, or the spouse or surviving spouse of  
12 any such persons, the rate of tax shall be:  
13 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, one percent of the  
14 clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of  
15 forty thousand dollars; ~~and~~  
16 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to  
17 January 1, 2027, one percent of the clear market value of the property  
18 received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;  
19 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to  
20 January 1, 2028, nine-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
21 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
22 dollars;  
23 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to  
24 January 1, 2029, eight-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
25 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
26 dollars;  
27 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to  
28 January 1, 2030, seven-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
29 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
30 dollars;  
31 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to  
32 January 1, 2031, six-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
33 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
34 dollars;  
35 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to  
36 January 1, 2032, five-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
37 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
38 dollars;  
39 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to  
40 January 1, 2033, four-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
41 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
42 dollars;  
43 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to  
44 January 1, 2034, three-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
45 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
46 dollars;  
47 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to  
48 January 1, 2035, two-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of  
49 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
50 dollars;  
51 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to  
52 January 1, 2036, one-tenth of one percent of the clear market value of  
53 the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand  
54 dollars; and  
55 (l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.  
56 (2) Any interest in property, including any interest acquired in the  
57 manner set forth in section 77-2002, which may be valued at a sum less  
58 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of  
59 this section shall not be subject to tax. In addition the homestead  
60 allowance, exempt property, and family maintenance allowance shall not be  
61 subject to tax. Interests passing to the surviving spouse by will, in the  
62 manner set forth in section 77-2002, or in any other manner shall not be  
63 subject to tax. Any interest passing to a person described in subsection  
64 (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be  
65 subject to tax.  
66 Sec. 2. Section 77-2005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

10 2024, is amended to read:

11 77-2005 (1) In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related  
12 to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, or other lineal descendant of  
13 the same, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any of such persons, the  
14 rate of tax shall be:

15 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, thirteen percent  
16 of the clear market value of the property received by each person in  
17 excess of fifteen thousand dollars; ~~and~~

18 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to  
19 January 1, 2027, eleven percent of the clear market value of the property  
20 received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; ~~and~~

21 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to  
22 January 1, 2028, nine and nine-tenths percent of the clear market value  
23 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
24 dollars;

25 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to  
26 January 1, 2029, eight and eight-tenths percent of the clear market value  
27 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
28 dollars;

29 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to  
30 January 1, 2030, seven and seven-tenths percent of the clear market value  
31 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
1 dollars;

2 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to  
3 January 1, 2031, six and six-tenths percent of the clear market value of  
4 the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

5 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to  
6 January 1, 2032, five and five-tenths percent of the clear market value  
7 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
8 dollars;

9 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to  
10 January 1, 2033, four and four-tenths percent of the clear market value  
11 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
12 dollars;

13 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to  
14 January 1, 2034, three and three-tenths percent of the clear market value  
15 of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand  
16 dollars;

17 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to  
18 January 1, 2035, two and two-tenths percent of the clear market value of  
19 the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

20 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to  
21 January 1, 2036, one and one-tenth percent of the clear market value of  
22 the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;  
23 and

24 (l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.

25 (2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less  
26 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of  
27 this section, it shall not be subject to tax. In addition, any interest  
28 passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is  
29 under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

30 Sec. 3. Section 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
31 2024, is amended to read:

1 77-2006 (1) In all other cases the rate of tax shall be:

2 (a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, eighteen percent  
3 of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each  
4 person in excess of ten thousand dollars; ~~and~~

5 (b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to  
6 January 1, 2027, fifteen percent of the clear market value of the  
7 beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five

8 thousand dollars:-

9 (c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to  
10 January 1, 2028, thirteen and one-half percent of the clear market value  
11 of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-

12 five thousand dollars;

13 (d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to  
14 January 1, 2029, twelve percent of the clear market value of the  
15 beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
16 thousand dollars;

17 (e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to  
18 January 1, 2030, ten and one-half percent of the clear market value of  
19 the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
20 thousand dollars;

21 (f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to  
22 January 1, 2031, nine percent of the clear market value of the beneficial  
23 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand  
24 dollars;

25 (g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to  
26 January 1, 2032, seven and one-half percent of the clear market value of  
27 the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
28 thousand dollars;

29 (h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to  
30 January 1, 2033, six percent of the clear market value of the beneficial  
31 interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand  
1 dollars;

2 (i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to  
3 January 1, 2034, four and one-half percent of the clear market value of  
4 the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
5 thousand dollars;

6 (j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to  
7 January 1, 2035, three percent of the clear market value of the  
8 beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
9 thousand dollars;

10 (k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to  
11 January 1, 2036, one and one-half percent of the clear market value of  
12 the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five  
13 thousand dollars; and

14 (l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.

15 (2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less  
16 than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of  
17 this section, it shall not be subject to any tax. In addition, any  
18 interest passing to a person who is under twenty-two years of age shall  
19 not be subject to tax.

20 Sec. 4. Original sections 77-2004, 77-2005, and 77-2006, Revised

21 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

## GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Committee [AM767](#), found on page 940 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer renewed [MO107](#), found on page 840 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 69.** Placed on General File with amendment.**AM895**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 81-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

4 amended to read:

5 81-2601 (1) There is hereby established the Commission on African  
6 American Affairs. For purposes of sections 81-2601 to 81-2607, commission  
7 means the Commission on African American Affairs.

8 (2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be of  
9 African ancestry. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the

10 Governor. One member of the commission shall, at the time of initial  
11 appointment, be an individual who identifies as an immigrant or new  
12 American, and one member shall, at the time of initial appointment, be a

13 young professional eighteen years of age or older and younger than  
14 twenty-five years of age. The commission may have such nonvoting, ex  
15 officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not  
16 be of African ancestry. The commission shall elect one of its members as  
17 chairperson.

18 (3) Members of the commission shall serve no more than two full  
19 four-year terms or for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy. As  
20 the terms of the voting members expire, their successors shall be

21 appointed by the Governor from a panel of nominees submitted by the  
22 public. An appointment for an unexpired term shall follow the same  
23 procedure as for initial and subsequent appointments. ~~Voting members~~  
24 ~~shall be eligible for reappointment.~~

25 (4) The names of all commissioners shall be listed on the  
26 commission's website.

27 Sec. 2. Section 81-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
1 amended to read:

2 81-2602 The purpose of the commission is to join representatives of  
3 African Americans ~~and Black Americans across the diaspora~~ in Nebraska to  
4 ~~do all things which the commission may determine to enhance the well-~~  
5 ~~being of African Americanseause of African-American rights~~ and to develop  
6 ~~proactive solutions to problems common to all Nebraska African-Americans.~~

7 Sec. 3. Section 81-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
8 amended to read:

9 81-2603 The commission may receive and administer funds from state,  
10 federal, and other sources and may employ and fix the compensation of  
11 ~~personnel an executive director~~ of its own choosing ~~who shall be an~~  
12 ~~African-American person and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska.~~ An  
13 office for the executive ~~management~~ director shall be provided.

14 Sec. 4. Section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
15 amended to read:

16 81-2604 The functions of the commission are to:

17 (1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the African  
18 American community in Nebraska;

19 (2) Coordinate new and existing programs relating to the African  
20 American community in Nebraska regarding key opportunities including, but  
21 not limited to, housing, education, welfare, medical and dental care,  
22 employment, economic development, law and order, and related  
23 ~~themes/problems;~~

24 (3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and  
25 federal and state elected officials in the development of programs in  
26 areas mentioned in subdivision (2) of this section;

27 (4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the

28 African American community in Nebraska;  
29 (5) Administer sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;  
30 (6) Provide the public with information and education relevant to  
31 African American affairs in Nebraska; and  
1 (7) Develop ~~initiatives~~~~programs~~ to encourage the total involvement  
2 of African American people in activities for the common benefit of the  
3 African American community.  
4 Sec. 5. Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
5 amended to read:  
6 81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least quarterly. At least  
7 one of such meetings~~once~~ every calendar year shall be in the city in  
8 Nebraska with the largest African American population. In addition to the  
9 requirements of the Open Meetings Act, public notice of a meeting shall  
10 be required no later than seven calendar days prior to the date of such  
11 meeting and shall be published on the commission's website and social  
12 media and shared with local media outlets~~quarter~~. Meetings shall be held  
13 in January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be called at  
14 the request of eight voting members. Eight voting members of the  
15 commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.  
16 Commission meeting minutes shall be posted on the commission's website.  
17 (2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid  
18 excuse, fails to attend ~~annual~~~~quarterly~~ or special meetings shall be  
19 vacant.  
20 (3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to  
21 the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the  
22 following:  
23 (a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements,  
24 challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;  
25 (b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the  
26 commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for  
27 which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted  
28 the African American community, and the progress made on the policies  
29 described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;  
30 (c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach,  
31 public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;  
1 (d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve  
2 economic opportunities within the African American community, employment  
3 programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing  
4 economic disparities;  
5 (e) Education and workforce development including educational  
6 initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with  
7 schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have  
8 access to career advancement opportunities;  
9 (f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address  
10 health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to health  
11 care resources;  
12 (g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that  
13 address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly  
14 incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;  
15 (h) Housing and community development including initiatives to  
16 address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts,  
17 and partnerships with housing agencies;  
18 (i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that  
19 demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment  
20 rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the  
21 African American community;  
22 (j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding  
23 sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;  
24 (k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including  
25 feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work

26 and priority areas for improvement; and

27 (l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the  
 28 upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing  
 29 challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

30 Sec. 6. Section 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 31 amended to read:

1 81-2607 (1) For purposes of administration of the commission during  
 2 the interim between regular quarterly meetings, there is hereby  
 3 established an executive board of the Commission on African American  
 4 Affairs consisting of the chairperson of the commission and four members  
 5 of the commission.

6 (2) The executive board may enter into contracts for consultation  
 7 services, supplies, and equipment, if the amount contracted for does not  
 8 exceed two thousand dollars in any one contract, and may supervise all  
 9 ~~initiatives~~~~programs~~ relating to the affairs of African American people  
 10 instituted and authorized by the commission.

11 Sec. 7. Original sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604,  
 12 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.** Placed on General File with amendment.

##### AM606

1 1. On page 3, strike beginning with "If" in line 26 through the  
 2 period; in line 31, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "An  
 3 applicant may only submit one claim within any thirty-day period, except  
 4 that there may be an additional application for funeral expenses.".

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 434.** Placed on General File with amendment.

##### AM750

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 28-1239.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
 4 is amended to read:

5 28-1239.01 (1) No person shall conduct a public exhibition or  
 6 display of display fireworks without first procuring a display permit  
 7 from the State Fire Marshal. Such application for a display permit shall  
 8 be accompanied by a fee of one hundred ten dollars to be remitted to the  
 9 State Treasurer for credit to deposited in the State Fire Marshal Cash  
 10 Fund.

11 (2) No display fireworks shall be sold or delivered by a licensed  
 12 distributor to any person who is not in possession of an approved display  
 13 permit. Sales of display fireworks to persons without an approved display  
 14 permit shall be subject to sections 28-1213 to 28-1239.

15 Sec. 2. Section 28-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 16 amended to read:

17 28-1246 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hold for  
 18 sale, or offer for sale as a distributor, jobber, or retailer any  
 19 fireworks in this state unless such person has first obtained a license  
 20 as a distributor, jobber, or retailer. Application for each such license  
 21 shall be made to the State Fire Marshal on forms prescribed by him or  
 22 her. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which  
 23 shall be one thousand five hundred dollars for a distributor's license,  
 24 four hundred dollars for a jobber's license, and one hundred twenty-  
 25 five dollars for a retailer's license. Each application for a retailer's  
 26 license shall be received by the State Fire Marshal at least ten business  
 27 days prior to the sales period, as set forth in section 28-1249, in which  
 1 the retailer wishes to sell consumer fireworks. A retailer's license  
 2 shall be good only for the specific sales period listed on the  
 3 application and within the calendar year in which issued. The retailer's  
 4 license shall at all times be displayed at the place of business of the

5 holder thereof.

6 (2) The funds received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to  
7 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.  
8 Sec. 3. Section 28-1251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
9 amended to read:

10 28-1251 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, association,  
11 partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to conduct fire  
12 alarm tests and fire alarm inspections without prior written  
13 certification by the State Fire Marshal as to the qualifications of such  
14 persons conducting such tests and inspections.

15 (2) The State Fire Marshal shall formulate reasonable guidelines to  
16 determine qualifications for fire alarm inspectors and shall administer  
17 an examination pursuant to such guidelines prior to certification of  
18 applicants.

19 (3) The State Fire Marshal may charge a fee of no more than twoone  
20 hundred dollars to cover costs of administering such examinations and  
21 issuing certifications.

22 (4) Unlawful testing or inspection of fire alarms is a Class III  
23 misdemeanor.

24 Sec. 4. Section 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
25 amended to read:

26 81-503.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate  
27 rules and regulations constituting a State Fire Code. At a minimum, the  
28 State Fire Code shall cover:

29 (a) The prevention of fires;

30 (b) The storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles,  
31 and fireworks;

1 (c) Electrical wiring and heating, protection equipment devices,  
2 materials, furnishings, and other safeguards within structures necessary  
3 to promote safety and reduce loss by fire;

4 (d) The means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, in assembly,  
5 educational, institutional, residential, mercantile, office, storage, and  
6 industrial-type occupancies as such structures are defined in the State  
7 Fire Code;

8 (e) All other buildings, structures, and enclosures in which numbers  
9 of persons congregate from time to time for any purpose, whether  
10 privately or publicly owned;

11 (f) Design, construction, location, installation, and operation of  
12 equipment for storing, handling, and utilization of liquefied petroleum  
13 gases, specifying the odorization of such gases and the degree thereof;

14 (g) Chemicals, prozylin plastics, X-ray nitrocellulose films, or any  
15 other hazardous material that may now or hereafter exist;

16 (h) Tanks used for the storage of regulated substances pursuant to  
17 the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act;  
18 and

19 (i) Accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to  
20 section 81-5,147.

21 (2) Not later than July 1, 2019, the rules and regulations adopted  
22 and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall conform generally to  
23 the standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association,  
24 Pamphlet Number 1, known as the Fire Code, 2012 edition, the National  
25 Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 101, known as the Life  
26 Safety Code, 2012 edition, and associated pamphlets, but not when doing  
27 so would impose an unduly severe or costly burden without substantially  
28 contributing to the safety of persons or property.

29 (3) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the State Fire Code through  
30 inspections, code compliance, and orders. Plans for compliance with the  
31 State Fire Code shall be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Plans  
1 submitted after remodeling or construction has begun shall be accompanied  
2 by a late submittal fee ~~penalty~~ of an amount equal to an additional fifty

3 ~~percent of the fifty dollars in addition to the plan review fee~~

4 established pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-505.01.

5 (4) Rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the

6 State Fire Code shall apply to sites or structures in public ownership

7 listed on the National Register of Historic Places but without destroying

8 the historic quality thereof.

9 Sec. 5. Section 81-505.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

10 amended to read:

11 81-505.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and assess fees

12 not to exceed the actual costs for the performance of services by the

13 State Fire Marshal or by qualified local fire prevention personnel to

14 whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated authority to perform such

15 services. Prior to establishing or altering such fees, the State Fire

16 Marshal shall hold a public hearing on the question of the adoption of or

17 change in fees. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least thirty

18 days prior thereto (a) by publication in a newspaper having general

19 circulation in the state and (b) by notifying in writing the head of any

20 agency or department having jurisdiction over facilities that would be

21 subject to the fees. Fees for services performed by the State Fire

22 Marshal shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal and shall be remitted to

23 the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund. Fees

24 for services performed by local fire prevention personnel shall be paid

25 directly to the office of the local fire prevention personnel.

26 (2) The fee for inspection for fire safety of any premises or

27 facility pursuant to section 81-502 or 81-503.01 shall be not less than

28 ~~fifty-two~~ ~~five~~ nor more than ~~three hundred one hundred fifty~~ dollars and

29 shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fee for

30 inspection for fire safety of the same premises or facility made within

31 twelve months after the last prior inspection shall be not less than

1 ~~fifty-two~~ ~~five~~ nor more than ~~three one~~ hundred fifty dollars and shall

2 be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fees for

3 inspection for fire safety of foster family homes as defined in section

4 71-1901 may be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services.

5 (3) The fee for providing investigation reports to insurance

6 companies shall not exceed three dollars for each report provided. The

7 State Fire Marshal may charge an amount not to exceed the actual cost of

8 preparation for any other approved information release.

9 (4)(a) The State Fire Marshal shall charge a fee for reviewing

10 plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with rules

11 and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to section 81-503.01 or

12 81-5,147. The State Fire Marshal shall establish such fee in rules and

13 regulations adopted and promulgated to be effective on September 1,

14 2025 ~~January 1, 2022~~. Such fee shall meet the costs of administering the

15 plan review requirement and other agency duties found in sections 81-502,

16 81-503.01, and 81-5,147 but shall not exceed ten thousand five hundred

17 dollars. The fee schedule as it existed prior to September 1, 2025 ~~August~~

18 ~~28, 2021~~, shall be used through August 31, 2025 ~~December 31, 2021~~.

19 (b) The fees established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this

20 subsection shall not be assessed or collected by any political

21 subdivision to which the State Fire Marshal has delegated the authority

22 to conduct such review and which reviews plans, blueprints, or shop

23 drawings to determine compliance with such political subdivision's own

24 fire safety regulations. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed

25 to prohibit such political subdivision from assessing or collecting a fee

26 set by its governing board for such review.

27 (c) An additional fee equal to fifty percent of the fee charged

28 pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be assessed for

29 reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance

30 with the accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to

31 section 81-5,147, except that the additional fee assessed pursuant to



1 this subdivision shall not exceed ~~five thousand two hundred fifty~~ dollars.

2 Sec. 6. Section 81-5,159, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 81-5,159 (1) Any water-based fire protection system contractor who

5 installs, repairs, alters, adds to, maintains, or inspects water-based

6 fire protection systems in this state shall first obtain a contractor

7 certificate.

8 (2) A water-based fire protection system contractor may apply to the

9 State Fire Marshal for a contractor certificate. The application shall be

10 made on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall include a

11 certificate fee of up to ~~two~~ one hundred dollars. Each applicant must

12 designate a responsible managing employee on the application, and such

13 individual's name shall appear on the certificate with that of the water-

14 based fire protection system contractor upon issuance. Proof of insurance

15 required by section 81-5,160 shall also accompany the application.

16 (3) Upon receipt of a complete application, proof of insurance, and

17 certificate fee, the State Fire Marshal shall schedule a time for an

18 examination of the responsible managing employee to demonstrate that he

19 or she is familiar with the procedures and rules of the State Fire

20 Marshal relating to water-based fire protection systems. If the

21 responsible managing employee passes the examination, the State Fire

22 Marshal shall issue the certificate to the water-based fire protection

23 system contractor within thirty days.

24 (4) A certificate shall expire on September 30 of the year following

25 issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed at least ten days

26 prior to expiration and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of up to

27 ~~two~~ one hundred dollars and a sworn affidavit that the responsible

28 managing employee is currently employed by the water-based fire

29 protection system contractor. A water-based fire protection system

30 contractor who fails to apply for renewal within the time stated in this

31 subsection must make a new application for a certificate.

1 (5) A responsible managing employee may only act as such for one

2 water-based fire protection system contractor at a time. When a

3 responsible managing employee terminates his or her association with a

4 water-based fire protection system contractor, the water-based fire

5 protection system contractor shall notify the State Fire Marshal within

6 thirty days after termination. The responsible managing employee shall

7 not be designated as the responsible managing employee for more than two

8 water-based fire protection system contractors in any twelve-month

9 period. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke the certificate of a water-

10 based fire protection system contractor whose responsible managing

11 employee has terminated his or her association with the water-based fire

12 protection system contractor unless an application designating a new

13 responsible managing employee is filed within six months after

14 termination or prior to expiration of the current certificate, whichever

15 is earlier.

16 Sec. 7. Section 81-15,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

17 amended to read:

18 81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing

19 heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section

20 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The

21 registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ~~ten~~ five dollars

22 and shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank

23 so registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall

24 specify the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank

25 to be registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State

26 Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances

27 Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The

28 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the

29 state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Environment

30 and Energy to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and  
 31 Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the provision of  
 1 matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions otherwise  
 2 authorized by the act. Any money in such fund available for investment  
 3 shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the  
 4 Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment  
 5 Act.  
 6 Sec. 8. Section 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 7 amended to read:  
 8 81-15,121 (1) A person shall not (a) maintain or use any tank for  
 9 the storage of regulated substances, (b) install any new tank, or (c)  
 10 permanently close a tank without first securing a permit from the State  
 11 Fire Marshal.  
 12 (2) A fee shall not be charged for a permit under subdivision (1)(a)  
 13 or (c) of this section. The fee for a permit for installation shall be  
 14 ~~seventy-five~~ fifty dollars. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to  
 15 the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.  
 16 (3) All owners of operating tanks, except those provided for in  
 17 subsection (4) of this section, shall annually register each tank. All  
 18 registration permits shall expire on December 31 of the year for which  
 19 the permit was issued. The registration fee shall be no more than  
 20 ~~sixty~~ thirty dollars per tank. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee  
 21 to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.  
 22 Such permits shall contain the information specified in subsection (5) of  
 23 this section.  
 24 (4) In the case of tanks permanently abandoned on or after January  
 25 1, 1974, an annual permit shall not be required and an initial  
 26 registration permit shall be sufficient.  
 27 (5) The application for a registration permit shall be provided by  
 28 and filed with the State Fire Marshal's office and shall require, but not  
 29 be limited to, the following information:  
 30 (a) The date the tank was placed in or taken out of operation;  
 31 (b) The age of the tank;  
 1 (c) The size, type, and location of the tank; and  
 2 (d) The type of substances stored in the tank and the quantity of  
 3 such substances remaining in the tank if the tank has been permanently  
 4 closed.  
 5 (6) The registration permit fee collected pursuant to this section  
 6 shall be ~~remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~ deposited in the  
 7 Underground Storage Tank Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The  
 8 fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the  
 9 state. The fund shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal to carry  
 10 out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances  
 11 Storage and Handling Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the  
 12 General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the  
 13 Underground Storage Tank Fund available for investment shall be invested  
 14 by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital  
 15 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.  
 16 Sec. 9. Original sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01,  
 17 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes  
 18 of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 19 Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
 20 passed and approved according to law.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1008](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 663.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM973](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
4 is amended to read:  
5 23-114.01 (1) In order to avail itself of the powers conferred by  
6 section 23-114, the county board shall appoint a ~~planning commission to~~  
7 ~~be known as the~~ county planning commission. The members of the commission  
8 shall be residents of the county to be planned and shall be appointed  
9 with due consideration to geographical and population factors. Since the  
10 primary focus of concern and control in county planning and land-use  
11 regulatory programs is the unincorporated area, a majority of the members  
12 of the commission shall be residents of unincorporated areas, except that  
13 this requirement shall not apply to joint planning commissions. Members  
14 of the commission shall hold no county or municipal office, except that a  
15 member may also be a member of a city, village, or other type of planning  
16 commission. The term of each member shall be three years, except that  
17 approximately one-third of the members of the first commission shall  
18 serve for terms of one year, one-third for terms of two years, and one-  
19 third for terms of three years. All members shall hold office until their  
20 successors are appointed. Members of the commission may be removed by a  
21 majority vote of the county board for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or  
22 malfeasance in office or other good and sufficient cause upon written  
23 charges being filed with the county board and after a public hearing has  
24 been held regarding such charges. Vacancies occurring otherwise than  
25 through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms  
26 by individuals appointed by the county board. Members of the commission  
27 shall be compensated for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in  
1 connection with their duties in an amount to be fixed by the county  
2 board. Reimbursement for mileage shall be made at the rate provided in  
3 section 81-1176. Each county board may provide a per diem payment for  
4 members of the commission of not to exceed fifteen dollars for each day  
5 that each such member attends meetings of the commission or is engaged in  
6 matters concerning the commission, but no member shall receive more than  
7 one thousand dollars in any one year. Such per diem payments shall be in  
8 addition to and separate from compensation for expenses.  
9 (2) The county attorney, each member of the commission, and each  
10 member of the county board of any county that has enacted county zoning  
11 regulations shall undertake two hours of education per term on topics  
12 specific to the role of the county attorney, commissioner, or board  
13 member when addressing matters subject to this section.  
14 (3)(2) The commission: (a) Shall prepare and adopt as its policy  
15 statement a comprehensive development plan and such implemental means as  
16 a capital improvement program, subdivision regulations, building codes,  
17 and a zoning resolution; (b) shall consult with and advise public  
18 officials and agencies, public utilities, civic organizations,  
19 educational institutions, and citizens relating to the promulgation of  
20 implemental programs; (c) may delegate authority to any of the groups  
21 named in subdivision (b) of this subsection to conduct studies and make  
22 surveys for the commission; and (d) shall make preliminary reports on its  
23 findings and hold public hearings before submitting its final reports.  
24 The county board shall not hold its public meetings or take action on  
25 matters relating to the comprehensive development plan, capital  
26 improvements, building codes, subdivision development, or zoning until it  
27 has received the recommendations of the commission.  
28 (4)(a)(3) The commission may, with the consent of the governing  
29 body, in its own name: (i) Make and enter into contracts with public or  
30 private bodies; (ii) receive contributions, bequests, gifts, or grants of  
31 funds from public or private sources; (iii) expend the funds appropriated  
1 to it by the county board; (iv) employ agents and employees; and (v)

2 acquire, hold, and dispose of property.

3 (b) The commission may, on its own authority: (i) Make arrangements  
4 consistent with its program; (ii) conduct or sponsor special studies or  
5 planning work for any public body or appropriate agency; (iii) receive  
6 grants, remuneration, or reimbursement for such studies or work; and (iv)  
7 at its public hearings, summon witnesses, administer oaths, and compel  
8 the giving of testimony.

9 (5)(a)(4) In all counties in the state, the county planning

10 commission may grant conditional uses or special exceptions to property  
11 owners for the use of their property if the county board of commissioners  
12 or supervisors has officially and generally authorized the commission to  
13 exercise such powers and has approved the standards and procedures the  
14 commission adopted for equitably and judiciously granting such  
15 conditional uses or special exceptions. The granting of a conditional use  
16 permit or special exception shall only allow property owners to put their  
17 property to a special use if it is among those uses specifically  
18 identified in the county zoning regulations as classifications of uses  
19 which may require special conditions or requirements to be met by the  
20 owners before a use permit or building permit is authorized.

21 (b) The applicant for a conditional use permit or special exception  
22 for a livestock operation specifically identified in the county zoning  
23 regulations as a classification of use which may require special  
24 conditions or requirements to be met within an area of a county zoned for  
25 agricultural use may request a determination of the special conditions or  
26 requirements to be imposed by the county planning commission or by the  
27 county board of commissioners or supervisors if the board has not  
28 authorized the commission to exercise such authority. Upon request the  
29 commission or board shall issue such determination of the special  
30 conditions or requirements to be imposed in a timely manner. Such special  
31 conditions or requirements to be imposed may include, but are not limited  
1 to, the submission of information that may be separately provided to  
2 state or federal agencies in applying to obtain the applicable state and  
3 federal permits. Granting a conditional use permit or special exception  
4 by the commission or county board shall be based solely on county zoning  
5 regulations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to release the  
6 applicant from complying with applicable rules and regulations of any  
7 local, state, or federal agency or with any applicable state or federal  
8 permit requirements. A commission or county board shall not require an  
9 applicant for a conditional use permit or special exception to apply for  
10 or obtain any other permit from a federal, state, or local agency as a  
11 condition for granting such conditional use permit or special exception.  
12 The granting of a conditional use permit or special exception by a  
13 commission or county board shall not relieve the applicant of any  
14 requirement to obtain other necessary permits from any federal, state, or  
15 local agency.

16 (c) The commission or the board may request and review, prior to  
17 making a determination of the special conditions or requirements to be  
18 imposed, reasonable information relevant to the conditional use or  
19 special exception. If a determination of the special conditions or  
20 requirements to be imposed has been made, final permit approval may be  
21 withheld subject only to a final review by the commission or county board  
22 to determine whether there is a substantial change in the applicant's  
23 proposed use of the property upon which the determination was based and  
24 that the applicant has met, or will meet, the special conditions or  
25 requirements imposed in the determination. When making the determination  
26 as to whether the special use permit application should be approved or  
27 denied, the commission and board shall presume that the applicant for the  
28 permit will comply with all local, state, and federal requirements. The  
29 burden of proof to the contrary shall rest on the party challenging said  
30 presumption. Without factual evidence contrary to the application, the

31 commission or board shall approve the application.

1 (d) For purposes of this section, substantial change shall include  
 2 any significant alteration in the original application including a  
 3 significant change in the design or location of buildings or facilities,  
 4 in waste disposal methods or facilities, or in capacity.  
 5 (6)(5) The power to grant conditional uses or special exceptions as  
 6 set forth in subsection (5)(4) of this section shall be the exclusive  
 7 authority of the commission, except that the county board of  
 8 commissioners or supervisors may choose to retain for itself the power to  
 9 grant conditional uses or special exceptions for those classifications of  
 10 uses specified in the county zoning regulations. The county board of  
 11 commissioners or supervisors may exercise such power if it has formally  
 12 adopted standards and procedures for granting such conditional uses or  
 13 special exceptions in a manner that is equitable and which will promote  
 14 the public interest. In any county other than a county in which is  
 15 located a city of the primary class, an appeal of a decision by the  
 16 county planning commission or county board of commissioners or  
 17 supervisors regarding a conditional use or special exception shall be  
 18 made to the district court. In any county in which is located a city of  
 19 the primary class, an appeal of a decision by the county planning  
 20 commission regarding a conditional use or special exception shall be made  
 21 to the county board of commissioners or supervisors, and an appeal of a  
 22 decision by the county board of commissioners or supervisors regarding a  
 23 conditional use or special exception shall be made to the district court.  
 24 (7)(a)(6) Whenever a county planning commission or county board is  
 25 authorized to grant conditional uses or special exceptions pursuant to  
 26 subsection (5)(4) or (6)(5) of this section, the planning commission or  
 27 county board shall, with its decision to grant or deny a conditional use  
 28 permit or special exception, issue a statement of factual findings  
 29 arising from the record of proceedings that support the granting or  
 30 denial of the conditional use permit or special exception. If a county  
 31 planning commission's role is advisory to the county board, the county  
 1 planning commission shall submit such statement with its recommendation  
 2 to the county board as to whether to approve or deny a conditional use  
 3 permit or special exception.

4 (b) Upon receipt by the planning commission of an application, the  
 5 county zoning administrator or commission shall have thirty days to  
 6 determine if the application is complete. If the administrator or  
 7 commission determines the application is incomplete, within ten days  
 8 following such determination, the administrator or commission shall  
 9 notify the applicant in writing as to what information is required to  
 10 make the application complete. The administrator or commission shall have  
 11 thirty days after receipt of any additional information provided by the  
 12 applicant to redetermine if the application is complete. Within ninety  
 13 days after the commission receives a complete application, the commission  
 14 shall:

15 (i) If the commission has the authority to grant or deny a  
 16 conditional use permit or special exception, grant or deny such  
 17 application; or  
 18 (ii) If the commission does not have the authority to grant or deny  
 19 a conditional use permit or special exception, make a recommendation to  
 20 the board that such application be granted or denied.  
 21 (c) Once the board has received the recommendation of the  
 22 commission, the board shall have thirty days to make its own  
 23 determination if the application is complete. If the board determines the  
 24 application is incomplete, within ten days following such determination,  
 25 the board shall notify the applicant in writing as to what information is  
 26 required to make the application complete. The board shall have thirty  
 27 days after receipt of any additional information provided by the  
 28 applicant to redetermine if the application is complete. Not later than

29 ninety days after receiving a complete application as determined by the  
30 board, the board shall decide whether to grant or deny a conditional use  
31 permit or special exception. If the board has not granted or denied a  
1 conditional use permit or special exception by the end of such ninety-day  
2 period, the conditional use permit or special exemption shall be deemed  
3 granted.

4 Sec. 2. Original section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
5 Nebraska, is repealed.

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students, teachers, and sponsors from Westside Elementary, Norfolk; Leadership Omaha Class 47 and the Bay; Whitney Murman and Kathy Murman, Glenville; Bree Demontigny, Cherry County.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Wordekemper, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

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**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Jacobson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, Rountree, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-second day was approved.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Committee [AM767](#), found on page 940 and considered on pages 1116 and 1123, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer renewed [MO107](#), found on page 840 and considered on pages 1116 and 1123, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

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

Senator Hallstrom moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 0 nays, and 27 not voting.

The Hallstrom motion to cease debate prevailed with 36 ayes, 9 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to bracket failed with 6 ayes, 36 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKinney offered the following motion:

[MO181](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO107.

Senator Clouse offered the following motion:

[MO182](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Clouse moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

The Clouse motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 36 ayes, 8 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The McKinney motion to reconsider failed with 9 ayes, 36 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 8 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 8 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to [LB322](#):

[AM1095](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 9. In a prosecution for a violation of section 4, 5, 6, or 7 of

3 this act, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant is a

4 person with a developmental disability as defined in section 83-1205 or

5 autism spectrum disorder as defined in section 44-7,106.

6 2. On page 1, line 6, strike "8" and insert "9".

7 3. On page 3, line 9, strike "8" and insert "9".

8 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

[AM1092](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

1 1. Insert the following new section:



- 2 Sec. 9. In a prosecution for a violation of section 4, 5, 6, or 7 of  
 3 this act, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant is a  
 4 person with a developmental disability as defined in section 83-1205 or  
 5 autism spectrum disorder as defined in section 44-7,106.  
 6 2. On page 1, line 6, strike "8" and insert "9".  
 7 3. On page 3, line 9, strike "8" and insert "9".  
 8 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:  
AM1023

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:  
 2 Section 1. Section 79-934, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:  
 4 79-934 (1) In lieu of the school retirement allowance provided by  
 5 section 79-933, any member who is not an employee of a Class V school  
 6 district and who becomes eligible to make application for and receive a  
 7 school retirement allowance under section 79-931 may receive a formula  
 8 annuity retirement allowance if it is greater than the school retirement  
 9 allowance provided by section 79-933.  
 10 (2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the monthly  
 11 formula annuity in the normal form shall be determined by multiplying the  
 12 number of years of creditable service for which such member would  
 13 otherwise receive the service annuity provided by section 79-933 by (a)  
 14 one and one-quarter percent of his or her final average compensation for  
 15 a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or  
 16 more as a school employee under the retirement system following August  
 17 24, 1975, (b) one and one-half percent of his or her final average  
 18 compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half  
 19 year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system  
 20 following July 17, 1982, (c) one and sixty-five hundredths percent of his  
 21 or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the  
 22 equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under  
 23 the retirement system following July 1, 1984, (d) one and seventy-three  
 24 hundredths percent of his or her final average compensation for a member  
 25 actively employed as a school employee under the retirement system or  
 26 under contract with an employer on or after June 5, 1993, (e) one and  
 1 eight-tenths percent of his or her final average compensation for a  
 2 member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or  
 3 more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1,  
 4 1995, and was employed as a school employee under the retirement system  
 5 or under contract with an employer on or after April 10, 1996, (f) one  
 6 and nine-tenths percent of his or her final average compensation for a  
 7 member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or  
 8 more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1,  
 9 1998, and was employed as a school employee under the retirement system  
 10 or under contract with an employer on or after April 29, 1999, (g) two  
 11 percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has  
 12 acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school  
 13 employee under the retirement system following July 1, 2000, who was  
 14 employed as a school employee under the retirement system or under  
 15 contract with an employer on or after May 2, 2001, and hired prior to  
 16 July 1, 2016, and who has not retired prior to May 2, 2001, or (h) two  
 17 percent of his or her final average compensation for a member initially  
 18 hired on or after July 1, 2016, or a member who has taken a refund or  
 19 retirement and is rehired or hired by a separate employer covered by the  
 20 retirement system on or after July 1, 2016, and has acquired the  
 21 equivalent of five years of service or more as a school employee under  
 22 the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after July  
 23 1, 2016. Subdivision (2)(f) of this section shall not apply to a member

24 who is retired prior to April 29, 1999. Subdivision (2)(g) of this  
25 section shall not apply to a member who is retired prior to May 2, 2001.

26 (3) If the annuity begins on or after the member's sixty-fifth  
27 birthday, the annuity shall not be reduced.

28 (4) If the annuity begins prior to the member's sixtieth birthday  
29 and the member has completed thirty-five or more years of creditable  
30 service, the annuity shall be actuarially reduced on the basis of age  
31 sixty-five.

1 (5)(a) For a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year  
2 of creditable service or more as a school employee under the retirement  
3 system following July 1, 1997, and who was a school employee on or after  
4 March 4, 1998, and who was hired prior to July 1, 2016, if the annuity  
5 begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and creditable  
6 service totals eighty-five and the member is at least fifty-five years of  
7 age, the annuity shall not be reduced. This subdivision shall not apply  
8 to a member who is retired prior to March 4, 1998.

9 (b) For a member hired on or after July 1, 2016, and prior to July  
10 1, 2018, or for a member who has taken a retirement or refund that  
11 relinquished all prior service credit and who has not repaid the full  
12 amount of the refund pursuant to section 79-921 and is rehired or hired  
13 by any employer covered by the retirement system on or after July 1,  
14 2016, and prior to July 1, 2018, if the annuity begins at a time when the  
15 sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals eighty-  
16 five and the member is at least fifty-five years of age, the annuity  
17 shall not be reduced.

18 (c) For a member hired on or after July 1, 2018, or for a member or  
19 former member who has taken a retirement or refund that relinquished all  
20 prior service credit and who has not repaid the full amount of the refund  
21 pursuant to section 79-921 and is rehired or hired by any employer  
22 covered by the retirement system on or after July 1, 2018, the annuity  
23 shall not be reduced if the annuity begins at a time when the sum of the  
24 member's attained age and creditable service totals eighty-five and the  
25 member is:

26 (i) Prior to July 1, 2025, at least sixty years of age; and, the  
27 annuity shall not be reduced.

28 (ii) On or after July 1, 2025, at least fifty-five years of age.

29 (6) If the annuity begins on or after the member's sixtieth birthday  
30 and the member has completed at least a total of five years of creditable  
31 service including eligibility and vesting credit but has not yet

1 qualified for an unreduced annuity as specified in this section, the  
2 annuity shall be reduced by three percent for each year after the  
3 member's sixtieth birthday and prior to his or her sixty-fifth birthday.

4 (7)(a) Except as provided in section 42-1107, the normal form of the  
5 formula annuity shall be an annuity payable monthly during the remainder  
6 of the member's life with the provision that in the event of the member's  
7 death before sixty monthly payments have been made the monthly payments  
8 will continue until sixty monthly payments have been made in total  
9 pursuant to section 79-969.

10 (b) Except as provided in section 42-1107, a member may elect to  
11 receive in lieu of the normal form of annuity an actuarially equivalent  
12 annuity in any optional form provided by section 79-938.

13 (8) All formula annuities shall be paid from the School Retirement  
14 Fund.

15 (9)(a) For purposes of this section, in the determination of  
16 compensation for members whose retirement date is on or after July 1,  
17 2013, that part of a member's compensation for the plan year which  
18 exceeds the member's compensation for the preceding plan year by more  
19 than eight percent during the capping period shall be excluded. Such  
20 member's compensation for the first plan year of the capping period shall  
21 be compared to the member's compensation received for the plan year

22 immediately preceding the capping period.

23 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

24 (i) Capping period means the five plan years preceding the later of

25 (A) such member's retirement date or (B) such member's final compensation

26 date; and

27 (ii) Final compensation date means the later of (A) the date on

28 which a retiring member's final compensation is actually paid or (B) if a

29 retiring member's final compensation is paid in advance as a lump sum,

30 the date on which such final compensation would have been paid to the

31 member in the absence of such advance payment.

1 2. On page 4, after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:

2 "(b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and prior to July

3 1, 2027, no transfer shall be made into the School Retirement Fund under

4 this subsection."; and in line 22 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)" and

5 strike "2025" and insert "2027".

6 3. On page 5, line 23, strike "79-958" and insert "79-934, 79-958,".

7 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems

Room 1524 12:00 PM

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

AM1023 Amending LB645

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the collection, use, and protection of agricultural data in Nebraska with a focus on trade practices and consumer protection which is the focus of the Agricultural Data Protection Act introduced as LB525 in the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature. Agricultural data encompasses a wide range of information, from crop yields and soil conditions to livestock health and market trends, and is increasingly vital to the operation and profitability of Nebraska farms and ranches. The proliferation of digital technologies and data-driven practices in agriculture has led to a significant increase in the collection and storage of sensitive agricultural data by various corporations and entities. This has raised concerns regarding the potential for unauthorized use, sale, and sharing of farmers' and ranchers' data, which may lead to unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The types of agricultural data being collected and utilized by corporations and other entities;

(2) The existing legal and contractual frameworks governing the ownership, use, and transfer of agricultural data;

(3) The potential for unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues arising from the unauthorized use or sale of farmers' and ranchers' data;

(4) Best practices for data protection and security in the agricultural sector;

(5) The impact of data sharing and aggregation on market transparency and competition; and

(6) Methods of protecting the data from third-party sales and unauthorized usage.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 124.** Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the role of a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) within the Nebraska health insurance industry and the impact on prescription drug prices, evaluate the transparency and accountability of the practices of a PBM, and identify potential legislative or regulatory solutions to address concerns related to PBM practices. Prescription prices continue to rise, placing a significant financial burden on Nebraska residents and businesses. A pharmacy benefit manager plays a substantial role in the administration of prescription drug benefits within health insurance plans. Concerns have been raised regarding the transparency and accountability of the practices of a PBM, including their impact on drug prices and patient access. Understanding the role and influence of a PBM is crucial to developing policies that promote affordability and accessibility of prescription medications for Nebraskans.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The contractual relationship between a PBM, a health insurance plan, and a pharmacy;

(2) The reimbursement models used by a PBM, including spread pricing and rebates;

(3) The formulary management practices of a PBM, including drug utilization review and prior authorization requirements;

(4) The impact of the practices of a PBM on patient access to affordable prescription medications;

(5) The degree of transparency in the operations of a PBM; and

(6) The effects of such practices on independent pharmacies.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance 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 125.** Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3.

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month has been observed in April in the United States since 2017 in an effort to raise awareness of the collateral consequences of criminal, especially felony, convictions and to seek solutions; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than six hundred thousand individuals are released from state and federal prisons across the United States, including over four thousand returning to communities in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is a time to recognize the importance of second chances and to support the safe and successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, individuals that are system impacted often face significant barriers to housing, employment, and education; and

WHEREAS, removing barriers and supporting reentry efforts through a commitment to second chance opportunities and social support not only strengthens families and communities, but also improves public safety, reduces recidivism, contributes to a stronger economy, and ensures that Nebraska remains a land of opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is an opportunity to affirm the dignity and potential of every person.

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 Second Chance Month in Nebraska.

Laid over.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM933](#), found on page 1016, was offered.

Pending.

#### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Jack Hunter, Sioux County High School; students from Friend Public School, Friend; students, teachers, and sponsors

from Twin River Public Schools, Geneoa; students, teacher, and sponsors from Verdigre Public School, Verdigre.

### RECESS

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Armendariz, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

### ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Dover, Hunt, Lonowski, McKinney, and Meyer who were excused until they arrive.

### NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources  
Room 1023 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025  
Dennis Grennan - Nebraska Power Review Board

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Committee [AM933](#), found on page 1016 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 647.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM994](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Committee [AM933](#), found on page 1016 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders withdrew [AM632](#), found on page 823.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM731](#), found on page 963, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB676](#):  
[AM1097](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM655)

- 1 1. Strike sections 32 and 35 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 13. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the
- 3 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn
- 4 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- 5 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and
- 6 maintain thermal stability;
- 7 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;
- 8 (3) Vitamin K administration;
- 9 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;
- 10 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,
- 11 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as
- 12 indicated; and
- 13 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with
- 14 section 71-519.
- 15 Sec. 23. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the
- 16 newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn
- 17 care includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- 18 (1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and
- 19 maintain thermal stability;
- 20 (2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;
- 21 (3) Vitamin K administration;
- 22 (4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;
- 23 (5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life,
- 24 including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as
- 25 indicated; and
- 26 (6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with
- 1 section 71-519.
- 2 Sec. 34. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a licensed
- 3 professional midwife may practice professional midwifery at any location
- 4 other than a hospital as defined in section 71-419 and shall not be
- 5 required to practice under the supervision of or under a collaborative
- 6 practice agreement with another health care provider.
- 7 (2) In order to be permitted to practice professional midwifery in a
- 8 health care practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414 or a
- 9 health clinic as defined in section 71-416, a licensed professional

10 midwife shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the facility  
 11 relating to medical staff membership and privileges.  
 12 Sec. 37. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section  
 13 34 of this act, nothing in the Licensed Professional Midwives Practice  
 14 Act shall abridge, limit, or change in any way the right of parents to  
 15 deliver their baby where, when, how, and with whom they choose,  
 16 regardless of credentialed status.  
 17 2. On page 8, lines 20 and 27, strike "section 11" and insert  
 18 "sections 11 and 13".  
 19 3. On page 10, line 26, strike "for females"; in line 27 strike  
 20 "immediately following birth"; and in line 28 after "age" insert ",  
 21 except that in the case of a home birth, the practice of the certified  
 22 nurse midwife relating to the newborn shall be limited to immediate  
 23 newborn care".  
 24 4. On page 11, strike line 19 and show the old matter as stricken.  
 25 5. On page 15, line 12, strike "17 to 37" and insert "18 to 39"; and  
 26 in line 16 strike "19 to 24" and insert "20 to 26".  
 27 6. On page 16, strike lines 21 through 25, and insert the following  
 28 new subdivisions:  
 29 "(d)(i) Has successfully completed an educational program or pathway  
 30 accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, or a similar  
 31 organization as approved by the board; or  
 1 (ii) Prior to January 1, 2026, has obtained a midwifery bridge  
 2 certificate from the North American Registry of Midwives, or a similar  
 3 organization as approved by the board."  
 4 7. On page 17, strike beginning with "care" in line 14 through line  
 5 15 and insert "immediate newborn care."; and after line 21 insert the  
 6 following new subsection:  
 7 "(4) A licensed professional midwife shall annually report to the  
 8 board:  
 9 (a) The number of births attended;  
 10 (b) The number of fetal demise, infant death, and maternal death  
 11 outcomes;  
 12 (c) The number of women whose care was transferred to another health  
 13 care professional during the antepartum period and the reasons for such  
 14 transfers;  
 15 (d) The number of nonemergency hospital transfers, the reasons for  
 16 such transfers, and the outcomes of such transfers; and  
 17 (e) Any complications resulting in the morbidity or mortality of a  
 18 child bearing woman or neonate."  
 19 8. On page 19, after line 25 insert the following new subdivision:  
 20 "(10) Requirements for a written recommendation with referrals to at  
 21 least two licensed physicians or certified nurse midwives to be presented  
 22 to clients;"; in line 26 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 31  
 23 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 29, after the comma insert  
 24 "the level of the licensed professional midwife's liability insurance."  
 25 9. On page 21, line 13, strike "40" and insert "42".  
 26 10. On page 23, line 20, strike "38-618, and 44-2803" and insert  
 27 "and 38-618".  
 28 11. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB559:

#### FA114

On page 2, line 16 eliminate the comma after the word "services".

#### FA115

In AM731, eliminate the comma on page 1, line 15 after the word "organization".



**CEREMONIES**

The Speaker introduced a group from the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Michael's of Albion, Albion; John Hughes and Virginia Hughes, Seward; LaVon Clouse, Kearney.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Kip Anderson, Columbus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:35 p.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**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.

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



**SIXTY-FIFTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**SIXTY-FIFTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Dr. Mark Danielson, Grace Children's Home, Henderson.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Dover, Guereca, Juarez, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-fourth day was approved.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 14, 2025

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 Racing and Gaming Commission:

John Barrett, 1637 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68144, At-Large/District 2/  
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

### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, and 122 were adopted.

### SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, and 122.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Senator Conrad renewed [AM882](#), found on page 997 and considered on page 1149.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Conrad amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Riepe
Conrad	Fredrickson	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Hunt	Raybould	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 24:

Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Dover	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Storer	

Present and not voting, 10:

Andersen	Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	Lonowski
Arch	Bostar	Hansen	Ibach	Prokop

Excused and not voting, 3:

Guereca	Juarez	Sanders
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The Conrad amendment lost with 12 ayes, 24 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

Senator M. Cavanaugh made a parliamentary inquiry on whether or not she can reconsider the vote on AM882 once the bill moved to Select File.

The Clerk clarified that because there was no reconsideration motion before the body at the time, a reconsideration of the vote on AM882 would not be taken up. However, a theoretical reconsideration of the vote on AM882 could be taken up on Final Reading by moving the bill to Select File for the motion.

Senator M. Cavanaugh also made a parliamentary inquiry on whether the motion to advance the bill to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment was a debatable motion as she was in the queue.

The Clerk clarified that the motion to advance the bill is a debatable motion, however, when the motion was made, no names in the queue were recognized.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Hansen filed the following motion to LB677:

[MO184](#)

Place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Sec. 20(b).

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

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB332:

[AM1117](#) is available in the Bill Room.

#### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A.** Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 382, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** [ER36](#), found on page 1065, was offered.

ER36 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [MO183](#), found on page 1150, to bracket until May 5, 2025.

Pending.

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

#### Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Placed on Select File with amendment. [ER45](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

#### [ER51](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4  
2 and insert "the School Retirement Fund; to amend sections 79-958 and  
3 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change employee and  
4 state contributions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original  
5 sections; and to declare an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

#### [ER48](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "interest" in line 1 through  
2 line 22 and insert "banking and finance; to amend sections 8-319, 8-330,  
3 8-601, 8-820.01, 8-2701, 8-2702, 8-2703, 8-2704, 8-2705, 8-2706, 8-2707,  
4 8-2708, 8-2709, 8-2710, 8-2711, 8-2712, 8-2713, 8-2714, 8-2715, 8-2716,  
5 8-2717, 8-2718, 8-2719, 8-2720, 8-2721, 8-2722, 8-2723, 8-2725, 8-2726,  
6 8-2727, 8-2728, 8-2731, 8-2732, 8-2733, 8-2734, 8-2736, 8-2737, 8-2738,  
7 8-2739, 8-2740, 8-2741, 8-2742, 8-3027, 44-502, 44-1703, 44-4109.01,  
8 45-101.04, 45-1,110, 45-334, 45-335, 45-336, 45-337, 45-338, 45-339,  
9 45-340, 45-341, 45-342, 45-343, 45-344, 45-345, 45-347, 45-348, 45-350,  
10 45-351, 45-352, 45-353, 45-355, 45-356, 45-702, 45-703, 45-705, 45-729,  
11 45-734, 45-804, and 76-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
12 sections 8-602, 8-2724, 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, 8-3025, 45-346, 45-354,  
13 and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define,  
14 redefine, and eliminate terms under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act;  
15 to change provisions of such act relating to applicability, licensure,  
16 powers and duties of the Director of Banking and Finance,  
17 confidentiality, enforcement, required reports, audits, disclosures, and  
18 records, authorized delegates, prohibited activities, money transmission  
19 procedures, refunds, receipts, solvency requirements, surety bonds,  
20 permissible investments, discipline of a license or designation, orders  
21 to cease and desist, consent orders, violations, fees, charges, and  
22 costs; to provide penalties and fines; to prohibit certain insurance  
23 policy or contract exclusions of certain providers; to change the name of

24 the Nebraska Installment Sales Act to the Nebraska Installment Loan and  
 25 Sales Act; to change, transfer, and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska  
 26 Installment Loan Act and to eliminate such named act; to harmonize  
 27 provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections;  
 1 and to outright repeal sections 8-2743, 8-2744, 8-2745, 8-2746, 8-2747,  
 2 45-351.01, 45-1001, 45-1004, 45-1007, 45-1008, 45-1009, 45-1010, 45-1011,  
 3 45-1012, 45-1013, 45-1014, 45-1015, 45-1016, 45-1017, 45-1019, 45-1020,  
 4 45-1021, 45-1022, 45-1023, 45-1024, 45-1025, 45-1026, 45-1027, 45-1028,  
 5 45-1029, 45-1030, 45-1031, 45-1032, 45-1033, 45-1033.02, 45-1034,  
 6 45-1035, 45-1036, 45-1037, 45-1038, 45-1039, 45-1040, 45-1041, 45-1042,  
 7 45-1043, 45-1044, 45-1045, 45-1046, 45-1047, 45-1048, 45-1049, 45-1050,  
 8 45-1051, 45-1052, 45-1053, 45-1054, 45-1055, 45-1056, 45-1057, 45-1058,  
 9 45-1059, 45-1060, 45-1061, 45-1062, 45-1063, 45-1064, 45-1065, 45-1066,  
 10 45-1067, 45-1068, 45-1069, and 45-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 11 Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-1002, 45-1003, 45-1005, 45-1006,  
 12 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024."  
 13 2. On page 2, strike lines 1 through 3.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER46](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER54](#)

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM635, on page 3, lines 10  
 2 and 15, strike "to" and insert "through".  
 3 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5  
 4 and insert "natural resources; to amend sections 37-440, 46-740, and  
 5 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438,  
 6 37-451, 37-455, 37-1214, 37-1802, 37-1803, 39-891, 39-893, 39-1301,  
 7 39-1302, 39-1309, and 39-1320, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 8 2024; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide  
 9 penalties; to create and change the use of funds; to state and change  
 10 provisions relating to legislative intent, findings, declarations, and  
 11 purposes; to establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse; to provide  
 12 duties; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the issuance of  
 13 certain permits under the Game Law; to provide for a mitigation bank or  
 14 an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or  
 15 endangered species; to provide for payment of a sum in lieu of ad valorem  
 16 taxes lost by the county as prescribed; to change provisions relating to  
 17 ground water allocation and the use of integrated management plans,  
 18 rules, or orders; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original  
 19 sections."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER47](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "crimes" in line 1 through line  
 2 5 and insert "crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-1008, 28-1012,  
 3 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to  
 4 define a term; to provide powers, duties, and immunity to animal control  
 5 officers; to change provisions relating to seizure of certain animals; to  
 6 harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an  
 7 emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 319.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER53](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER50](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "protection" in line 1 through  
2 line 15 and insert "protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02,  
3 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929,  
4 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and  
5 sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-710, 28-713.01,  
6 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02,  
7 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, 43-1611, and 76-1401, Revised Statutes  
8 Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to  
9 extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to  
10 provide penalties; to provide powers and duties relating to such orders;  
11 to change a penalty for violating a harassment protection order; to  
12 provide for notification of reports of child abuse or neglect to a  
13 military installation as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to  
14 landlords relating to acts of domestic violence against tenants or  
15 household members; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to  
16 repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10,  
17 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and  
18 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 632.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER49](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 16, after "the" insert "State".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 322.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER52](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "income" in line 1 through line  
2 3 and insert "revenue and taxation; to adopt the Defense Efforts  
3 Workforce Act; and to provide an operative date."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Brownell-Talbot Elementary, Omaha; students from Southern Elementary, Blue Springs; members of Matriarchs for Change.



**RECESS**

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storm, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators DeKay, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Jacobson, Riepe, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed [MO183](#), found on page 1150 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until May 5, 2025.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 1 aye, 29 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew [AM1035](#), found on page 1097.

Senator Brandt offered [AM1084](#), found on page 1149.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM1124](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)

1 1. On page 507, strike beginning with "81-1578" in line 7 through  
2 "81-15,116," in line 17.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Storer offered the following amendment:

[FA116](#)

In ER36, on Page 18, Sec. 18, Line 15, strike starting with "the term" ending on line 16 with "years".

The Storer amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[AM1133](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)

- 1 1. On page 359, line 4, after "Project" insert "for a five hundred
- 2 cubic feet per second canal".
- 3 2. On page 360, after line 26 insert the following new subsection:
- 4 "(3) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred fifty million
- 5 dollars from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on
- 6 July 1, 2025.".

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to his amendment:

[FA117](#)

In AM1133, on line 4, strike "one hundred fifty" and replace with "sixty one".

## **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

## **PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, lost 12 ayes, 29 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 13 ayes, 33 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM556](#)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that individuals serving long-
- 4 term or life sentences who are rehabilitated and ready to be safely
- 5 released from incarceration should be able to earn a second chance by
- 6 receiving a commutation of their sentences from the Board of Pardons.
- 7 Such commutation is intended to allow such rehabilitated individuals to
- 8 be responsibly reintegrated into their communities while on parole and,
- 9 if successful on parole, as fully free individuals.
- 10 (2) For purposes of this section, second chance relief means a
- 11 program through which the department, the Division of Parole Supervision,
- 12 and the Board of Parole identify eligible committed offenders and work
- 13 with them to apply for a commutation from the Board of Pardons.
- 14 (3) The department, the Division of Parole Supervision, and the
- 15 Board of Parole shall establish a program to provide second chance relief
- 16 as provided in this section.
- 17 (4) A committed offender serving a sentence of imprisonment,
- 18 including life imprisonment, is eligible for second chance relief under
- 19 this section as follows:
- 20 (a) For an offense committed when the offender was younger than
- 21 twenty-six years of age, after serving at least twenty-five years of a
- 22 sentence of imprisonment; or
- 23 (b) For an offense committed when the offender was twenty-six years
- 24 of age or older, after serving at least thirty years of a sentence of
- 25 imprisonment.
- 26 (5) The department shall regularly identify committed offenders who

27 are eligible for second chance relief under this section or who will  
 1 become eligible within five years. The department shall regularly provide  
 2 lists of such offenders to the Board of Parole. The board shall advise  
 3 such offenders regarding the second chance relief program and work with  
 4 interested offenders to improve their chances of obtaining second chance  
 5 relief through rehabilitation and good behavior.  
 6 (6) In determining whether an eligible committed offender is  
 7 rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief, the Board of  
 8 Parole shall:  
 9 (a) Complete a risk assessment for the committed offender; and  
 10 (b) Involve community leaders and stakeholders in the review process  
 11 to ensure that public safety and community concerns are addressed.  
 12 (7) If the Board of Parole determines that an eligible committed  
 13 offender is rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief,  
 14 the board shall make a recommendation to the Board of Pardons that such  
 15 offender's sentence be commuted.  
 16 (8)(a) If the Board of Pardons receives a recommendation for second  
 17 chance relief from the Board of Parole, the Board of Pardons may consider  
 18 whether to grant a commutation of some or all of the remainder of a  
 19 committed offender's sentence to a term of parole.  
 20 (b) If the Board of Pardons determines not to grant a commutation,  
 21 the board may provide the committed offender with a list of steps or  
 22 requirements that, if satisfied, would increase the committed offender's  
 23 chances of being granted a commutation at a subsequent review. The Board  
 24 of Pardons may also provide a process for seeking a subsequent  
 25 commutation review.  
 26 (9) If a committed offender is granted a commutation and paroled  
 27 under this section, the Board of Parole shall:  
 28 (a) Develop a detailed reentry plan tailored to the committed  
 29 offender's needs, including job placement, housing support, and access to  
 30 continuing education and mental health services;  
 31 (b) Provide the committed offender with access to mentorship  
 1 programs and community support networks to facilitate successful  
 2 reintegration into the community;  
 3 (c) Provide for victim and community involvement through restorative  
 4 justice programs. The Board of Parole shall offer restorative justice  
 5 opportunities, when appropriate, to allow the committed offender to make  
 6 amends with victims and the community; and  
 7 (d) Provide for accountability and monitoring by requiring regular  
 8 check-ins with parole officers and continuous monitoring during the  
 9 initial phase of reentry to ensure compliance with conditions of parole.  
 10 (10) The Board of Parole shall implement a system for ongoing  
 11 evaluation and adjustment of the second chance relief program based on  
 12 outcomes and feedback.  
 13 Sec. 2. Section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 14 amended to read:  
 15 83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and section 1 of this act  
 16 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections  
 17 Act.  
 18 Sec. 3. Original section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 19 Nebraska, is repealed.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 539.** Placed on General File with amendment.

## **AM505**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. Section 69-2403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 4 amended to read:  
 5 69-2403 (1) Except as provided in this section ~~and section 69-2409,~~  
 6 a person shall not:

7 (a) ~~Purchase~~ purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun  
 8 until he or she has obtained a certificate in accordance with section  
 9 69-2404; ~~or. Except as provided in this section and section 69-2409, a~~  
 10 ~~person shall not sell~~

11 (b) ~~Sell~~, lease, rent, or transfer a handgun to a person who has not  
 12 obtained a certificate.

13 (2) The certificate shall not be required if:

14 (a) The person acquiring the handgun is a licensed firearms dealer  
 15 under federal law;

16 (b) The handgun is an antique handgun;

17 (c) The person acquiring the handgun is authorized to do so on  
 18 behalf of a law enforcement agency;

19 (d) The transfer is a temporary transfer of a handgun and the  
 20 transferee remains (i) in the line of sight of the transferor or (ii)  
 21 within the premises of an established shooting facility;

22 (e) The transfer is between a person and his or her spouse, sibling,  
 23 parent, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandparent;

24 (f) The person acquiring the handgun is a holder of a valid permit  
 25 under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; or

26 (g) The person acquiring the handgun is a peace officer as defined  
 27 in section 69-2429.

1 Sec. 2. Section 69-2409.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 2 amended to read:

3 69-2409.01 (1)(a)(4) For purposes of criminal history record  
 4 information checks relating to firearms or explosives sections 69-2401 to  
 5 69-2425, the Nebraska State Patrol shall be furnished with only such  
 6 information as may be necessary for the ~~purposes~~ sole purpose of  
 7 determining whether an individual is:

8 (i) Qualified to receive a permit to carry a concealed handgun under  
 9 section 69-2433; or

10 (ii) ~~Disqualified~~ disqualified from purchasing or possessing  
 11 ~~firearms or explosives~~ a handgun pursuant to state or federal law ~~or is~~  
 12 ~~subject to the disability provisions of 18 U.S.C. 922(d)(4) and (g)(4).~~

13 (b) ~~Such information shall be furnished by the Department of Health~~  
 14 ~~and Human Services.~~ The clerks of the various courts shall furnish to the  
 15 Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska State Patrol, as  
 16 soon as practicable but within thirty days after a court order is issued,  
 17 in a form and manner prescribed by the Department of Health and Human  
 18 Services or the Nebraska State Patrol, as applicable an order of

19 commitment or discharge is issued or after removal of firearm-related  
 20 disabilities pursuant to section 71-963, all information necessary to set  
 21 up and maintain the database required by this section. The clerks of the  
 22 various courts shall furnish ~~This information shall include (a)~~

23 information regarding those persons who:

24 (i) Are disqualified from purchasing or possessing firearms or  
 25 explosives pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited  
 26 to, 18 U.S.C. 922(d)(4) and (g)(4);

27 (ii) ~~Are~~ are currently receiving mental health treatment pursuant to  
 28 a commitment order of a mental health board or who have been discharged;

29 (iii) ~~Have (b) information regarding those persons who have been~~  
 30 committed to treatment pursuant to section 29-3702, and

31 (iv) Meet the definition of adjudicated as a mental defective or  
 1 committed to a mental institution pursuant to 27 C.F.R. 478.11, including  
 2 individuals found not responsible by reason of insanity, found not  
 3 competent to stand trial, found to lack the mental capacity to manage  
 4 their own affairs, or otherwise found by a court to be not competent; and

5 (v) ~~Have (c) information regarding those persons who have had~~  
 6 firearm-related disabilities removed pursuant to section 71-963.

7 (c) The mental health board shall notify the Department of Health

8 and Human Services and the Nebraska State Patrol when an individual's

9 ~~firearm-related~~ such disabilities have been removed pursuant to section  
10 71-963.

11 (d) ~~The department~~ Department of Health and Human Services shall also  
12 maintain in the database information provided by the clerks of the  
13 various courts pursuant to this section and a listing of persons  
14 committed to treatment pursuant to section 29-3702.

15 (e) To ensure the accuracy of the database, any information  
16 maintained or disclosed under this subsection shall be updated,  
17 corrected, modified, or removed, as appropriate, and as soon as  
18 practicable, from any database that the state or federal government  
19 maintains and makes available to the National Instant Criminal Background  
20 Check System. The procedures for furnishing the information shall  
21 guarantee that no information is released beyond what is necessary for  
22 purposes of this section.

23 (2) In order to comply with sections 69-2401 and 69-2403 to 69-2408  
24 and this section, the Nebraska State Patrol shall provide to the chief of  
25 police or sheriff of an applicant's place of residence ~~or a licensee in~~  
26 ~~the process of a criminal history record check pursuant to section~~  
27 ~~69-2414~~ only the information regarding whether or not the applicant is  
28 disqualified from purchasing or possessing a handgun.

29 (3) Any person, agency, or mental health board participating in good  
30 faith in the reporting or disclosure of records and communications under  
31 this section is immune from any liability, civil, criminal, or otherwise,  
1 that might result by reason of the action.

2 (4) Any person who intentionally causes the Nebraska State Patrol to  
3 request information pursuant to this section without reasonable belief  
4 that the named individual has submitted a written application under  
5 section 69-2404 or 69-2430 or is otherwise subject to a criminal history  
6 record information check pursuant to law ~~has completed a consent form~~  
7 ~~under section 69-2410~~ shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor in  
8 addition to other civil or criminal liability under state or federal law.

9 (5) ~~The Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human~~  
10 ~~Services shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on a~~  
11 ~~biannual basis the following information about the database: (a) The~~  
12 ~~number of total records of persons unable to purchase or possess firearms~~  
13 ~~because of disqualification or disability shared with the National~~  
14 ~~Instant Criminal Background Check System; (b) the number of shared~~  
15 ~~records by category of such persons; (c) the change in number of total~~  
16 ~~shared records and change in number of records by category from the~~  
17 ~~previous six months; (d) the number of records existing but not able to~~  
18 ~~be shared with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System~~  
19 ~~because the record was incomplete and unable to be accepted by the~~  
20 ~~National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and (e) the number of~~  
21 ~~hours or days, if any, during which the database was unable to share~~  
22 ~~records with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and~~  
23 ~~the reason for such inability. The report shall also be published on the~~  
24 ~~websites of the Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and~~  
25 ~~Human Services.~~

26 Sec. 3. Section 69-2410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
27 amended to read:

28 69-2410 No importer, manufacturer, or dealer licensed pursuant to 18  
29 U.S.C. 923 shall sell or deliver any handgun to another person other than  
30 a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector until he or she  
31 has:

1 (1)(a) Inspected a valid certificate issued to such person  
2 pursuant to sections 69-2401, 69-2403 to 69-2408, and 69-2409.01; and

3 (2)(b) Inspected a valid identification containing a photograph of  
4 such person which appropriately and completely identifies such person;  
5 or

6 (2)(a) Obtained a completed consent form from the potential buyer or

7 transferee, which form shall be established by the Nebraska State Patrol  
 8 and provided by the licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer. The form  
 9 shall include the name, address, date of birth, gender, race, and country  
 10 of citizenship of such potential buyer or transferee. If the potential  
 11 buyer or transferee is not a United States citizen, the completed consent  
 12 form shall contain the potential buyer's or transferee's place of birth  
 13 and his or her alien or admission number;  
 14 (b) Inspected a valid identification containing a photograph of the  
 15 potential buyer or transferee which appropriately and completely  
 16 identifies such person;  
 17 (c) Requested by toll-free telephone call or other electromagnetic  
 18 communication that the Nebraska State Patrol conduct a criminal history  
 19 record check; and  
 20 (d) Received a unique approval number for such inquiry from the  
 21 Nebraska State Patrol indicating the date and number on the consent form.  
 22 Sec. 4. Section 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 23 amended to read:  
 24 69-2420 Any person who, in connection with the purchase, transfer,  
 25 or attempted purchase of a handgun pursuant to ~~section~~sections 69-2410 to  
 26 69-2423, knowingly and intentionally makes any materially false oral or  
 27 written statement or knowingly and intentionally furnishes any false  
 28 identification intended or likely to deceive the licensee shall be guilty  
 29 of a Class IV felony.  
 30 Sec. 5. Original sections 69-2403, 69-2409.01, 69-2410, and  
 31 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.  
 1 Sec. 6. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections  
 2 69-2409, 69-2411, 69-2412, 69-2413, 69-2414, 69-2415, 69-2416, 69-2417,  
 3 69-2418, 69-2419, and 69-2423, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 558.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST20](#)

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

1. In the E & R amendments, ER31, on page 1, line 10, "a deficiency determination" has been struck and "deficiency determinations" inserted.

2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM549, on page 19, line 3, an underscored comma has been inserted after "product".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST21](#)

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

1. On page 6, line 17, "number of" has been inserted after "highest"; and in line 19 "of the Constitution of Nebraska," has been inserted after the second comma.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB677](#):  
[AM986](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to [LB133](#):  
[AM1116](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM251)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 16, after "welfare" insert ",if such person has
- 2 received law enforcement training that is the same as or equivalent to
- 3 training for law enforcement officers".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 130.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln men's basketball team achieved victory over the University of Central Florida to win the 2025 College Basketball Crown championship; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers overcame a deficit of fourteen points during the second quarter to win, with a final score of 77-66; and

WHEREAS, the team enjoyed key contributions from Juwan Gary, Brice Williams, Connor Essegian, all scoring twenty or more points; and

WHEREAS, Brice Williams set a new single-season scoring record for the Cornhuskers in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers achieved decisive victories over the University of Arizona State, Georgetown University, and Boise State University in the College Basketball Crown tournament to qualify for the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers, under the leadership of Head Coach Fred Hoiberg, demonstrated an impressive degree of grit, resilience, sportsmanship, teamwork, skill, hard work, and love for the game throughout the College Basketball Crown tournament and the 2024-2025 basketball season.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska–Lincoln men's basketball team for winning the 2025 College Basketball Crown championship.

2. That the Legislature recognizes and commends the student-athletes, coaches, and staff for their remarkable achievement and the honor they have brought to the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln men's basketball team and to Head Coach Fred Hoiberg.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.** Senator Hunt offered [MO4](#), found on page 157, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Kauth opened on her bill, LB89.

Senator Hunt opened on her motion, MO4.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Present and not voting, 3:

Arch	Hunt	Riepe
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The Bosn motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 15 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.



Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Present and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Hunt motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hunt offered the following motion:

[MO185](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO4.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

The Wordekemper motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 13 nays, and 5 not voting.

The Hunt motion to reconsider failed with 15 ayes, 32 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

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

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to [LB534](#):  
[AM491](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Business and Labor  
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025  
AM491 Amending LB534

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM701](#), found on page 872, was offered.

Senator Hunt offered [MO5](#), found on page 157, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:

[MO193](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Hunt motion to bracket failed with 16 ayes, 33 nays, and 0 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 11 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB89:

##### [FA118](#)

Strike the enacting clause

##### [FA119](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB89:

##### [FA123](#)

Strike the enacting clause

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB89:

##### [FA120](#)

In AM701, Strike Section 1.

##### [FA121](#)

In AM701, Strike Section 2.

[FA122](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to [LB89](#):[AM1138](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM701)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be  
4 cited as the Stand With Women Act.  
5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:  
6 (1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that  
7 manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;  
8 (2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some  
9 circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational,  
10 athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members  
11 of each sex to succeed and thrive;  
12 (3) Physical differences between males and females have long made  
13 separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes  
14 can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk  
15 of physical injury;  
16 (4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on  
17 average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower  
18 percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and  
19 aerobic energy;  
20 (5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on  
21 cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and  
22 speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and  
23 after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average,  
24 male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful  
25 than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports  
26 performance gap between the sexes;  
1 (6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic  
2 performance;  
3 (7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone  
4 provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the  
5 use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does  
6 not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes; and  
7 (8) Because of the physical differences between males and females,  
8 having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces  
9 the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the  
10 sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against  
11 their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female  
12 athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other  
13 athletic accomplishments.  
14 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:  
15 (1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or  
16 organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or  
17 administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or  
18 competitions;  
19 (2) Boy means an adolescent human male;  
20 (3) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or  
21 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
22 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,  
23 transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman  
24 and a girl;  
25 (4) Girl means an adolescent human female;  
26 (5) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or  
27 would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional  
28 disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,

29 transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and  
 30 a boy;

31 (6) Man means an adult human male;

1 (7) Postsecondary educational institution means a university,

2 college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member

3 institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States

4 Department of Education;

5 (8) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial

6 school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

7 (9) Public school means any public school offering instruction in

8 elementary or high school grades;

9 (10) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and

10 (11) Woman means an adult human female.

11 Sec. 4. (1) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored

12 by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete

13 against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school

14 that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be

15 expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

16 (a) Males, men, or boys;

17 (b) Females, women, or girls; or

18 (c) Coed or mixed.

19 (2)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a

20 public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a

21 public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a

22 member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for

23 females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

24 (b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a

25 public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a

26 public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a

27 member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males,

28 men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no

29 female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

30 (3) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a

31 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary

1 educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public

2 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary

3 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, the

4 team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based

5 on sex:

6 (a) Males, men, or boys;

7 (b) Females, women, or girls; or

8 (c) Coed or mixed.

9 (4)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a

10 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary

11 educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public

12 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary

13 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a

14 team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open

15 to a male student.

16 (b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a

17 public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary

18 educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public

19 postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary

20 educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a

21 team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a

22 female student unless there is no female team offered or available for

23 such sport for such female student.

24 (5) In order to participate in an interscholastic athletic team or

25 sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or designated for

26 female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a public school or a

27 public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a private school or a  
 28 private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With  
 29 Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or postsecondary  
 30 educational institution confirmation of such student's sex on a document  
 31 signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a doctor.  
 1 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the  
 2 eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic athletic  
 3 teams or sports designated as coed or mixed.  
 4 Sec. 5. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization,  
 5 or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an  
 6 investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or  
 7 private school or a public or private postsecondary educational  
 8 institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic athletic team or  
 9 sport for female students.  
 10 Sec. 6. The governing body of each public school and public  
 11 postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private  
 12 postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act  
 13 shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy  
 14 shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the  
 15 public.  
 16 Sec. 7. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or  
 17 difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections  
 18 and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities  
 19 Act of 1990, as amended.  
 20 Sec. 8. If any section in this act or any part of any section is  
 21 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect  
 22 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:

AM1108

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

1 1. Strike section 1 and insert the following new section:  
 2 Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 3 amended to read:  
 4 79-958 (1)(a)(4) Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to July  
 5 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula  
 6 annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the School  
 7 Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of  
 8 compensation. Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and in  
 9 the same manner as required employer contributions.  
 10 (b) Beginning in 2025 and each year thereafter, the employee  
 11 contribution rate shall be calculated as of July 1 and based on the  
 12 funded ratio of the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement  
 13 Fund in the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial  
 14 valuation report for the retirement system prepared for the retirement  
 15 board pursuant to section 84-1503. Beginning on July 1, 2025, for the  
 16 purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every  
 17 employee shall be required to deposit the following amounts in the School  
 18 Retirement Fund:  
 19 (i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
 20 School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent, nine and three-  
 21 quarters of one percent of compensation;  
 22 (ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
 23 School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than  
 24 ninety-eight percent, eight and three-quarters of one percent of  
 25 compensation;  
 26 (iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the  
 1 School Retirement Fund is ninety-eight percent or greater and less than  
 2 one hundred percent, eight percent of compensation; and  
 3 (iv) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the

4 School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater, seven and one-  
5 quarter of one percent of compensation.  
6 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same  
7 time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.  
8 (2) For the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula  
9 annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School  
10 Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the required contributions of  
11 the school employees of each employer. Such deposits shall be transmitted  
12 to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as such  
13 required employee contributions.  
14 (3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by  
15 this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and  
16 the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions  
17 pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining  
18 federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross  
19 income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made  
20 available. The contributions, although designated as member  
21 contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member  
22 contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the  
23 same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The  
24 employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction  
25 through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member  
26 contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School  
27 Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as  
28 member contributions made prior to the date picked up.  
29 (4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through  
30 irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921  
31 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be  
1 treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions  
2 picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

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

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB89:

MO189

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO190

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

MO191

Indefinitely postpone.

MO192

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator von Gillern filed the following motions to LR20CA:

MO194

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO195

Indefinitely postpone.

MO196

Recommit to the General Affairs Committee.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Amherst Public School, Amherst; students and teachers from Burwell High School, Burwell.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Hallgren, Omaha.

**MOTION - Adjournment**

Senator Murman moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to adjourn.

The Murman motion to adjourn prevailed with 47 ayes, 2 nays, and 0 not voting, and at 7:11 p.m., the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**SIXTY-SIXTH DAY - APRIL 23, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Chaplain Bob Gannon, Pleasant View Bible Church, Aurora.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Jacobson and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Juarez, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-fifth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR125 was adopted.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR125.

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1037:

## Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

Kyle Anderson

Nathan J Sorben

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Lonowski	Raybould	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKeon	Rountree	
Conrad	Hunt	McKinney	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 5:

DeBoer	Hansen	Jacobson	Sanders	Spivey
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The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1064:

Board of Educational Lands and Funds

Duane Kime

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hardin	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Holdcroft	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 11:

Bostar	Hunt	Meyer	Spivey
Conrad	Juarez	Murman	Strommen
Hughes	Lonowski	Sanders	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.

The appointment was confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A.** Senator Bostar offered [AM931](#), found on page 1020.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendments to [LB650](#):

[AM1118](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. On page 68, line 28, strike "No", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "And"; in line 29 after "shall" insert "not"; and strike beginning with
- 3 "except" in line 30 through "subsection" in line 31 and insert "other
- 4 than for the purposes described in this subsection".

[AM1132](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. Strike sections 43 and 46 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 43. Section 77-27,187.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 3 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 77-27,187.02 (1) To earn the incentives set forth in the Nebraska
- 5 Advantage Rural Development Act, the taxpayer shall file an application

6 for an agreement with the Tax Commissioner. There shall be no new  
7 applications for incentives filed under this section after December 31,  
8 2027.

9 (2) The application shall contain:

10 (a) A written statement describing the full expected employment or  
11 type of livestock production and the investment amount for a qualified  
12 business, as described in section 77-27,189, in this state;

13 (b) Sufficient documents, plans, and specifications as required by  
14 the Tax Commissioner to support the plan and to define a project; and

15 (c) An application fee of (i) one hundred dollars for an investment  
16 amount of less than twenty-five thousand dollars, (ii) two hundred fifty  
17 dollars for an investment amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars  
18 but less than fifty thousand dollars, and (iii) five hundred dollars for  
19 an investment amount of fifty thousand dollars or more. The fee shall be

20 remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Incentives

21 Fund. The application and all supporting information shall be  
22 confidential except for the name of the taxpayer, the location of the  
23 project, and the amounts of increased employment or investment.

24 (3)(a) The Tax Commissioner shall approve the application and  
25 authorize the total amount of credits expected to be earned as a result  
26 of the project if he or she is satisfied that the plan in the application  
1 defines a project that (i) meets the requirements established in section  
2 77-27,188 and such requirements will be reached within the required time  
3 period and (ii) for projects other than livestock modernization or  
4 expansion projects, is located in an eligible county, city, or village.

5 (b) For applications filed in calendar year 2016 and each year  
6 thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall not approve further applications  
7 from applicants described in subsection (1) of section 77-27,188 once the  
8 expected credits from approved projects in this category total: For  
9 calendar years 2016 through 2022, one million dollars; ~~and for calendar~~  
10 ~~years year 2023 through 2025 and each calendar year thereafter,~~ two million  
11 dollars; ~~and for calendar year 2026 and each calendar year thereafter,~~  
12 ~~one million dollars.~~ For applications filed in calendar year 2016 and  
13 each year thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall not approve further  
14 applications from applicants described in subsection (2) of section  
15 77-27,188 once the expected credits from approved projects in this  
16 category total: For calendar year 2016, five hundred thousand dollars;  
17 for calendar years 2017 and 2018, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars;  
18 for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021, one million dollars; ~~and for~~  
19 ~~calendar years year 2022 through 2024 and each calendar year thereafter,~~  
20 ~~ten million dollars; for calendar year 2025, seven million five hundred~~  
21 ~~thousand dollars; and for calendar year 2026 and each calendar year~~  
22 ~~thereafter, one million dollars.~~ Four hundred dollars of the application  
23 fee shall be refunded to the applicant if the application is not approved  
24 because the expected credits from approved projects exceed such amounts.

25 (c) Applications for benefits shall be considered separately and in  
26 the order in which they are received for the categories represented by  
27 subsections (1) and (2) of section 77-27,188.

28 (d) Applications shall be filed by November 1 and shall be complete

29 by December 1 of each calendar year. Any application that is filed after

30 November 1 or that is not complete on December 1 shall be considered to

31 be filed during the following calendar year.

1 (4) After approval, the taxpayer and the Tax Commissioner shall  
2 enter into a written agreement. The taxpayer shall agree to complete the  
3 project, and the Tax Commissioner, on behalf of the State of Nebraska,  
4 shall designate the approved plans of the taxpayer as a project and, in  
5 consideration of the taxpayer's agreement, agree to allow the taxpayer to  
6 use the incentives contained in the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development  
7 Act up to the total amount that were authorized by the Tax Commissioner  
8 at the time of approval. The application, and all supporting

9 documentation, to the extent approved, shall be considered a part of the  
 10 agreement. The agreement shall state:  
 11 (a) The levels of employment and investment required by the act for  
 12 the project;  
 13 (b) The time period under the act in which the required level must  
 14 be met;  
 15 (c) The documentation the taxpayer will need to supply when claiming  
 16 an incentive under the act;  
 17 (d) The date the application was filed; and  
 18 (e) The maximum amount of credits authorized.  
 19 Sec. 46. Section 77-3110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 20 2024, is amended to read:  
 21 77-3110 The department may approve tax credits under the Relocation  
 22 Incentive Act each year until the total amount of credits approved for  
 23 the year reaches one~~five~~ million dollars.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB650:

AM1089

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. Strike section 38.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
- 3 correct the repealer accordingly.

AM1066

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. On page 40, reinstate the stricken matter in lines 10 through 12.

AM1123

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. On page 52, line 26; and page 57, line 10, strike "three" and
- 2 insert "four".

## RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 131.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Stanley Staab of Kearney, Nebraska, is posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Hall of Fame in the employee category, in recognition of his extraordinary career and lifelong commitment to conserving and protecting Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Stan Staab dedicated nearly thirty-six years of his professional life to Nebraska's NRDs, beginning in 1979 at the Upper Big

Blue NRD in York, Nebraska, and then serving twenty-eight years as the General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Staab provided visionary leadership in the planning, development, and construction of numerous flood control projects, including the Scribner, Pender, Howells, Wakefield, and Winslow levees, as well as the Maple Creek Recreation Area and flood control dam near Leigh, Nebraska, which required more than a decade of dedicated effort to complete; and

WHEREAS, Staab's legacy includes the enhancement and improvement of recreation areas such as Maskenthine Lake and Willow Creek State Recreation Area, and the successful development of rural water systems, including the Logan East Rural Water System and the Wau-Col Regional Water System, which provide safe and reliable water to thousands of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a strong advocate for groundwater management, working closely with staff, research partners, and the board of directors to develop comprehensive and innovative plans to address groundwater challenges, particularly during periods of drought; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a champion of outdoor recreation and community partnerships, supporting trail development projects such as the Cowboy Trail Connector in Norfolk and the Norfolk Riverfront Project, as well as urban recreation and forestry projects throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, Staab's leadership was marked by his ability to build strong relationships with local communities, partnering agencies, elected boards, and staff, all united by a shared commitment to soil and water stewardship and the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Staab passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven, leaving behind a profound legacy of leadership, dedication, and passion for Nebraska's natural resources and the people who depend on them.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Stanley Staab for his exceptional service, vision, and impact on Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts and for his well-deserved posthumous induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Stanley Staab.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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, Jessica Evans, an Art and Agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor at Osmond Community Schools, has been selected as the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's dedication to hands-on, experience-based learning has provided her students with meaningful opportunities to expand their knowledge of natural resources through participation in programs such as Know Your Well and Northeast Area Land Judging competitions; and

WHEREAS, Jessica has instilled in her students the importance of land and soil conservation by implementing no-till practices on the Osmond FFA test plot, reinforcing real-world applications of sustainable agriculture; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership and collaboration with the Osmond community, Jessica developed and manages an eight-acre corn and soybean test plot, providing invaluable experiential learning for her students; and

WHEREAS, Jessica began her career in agricultural education in 2015, co-teaching at Osmond Community Schools and establishing the Osmond FFA Chapter, which officially chartered in 2016; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership over the past nine years, the Osmond FFA Chapter has achieved remarkable success, earning sixteen State FFA Degrees, seven Top-3 State Proficiency Awards, one State Proficiency Champion, and numerous Leadership Development Event and Career Development Event State Qualifiers; and

WHEREAS, Jessica continues to serve the agricultural education community as Chair of FFA District 4 and as a member of the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association Board; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's exceptional ability to engage, inspire, and motivate students has been recognized by colleagues and community members alike.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jessica Evans for her outstanding contributions to agricultural education, her unwavering commitment to conservation and natural resources, and her well-deserved honor as the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Educator of the Year.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jessica Evans.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 133.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek High School boys wrestling team, coached by Cody Wintz, secured the Class C Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Battle Creek's victory was secured by top scorers Ayden Wintz, Ryan Stusse Jr., Brek Thompson, Ryan Hoehne, Mason Planer, Casey Schnebel, Ashton Kuchar, Hunter Kruse, and Tyan Thompson; and

WHEREAS, this is Battle Creek's second consecutive state wrestling title; 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 the members of the Battle Creek High School boys wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class C State Wrestling Championship and their second consecutive state title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Battle Creek High School and Coach Cody Wintz.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 134.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; 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 State Cheer and Dance Competition was held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School cheer team and unified cheer team competed in the competition; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School cheer team placed fourth in Class A non-tumbling marking their highest placement in that category; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School unified cheer team became the state champions in unified sideline cheer for Classes A, B, and C just one year after forming; and

WHEREAS, cheer team coaches Katie Nedela, Alissa Melcher, and Andi Husk and unified cheer team coaches Phoebe Matson and Phoebe Melcher



provided the team leadership and guidance to excel at the state competition; 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 congratulates the members of the Norfolk High School cheer team and unified cheer team for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Norfolk High School cheer team.

Laid over.

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB287 to Select File**

Senator McKinney moved to return LB287 to Select File for his specific amendment, [AM1000](#), found on page 1059.

The McKinney motion to return prevailed with 34 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Senator McKinney offered [AM1000](#), found on page 1059.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

The McKinney specific amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 present not voting, and 15 not voting.

Senator Kauth requested a machine vote on the readvancement of the bill.

Readvanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 10 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.** [ER37](#), found on page 1012, was offered.

ER37 was adopted.

Senator Hunt offered [AM947](#), found on page 1098.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 1 nay, and 21 not voting.

The Hunt amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 6 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** [ER40](#), found on page 1013, was offered.

ER40 was adopted.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA96](#), found on page 1075.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew [FA97](#), found on page 1075.

Senator Andersen offered the following amendment:

[AM1131](#)

1 1. On page 6, after line 29, insert the following new subsections:  
 2 "(5) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department shall  
 3 not seek, apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of any work requirement  
 4 established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under 7  
 5 U.S.C. 2015(o), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, except that  
 6 the department may exercise the state's option to provide an exemption  
 7 from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6), as such section  
 8 existed on January 1, 2025.  
 9 (6) The department may, at its discretion, exercise its authority  
 10 under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, to  
 11 require individuals, unless specifically exempted by federal regulations  
 12 or law, to participate in an employment and training program as defined  
 13 in 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4), as such section existed on January 1, 2025."

Senator Andersen requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 39 ayes, 3 nays, and 7 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Andersen	DeKay	Kauth	Moser	Strommen
Armendariz	Hansen	Lippincott	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Bosn	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer	
Clements	Ibach	Meyer	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hughes	McKinney	Rountree
Clouse	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Riepe
Bostar	Dorn	Hallstrom	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Jacobson      Sanders

The Andersen amendment lost with 22 ayes, 14 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Kauth requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 9 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Senator von Gillern offered [MO194](#), found on page 1175, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Rountree filed the following amendments to [LB319](#):

##### [FA124](#)

On page 2, line 15, strike "December" and insert "November".

##### [FA125](#)

On page 2, in line 14, strike "department" and insert "Department of Health and Human Services".

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 135.** Introduced by Storm, 23; Clements, 2; Dungan, 26; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Riepe, 12; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2025, the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art in David City, Nebraska, celebrated its Grand Reopening; and

WHEREAS, the museum has been a cornerstone in the David City community since its opening in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the museum is the nation's only museum dedicated solely to Agrarian Art; and

WHEREAS, the museum has restored the historic David City Ford building once home to an assembly plant for Model T automobiles; and

WHEREAS, the museum connects people to the land through art, exemplifies local culture, and attracts national attention.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art on its Grand Reopening.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art.

Laid over.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Elmwood Murdock Elementary, Elmwood; Nebraska manufacturers on behalf of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry; students from Rumsey Station Elementary, Papillion; Community College Phi Theta Kappa Awardees and Aksarben Scholars from all six Nebraska Community Colleges.

**RECESS**

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dorn, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

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

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to [LB677](#):  
[AM1006](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA.** Senator von Gillern renewed [MO194](#), found on page 1175 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Speaker Arch, at the request of Senator Bostar, requested to pass over LR20CA.

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A.** Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 80, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to [LB243](#):  
[AM1145](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 136.** Introduced by Dungan, 26.

WHEREAS, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was established in 1945, and has served as a spiritual, cultural, and community anchor for generations of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, the church has been a place of worship, fellowship, and service, upholding the values of the Orthodox Christian faith and the traditions of Greek heritage throughout its eighty years of ministry; and

WHEREAS, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church has contributed significantly to the broader Lincoln community by fostering interfaith dialogue, promoting charitable efforts, offering educational, cultural, and social programs that enrich the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, through events such as the annual Greek Festival, community outreach, and youth involvement through programs like Sunday School and

Greek Dance, the church has shared its vibrant culture and values with Nebraskans of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the church has been blessed by the leadership of dedicated clergy, lay leaders, and faithful parishioners who have nurtured and sustained the life of the parish for eight decades; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of this milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the past, honor those who have served the church and the community, and look forward to continued growth and service in the years to come;

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on the celebration of eighty years of service to the community.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Laid over.

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** [ER50](#), found on page 1160, was offered.

ER50 was adopted.

Senator Dungan withdrew [FA98](#), found on page 1096.

Senator Dungan withdrew [FA99](#), found on page 1096.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Senator Dungan withdrew [FA114](#), found on page 1144.

Senator Dungan withdrew [FA115](#), found on page 1144.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:

[FA126](#)

Strike Section 3 on page 4.

### PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Dungan amendment lost with 8 ayes, 28 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[FA129](#)

Strike Sections 10, 11, and 12.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hunt            McKinney

Present and not voting, 10:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Dungan	Ibach
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hallstrom	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Sanders        Storer

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 2 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

### **BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 645, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 137.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5;

Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, April 30, 2025, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the end to the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the war began November 1, 1955, and brutally continued until April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans represent about ten percent of their generation fighting under challenging conditions that would alter their personal worlds forever; and

WHEREAS, the veterans were not always welcomed upon their return and were often blamed and denigrated for their participation in the war regardless of whether they had been drafted or they had volunteered; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty-eight thousand United States service members died fighting for their country or were deemed missing in action during the war; and

WHEREAS, all who served during the Vietnam War deserve honor and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the veterans and the lives lost to the Vietnam War.

2. That the Legislature celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the end to the Vietnam War.

Laid over.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** [ER42](#), found on page 1046, was offered.

ER42 was adopted.

Senator Hardin withdrew [AM1117](#), found on page 1157.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment:

[AM1154](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** [ER48](#), found on page 1158, was offered.

ER48 was adopted.



Senator Jacobson withdrew [AM1041](#), found on page 1119.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment:

[AM1080](#)

(Amendments to AM669)

1 1. Strike sections 29, 110, and 111 and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Sec. 29. Section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth  
5 Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:  
6 8-2724 (1) Before a licensee is authorized to conduct business  
7 through an authorized delegate or allows a person to act as the  
8 licensee's authorized delegate, the licensee shall:  
9 (a) Adopt, and update as necessary, written policies and procedures  
10 reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's authorized delegates  
11 comply with applicable state and federal law;  
12 (b) Enter into a written contract that complies with subsection (3)  
13 of this section; and  
14 (c) Conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation  
15 sufficient for the licensee to determine whether the authorized delegate  
16 has complied and will likely comply with applicable state and federal  
17 law.  
18 (2) An authorized delegate shall operate in full compliance with the  
19 Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.  
20 (3) The written contract required by subdivision (1)(b) of this  
21 section shall be signed by the licensee and the authorized delegate and,  
22 at a minimum, also shall:  
23 (a) Appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's  
24 authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money transmission on  
25 behalf of the licensee;  
26 (b) Set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the  
1 licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and  
2 responsibilities of the parties;  
3 (c) Require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with  
4 all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining  
5 to money transmission, including the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act and  
6 the rules and regulations implementing the act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and  
7 the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools  
8 Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001;  
9 (d) Require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money and  
10 monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract between the  
11 licensee and the authorized delegate;  
12 (e) Impose a trust on money and monetary value net of fees received  
13 for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee;  
14 (f) Require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain records  
15 as required by the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act or the rules and  
16 regulations implementing the act, or as reasonably requested by the  
17 director;  
18 (g) Acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to examination  
19 or investigation by the director;  
20 (h) State that the licensee is subject to regulation by the director  
21 and that, as part of that regulation, the director may suspend or revoke  
22 an authorized delegate designation or require the licensee to terminate  
23 an authorized delegate designation; and  
24 (i) Acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures  
25 required under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.  
26 (4) If the licensee's license is suspended, revoked, canceled,  
27 surrendered, or expired, the licensee shall, within five business days,

28 provide documentation to the director that the licensee has notified all  
29 applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a  
30 record filed with the director of the suspension, revocation,  
31 cancellation, surrender, or expiration of the license. Upon suspension,  
1 revocation, cancellation, surrender, or expiration of the license,  
2 applicable authorized delegates shall immediately cease to provide money  
3 transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee.  
4 (5) An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the  
5 benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money  
6 transmission. If any authorized delegate commingles any funds received  
7 from money transmission with any other funds or property owned or  
8 controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled funds and other  
9 property shall be considered held in trust in favor of the licensee in an  
10 amount equal to the amount of money net of fees received from money  
11 transmission by the authorized delegate on behalf of the licensee.  
12 (6) An authorized delegate may not use a subdelegate to conduct  
13 money transmission on behalf of a licensee.  
14 (1) The requirement for a license under the Nebraska Money  
15 Transmitters Act does not apply to:  
16 (a) The United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality  
17 thereof;  
18 (b) Any post office of the United States Postal Service;  
19 (c) A state or any political subdivision thereof;  
20 (d)(i) Banks, credit unions, digital asset depository institutions  
21 as defined in section 8-3003, building and loan associations, savings and  
22 loan associations, savings banks, or mutual banks organized under the  
23 laws of any state or the United States;  
24 (ii) Subsidiaries of the institutions listed in subdivision (d)(i)  
25 of this subsection;  
26 (iii) Bank holding companies which have a banking subsidiary located  
27 in Nebraska and whose debt securities have an investment grade rating by  
28 a national rating agency; or  
29 (iv) Authorized delegates of the institutions and entities listed in  
30 subdivision (d)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection, except that  
31 authorized delegates that are not banks, credit unions, building and loan  
1 associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, mutual banks,  
2 subsidiaries of any of the foregoing, or bank holding companies shall  
3 comply with all requirements imposed upon authorized delegates under the  
4 act;  
5 (e) The provision of electronic transfer of government benefits for  
6 any federal, state, or county governmental agency, as defined in Consumer  
7 Financial Protection Bureau Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. part 1005, as such  
8 regulation existed on January 1, 2025, by a contractor for and on behalf  
9 of the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality  
10 thereof or any state or any political subdivision thereof;  
11 (f) An operator of a payment system only to the extent that the  
12 payment system provides processing, clearing, or settlement services  
13 between or among persons who are all exempt under this section in  
14 connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card  
15 transactions, automated clearinghouse transfers, or similar fund  
16 transfers; or  
17 (g) A person, firm, corporation, or association licensed in this  
18 state and acting within this state within the scope of a license;  
19 (i) As a collection agency pursuant to the Collection Agency Act;  
20 (ii) As a credit services organization pursuant to the Credit  
21 Services Organization Act; or  
22 (iii) To engage in the debt management business pursuant to sections  
23 69-1201 to 69-1217.  
24 (2) An authorized delegate of a licensee or of an exempt entity,  
25 acting within the scope of its authority conferred by a written contract

~~26 as described in section 8-2739, is not required to obtain a license under~~  
~~27 the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, except that such an authorized~~  
~~28 delegate shall comply with the other provisions of the act which apply to~~  
~~29 money transmission transactions.~~

30 Sec. 110. Section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth

31 Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:

1 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of Insurance  
 2 shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of not to exceed  
 3 six percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums  
 4 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority  
 5 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal  
 6 law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director  
 7 shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The  
 8 State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to  
 9 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.

10 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human  
 11 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal  
 12 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial  
 13 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

14 (3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January  
 15 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar  
 16 year and each year thereafter.

17 Sec. 111. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14,  
 18 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32,  
 19 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51,  
 20 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70,  
 21 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88,  
 22 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105,  
 23 106, 107, 108, 109, 113, and 114 of this act become operative on October  
 24 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their  
 25 effective date.

26 Sec. 112. Original sections 44-502 and 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised  
 27 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred  
 28 Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, are repealed.  
 29 2. On page 203, line 12, strike "and" and strike "8-2724,"; and in  
 30 line 14 after the last comma insert "and section 8-2724, Revised Statutes  
 31 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill  
 1 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025,".  
 2 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and  
 not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** [ER46](#), found on page 1159, was offered.

ER46 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO198](#)

Bracket until May 6, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** [ER54](#), found on page 1159, was offered.

ER54 was adopted.

Senator Brandt offered the following amendment:

[AM998](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM635)

- 1 1. On page 19, strike lines 21 through 31 and insert the following
- 2 new subdivisions:
- 3 "(a) Establish a hub for information about the availability and
- 4 application processes of and eligibility for grants, loans, or other
- 5 programs that fund home weatherization projects, whether administered by
- 6 the department, other state or local agencies, nonprofit organizations,
- 7 or the federal government; and
- 8 (b) Assist in coordination efforts by state and local agencies to
- 9 optimize the execution of home weatherization projects."
- 10 2. On page 20, strike lines 1 through 6; and in line 7 strike "(5)"
- 11 and insert "(4)".

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM733](#), found on page 895, was offered.

Senator McKinney withdrew [AM1052](#), found on page 1105, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKinney offered [AM1074](#), found on page 1120, to the committee amendment.

The McKinney amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered [AM968](#), found on page 1072, to the committee amendment.

The Dover amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1008](#), found on page 1130, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[AM1147](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1008)

- 1 1. Strike section 37 and insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 37. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, each agency shall begin a
- 3 review of all existing and pending rules and regulations. Every rule or
- 4 regulation shall be reviewed every five years.
- 5 (2) Each agency head shall designate an individual who is
- 6 responsible for oversight of the review.
- 7 (3) Each agency shall submit electronically a detailed report of its
- 8 findings along with any supporting documentation to the Clerk of the
- 9 Legislature on or before June 30 of each year for reviews conducted in
- 10 the previous year. The report shall indicate whether:
- 11 (a) The rule or regulation is essential to the health, safety, or
- 12 welfare of the public;
- 13 (b) The costs of the rule or regulation outweigh the benefits;
- 14 (c) The agency has a process in place to measure the effectiveness
- 15 of the rule or regulation;
- 16 (d) A less restrictive alternative has been considered; and
- 17 (e) The rule or regulation was promulgated as the result of a (i)
- 18 state statutory requirement, (ii) federal mandate, or (iii) court
- 19 decision.
- 20 (4) Upon receipt of the agency reports required by this section, the
- 21 Reference Committee of the Legislature shall reference each report to the
- 22 appropriate standing committee of the Legislature based on each
- 23 committee's jurisdictional oversight. The standing committee shall review
- 24 the agency report and submit a report electronically to the Clerk of the
- 25 Legislature by December 15 of such year. Each such committee report shall
- 26 include recommendations for legislation, if necessary, to clarify any
- 1 rule or regulation or provide recommendations for clarifications to any
- 2 rule or regulation.
- 3 (5) Agency rulemaking and regulationmaking authorized by the
- 4 Administrative Procedure Act shall be suspended during the pendency of
- 5 the agency review process mandated by this section with the exception of
- 6 any proposed rule or regulation that:
- 7 (a) Affects the health, safety, or welfare of the public;
- 8 (b) Is time sensitive; or
- 9 (c) Is subject to state or federal statutory deadlines.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

**EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 5:57 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Committee [AM1008](#), found on page 1130 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed [AM1147](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Conrad amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 561.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM316](#), found on page 593, was offered.

Senator Brandt offered [AM758](#), found on page 1038, to the committee amendment.

The Brandt amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator McKeon withdrew [AM978](#), found on page 1046, to the committee amendment.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 696.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM499](#), found on page 734, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 434.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM750](#), found on page 1126, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Wordekemper withdrew [AM494](#), found on page 697.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to [LB645](#):  
[AM1135](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. Section 81-2026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:

4 81-2026 (1)(a) Any officer qualified for an annuity as provided in  
5 section 81-2025 for reasons other than disability shall be entitled to  
6 receive a monthly annuity for the remainder of the officer's life. The  
7 annuity payments shall continue until the end of the calendar month in  
8 which the officer dies. The amount of the annuity shall be a percentage  
9 of the officer's final average monthly compensation. For retirement on or  
10 after the fifty-fifth birthday of the member or on or after the fiftieth  
11 birthday of a member who has been in the employ of the state for twenty-  
12 five years, as calculated in section 81-2033, the percentage shall be  
13 three percent multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, as  
14 calculated in section 81-2033, except that the percentage shall never be  
15 greater than seventy-five percent.

16 (b) For retirement pursuant to subsection (2) of section 81-2025 on  
17 or after the fiftieth birthday of the member but prior to the fifty-fifth  
18 birthday of the member who has been in the employ of the state for less  
19 than twenty-five years, as calculated in section 81-2033, the annuity  
20 which would apply if the member were age fifty-five at the date of  
21 retirement shall be reduced by five-ninths of one percent for each month  
22 by which the early retirement date precedes age fifty-five or for each  
23 month by which the early retirement date precedes the date upon which the  
24 member has served for twenty-five years, whichever is earlier. Any  
25 officer who has completed thirty years of creditable service with the  
26 Nebraska State Patrol shall have retirement benefits computed as if the  
1 officer had reached age fifty-five.

2 (c) For purposes of this computation:

3 (i) For an officer who became a member prior to July 1, 2016, final  
4 average monthly compensation means the sum of the officer's total  
5 compensation during the three twelve-month periods of service as an  
6 officer in which compensation was the greatest divided by thirty-six and:

7 (A) For any officer employed on or before January 4, 1979, the  
8 officer's total compensation includes payments received for unused  
9 vacation and sick leave accumulated during the final three years of  
10 service; or

11 (B) For any officer employed after January 4, 1979, and prior to  
12 July 1, 2016, the officer's total compensation includes payments received  
13 for unused holiday compensatory time and unused compensatory time; and  
14 (ii) For an officer who became a member on or after July 1, 2016,  
15 final average monthly compensation means the sum of the officer's total  
16 compensation during the five twelve-month periods of service as an  
17 officer in which compensation was the greatest divided by sixty and does  
18 not include payments received for unused sick leave, unused vacation  
19 leave, unused holiday compensatory time, unused compensatory time, or any  
20 other type of unused leave, compensatory time, or similar benefits,  
21 converted to cash payments. The five twelve-month periods used for  
22 calculating an officer's final average monthly compensation ends with the  
23 month during which the officer's final compensation is paid. In the  
24 determination of compensation, that part of an officer's compensation for  
25 the plan year which exceeds the officer's compensation for the preceding  
26 plan year by more than eight percent during the capping period shall be  
27 excluded. Such officer's compensation for the first plan year of the  
28 capping period shall be compared to the officer's compensation received  
29 for the plan year immediately preceding the capping period. For purposes  
30 of this subdivision, capping period means the five plan years preceding  
31 the officer's retirement date. The board may adopt and promulgate rules  
1 and regulations for the implementation of this section, including rules  
2 and regulations related to prorating, annualizing, or recalculating an  
3 officer's final average monthly compensation for each plan year in the  
4 capping period.

5 (2) Any officer qualified for an annuity as provided in section  
6 81-2025 for reasons of disability shall be entitled to receive a monthly  
7 annuity for the remainder of the period of disablement as provided in  
8 sections 81-2028 to 81-2030. The amount of the annuity shall be fifty  
9 percent of the officer's monthly compensation at the date of disablement  
10 if the officer has completed seventeen or fewer years of creditable  
11 service. If the officer has completed more than seventeen years of  
12 creditable service, the amount of the annuity shall be three percent of  
13 the final monthly compensation at the date of disablement multiplied by  
14 the total years of creditable service but not to exceed seventy-five  
15 percent of the final average monthly compensation as defined in  
16 subsection (1) of this section. The date of disablement shall be the date  
17 on which the benefits as provided in section 81-2028 have been exhausted.

18 (3) Upon the death of an officer after retirement for reasons other  
19 than disability, benefits shall be provided as a percentage of the amount  
20 of the officer's annuity, calculated as follows:

21 (a) If there is a surviving spouse but no dependent child or  
22 children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the surviving spouse  
23 shall receive a benefit equal to ~~one hundred seventy-five~~ one hundred percent of the  
24 amount of the officer's annuity for the remainder of the surviving  
25 spouse's life;

26 (b) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in  
27 his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under  
28 nineteen years of age and there is no other dependent child or children  
29 of the officer not in the care of the surviving spouse under nineteen  
30 years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred percent of the  
31 officer's annuity. When there is no remaining dependent child of the  
1 officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be one  
2 ~~hundred seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the  
3 surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

4 (c) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in  
5 his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under  
6 nineteen years of age or there is another dependent child or children of  
7 the officer under nineteen years of age not in the care of the surviving  
8 spouse, the benefit shall be twenty-five percent of the amount of the



9 officer's annuity to the surviving spouse and seventy-five percent of the  
10 amount of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer  
11 under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent  
12 children but in no case shall the benefit received by a surviving spouse  
13 and dependent children residing with such spouse be less than fifty  
14 percent of the amount of the officer's annuity. At such time as any  
15 dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit  
16 shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the  
17 officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age. When there is no  
18 remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the  
19 benefit shall be ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the  
20 officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the  
21 surviving spouse's life;

22 (d) If there is no surviving spouse and a dependent child or  
23 children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be  
24 equal to ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the officer's annuity to the  
25 dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be  
26 divided equally among such dependent children. At such time as any  
27 dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit  
28 shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the  
29 officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age; and

30 (e) If there is no surviving spouse or no dependent child or  
31 children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the amount of  
1 benefit such officer has received under the Nebraska State Patrol  
2 Retirement Act shall be computed. If such amount is less than the  
3 contributions to the State Patrol Retirement Fund made by such officer,  
4 plus regular interest, the difference shall be paid to the officer's  
5 designated beneficiary or estate.

6 (4) Upon the death of an officer after retirement for reasons of  
7 disability, benefits shall be provided as if the officer had retired for  
8 reasons other than disability.

9 (5) Upon the death of an officer before retirement, benefits shall  
10 be provided as if the officer had retired for reasons of disability on  
11 the date of such officer's death, calculated as follows:

12 (a) If there is a surviving spouse but no dependent child or  
13 children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the surviving spouse  
14 shall receive a benefit equal to ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the  
15 amount of the officer's annuity for the remainder of the surviving  
16 spouse's life;

17 (b) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in  
18 his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under  
19 nineteen years of age and there is no other dependent child or children  
20 of the officer not in the care of the surviving spouse under nineteen  
21 years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred percent of the  
22 officer's annuity. When there is no remaining dependent child of the  
23 officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be ~~one~~  
24 ~~hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the  
25 surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

26 (c) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in  
27 his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under  
28 nineteen years of age or there is another dependent child or children of  
29 the officer under nineteen years of age not in the care of the surviving  
30 spouse, the benefit shall be twenty-five percent of the amount of the  
31 officer's annuity to the surviving spouse and seventy-five percent of the  
1 amount of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer  
2 under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent  
3 children but in no case shall the benefit received by a surviving spouse  
4 and dependent children residing with such spouse be less than fifty  
5 percent of the amount of the officer's annuity. At such time as any  
6 dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit  
7 shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the

8 officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age. When there is no  
 9 remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the  
 10 benefit shall be ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the  
 11 officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the  
 12 surviving spouse's life;  
 13 (d) If there is no surviving spouse and a dependent child or  
 14 children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be  
 15 equal to ~~one hundredseventy-five~~ percent of the officer's annuity to the  
 16 dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be  
 17 divided equally among such dependent children. At such time as any  
 18 dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit  
 19 shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the  
 20 officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age; and  
 21 (e) If no benefits are paid to a surviving spouse or dependent child  
 22 or children of the officer, benefits will be paid as described in  
 23 subsection (1) of section 81-2031.  
 24 (6) A lump-sum death benefit paid to the member's beneficiary, other  
 25 than the member's estate, that is an eligible distribution may be  
 26 distributed in the form of a direct transfer to a retirement plan  
 27 eligible to receive such transfer under the provisions of the Internal  
 28 Revenue Code.  
 29 (7) For any member whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2007,  
 30 while performing qualified military service as defined in section 414(u)  
 31 of the Internal Revenue Code, the member's beneficiary shall be entitled  
 1 to any additional death benefit that would have been provided, other than  
 2 the accrual of any benefit relating to the period of qualified military  
 3 service. The additional death benefit shall be determined as if the  
 4 member had returned to employment with the Nebraska State Patrol and such  
 5 employment had terminated on the date of the member's death.  
 6 (8) Any changes made to this section by Laws 2004, LB 1097, shall  
 7 apply only to retirements, disabilities, and deaths occurring on or after  
 8 July 16, 2004.  
 9 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer  
 10 accordingly.

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

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

Senator Rountree name added to LB173.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Doug and Vikki Gremel, Seward; Blaine and Connie Brokaw, California; students from Norfolk Catholic, Norfolk; students from Arnold Elementary, Arnold.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:57 p.m., on a motion by Senator Prokop, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
 Clerk of the Legislature

**SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY - APRIL 24, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, April 24, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Storer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Arch.

**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 Sanders who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hansen, and Hughes who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-sixth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Head Start Association was established in May of 1965 and is celebrating its sixtieth birthday; and

WHEREAS, the association takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children by helping them succeed in school and in life while providing services in early childhood development, education, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, social services, and meaningful parent involvement; and

WHEREAS, over five thousand six hundred twenty individuals have been helped by Nebraska's twenty Head Start programs including their Center-Based services, Home-Based services, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships with ties to three federally recognized Native American tribes: the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Nation, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the association's staff and leaders dedicated across our state who help Nebraska's most vulnerable children and families thrive through the delivery of vital early childhood education, health, and family support services deserve recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Nebraska Head Start Association on celebrating sixty years of service to the community.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Head Start Association.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 139.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dan Hughes of Venango, Nebraska, is recognized for his outstanding contributions to the protection and management of Nebraska's natural resources and was inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame in the Supporter Category on September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hughes, a third-generation farmer from rural southwest Nebraska, developed an early understanding of the critical importance of water and carried this knowledge into his public service as the senator for Nebraska's 44th District from 2015 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon his election to the Nebraska Legislature, Hughes immediately joined the Natural Resources Committee, serving as a member

from 2015 to 2022 and as its chairman from 2017 to 2021, where he played a key role in shaping legislation related to water, agriculture, the environment, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Hughes provided steady leadership on complex water policy issues, ensuring Nebraska maintained compliance with interstate water agreements while protecting the rights of landowners and irrigators through practical, consensus-driven policymaking; and

WHEREAS, Hughes effectively defended Nebraska's longstanding water law and resource management framework; and safeguarded Nebraska's water resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, following his tenure in the Legislature, Hughes continues his commitment to conservation as the District 5 commissioner for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, ensuring the continued protection and responsible management of Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Hughes remains an active steward of the land, managing his family farm in Venango while instilling in his children the values of conservation, sustainability, and the responsible use of natural resources.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dan Hughes on his induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame in the Supporter Category.

2. That the Legislature recognizes Dan Hughes for his steadfast dedication to Nebraska's natural resources, his leadership in public policy, and his lasting impact on water and land management.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dan Hughes.

Laid over.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** [ER45](#), found on page 1158, was offered.

ER45 was adopted.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM1118](#), found on page 1179.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM1132](#), found on page 1179.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1089](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1066](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 10 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1123](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:

[AM1155](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

1 1. Strike sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 41, 42, 47, 51, 54, 2 and 58.

3 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and 4 correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 1:

Prokop

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

The McKinney amendment lost with 15 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA131](#)

On page 52, line 26; and page 57, line 10, strike "three" and insert "four".

### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 16 ayes, 25 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 34 ayes, 5 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** [ER51](#), found on page 1158, was offered.

ER51 was adopted.

Senator Ballard offered [AM1023](#), found on page 1137.

The Ballard amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Ballard offered [AM1108](#), found on page 1174.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered [AM1135](#), found on page 1199.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 140.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; von Gillern, 4.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Family Alliance, founded in 1988, is a nonprofit policy research and educational organization that represents a diverse network of thousands of individuals, families, and faith leaders, advocating for Biblical values, marriage, families, life, parental rights, and religious freedom in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bowling was hired as Outreach Director at Nebraska Family Alliance in 2001 and became Executive Director on August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, significant legislation and ballot measures were passed during her time at Nebraska Family Alliance, including the successful passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, parental consent for minors to have abortions, Choose Life License Plates, the dismemberment abortion ban, the Let Them Grow Act, Initiative 434, and legislation to combat human trafficking and protect survivors; and

WHEREAS, Karen announced her retirement on August 29, 2024, and named her successor, Nate Grasz; and

WHEREAS, Karen retired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Karen continues to serve in her church and community, as well as spending time with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the contributions to our state by outstanding individuals and organizations.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes, honors, and thanks Karen Bowling for her service with Nebraska Family Alliance to families in Nebraska.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Nebraska Family Alliance and Karen Bowling.

Laid over.

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Barrett, John - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Joshua Pierce, Lincoln; Madeline Sorrentino, Omaha; students and teachers from Jefferson Elementary, Grand Island; students from Ashbury Elementary, Papillion; students, teachers and sponsor from Northeast High School, Lincoln; students from Pierce Elementary, Pierce.

#### **RECESS**

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Guereca, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.



**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Bosn, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Hunt, Lippincott, Raybould, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM1184](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER51)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM876:
- 3 a. On page 1, lines 14 and 15, lines 19 and 20, and lines 25 and 26,
- 4 strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 5 b. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 6 c. On page 4, lines 26 and 27, strike "in the School Retirement
- 7 Fund"; and
- 8 d. On page 5, lines 1 and 2 and lines 8 and 9, strike "in the School
- 9 Retirement Fund"; and after line 12 insert the following new
- 10 subdivisions:
- 11 "(c)(i) The changes to the state contribution under subdivision (b)
- 12 of this subsection do not apply to the percentage of the state
- 13 contribution transferred to the Omaha School Employees Retirement System
- 14 as required in subsection (2) of section 79-916.
- 15 (ii) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state transfer of
- 16 two percent of the compensation of all members of the Omaha School
- 17 Employees Retirement System does not mean that the state assumes any
- 18 additional financial responsibility or liability for funding obligations
- 19 of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System which remains the
- 20 responsibility of the Omaha public school district as described in the
- 21 Class V School Employees Retirement Act."
- 22 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Senator DeKay filed the following motion to [LB246](#):

[MO199](#)

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8(b)(1), recommit to Enrollment and Review to correct an error and for reengrossment.

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 36, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM904](#), found on page 1072, was offered.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** [ER43](#), found on page 1065, was offered.

ER43 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** [ER47](#), found on page 1159, was offered.

ER47 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered [AM1116](#), found on page 1167.

The McKinney amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Title read. Considered.

#### **SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Committee [AM333](#), found on page 625, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 644.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM959](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

Natural Resources

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

Nebraska Power Review Board:

Dennis Grennan

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.

Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB383:

[FA133](#)

Remove the comma on Page 1, Sec. 2, Line 21.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM492](#), found on page 802, was offered.

Senator Arch withdrew [FA59](#), found on page 896, to the committee amendment.

Senator Arch offered [AM821](#), found on page 963, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[FA134](#)

In AM492, strike section 7.

The McKinney amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 275.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment:

[AM1126](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 43-907 (1) Unless a guardian shall have been appointed by a court of  
6 competent jurisdiction, the Department of Health and Human Services shall  
7 take custody of, and exercise general control over, assets owned by  
8 children under the charge of the department.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) through (7) of this  
10 section:

11 (a) Children owning assets shall at all times pay for personal

12 items;:-

13 (b) Assets over and above a maximum of one thousand dollars and  
14 current income shall be available for reimbursement to the state for the  
15 cost of care;:-

16 (c) Assets may be deposited in a checking account, invested in  
17 United States bonds, or deposited in a savings account insured by the  
18 United States Government;:-

19 (d) All income received from the investment or deposit of assets  
20 shall be credited to the individual child whose assets ~~are~~<sup>were</sup> invested  
21 or deposited; and:-

22 (e) The department shall make and maintain detailed records showing  
23 all receipts, investments, and expenditures of assets owned by children  
24 under the charge of the department.

25 (3)(a) The department shall screen each child under its charge for  
26 social security benefit eligibility within sixty days after the date the  
27 child enters its charge.

1 (b)(i) If the department determines that a child may be eligible for  
2 social security benefits, it shall submit an application for such  
3 benefits on behalf of the child and, if necessary and in the child's best  
4 interest, appeal a denied application.

5 (ii) The department shall provide written notice to the child, using  
6 age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's  
7 parents, of all benefit eligibility determinations from the Social  
8 Security Administration, including benefit approval, denial, and appeal  
9 outcomes, within ten calendar days after the date the department is  
10 notified of such eligibility determination.

11 (iii) If the child is approved to receive social security benefits,  
12 within ten calendar days after the date the department is notified of the  
13 approval, the department shall provide written notice to the child, using  
14 age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's  
15 parents, that adults known to the child may apply to be the child's  
16 representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security  
17 benefit payments.

18 (iv) If the department is appointed to serve as the child's  
19 representative payee, within ten calendar days after the date the  
20 department is notified of such appointment, the department shall provide  
21 written notice to the child, using age-appropriate language, the child's  
22 guardian ad litem, and the child's parents, of such appointment, the  
23 child's and the child's parents' rights to appeal the appointment, and  
24 the deadline for such appeals.

25 (4)(2) When the Department of Health and Human Services serves as  
26 representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefits,  
27 the department shall provide:

28 (a) Written notice~~Notice~~ to the child beneficiary, using in an age-  
29 appropriate language~~manner, and~~ the child's guardian ad litem, and the  
30 child's parents that the department is acting as the child's

31 representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security  
1 benefit payments~~benefits~~, within thirty days after receiving the first  
2 social security benefit payment on behalf of the child beneficiary. The  
3 notice shall include the following information;:-

4 (i) The department received the social security benefit payment and  
5 the amount received;

6 (ii) The department has created a trust account to hold such benefit  
7 payments;

8 (iii) Such benefit payments shall be used and conserved in  
9 accordance with federal law and this section, and any unspent or  
10 conserved funds shall be sent to the child beneficiary when the child  
11 beneficiary leaves the department's charge;

12 (iv) The child beneficiary may request access to such benefit  
13 payments for personal use through the department and the process for  
14 submitting such a request;

15 (v) A child beneficiary fourteen years of age or older may request

16 through the juvenile court that such benefit payments be used or  
 17 conserved in a specified manner; and  
 18 (vi) The child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem, the  
 19 child's attorney, or the child's parents may request all accounting  
 20 records the department maintains relating to the child beneficiary's  
 21 social security benefit payments and the process for submitting such a  
 22 request;  
 23 (b) Written notice Notice to the juvenile court, at each ~~every~~ review  
 24 ~~hearing for~~ regarding the child beneficiary ~~after January 1, 2023,~~  
 25 regarding the department's receipt and conservation of the child's social  
 26 security benefits, ~~which~~ that shall include:  
 27 (i) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds the  
 28 department has received on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date  
 29 of the review hearing; and  
 30 (ii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds  
 31 received on behalf of the child beneficiary that are currently conserved  
 1 or unspent as of the date of the review hearing; and  
 2 (iii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds  
 3 spent on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date of the review  
 4 hearing, including itemized expenditures since the previous review  
 5 hearing; and  
 6 (c) All accounting records regarding the department's receipt, use,  
 7 and conservation of the child's social security ~~benefit payments~~ benefits,  
 8 to the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem or attorney, or  
 9 the child's parent upon:  
 10 (i) Request ~~by~~ from the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad  
 11 litem or attorney, or the child's parent; and  
 12 (ii) Termination of the department's role as the child beneficiary's  
 13 representative payee.  
 14 (5) When the department serves as representative payee for a child  
 15 beneficiary of social security benefit payments, it shall:  
 16 (a) Manage, use, and conserve the social security benefit payments  
 17 consistent with federal law and this section, for the use and benefit of  
 18 the child beneficiary, and in the child beneficiary's best interest. This  
 19 includes conserving social security benefit payments for the child  
 20 beneficiary's reasonably foreseeable and if appropriate, expressed,  
 21 future needs;  
 22 (b) Hold all social security benefit payments received on behalf of  
 23 a child beneficiary separate and apart from the department's funds, and  
 24 except as provided in subdivision (5)(c) of this section, in a trust  
 25 account established and maintained for the child beneficiary;  
 26 (c) Manage such benefit payments in a manner that avoids exceeding  
 27 the federal social security asset and resource limits, including holding  
 28 benefit payments in the established trust account and in accounts and  
 29 programs not counted toward such limits, so as to conserve funds without  
 30 exceeding such limits. Such accounts and programs include, but are not  
 31 limited to, (i) a plan for achieving self-support as described in section  
 1 68-1007, (ii) an achieving a better life experience account as described  
 2 in sections 77-1401 to 77-1409, (iii) an individual development account  
 3 as described in 45 C.F.R. 263.20, (iv) a special needs trust as defined  
 4 in section 30-4513, and (v) a dedicated account for social security back  
 5 payments;  
 6 (d) Conserve a minimum amount of social security benefit payments  
 7 received on behalf of a child beneficiary, which shall not be used to  
 8 reimburse the state for the cost of care, in the following percentages:  
 9 (i) For child beneficiaries fourteen years of age or older, no less than  
 10 twenty percent; (ii) for child beneficiaries sixteen years of age or  
 11 older, no less than thirty percent; (iii) for child beneficiaries  
 12 seventeen years of age or older, no less than forty percent; and (iv) for  
 13 child beneficiaries eighteen years of age or older, fifty percent; and  
 14 (e) Reimburse such funds with subsequent social security benefit  
 15 payments and such payments shall not be available to reimburse the

16 department for the child beneficiary's care if, pursuant to a request by  
 17 the child beneficiary, funds from social security payments are disbursed  
 18 from an established trust account or any other account or program  
 19 maintained by the department for the child beneficiary.  
 20 (6) If the department serves as representative payee for a child  
 21 beneficiary of social security benefits fourteen years of age or older,  
 22 such child beneficiary shall:  
 23 (a) Be consulted by the department no less than every six months  
 24 regarding the child beneficiary's current and reasonably foreseeable  
 25 future needs so that the child beneficiary's social security benefit  
 26 payments are spent and conserved in a manner that supports the child  
 27 beneficiary's needs and best interests;  
 28 (b) Have the right to request through the juvenile court, that the  
 29 child beneficiary's social security benefit payments be used or conserved  
 30 for current or reasonably foreseeable future needs in a manner that is  
 31 different from the department's use and conservation of such payments.  
 1 Such request shall be granted if it is determined to be in the best  
 2 interest of the child beneficiary;  
 3 (c) Be informed in writing, at least six months prior to exiting the  
 4 department's charge, of the process for continuing to receive social  
 5 security benefit payments, the applicable federal asset and resource  
 6 limits, and the process for using and conserving benefit payments to  
 7 comply with such limits, including funds in accounts and programs that do  
 8 not count toward such limits; and  
 9 (d) At least six months prior to exiting the department's charge,  
 10 have an application submitted on behalf of the child beneficiary, or  
 11 receive assistance in submitting an application, for renewed or new  
 12 social security benefits for which the child beneficiary may be eligible  
 13 if necessary for the child beneficiary to continue receiving benefits.  
 14 (7) When a child beneficiary exits the department's charge, the  
 15 department shall provide written notice to such child beneficiary using  
 16 age-appropriate language, and if applicable, the child's parents or  
 17 guardians, that:  
 18 (a) The child beneficiary has the right to receive unspent or  
 19 conserved social security benefit payments, the amount of unspent or  
 20 conserved benefits the child beneficiary is expected to receive, that  
 21 such payments will be disbursed from the Social Security Administration,  
 22 and contact information for the Social Security Administration; and  
 23 (b) The department is no longer acting as the child beneficiary's  
 24 representative payee and if the child beneficiary is younger than  
 25 eighteen years of age, an adult known to the child may apply to be a  
 26 representative payee through the Social Security Administration to ensure  
 27 continued receipt of the child's social security benefit payments.  
 28 (8) On or before October 1, 2026, the department shall create a  
 29 publicly available form for child beneficiaries under the department's  
 30 charge to request access to social security benefit payments for personal  
 31 use.  
 1 (9)(3) On or before October 1, 20262023, the Department of Health  
 2 and Human Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
 3 carry out subsections (2) through (8)sub~~section~~ (2) of this section  
 4 consistent with federal requirements regarding representative payees for  
 5 social security beneficiaries.  
 6 (10) The department shall seek to maximize federal Title IV-E  
 7 funding prior to utilizing General Funds for costs associated with  
 8 implementation of this section.  
 9 Sec. 2. Original section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 10 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

The Hunt amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM655](#), found on page 822, was offered.

Senator Fredrickson withdrew [FA51](#), found on page 823.

Senator Fredrickson offered [AM914](#), found on page 999, to the committee amendment.

#### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM1111](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

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

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to [LB383](#):  
[AM1180](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER53)

- 1 1. On page 56, line 30, strike "[\(2\)\(a\)](#)" and insert "[\(2\)](#)" and strike
- 2 the period and insert an underscored semicolon; and strike line 31.
- 3 2. On page 57, strike line 1.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to [LB676](#):  
[FA135](#)

Strike Section 1.

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

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB644](#):  
[MO200](#)

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

[MO201](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO202](#)

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.



**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 21, 2025

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 Environmental Trust Board:

Jeff Kanger, 4316 S 49th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, District 1/Finance

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

April 21, 2025

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 Public Employees Retirement Systems:

Brent Larson, 4402 Hickory Street, Omaha, NE 68105, Class V School  
Employees Retirement Act

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

**EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 5:26 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING****GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Committee [AM655](#), found on page 822 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Fredrickson renewed [AM914](#), found on page 999 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment..

The Fredrickson amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Hansen withdrew [AM941](#), found on page 1030, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hansen offered [AM1097](#), found on page 1143, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 not voting.

The Hansen amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 21 ayes, 14 nays, and 14 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO206](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM1097.

Senator Hansen requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Juarez	Murman	
Clements	Dungan	Kauth	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 12:

Armendariz	Jacobson	Riepe	Storm
Bosn	McKeon	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Brandt	Moser	Storer	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 8:

Bostar	Guereca	Hughes	Quick
Fredrickson	Hallstrom	Hunt	Strommen

Absent and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The M. Cavanaugh motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 12 nays, 8 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Hansen amendment, [AM1097](#), found on page 1143 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was reconsidered.

Senator Hansen requested a roll call vote on his amendment, to the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Juarez	Murman	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Kauth	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Armendariz	Clouse	McKeon	Sorrentino
Bosn	Hunt	Moser	von Gillern
Brandt	Jacobson	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 13:

Bostar	Fredrickson	Hughes	Storer	Wordekemper
DeKay	Guereca	Lonowski	Storm	
Dungan	Hallstrom	Quick	Strommen	

Absent and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The Hansen amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 22 ayes, 11 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 23:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Raybould
Ballard	Dorn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Ibach	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Meyer	
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Armendariz	DeBoer	Jacobson	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Bosn	Fredrickson	McKeon	Storer	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Moser	Storm	
Clouse	Hunt	Riepe	von Gillern	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Strommen
Bostar	Guereca	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The committee amendment lost with 23 ayes, 17 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 3 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162, was offered.

Pending.

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

Senator Lippincott filed the following amendment to [LR19CA](#):  
[AM1175](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM884)

- 1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:
- 2 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new
- 3 sections:
- 4 Section 1. At a special election on May 12, 2026, the following
- 5 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
- 6 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
- 7 To amend Article III, section 12:
- 8 III-12 (1) ~~A~~No person shall not be eligible to serve as a member of
- 9 the Legislature for more than three terms in such person's lifetime~~four~~
- 10 ~~years next after the expiration of two consecutive terms regardless of~~
- 11 ~~the district represented.~~
- 12 (2) Service prior to January 1, ~~2023~~2004, as a member of the
- 13 Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating
- 14 ~~consecutive~~ terms in subsection (1) of this section.
- 15 (3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than
- 16 one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.
- 17 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors
- 18 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
- 19 section 1, with the following ballot language:
- 20 A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms
- 21 from two consecutive terms to a lifetime limit of three terms not
- 22 including terms served prior to January 1, 2023.
- 23 For
- 24 Against.

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Kanger, Jeff - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural Resources  
Larson, Brent - Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems - Nebraska  
Retirement Systems

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Humphrey St. Francis, Humphrey; Mike Jeffers and Debbie Jeffers, Raymond; David Jeffers, Texas; students from Isanti School, Niobrara; students from Newman Grove Elementary, Newman Grove.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:14 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY - APRIL 25, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Friday, April 25, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Johnson, Christ Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Bellevue.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Raybould and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-seventh 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 24, 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

Amack, Angela K.  
Greenlight Omaha  
Foxx, Kelley  
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart (Withdrawn 04/23/2025)  
Holman, Matthew  
Farmers Mutual of Nebraska  
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC  
Mueller Robak, LLC  
Smith, Scott  
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 90.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 183.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM308](#), found on page 539, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 635.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM399](#), found on page 604, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 519.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM761](#), found on page 833, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM606](#), found on page 1126, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MOTION(S) - Recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review**

Senator DeKay offered [MO199](#), found on page 1210, to recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review to correct an error and for reengrossment pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8(b)(1).

The DeKay motion to recommit to Enrollment and Review prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

**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 LB245 with 39 ayes, 2 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 245.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; 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, 38:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Ibach	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders
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\* 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.

#### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB295 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. With Emergency Clause.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; 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, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon      Raybould      Sanders

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

### **Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB388 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judicial nominating commissions; to amend sections 24-802, 24-805, 24-806, 24-808, 24-809, 24-810, and 24-810.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commission member residency requirements, terms of office, powers and duties of commissioners and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, appointments, vacancies, elections, and automatic removals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon      Raybould      Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a suicide mortality review team; to define terms; to provide for powers and duties; and to require a report as prescribed.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon      Raybould      Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

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

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Hunt McKinney Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

## **MOTION(S) - Return LB9 to Select File**

Senator Conrad moved to return LB9 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[FA136](#)

Strike the enacting clause

The Conrad motion to return failed with 7 ayes, 27 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Conrad amendment, FA136, was not considered.

**Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB9 with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.**

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, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, 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 determinations for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for taxation of alternative nicotine products, 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.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe
Arch	Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Clouse	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bostar	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 10:

Ballard	Dungan	Hunt	Lonowski*	Rountree*
Conrad	Guereca*	Juarez	McKinney	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 5:

Hansen	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern
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\* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **PRESIDENT SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221, was renewed.

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 314.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)** General Affairs Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

J Chris Stinson - State Racing and Gaming Commission

John Barrett - State Racing and Gaming Commission

Tyler C Ritz - State Electrical Board

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Holdcroft requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Bosn	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Juarez	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeKay	Guereca	McKinney	
Brandt	Dorn	Holdcroft	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Spivey	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Andersen	Clements	Lonowski	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Kauth	Meyer	Sorrentino	
Cavanaugh, M.	Lippincott	Moser	Storer	

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Hallstrom	Hardin	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Hansen	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 5:

Clouse	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern
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The committee amendment lost with 21 ayes, 13 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO207](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM556.

#### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 0 nays, and 24 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Committee [AM566](#), found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.



**PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR**

Presented to the Governor on April 25, 2025, at 12:48 p.m. were the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB322:  
[AM1142](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA.** Read. Considered.

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

Committee [AM884](#), found on page 1116, was offered.

Senator Lippincott offered [AM1175](#), found on page 1221, to the committee amendment.

Senator Lippincott moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

The Lippincott amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 22 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 7 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 24, 2025

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 Medical Cannabis Commission:

Lorelle Muetting, 19740 Chandler Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Governor  
appointed member

Monica Oldenburg, 6521 S 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68512, Governor  
appointed member

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

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:

[FA137](#)

Insert the following new section: Section 5: Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2027. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date. Renummer the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

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

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB414.

Senator Conrad name added to LB693.

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR22CA.

#### **WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)**

Senator Guereca name withdrawn from LR19CA.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Nina Kimbrough Johnson, Omaha; students from Shelton Public School, Shelton; students from Bryan Elementary, Lexington; students and teachers from St. Wenceslaus School, Dodge; students from Westridge Elementary, Elkhorn; Ryan Wicoff, Elkhorn; students from Umo<sup>n</sup>Ho<sup>n</sup> Nation Public School, Macy; Jill and Millie Owens, Iowa; Joan Luebbe, Goehner.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature



**SIXTY-NINTH DAY - APRIL 28, 2025**

**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Monday, April 28, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Andersen, Bosn, Bostar, DeBoer, Dorn, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-eighth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 127, 128, and 129 were adopted.

**SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 127, 128, and 129.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

**WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB645**

Senator Ballard withdrew [FA137](#), found on page 1234.

**MOTION(S) - Return LB645 to Select File**

Senator Ballard moved to return LB645 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

[AM1190](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Ballard motion to return prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**SELECT FILE**

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** The Ballard specific [AM1190](#), found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Readvanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Business and Labor

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 400.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM702](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:

4 (a) Firefighter includes both professional and volunteer

5 firefighters;

6 (b) Professional firefighter means a person who has been employed

7 for five or more years in this state in a full-time salaried occupation

8 as:

9 (i) A firefighter for the benefit or safety of the public;  
 10 (ii) An investigator of fires or arson; or  
 11 (iii) An instructor or officer for the provision of training  
 12 concerning fire or hazardous materials; and  
 13 (c) Volunteer firefighter means a person who has acted for five or  
 14 more years in this state as a volunteer firefighter described in  
 15 subdivision (3) of section 48-115.  
 16 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of the Nebraska Workers'  
 17 Compensation Act to the contrary, cancer that results in either temporary  
 18 or permanent disability or death of a firefighter is an occupational  
 19 disease and compensable as such under the act if:  
 20 (a) The cancer develops or manifests itself out of and in the course  
 21 of the employment of a firefighter; and  
 22 (b) It is demonstrated that:  
 23 (i) The firefighter was exposed, while in the course of employment,  
 24 to a known carcinogen or a substance reasonably anticipated to be a human  
 25 carcinogen, as defined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer  
 26 or the National Toxicology Program; and  
 27 (ii) Such carcinogen is reasonably associated with such cancer.  
 1 (3) With respect to a firefighter, the following substances shall be  
 2 deemed, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, to be known  
 3 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with the following cancers:  
 4 (a) Diesel exhaust, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic  
 5 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
 6 associated with bladder cancer;  
 7 (b) Acrylonitrile, formaldehyde, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed  
 8 to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with brain cancer;  
 9 (c) Asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, digoxin, ethylene  
 10 oxide, polychlorinated biphenyls, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon  
 11 shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated  
 12 with breast cancer;  
 13 (d) Diesel exhaust and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known  
 14 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with colon cancer;  
 15 (e) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic  
 16 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
 17 associated with esophageal cancer;  
 18 (f) Formaldehyde shall be deemed to be a known carcinogen that is  
 19 reasonably associated with Hodgkin's lymphoma;  
 20 (g) Formaldehyde and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed  
 21 to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney  
 22 cancer;  
 23 (h) Benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, 1,3-butadiene,  
 24 and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known  
 25 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with leukemia;  
 26 (i) Chloroform, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known  
 27 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with liver cancer;  
 28 (j) Arsenic, asbestos, cadmium, chromium compounds, oils, polycyclic  
 29 aromatic hydrocarbon, radon, silica, soot, and tars shall be deemed to be  
 30 known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lung cancer;  
 31 (k) Acrylonitrile, benzene, formaldehyde, polycyclic aromatic  
 1 hydrocarbon, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known  
 2 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lymphatic or  
 3 haematopoietic cancer;  
 4 (l) Diesel exhaust and soot, aldehydes, and polycyclic aromatic  
 5 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
 6 associated with basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and  
 7 melanoma;  
 8 (m) Benzene, dioxins, and glyphosate shall be deemed to be known  
 9 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with multiple myeloma;  
 10 (n) Arsenic, asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot,

11 formaldehyde, and hydrogen chloride shall be deemed to be known  
12 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with nasopharyngeal cancer,  
13 including laryngeal cancer and pharyngeal cancer;  
14 (o) Benzene, chronic hepatitis B and C viruses, formaldehyde, and  
15 polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that  
16 are reasonably associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;  
17 (p) Asbestos, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known  
18 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with ovarian cancer;  
19 (q) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be a known  
20 carcinogen that is reasonably associated with pancreatic cancer;  
21 (r) Acrylonitrile, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be  
22 known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with prostate cancer;  
23 (s) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic  
24 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
25 associated with rectal cancer;  
26 (t) Chlorophenols, chlorophenoxy herbicides, and polychlorinated  
27 biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
28 associated with soft tissue sarcoma;  
29 (u) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic  
30 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
31 associated with stomach cancer;  
1 (v) Diesel exhaust and soot, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be  
2 deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with  
3 testicular cancer;  
4 (w) Diesel exhaust, benzene, and X-ray radiation shall be deemed to  
5 be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with thyroid cancer;  
6 (x) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic  
7 hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably  
8 associated with urinary tract cancer and ureteral cancer;  
9 (y) Benzene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to  
10 be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with uterine cancer;  
11 and  
12 (z) Polyfluoroalkyl substances shall be deemed to be known  
13 carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney cancer, testicular  
14 cancer, and prostate cancer.  
15 (4) Subsection (3) of this section is not an exhaustive list and  
16 shall not preclude any person from demonstrating, on a case-by-case basis  
17 for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that a substance is a  
18 known carcinogen or is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen,  
19 including an agent classified by the International Agency for Research on  
20 Cancer in Group 1 or Group 2A, that is reasonably associated with a  
21 cancer.  
22 (5) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a cancer  
23 experienced by a firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment  
24 and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing  
25 substances if (i) the cancer is diagnosed during the course of the  
26 firefighter's employment and (ii) such firefighter successfully passed a  
27 physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to  
28 such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.  
29 (6)(a) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of  
30 subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a retired  
31 firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment and was  
1 medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing  
2 substances if (i) the cancer is diagnosed within a period, not to exceed  
3 sixty months, which begins with the last date the retired firefighter  
4 actually worked in the qualifying capacity and extends for a period  
5 calculated by multiplying three months by the number of full years of  
6 such employment and (ii) such firefighter successfully passed a physical  
7 examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry,  
8 which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.



9 (b) This subsection applies to a professional firefighter who  
 10 retires before January 1, 2026, and to a volunteer firefighter,  
 11 regardless of the date of retirement.  
 12 (7) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of  
 13 subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a professional  
 14 firefighter who retires on or after January 1, 2026, arose out of and in  
 15 the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related  
 16 exposure to cancer-causing substances if such firefighter successfully  
 17 passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or  
 18 subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence  
 19 of cancer, and such cancer was diagnosed:  
 20 (a) If the firefighter ceases employment before completing twenty  
 21 years of service as a professional firefighter, during the period after  
 22 separation from employment which is equal to the number of years worked;  
 23 or  
 24 (b) If the firefighter ceases employment after completing twenty  
 25 years or more of service as a professional firefighter, investigator, or  
 26 instructor, at any time during the person's life.  
 27 (8) Service credit which is purchased in a retirement system shall  
 28 not be used to calculate the number of years of service or employment for  
 29 purposes of this section.  
 30 (9) A person who files a claim for benefits for cancer pursuant to  
 31 subsection (7) of this section after retiring from employment as a  
 1 professional firefighter is not entitled to receive any compensation for  
 2 such cancer under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act other than  
 3 medical benefits.  
 4 (10)(a) The presumptions in subsections (5), (6), and (7) of this  
 5 section shall control the awarding of benefits pursuant to this section  
 6 unless evidence to rebut the relevant presumption is presented.  
 7 (b) The presumptions provided for under this section may be rebutted  
 8 if the employer or agency against whom such a claim for benefits is made  
 9 can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the cancer experienced  
 10 by the firefighter resulted from accident, exposure to cancer-causing  
 11 substances, or any other medical cause not arising out of and in the  
 12 course of the firefighter's employment.  
 13 Sec. 2. Section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
 14 amended to read:  
 15 48-1,110 Sections 48-101 to 48-1,117 and section 1 of this act shall  
 16 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.  
 17 Sec. 3. Original section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 18 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Senator Ballard offered the following amendment:

[AM1197](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$40,000 from the School  
 4 Expense Fund and \$26,000 from the State Patrol Expense Fund for FY2025-26  
 5 and (2) \$-0- from the School Expense Fund and \$-0- from the State Patrol  
 6 Expense Fund for FY2026-27 to the Public Employees Retirement Board, for  
 7 Program 41, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill  
 8 645, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.  
 9 Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per  
 10 diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed \$20,000

11 for FY2025-26 or \$-0- for FY2026-27.

12 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
13 passed and approved according to law.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [MO62](#), found on page 726, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Kauth opened on her bill, LB316.

Senator J. Cavanaugh opened on his motion, MO62.

Pending.

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to [LB645](#):  
[AM1194](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER51)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM876:
- 3 a. On page 1, lines 14 and 15, lines 19 and 20, and lines 25 and 26,
- 4 strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 5 b. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 6 c. On page 4, lines 26 and 27, strike "in the School Retirement
- 7 Fund"; and
- 8 d. On page 5, lines 1 and 2 and lines 8 and 9, strike "in the School
- 9 Retirement Fund"; and after line 12 insert the following new
- 10 subdivisions:
- 11 "(c)(i) The changes to the state contribution under subdivision (b)
- 12 of this subsection do not apply to the percentage of the state
- 13 contribution transferred to the Omaha School Employees Retirement System
- 14 as required in subsection (2) of section 79-916.
- 15 (ii) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state transfer of
- 16 two percent of the compensation of all members of the Omaha School
- 17 Employees Retirement System does not mean that the state assumes any
- 18 additional financial responsibility or liability for funding obligations
- 19 of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System which remains the
- 20 responsibility of the Omaha public school district as described in the
- 21 Class V School Employees Retirement Act."
- 22 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [MO62](#), found on page 726, and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Moser moved the previous question.

Senator Moser moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Clouse	Holderoft	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Prokop	Raybould
Bostar	DeBoer	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Fredrickson	Sanders
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The Moser motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 10:

Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 5:

Bostar      Cavanaugh, J.      Cavanaugh, M.      Prokop      Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Fredrickson      Sanders

The J. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 10 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO208](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

Pending.

## COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 513.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1157](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:  
5 24-201.01 ~~On July 1, 2022, the salary of the Chief Justice and the~~  
6 ~~judges of the Supreme Court shall be one hundred ninety-eight thousand~~  
7 ~~four hundred twenty-six dollars and fifty-one cents. On July 1, 2023, the~~  
8 ~~salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be~~  
9 ~~two hundred twelve thousand three hundred sixteen dollars and thirty-~~  
10 ~~seven cents. On July 1, 2024, the salary of the Chief Justice and the~~  
11 ~~judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred twenty-five thousand~~  
12 ~~fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents. On July 1, 2025, the salary of~~  
13 ~~the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two~~  
14 ~~hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars and~~  
15 ~~eighteen cents. On July 1, 2026, the salary of the Chief Justice and the~~  
16 ~~judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred thirty-one thousand~~  
17 ~~eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and sixty-five cents.~~  
18 The Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall hold no

19 other public office of profit or trust during their terms of office nor  
20 accept any public appointment or employment under the authority of the  
21 government of the United States for which they receive compensation for  
22 their services. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly  
23 installments.

24 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

25 Sec. 3. Original section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
26 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

27 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
1 passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 77.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1187](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

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

Nebraska Tourism Commission:

Debra L Kelly

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

### VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Margaret Mary Catholic, Omaha; students from Birchcrest Elementary, Bellevue.

### RECESS

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

### AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Hansen, and Wordekemper who were excused until they arrive.

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to [LB316](#):

[MO209](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO210](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO211](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [MO208](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SENATOR IBACH PRESIDING**

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST26](#)

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "retirement; to amend sections 79-916, 79-958, 79-966, and 81-2026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and state legislative intent relating to retirement systems for Class V school districts; to change employee and state contributions to the School Retirement Fund; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

## Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 530.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1149](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:

[FA143](#)

In AM628, on page 1, line 6, strike "," after "economical".

[FA146](#)

In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "four".

[FA147](#)

In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "five".

[FA148](#)

In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "ten".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendments to LB530:

[AM1182](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)

1 1. On page 1, line 19, after "device" insert "that is".

[AM1183](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)

1 1. On page 33, line 26, strike the second occurrence of "the" and

2 insert "such".

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [MO208](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 2 nays, and 16 not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 13 ayes, 33 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM944](#), found on page 1094, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered [MO63](#), found on page 726, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to [LB316](#):

[FA144](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA145](#)

Strike Section 2.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to [LB647](#):

[AM1107](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM994)

1 1. On page 37, line 7, strike "2026", show as stricken, and insert

2 "2032".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to [LB644](#):

[FA138](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA139](#)

Strike Section 2.

[FA140](#)

Strike the enacting clause

[FA141](#)

In AM959, Strike Section 1.

[FA142](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendments to [LB644](#):

[AM1199](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1 1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new sections:

2 Sec. 11. (1) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating

3 within the State of Nebraska shall attest that they are cognizant of and

4 in compliance with the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration

5 Act.

6 (2) The attestation required by this section shall be filed as

7 follows:

8 (a) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the

9 attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered

10 year under section 21-125;

11 (b) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska



12 Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the  
13 biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or  
14 21-304;

15 (c) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the attestation  
16 shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under  
17 section 21-19,172;

18 (d) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the  
19 attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;

20 (e) For banking, insurance, and building and loan association  
21 corporations paying fees and making reports to the Director of Insurance  
22 or the Director of Banking and Finance, the attestation shall be included  
23 on a report filed with the Director of Insurance or the Director of  
24 Banking and Finance. Each director shall determine the frequency with  
25 which such reports must be filed but shall not require a report to be  
26 filed more frequently than on an annual basis; and

1 (f) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described  
2 in subdivisions (2)(a) through (e) of this section, the attestation shall  
3 be included on the annual or biennial report submitted to the Secretary  
4 of State as required by the organic law of the business or nonprofit  
5 organization.

6 (3) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by  
7 this section in consultation with the Secretary of State.

8 (4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and  
9 regulations to carry out this section.

10 (5) An unincorporated entity that is of a type that is not created  
11 by filing a public organic document with the Secretary of State is exempt  
12 from this section.

13 Sec. 23. Section 49-1496, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
14 2024, is amended to read:

15 49-1496 (1) The statement of financial interests filed pursuant to  
16 sections 49-1493 to 49-14,104 shall be on a form prescribed by the  
17 commission.

18 (2) Individuals required to file under sections 49-1493 to 49-1495  
19 shall file the following information for themselves:

20 (a) The name and address of and the nature of association with any  
21 business with which the individual was associated;

22 (b) The name and address of any entity in which a position of  
23 trustee was held;

24 (c) The name, address, and nature of business of a person or  
25 government body from whom any income in the value of one thousand dollars  
26 or more was received and the nature of the services rendered, except that  
27 the identification of patrons, customers, patients, or clients of such  
28 person from which employment income was received is not required;

29 (d) A description, but not the value, of the following, if the fair  
30 market value thereof exceeded one thousand dollars:

31 (i) The nature and location of all real property in the state,  
1 except any such real property used as a residence of the individual;

2 (ii) The depository of checking and savings accounts;

3 (iii) The issuer of stocks, bonds, and government securities; and

4 (iv) A description of all other property owned or held for the  
5 production of income, except property owned or used by a business with  
6 which the individual was associated;

7 (e) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of one  
8 thousand dollars or more was owed or guaranteed by the individual or a  
9 member of the individual's immediate family, except for the following:

10 (i) Accounts payable;

11 (ii) Debts arising out of retail installment transactions;

12 (iii) Loans made by financial institutions in the ordinary course of  
13 business;

14 (iv) Loans from a relative; and

15 (v) Land contracts that have been properly recorded with the county  
 16 clerk or the register of deeds;  
 17 (f) The name, address, and occupation or nature of business of any  
 18 person from whom a gift in the value of more than one hundred dollars was  
 19 received, a description of the gift and the circumstances of the gift,  
 20 and the monetary value category of the gift, based on a good faith  
 21 estimate by the individual, reported in the following categories:  
 22 (i) \$100.01 - \$200;  
 23 (ii) \$200.01 - \$500;  
 24 (iii) \$500.01 - \$1,000; and  
 25 (iv) \$1,000.01 or more; ~~and~~  
 26 (g) An attestation that the individual is not an agent of a foreign  
 27 principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization,  
 28 as such terms are defined in the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent  
 29 Registration Act. Such attestation shall be made by checking a box on the  
 30 form attesting to such fact; and  
 31 ~~(h)(g)~~ Such other information as the individual or the commission  
 1 deems necessary, after notice and hearing, to carry out the purposes of  
 2 the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.  
 3 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and  
 4 correct the repealer accordingly.

### AM1208

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1 1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new sections:  
 2 Sec. 11. (1) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating  
 3 within the State of Nebraska shall attest that they are cognizant of and  
 4 in compliance with the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration  
 5 Act.  
 6 (2) The attestation required by this section shall be filed as  
 7 follows:  
 8 (a) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the  
 9 attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered  
 10 year under section 21-125;  
 11 (b) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska  
 12 Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the  
 13 biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or  
 14 21-304;  
 15 (c) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the attestation  
 16 shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under  
 17 section 21-19,172;  
 18 (d) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the  
 19 attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;  
 20 (e) For banking, insurance, and building and loan association  
 21 corporations paying fees and making reports to the Director of Insurance  
 22 or the Director of Banking and Finance, the attestation shall be included  
 23 on a report filed with the Director of Insurance or the Director of  
 24 Banking and Finance. Each director shall determine the frequency with  
 25 which such reports must be filed but shall not require a report to be  
 26 filed more frequently than on an annual basis; and  
 1 (f) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described  
 2 in subdivisions (2)(a) through (e) of this section, the attestation shall  
 3 be included on the annual or biennial report submitted to the Secretary  
 4 of State as required by the organic law of the business or nonprofit  
 5 organization.  
 6 (3) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by  
 7 this section in consultation with the Secretary of State.  
 8 (4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and  
 9 regulations to carry out this section.  
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 19 shall file the following information for themselves:

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 21 business with which the individual was associated;

22 (b) The name and address of any entity in which a position of  
 23 trustee was held;

24 (c) The name, address, and nature of business of a person or  
 25 government body from whom any income in the value of one thousand dollars  
 26 or more was received and the nature of the services rendered, except that  
 27 the identification of patrons, customers, patients, or clients of such  
 28 person from which employment income was received is not required;

29 (d) A description, but not the value, of the following, if the fair  
 30 market value thereof exceeded one thousand dollars:

31 (i) The nature and location of all real property in the state,  
 1 except any such real property used as a residence of the individual;

2 (ii) The depository of checking and savings accounts;

3 (iii) The issuer of stocks, bonds, and government securities; and

4 (iv) A description of all other property owned or held for the  
 5 production of income, except property owned or used by a business with  
 6 which the individual was associated;

7 (e) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of one  
 8 thousand dollars or more was owed or guaranteed by the individual or a  
 9 member of the individual's immediate family, except for the following:

10 (i) Accounts payable;

11 (ii) Debts arising out of retail installment transactions;

12 (iii) Loans made by financial institutions in the ordinary course of  
 13 business;

14 (iv) Loans from a relative; and

15 (v) Land contracts that have been properly recorded with the county  
 16 clerk or the register of deeds;

17 (f) The name, address, and occupation or nature of business of any  
 18 person from whom a gift in the value of more than one hundred dollars was  
 19 received, a description of the gift and the circumstances of the gift,  
 20 and the monetary value category of the gift, based on a good faith  
 21 estimate by the individual, reported in the following categories:

22 (i) \$100.01 - \$200;

23 (ii) \$200.01 - \$500;

24 (iii) \$500.01 - \$1,000; and

25 (iv) \$1,000.01 or more; ~~and~~

26 (g) An attestation that the individual is not an agent of a foreign  
 27 principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization,  
 28 as such terms are defined in the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent  
 29 Registration Act. Such attestation shall be made by checking a box on the  
 30 form attesting to such fact; and

31 ~~(h)(g)~~ Such other information as the individual or the commission  
 1 deems necessary, after notice and hearing, to carry out the purposes of  
 2 the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

3 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and  
 4 correct the repealer accordingly.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141.** Introduced by Quick, 35; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; 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; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on April 10 through 12, 2025, more than one thousand six hundred students across the state converged in Grand Island at the Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park to compete in the 2025 SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry that serves middle school, high school, and college students originally founded as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America in 1965 to ensure America has a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the organization has served more than fourteen million members; and

WHEREAS, students compete in more than one hundred career and technical competitions including architecture and construction, arts, audio and video technology, business management and administration, education, health science, public safety, hospitality and tourism, leadership, manufacturing, science, technology, engineering and math, information technology, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, top students earn prizes and scholarships from community colleges, businesses, and industry and first-place winners go on to the national championships in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the SkillsUSA's framework complements technical skill training with instruction and implementation of the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes SkillsUSA for enhancing the lives of the citizens of Nebraska.

Laid over.

**EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 5:31 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING**

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 316.** Committee [AM944](#), found on page 1094 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed [MO63](#), found on page 726 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:

[MO212](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, and 14 not voting.

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 11 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 33 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 7 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 13 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Kauth filed the following amendments to [LB316](#):

[FA149](#)

Strike Section 1.

[FA150](#)

Strike Section 2.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 468.** Title read. Considered.

**SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING**

Committee [AM874](#), found on page 1110, was offered.

Senator Clements withdrew [FA113](#), found on page 1110, to the committee amendment.

Senator Bostar offered [AM1069](#), found on page 1120, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB530](#):

[FA151](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to [LB468](#):

[AM1137](#) is available in the Bill Room.

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

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

Senator Rountree name added to LB693.

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teachers from St. John's Lutheran, Columbus.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Eric Thomsen, Beatrice.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:28 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dungan, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

**SEVENTIETH DAY - APRIL 29, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SEVENTIETH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Tuesday, April 29, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Bosn.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-ninth day was approved.

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

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to LB319:

[AM1176](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:  
5 68-1017.02 (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall  
6 apply for and utilize to the maximum extent possible, within limits  
7 established by the Legislature, any and all appropriate options available  
8 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program  
9 and regulations adopted under such program to maximize the number of  
10 Nebraska residents being served under such program within such limits.  
11 The department shall seek to maximize federal funding for such program  
12 and minimize the utilization of General Funds for such program and shall

13 employ the personnel necessary to determine the options available to the  
14 state and issue the report to the Legislature required by subdivision (b)  
15 of this subsection.

16 (b) The department shall submit electronically an annual report to  
17 the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 1  
18 on efforts by the department to carry out the provisions of this  
19 subsection. Such report shall provide the committee with all necessary  
20 and appropriate information to enable the committee to conduct a  
21 meaningful evaluation of such efforts. Such information shall include,  
22 but not be limited to, a clear description of various options available  
23 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,  
24 the department's evaluation of and any action taken by the department  
25 with respect to such options, the number of persons being served under  
26 such program, and any and all costs and expenditures associated with such  
27 program.

1 (c) The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature,  
2 after receipt and evaluation of the report required in subdivision (b) of  
3 this subsection, shall issue recommendations to the department on any  
4 further action necessary by the department to meet the requirements of  
5 this section.

6 (2)(a) The department shall develop a state outreach plan to promote  
7 access by eligible persons to benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition  
8 Assistance Program. The plan shall meet the criteria established by the  
9 Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture  
10 for approval of state outreach plans. The Department of Health and Human  
11 Services may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop  
12 and implement the state outreach plan.

13 (b) For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach  
14 plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit  
15 organizations. If the department enters into a contract with a nonprofit  
16 organization relating to the state outreach plan, the contract may  
17 specify that the nonprofit organization is responsible for seeking  
18 sufficient gifts, grants, or donations necessary for the development and  
19 implementation of the state outreach plan and may additionally specify  
20 that any costs to the department associated with the award and management  
21 of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state  
22 outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for  
23 development and implementation of the state outreach plan.

24 (c) The department shall submit the state outreach plan to the Food  
25 and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for  
26 approval on or before August 1, 2011, and shall request any federal  
27 matching funds that may be available upon approval of the state outreach  
28 plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska and  
29 the Department of Health and Human Services use any additional public or  
30 private funds to offset costs associated with increased caseload  
31 resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan.

1 (d) The department shall be exempt from implementing or  
2 administering a state outreach plan under this subsection, but not from  
3 developing such a plan, if it does not receive private or federal funds  
4 sufficient to cover the department's costs associated with the  
5 implementation and administration of the plan, including any costs  
6 associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of  
7 the plan.

8 (3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

9 (i) Hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exist for  
10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants;

11 (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants be  
12 enabled to advance in employment, through greater earnings or new,  
13 better-paying employment;

14 (iii) Participants in employment and training pilot programs be able



15 to maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while  
16 seeking employment with higher wages that allow them to reduce or  
17 terminate such program benefits; and  
18 (iv) Nebraska better utilize options under the Supplemental  
19 Nutrition Assistance Program that other states have implemented to  
20 encourage work and employment.  
21 (b)(i) The department shall create a TANF-funded program or policy  
22 that, in compliance with federal law, establishes categorical eligibility  
23 for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental  
24 Nutrition Assistance Program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents  
25 being served under such program in a manner that does not increase the  
26 current gross income eligibility limit except as otherwise provided in  
27 subdivision (3)(b)(ii) of this section.  
28 (ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, such TANF-  
29 funded program or policy shall increase the gross income eligibility  
30 limit to one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of  
31 Management and Budget income poverty guidelines as allowed under federal  
1 law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2), as such law and regulation existed on  
2 April 1, 2021, but shall not increase the net income eligibility limit.  
3 Beginning October 1, 2025, the gross income eligibility limit shall  
4 return to the amount used prior to the increase required by this  
5 subdivision. The department shall evaluate the TANF-funded program or  
6 policy created pursuant to this subsection and provide a report  
7 electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee of the  
8 Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before December 15  
9 of each year regarding the gross income eligibility limit and whether it  
10 maximizes the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program  
11 or policy. The evaluation shall include an identification and  
12 determination of additional administrative costs resulting from the  
13 increase to the gross income eligibility limit, a recommendation  
14 regarding the gross income eligibility limit, and a determination of the  
15 availability of federal funds for the program or policy.  
16 (iii) To the extent federal funds are available to the Department of  
17 Labor for the SNAP Next Step Program, until September 30, 2023, any  
18 recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits whose  
19 household income is between one hundred thirty-one and one hundred sixty-  
20 five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income  
21 poverty guidelines and who is not exempt from work participation  
22 requirements shall be encouraged to participate in the SNAP Next Step  
23 Program administered by the Department of Labor if the recipient is  
24 eligible to participate in the program and the program's services are  
25 available in the county in which such household is located. It is the  
26 intent of the Legislature that no General Funds be utilized by the  
27 Department of Labor for the processes outlined in this subdivision (iii).  
28 For purposes of this section, SNAP Next Step Program means a partnership  
29 program between the Department of Health and Human Services and the  
30 Department of Labor to assist under-employed and unemployed recipients of  
31 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in finding self-  
1 sufficient employment.  
2 (iv) Such TANF-funded program or policy shall eliminate all asset  
3 limits for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits, except that  
4 the total of liquid assets which includes cash on hand and funds in  
5 personal checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, and share  
6 accounts shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars pursuant to the  
7 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as allowed under federal law  
8 and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2).  
9 (v) This subsection becomes effective only if the department  
10 receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to  
11 implement this subsection.  
12 (c) For purposes of this subsection:

13 (i) Federal law means the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7  
 14 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., and regulations adopted under the act; and  
 15 (ii) TANF means the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families  
 16 program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.  
 17 (4)(a) As authorized in 21 U.S.C. 862, as such section existed on  
 18 January 1, 2025 Within the limits specified in this subsection, the State  
 19 of Nebraska opts out of the provision of the federal Personal  
 20 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as such  
 21 act existed on January 1, 2009, that eliminates eligibility for the  
 22 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for any person convicted of a  
 23 felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled  
 24 substance.  
 25 (b)(i)(b) A person convicted of a felony involving the possession,  
 26 use, or distribution of a controlled substance shall only be eligible for  
 27 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection  
 28 if such person (A) has completed the person's sentence for such felony or  
 29 (B) is serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release supervision  
 30 for the felony.  
 31 (ii) Unless a health care provider licensed under the Uniform  
 1 Credentialing Act has determined that substance abuse treatment is not  
 2 required since the date of the most recent conviction, a shall be  
 3 ineligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under  
 4 this subsection if he or she (i) has had three or more felony convictions  
 5 for the possession or use of a controlled substance or (ii) has been  
 6 convicted of a felony involving the sale or distribution of a controlled  
 7 substance or the intent to sell or distribute a controlled substance. A  
 8 person with three or more one or two felony convictions for the possession  
 9 or use of a controlled substance shall only be eligible to receive  
 10 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection  
 11 if the person (A) he or she is participating in, or has completed, a  
 12 state-licensed or nationally accredited substance abuse treatment program  
 13 since the date of the most recent conviction or (B) has completed a  
 14 treatment program while the person was incarcerated, on probation, or on  
 15 parole. The determination of such participation or completion shall be  
 16 made by the treatment provider administering the program.  
 17 Sec. 2. Original section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 18 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

### RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR130 was adopted.

### PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR130.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 468.** Committee [AM874](#), found on page 1110 and considered on page 1253, was renewed.

Senator Bostar renewed [AM1069](#), found on page 1120 and considered on page 1254, to the committee amendment.

### SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 4 ayes, 32 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered [AM1137](#), found on page 1254, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 2 ayes, 33 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 521.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM1152](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

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

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to [LB530](#):

[MO213](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

[MO214](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO215](#)

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

**VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were Anne Sorrentino, Omaha; Matthew Cavanaugh, Omaha; students with the Nebraska Civic Leaders Program, Omaha; students from Christ Lutheran School, Norfolk; students from Sagewood Elementary, Omaha; students from St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln.

**RECESS**

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Jacobson, Kauth, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 468.** Committee [AM874](#), found on page 1110 and considered on page 1253, and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[FA152](#)

In AM874, delete "three" on page 14, line 8 and replace with "six" and delete "three" on page 14, line 26 and replace with "ten".

The Raybould amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 2 ayes, 30 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 3 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Clements withdrew [FA54](#), found on page 877.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 10 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)****Appropriations**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 260.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM831](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 261.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM832](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 262.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 263.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM834](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 264.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM835](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 704.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM575](#), found on page 760, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

**SENATOR DORN PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 166.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM612](#), found on page 800, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 640.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 28, 2025

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 Public Employees Retirement Board:

Michael Donley, 1825 St Andrews Pl, Lincoln, NE 68512 - State Employee

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

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

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB260:

[FA156](#)

In AM831, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB261:

[FA157](#)

In AM832, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB263:

[FA158](#)

In AM834, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB264:

[FA159](#)

In AM835, Strike Section 1.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1111](#), found on page 1216, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

[AM1189](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1111)

1 1. Strike section 19 and insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 19. Section 86-704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 86-704 (1) Any telecommunications company, incorporated or qualified

5 to do business in this state, is granted the right to construct, operate,

6 and maintain telecommunications lines and related facilities along, upon,

7 across, and under the public highways of this state, and upon and under

8 lands in this state, whether state or privately owned, except that (a)

9 such lines and related facilities shall be so constructed and maintained

10 as not to interfere with the ordinary use of such lands or of such

11 highways by the public and (b) all aerial wires and cables shall be

12 placed at a height of not less than eighteen feet above all highway

13 crossings.

14 (2) Sections 86-701 to 86-707 shall not transfer the rights now

15 vested in ~~governing entities~~ municipalities in relation to the regulation

16 of the poles, wires, cables, and other appliances or authorize a

17 telecommunications company to erect any poles or construct any conduit,

18 cable, or other facilities along, upon, across, or under a public highway

19 ~~within a municipality~~ without first obtaining the consent of the

20 governing entity ~~body of the municipality~~. The governing

21 ~~entity~~ municipality shall not exercise any authority over any rights the

22 telecommunications company may have to deliver telecommunications

23 services as authorized by the Public Service Commission or the Federal

24 Communications Commission and shall not impose any requirement or

25 condition on Internet-protocol-enabled service and voice over Internet

26 protocol service, including rates, service, or service contract terms or

1 conditions.

2 (3) Consent from a governing ~~entity~~body for the use of a public  
3 highway ~~within a municipality~~ shall be based upon a lawful exercise of  
4 ~~the governing entity's~~ statutory and constitutional authority. Such  
5 consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, and a preference or  
6 disadvantage shall not be created through the granting or withholding of  
7 such consent. A ~~governing entity~~municipality shall not adopt an  
8 ordinance, ~~resolution, rule, or regulation~~ that prohibits or has the  
9 effect of prohibiting the ability of a telecommunications company to  
10 provide telecommunications service.

11 ~~(4)(a)~~ A municipality shall not levy a tax, fee, or charge for  
12 any right or privilege of engaging in a telecommunications business or  
13 for the use by a telecommunications company of a public highway other  
14 than:

15 (a)(i) An occupation tax authorized under section 14-109, 15-202,  
16 15-203, 16-205, or 17-525 that meets the following requirements:

17 ~~(i)(A)~~ The occupation tax shall be imposed only on the receipts from  
18 the sale of telecommunications service as defined in subdivision (7)(aa)  
19 of section 77-2703.04; and

20 ~~(ii)(B)~~ Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the  
21 occupation tax shall not exceed:

22 ~~(A)(i)~~ Before October 1, 2024, six and twenty-five hundredths  
23 percent; and

24 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Beginning October 1, 2024, four percent; and

25 ~~(b)(ii)~~ A public highway construction permit fee or charge ~~that~~  
26 ~~complies with subsection (7) of this section to the extent that the fee~~  
27 ~~or charge applies to all persons seeking use of the public highway in a~~  
28 ~~substantially similar manner. All public highway construction permit fees~~  
29 ~~or charges shall be directly related to the costs incurred by the~~  
30 ~~municipality in providing services relating to the granting or~~  
31 ~~administration of permits. Any highway construction permit fee or charge~~  
1 ~~shall also be reasonably related in time to the occurrence of such costs.~~

2 ~~(b) Any tax, fee, or charge imposed by a municipality shall be~~  
3 ~~competitively neutral.~~

4 (5) A municipality may increase an occupation tax described in  
5 subdivision ~~(4)(a)(i)~~ of this section to a rate that exceeds the  
6 limit contained in subdivision ~~(4)(a)(ii)(B)~~ of this section if  
7 the question of whether to increase such rate has been submitted at a  
8 primary or general election at which members of the governing body of the  
9 municipality are nominated or elected or at a special election held  
10 within the municipality and in which all registered voters shall be  
11 entitled to vote on such question. A municipality may not increase its  
12 existing rate pursuant to this subsection by more than twenty-five  
13 hundredths percent at any one election. The officials of the municipality  
14 shall order the submission of the question by submitting a certified copy  
15 of the resolution proposing the rate increase to the election  
16 commissioner or county clerk at least fifty days before the election. The  
17 election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Act. If a  
18 majority of the votes cast upon such question are in favor of such rate  
19 increase, then the governing body of such municipality shall be empowered  
20 to impose the rate increase. If a majority of those voting on the  
21 question are opposed to such rate increase, then the governing body of  
22 the municipality shall not impose such rate increase.

23 (6) The changes made by Laws 1999, LB 496, shall not be construed to  
24 affect the terms or conditions of any franchise, license, or permit  
25 issued by a municipality prior to August 28, 1999, or to release any  
26 party from any obligations thereunder. Such franchises, licenses, or  
27 permits shall remain fully enforceable in accordance with their terms. A  
28 municipality may lawfully enter into agreements with franchise holders,  
29 licensees, or permittees to modify or terminate an existing franchise,

30 license, or agreement.

31 (7) Any public highway construction permit fee or charge that is

1 imposed by a governing entity for the use of a public highway shall (a)

2 apply to all persons seeking use of the public highway in a substantially

3 similar manner, (b) be directly related to the costs incurred by the

4 governing entity in providing services relating to the granting or

5 administration of permits, and (c) be reasonably related in time to the

6 occurrence of such costs.

7 (8) Any tax, fee, or charge imposed by a governing entity as

8 described in this section shall be competitively neutral.

9 (9)(7) Taxes or fees shall not be collected by a governing

10 entitymunicipality through the provision of in-kind services by a

11 telecommunications company, and a governing entitymunicipality shall not

12 require the provision of in-kind services as a condition of consent to

13 the use of a public highway.

14 (10)(8) The terms of any agreement between a governing

15 entitymunicipality and a telecommunications company regarding use of

16 public highways shall be matters of public record and shall be made

17 available to any member of the public upon request, except that

18 information submitted to a governing entitymunicipality by a

19 telecommunications company which such telecommunications company

20 determines to be proprietary shall be deemed to be a trade secret

21 pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 84-712.05 and shall be accorded

22 full protection from disclosure to third parties in a manner consistent

23 with state law.

24 (11) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise

25 requires:

26 (a) Governing entity has the same meaning as in section 12 of this

27 act;

28 (b) Internet-protocol-enabled service has the same meaning as in

29 section 86-111.01;

30 (c) Telecommunications service has the same meaning as in section

31 86-121; and

1 (d) Voice over Internet protocol service has the same meaning as in

2 section 86-121.01.

The DeBoer amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 647.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM994](#), found on page 1142, was offered.

Senator Dungan requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:

[AM1203](#) is available in the Bill Room.



The second committee amendment is as follows:  
[AM1202](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM1203](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

**SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The first committee amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 11 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.** Placed on Select File.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER55](#) is available in the Bill Room.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 660.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER58](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "government" in line 1 through  
2 line 2 and insert "government; to amend sections 72-803, 73-307,  
3 81-1108.15, 81-1701, 82-317, 82-318, 82-319, 82-321, 84-906.02, 84-911,  
4 and 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-101,  
5 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State Building  
6 Construction Alternatives Act and the Secure Drone Purchasing Act; to  
7 require agencies to submit a federal funding inventory as prescribed; to  
8 change provisions relating to planning, building, construction, and  
9 procurement for state buildings; to define and redefine terms; to change  
10 provisions related to the acquisition of works of art for state  
11 buildings; to change provisions relating to agency rules and regulations;  
12 to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the  
13 original sections; and to declare an emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 561.** Placed on Select File with amendment.  
[ER57](#)

1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert "section 60-6,298,  
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-6,290,  
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the issuance  
4 and revocation of permits for overweight raw-milk vehicles; to state  
5 legislative findings; to define terms; to require the Department of  
6 Transportation to create and publish a bridge map; to provide for  
7 liability for damage to bridge structures as prescribed; to harmonize  
8 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an  
9 emergency."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 696.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 434.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER56](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and after "sections" insert ";
- 2 and to declare an emergency".

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.** Placed on Final Reading.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST24](#)

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER37, on page 17, lines 10 and 16, "and 38-2531," has been struck and "38-2531, and 71-1913," inserted; in lines 11 and 17 and 18 "and 38-2518," has been struck and "38-2518, 71-1911.03, and 71-1912," inserted; and in line 21 "to change and provide requirements for licensees and inspectors under the Child Care Licensing Act relating to liability insurance;" has been inserted after the first semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST23](#)

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

1. In the McKinney amendment, AM990:
  - a. On page 8, line 1, "5" has been struck and "6" inserted; and
  - b. On page 12, line 5, "3, 4, 5, and 8" has been struck and "1, 4, 5, 6, and 9" inserted; and in line 11 "71-1572" has been struck and "14-102, 71-1572," inserted.
2. In the E & R amendments, ER32, on page 1, line 3, the second "and" has been struck and "and 71-15,169," has been inserted after "71-1572,;" and in line 9 "to require a report for certain housing agencies;" has been inserted after the first semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 317.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST29](#)

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

1. In lieu of the Storer amendment, FA116, in the E&R amendments, ER36, on page 18, lines 15 and 16, the new matter has been struck.
2. In the E&R amendments, ER36:
  - a. On page 17, line 29, the stricken comma has been reinstated;
  - b. On page 162, lines 18 and 20, "it" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the Chief Water Officer" inserted;
  - c. On page 191, line 8, an underscored comma has been inserted after "Act";
  - d. On page 215, line 12, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the" inserted; and in line 30 "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "his or her" inserted;
  - e. On page 222, line 20, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the" inserted; and
  - f. On page 223, line 25, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the Chief Water Officer's" inserted.

3. On page 3, the matter beginning with "81-1578" in line 25 through line 31 has been struck.
4. On page 4, the matter beginning with "81-15,104.01" in line 1 through "81-15,116," in line 4 has been struck.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST25](#)

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

1. In the Hardin amendment, AM1154, on page 19, line 4, "34," has been inserted after "33,".
2. In the E&R amendments, ER42, on page 34, line 6, "38-1506," has been struck; in line 23 "to eliminate provisions relating to applicability of the Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act," has been inserted after the first semicolon; and in line 24 "to outright repeal sections 38-512 and 38-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 398.** Placed on Final Reading.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

[ST27](#)

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER48, on page 1, line 2, "banking and finance" has been struck and "law" inserted; in line 11 the second "and" has been struck; in line 12 "8-2724," has been struck; in line 13 " , section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025" has been inserted after "2024"; and in line 26 "to change provisions relating to certain taxes under the Medicaid Access and Quality Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

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

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee:

Alysson Muotri  
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Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0.  
Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 198.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1201](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

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

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to [LB264](#):

[FA160](#)

In AM835, Strike Section 1.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to [LB660](#):

[AM1234](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1008)

1 1. On page 15, strike lines 1 through 5.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to [LB415](#):

[AM1207](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to [LB649](#):

[AM1210](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM933)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 6. Defense contractor has the same meaning as in 50 U.S.C.

3 4552, as such section existed on January 1, 2025.

4 2. On page 1, line 3, strike "19" and insert "20"; and in line 11

5 strike "13" and insert "14".

6 3. On page 2, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 7 after "wage"

7 insert ", and (4) employed in a position in which no one was employed

8 within this state prior to July 1, 2025".

9 4. On page 3, line 5, strike "15" and insert "16"; and in line 27

10 strike "employer".

11 5. On page 4, strike beginning with "description" in line 11 through

12 "markets" in line 12 and insert "detailed description of the nature of

13 the company's business, including the products sold, services rendered,

14 and respective markets in which such products or services are sold or

15 rendered, to demonstrate the company is a defense contractor".

16 6. On page 7, lines 10 and 15, strike "16" and insert "17".

17 7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to [LB653](#):

[FA155](#)

In AM995, strike subsection (b) of section 7.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to [LB644](#):

[AM1205](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1 1. On page 32, line 21, strike "includes unmanned aircraft" and

2 insert "does not include unmanned aerial systems"; and strike lines 22

3 through 24 and insert the following new subdivisions:

4 "(7) Unmanned aerial system means a powered, aerial vehicle that:

5 (a) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the

6 possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;

7 (b) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;

8 (c) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and

9 (d) Can be expendable or recoverable."

10 2. On page 34, line 2, after the semicolon insert "or"; in line 5  
11 strike "; or" and insert an underscored period; and strike lines 6  
12 through 9.

### EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:30 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

### PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

#### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 647.** The second committee amendment, [AM1202](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Quick offered [AM1107](#), found on page 1248, to the second committee amendment.

The Quick amendment, to the second committee amendment, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The second committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 530.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1149](#), found on page 1247, was offered.

Senator Spivey requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:  
[AM1218](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The second committee amendment is as follows:  
[AM1219](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Sec. 5. Section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 28-416 (1) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances  
6 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally: (a)  
7 To manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with intent to  
8 manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance; or  
9 (b) to create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a

10 counterfeit controlled substance.

11 (2) Except as provided in subsections (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), and  
12 (10) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this  
13 section with respect to: (a) A controlled substance classified in  
14 Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 which is an exceptionally  
15 hazardous drug shall be guilty of a Class II felony; (b) any other  
16 controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section  
17 28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) a controlled  
18 substance classified in Schedule IV or V of section 28-405 shall be  
19 guilty of a Class IIIA felony.  
20 (3) A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled  
21 substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a quantifiable  
22 amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or  
23 delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405, unless  
24 such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a medical order  
25 issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while acting in the  
26 course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise  
27 authorized by the act, shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. A person  
1 shall not be in violation of this subsection if section 28-472 or 28-1701  
2 applies.

3 (4)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances  
4 Act, any person eighteen years of age or older who knowingly or  
5 intentionally manufactures, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or  
6 possesses with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a  
7 controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance (i) to a  
8 person under the age of eighteen years, (ii) in, on, or within one  
9 thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private  
10 elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a community college, a  
11 public or private college, junior college, or university, or a  
12 playground, or (iii) within one hundred feet of a public or private youth  
13 center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility shall be punished  
14 by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in  
15 subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon  
16 the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a  
17 second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher  
18 penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this  
19 subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty  
20 greater than a Class IB felony.

21 (b) For purposes of this subsection:

22 (i) Playground means any outdoor facility, including any parking lot  
23 appurtenant to the facility, intended for recreation, open to the public,  
24 and with any portion containing three or more apparatus intended for the  
25 recreation of children, including sliding boards, swingsets, and  
26 teeterboards;  
27 (ii) Video arcade facility means any facility legally accessible to  
28 persons under eighteen years of age, intended primarily for the use of  
29 pinball and video machines for amusement, and containing a minimum of ten  
30 pinball or video machines; and

31 (iii) Youth center means any recreational facility or gymnasium,  
1 including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility or gymnasium,  
2 intended primarily for use by persons under eighteen years of age which  
3 regularly provides athletic, civic, or cultural activities.

4 (5)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances  
5 Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older  
6 to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax,  
7 induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen  
8 years to manufacture, transport, distribute, carry, deliver, dispense,  
9 prepare for delivery, offer for delivery, or possess with intent to do  
10 the same a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

11 (b) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,

12 it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to  
13 knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax,  
14 induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen  
15 years to aid and abet any person in the manufacture, transportation,  
16 distribution, carrying, delivery, dispensing, preparation for delivery,  
17 offering for delivery, or possession with intent to do the same of a  
18 controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.  
19 (c) Any person who violates subdivision (a) or (b) of this  
20 subsection shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification  
21 than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of  
22 this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the  
23 first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be  
24 punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed  
25 for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such  
26 person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.  
27 (6) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for violation of  
28 subsection (4) or (5) of this section that the defendant did not know the  
29 age of the person through whom the defendant violated such subsection.  
30 (7) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
31 respect to cocaine or any mixture or substance containing a detectable  
1 amount of cocaine in a quantity of:  
2 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
3 felony;  
4 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
5 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
6 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
7 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
8 (8) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
9 respect to base cocaine (crack) or any mixture or substance containing a  
10 detectable amount of base cocaine in a quantity of:  
11 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
12 felony;  
13 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
14 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
15 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
16 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
17 (9) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
18 respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable  
19 amount of heroin in a quantity of:  
20 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
21 felony;  
22 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
23 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
24 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
25 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
26 (10) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with  
27 respect to amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its  
28 isomers, or with respect to methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers,  
29 and salts of its isomers, in a quantity of:  
30 (a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB  
31 felony;  
1 (b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty  
2 grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or  
3 (c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be  
4 guilty of a Class ID felony.  
5 (11) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana  
6 weighing more than one ounce but not more than one pound shall be guilty  
7 of a Class III misdemeanor.  
8 (12) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana  
9 weighing more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

10 (13) Except as provided in section 28-1701, any person knowingly or  
11 intentionally possessing marijuana weighing one ounce or less or any  
12 substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals,  
13 or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of  
14 Schedule I of section 28-405 shall:

15 (a) For the first offense, be guilty of an infraction, receive a  
16 citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be assigned to attend a  
17 course as prescribed in section 29-433 if the judge determines that  
18 attending such course is in the best interest of the individual  
19 defendant;

20 (b) For the second offense, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor,  
21 receive a citation, and be fined four hundred dollars and may be  
22 imprisoned not to exceed five days; and

23 (c) For the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class  
24 IIIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and  
25 be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.

26 (14) Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on  
27 probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and  
28 complete appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a  
29 program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or  
30 other licensed drug treatment facility.

31 (15) Any person convicted of violating this section, if sentenced to  
1 the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate  
2 treatment and counseling on drug abuse.

3 (16)(a) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of  
4 this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification  
5 than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of  
6 this section if:

7 (i) ~~The(16) Any person knowingly or intentionally~~  
8 ~~possessed~~possessing a firearm while in violation of subsection (1) of  
9 this section; or

10 (ii) ~~Such violation resulted in the use of the controlled substance~~  
11 ~~and directly and proximately caused the death of, or serious bodily~~  
12 ~~injury to, another person. shall be punished by the next higher penalty~~  
13 ~~classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8),~~  
14 ~~(9), or (10) of this section, but in no event shall such person be~~  
15 ~~punished by~~

16 (b) ~~A penalty enhanced under this subsection shall in no event~~  
17 ~~result in a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.~~

18 (17) A person knowingly or intentionally in possession of money used  
19 or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of  
20 this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

21 (18) In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation  
22 of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or  
23 conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, a sentencing court  
24 may order that any money, securities, negotiable instruments, firearms,  
25 conveyances, or electronic communication devices as defined in section  
26 28-833 or any equipment, components, peripherals, software, hardware, or  
27 accessories related to electronic communication devices be forfeited as a  
28 part of the sentence imposed if it finds by clear and convincing evidence  
29 adduced at a separate hearing in the same prosecution, following  
30 conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, and  
31 conducted pursuant to section 28-1601, that any or all such property was  
1 derived from, used, or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of  
2 subsection (1) of this section.

3 (19) In addition to the penalties provided in this section:

4 (a) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section  
5 is eighteen years of age or younger and has one or more licenses or  
6 permits issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:

7 (i) For the first offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment



8 of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits  
 9 for thirty days and (B) require such person to attend a drug education  
 10 class;  
 11 (ii) For a second offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment  
 12 of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits  
 13 for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than  
 14 twenty and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a  
 15 drug education class; and  
 16 (iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as a part of  
 17 the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses  
 18 or permits for twelve months and (B) require such person to complete no  
 19 fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education  
 20 class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug  
 21 counselor; and  
 22 (b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section  
 23 is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license  
 24 issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:  
 25 (i) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of  
 26 conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any  
 27 permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would  
 28 otherwise be eligible until thirty days after the date of such order and  
 29 (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;  
 30 (ii) For a second offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of  
 31 conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any  
 1 permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would  
 2 otherwise be eligible until ninety days after the date of such order and  
 3 (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty hours and no  
 4 more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education  
 5 class; and  
 6 (iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as part of  
 7 the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from  
 8 obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such  
 9 person would otherwise be eligible until twelve months after the date of  
 10 such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty  
 11 hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to  
 12 submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.  
 13 A copy of an abstract of the court's conviction or adjudication  
 14 shall be transmitted to the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to  
 15 sections 60-497.01 to 60-497.04 if a license or permit is impounded or a  
 16 juvenile is prohibited from obtaining a license or permit under this  
 17 subsection.  
 18 Sec. 33. Original sections 28-306, 28-394, 29-2262.06, 29-2267,  
 19 60-682.01, 60-6,186, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 20 Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-416, 28-1204.05, 29-2263, 29-3001,  
 21 43-245, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, 43-260.01, 43-286.01, 43-2,108,  
 22 43-2,108.05, 43-2,129, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 23 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The third committee amendment is as follows:

#### AM1220

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
 2 sections:  
 3 Sec. 10. Section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 4 2024, is amended to read:  
 5 29-3001 (1) A prisoner in custody under sentence and claiming a  
 6 right to be released on the ground that there was such a denial or  
 7 infringement of the rights of the prisoner as to render the judgment void  
 8 or voidable under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution of  
 9 the United States, may file a verified motion, in the court which imposed  
 10 such sentence, stating the grounds relied upon and asking the court to

11 vacate or set aside the sentence.

12 (2) Unless the motion and the files and records of the case show to  
 13 the satisfaction of the court that the prisoner is entitled to no relief,  
 14 the court shall cause notice thereof to be served on the county attorney,  
 15 grant a prompt hearing thereon, and determine the issues and make  
 16 findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect thereto. If the  
 17 court finds that there was such a denial or infringement of the rights of  
 18 the prisoner as to render the judgment void or voidable under the  
 19 Constitution of this state or the Constitution of the United States, the  
 20 court shall vacate and set aside the judgment and shall discharge the  
 21 prisoner or resentence the prisoner or grant a new trial as may appear  
 22 appropriate. Proceedings under the provisions of sections 29-3001 to  
 23 29-3004 shall be civil in nature. Costs shall be taxed as in habeas  
 24 corpus cases.

25 (3) A court may entertain and determine such motion without  
 26 requiring the production of the prisoner, whether or not a hearing is  
 27 held. Testimony of the prisoner or other witnesses may be offered by  
 1 deposition. The court need not entertain a second motion or successive  
 2 motions for similar relief on behalf of the same prisoner.

3 (4) A one-year period of limitation shall apply to the filing of a  
 4 verified motion for postconviction relief. The one-year limitation period  
 5 shall run from the later of:

6 (a) The date the judgment of conviction became final by the  
 7 conclusion of a direct appeal or the expiration of the time for filing a  
 8 direct appeal;

9 (b) The date on which the factual predicate of the constitutional  
 10 claim or claims alleged could have been discovered through the exercise  
 11 of due diligence;

12 (c) The date on which an impediment created by state action, in  
 13 violation of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of  
 14 Nebraska or any law of this state, is removed, if the prisoner was  
 15 prevented from filing a verified motion by such state action;

16 (d) The date on which a constitutional claim asserted was initially  
 17 recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States or the Nebraska  
 18 Supreme Court, if the newly recognized right has been made applicable  
 19 retroactively to cases on postconviction collateral review; ~~or~~

20 (e) The date on which the Supreme Court of the United States denies  
 21 a writ of certiorari or affirms a conviction appealed from the Nebraska  
 22 Supreme Court. This subdivision only applies if, within thirty days after  
 23 petitioning the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of  
 24 certiorari, the prisoner files a notice in the district court of  
 25 conviction stating that the prisoner has filed such petition; ~~or~~

26 (f) The date on which the prisoner reaches twenty-one years of age  
 27 for an offense committed when the prisoner was younger than eighteen  
 28 years of age.

29 Sec. 33. Original sections 28-306, 28-394, 29-2262.06, 29-2267,  
 30 60-682.01, 60-6,186, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 31 Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-416, 28-1204.05, 29-2263, 29-3001,  
 1 43-245, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, 43-260.01, 43-286.01, 43-2,108,  
 2 43-2,108.05, 43-2,129, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 3 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The fourth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM1238](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, [AM1218](#), found in this day's Journal was offered.

Senator Bosn asked unanimous consent to withdraw [AM1182](#), found on page 1247, to the first committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, [AM1230](#), to the first committee amendment.

[AM1230](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)

- 1 1. On page 34, insert the following new subdivision after line 3:
- 2 "(a) A validated risk assessment instrument completed by
- 3 probation;"; in line 4 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 5 strike
- 4 "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 6 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; in line
- 5 7 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "enforcement" insert "submitted
- 6 to the county attorney"; and in line 8 strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".
- 7 2. On page 38, line 24, strike "fourteen" and insert "thirty".
- 8 3. On page 39, line 3, strike "seven" and insert "fourteen".
- 9 4. On page 42, strike beginning with "Upon" in line 17 through
- 10 "officer" in line 19 and insert "Upon a request by such an officer or a
- 11 law enforcement agency, the Office of Probation Administration shall
- 12 provide such officer or law enforcement agency with access to the
- 13 electronic monitoring database"; in line 24 after the second occurrence
- 14 of "name" insert "and contact information of the juvenile's parents or
- 15 guardians, the name and contact information"; in line 26 after the comma
- 16 insert "the placement of the juvenile if placed out of home," and in
- 17 line 28 strike "school records" and insert "the school the juvenile is
- 18 attending".
- 19 5. On page 46, line 28, strike "over such county".

Senator M. Cavanaugh objected.

Senator Bosn offered the following motion:

[MO216](#)

Withdraw AM1182 and Substitute AM1230

Pending.

## COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

### Enrollment and Review

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER59](#)

- 1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "first" in line 1 through line
- 2 11 and insert "first responders; to amend sections 85-2601, 85-2602,
- 3 85-2604, 85-2605, 85-2606, 85-2607, and 85-2608, Reissue Revised Statutes
- 4 of Nebraska, and section 44-314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 5 2024; to change the definition of professional firefighter for purposes
- 6 of certain insurance protections; to include correctional officers, youth
- 7 detention officers, certain eligible disabled persons and their children
- 8 within the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to require
- 9 partial reimbursement for certain tuition waivers by the state; to
- 10 provide duties for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary
- 11 Education and postsecondary educational institutions; to define and
- 12 redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections;
- 13 and to outright repeal sections 85-2603 and 85-2603.01, Reissue Revised
- 14 Statutes of Nebraska."

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Placed on Select File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** Placed on Final Reading.  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

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

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB530:

##### FA153

In AM1149, on page 30, line 21 strike the word "ten" and reinstate the word "twelve".

##### FA154

In AM1149, Strike Section 19.

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:

##### AM1230

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teachers from Villa Marie School, Waverly; students from Tekamah-Herman, Tekamah; students from Washington Elementary, Norfolk.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:15 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lippincott, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
 Clerk of the Legislature