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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 4, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Ibach presiding.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the nineteenth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB441:
AM1897

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-6401 Sections 71-6401 to 71-6408 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Building Construction Act.

Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Authorized inspector means an individual credentialed with the state agency, county, city, or village issuing permits or a third-party inspector registered or licensed with the State of Nebraska contracted as a result of project specification requirements. Authorized inspector does not include an individual performing a self-performed inspection for the

individual's own permit or building; and
(b) Inspection records means the pass or fail results, including the reasons for failure or deviation from project specifications, of any inspection required by the permitting entity as a condition of construction in association with the address of the permit requested or issued.
(2)(a) Any state agency, county, city, or village that requires an inspection as part of a building permit may allow for virtual inspection by an authorized inspector if the following conditions are met:
(i) The inspection is of an area of a single-family or two-family residential building that is less than three stories in height and under ten thousand square feet;
(ii) The individual requesting or holding the building permit has provided a list of contractors who are licensed or registered in such state, county, city, or village and who are completing the work to be virtually inspected; and
(iii) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, the virtual inspection is conducted live with both the individual requesting or holding the building permit and the authorized inspector.
(b) Inspections required for building permits of a nonstructural nature, as determined by the permitting entity, may be conducted using video or photo documentation for any reinspection.
(3) Any state agency, county, city, or village that utilizes virtual inspections shall not be required to publicize the list of contractors provided in subdivision (2)(a) of this section.
Sec. 3. Original section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 669. Senator Hunt renewed MO390, found and considered on page 594, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Storer offered the following motion:
MO393
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Storer moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer, G.	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Sanders	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer, F.	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Spivey

Present and not voting, 3:

Fredrickson	Ibach	Quick

The Storer motion to invoke cloture failed with 31 ayes, 15 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Wheelock, Horacio J - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

BILL ON FIRST READING

The following bill was read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 365A. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 365, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 333 and 334 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 333 and 334.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 807. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1828, found on page 549, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Ibach withdrew AM1757, found on page 467.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1660, found on page 553, was offered.

The committee 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 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 538. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER112
1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 12 and insert "85-1411, Reissue
2 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Board of Education to
3 develop and distribute a model policy relating to discrimination,
4 including antisemitism, as prescribed; to require each school board to
5 adopt a policy relating to discrimination, including antisemitism, as
6 prescribed; to require antisemitism awareness training as prescribed; to
7 require the designation of a Title VI coordinator within the State
8 Department of Education and provide powers and duties; to require the
9 Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to designate a Title
10 VI coordinator as prescribed and provide powers and duties; to state
11 intent relating to postsecondary educational institutions adopting
12 policies relating to antisemitism; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal
13 the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 538A. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER113
1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
2 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $138,227 from the
3 General Fund for FY2026-27 and (2) $137,431 from the General Fund for
4 FY2027-28 to the State Department of Education, for Program 25, to aid in
5 carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 538, One Hundred Ninth
6 Legislature, Second Session, 2026.
7 Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per
8 diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed $66,197
9 for FY2026-27 or $68,348 for FY2027-28.
10 2. On page 1, strike line 3 and insert "Ninth Legislature, Second
11 Session, 2026.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to LB110:
FA949
On page 1, line 16, after "provider" insert ", as defined by 71-7907," and starting on line 17, strike "medical clinic" and insert "Health Care Facility as defined in 71-413".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 877. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1763, found on page 553, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 1 nay, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay withdrew AM1818, found on page 528.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 429. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
Bradley Bird - Environmental Quality Council
Kristen Gottschalk - Nebraska Power Review Board
David Liegl - Nebraska Power Review Board
LB1010
LB1220

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 11, 2026
LB1253
LB1257
LB826
LB873

LB1193
LB1189

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator DeBoer filed the following proposed rule changes:

Proposed Rule Change 1

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

Agriculture and Natural Resources	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
~~Natural Resources~~	~~8 members~~
Nebraska Retirement Systems	6 members
Revenue	8 members
Telecommunications and Technology	8 members
Transportation ~~and Telecommunications~~	8 members
Urban Affairs	7 members

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

Proposed Rule Change 2

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 Agriculture and Natural Resources
~~Chairperson of Committee on Agriculture~~
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~~
Chairperson of Committee on Telecommunications and Technology

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB771:
AM1948
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
3 and approved according to law.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB938.
Senator Conrad name added to LB987.
Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR337.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraskans for the Arts; members of Blood Cancer United; Tom and Dwaine Fosler, Milford; students in the Central High School Orchestra, Omaha; Ash Homan, Omaha; John and Patricia Mitchell, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator M. Cavanaugh, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature