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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 31, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

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 Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Guereca, Hallstrom, Hunt, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-second day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator G. Meyer filed the following amendment to [LB986](#):
[AM2959](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. Section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 49-1401 Sections 49-1401 to 49-14,142 and section 4 of this act
6 shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Political Accountability
7 and Disclosure Act.
8 Sec. 2. Section 49-1446.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
9 amended to read:
10 49-1446.02 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Nebraska
11 Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, no committee shall expend
12 funds for the purchase or payment of:

13 (1) Clothes or medical or dental expenses of a candidate or the
 14 members of his or her immediate family;
 15 (2) Installment payments for an automobile owned by a candidate;
 16 (3) Mortgage or rental payments for a permanent residence of a
 17 candidate;
 18 (4) The satisfaction of personal debts, including installment
 19 payments on personal loans, except campaign loans subject to reporting
 20 required by subsection (2) of section 49-1456;
 21 (5) Personal services, including the services of a lawyer or
 22 accountant, except campaign services subject to reporting pursuant to the
 23 provisions of section 49-1455; or
 24 (6) Office supplies, staff, or furnishings for the public office for
 25 which an individual is a candidate for nomination or election except as
 26 set out in subsection (2) of section 49-1446.01 and subdivision (10) of
 27 section 49-1446.03.

1 Sec. 3. Section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 2 amended to read:
 3 49-1446.03 Except as otherwise provided in the Nebraska Political
 4 Accountability and Disclosure Act, any committee may, in addition to the
 5 expenditures set forth in section 49-1446.01, make expenditures for the
 6 following:

7 (1) The necessary continued operation of the campaign office or
 8 offices of the candidate or political committee;
 9 (2) Social events primarily for the benefit of campaign workers and
 10 volunteers or constituents;
 11 (3) Obtaining public input and opinion;
 12 (4) Repayment of campaign loans incurred prior to election day;
 13 (5) Newsletters and other communications for the purpose of
 14 information, thanks, acknowledgment, or greetings or for the purpose of
 15 political organization and planning;
 16 (6) Gifts of acknowledgment, including flowers and charitable
 17 contributions, except that gifts to any one individual shall not exceed
 18 fifty dollars in any one calendar year;
 19 (7) Meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder related to his or
 20 her candidacy and for members of the immediate family of the officeholder
 21 when involved in activities related to his or her candidacy;
 22 (8) Conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by an officeholder
 23 and his or her staff when involved in activities related to the duties of
 24 his or her public office; and
 25 (9) In the case of the candidate committee for the Governor,
 26 conference fees, meals, lodging, and travel by the Governor, his or her
 27 staff, and his or her immediate family, when involved in activities
 28 related to the duties of the Governor; and
 29 (10) Security assets, including electronic surveillance monitoring
 30 equipment, exterior lighting, alarms, sirens, fencing, helmets, Kevlar
 31 vests, pepper spray, and bullet proof glass, the total of which shall not
 1 exceed ten thousand dollars in any calendar year. Security assets shall
 2 not include security personnel, security monitoring services, firearms,
 3 ammunition, tear gas, knives, swords, explosives, any other offensive
 4 weapon, or animals such as guard dogs.

5 Sec. 4. (1) The committee treasurer shall keep a record of all
 6 security assets purchased pursuant to subdivision (10) of section
 7 49-1446.03. The record shall contain:

8 (a) A description of the security asset purchased;
 9 (b) The value of the security asset purchased in United States
 10 dollars;
 11 (c) The date the security asset was purchased; and
 12 (d) The name and address of the person from whom the security asset
 13 was purchased.
 14 (2) The purchase of a security asset shall only be made in response

15 to a threat that is expected to last for more than seventy-two hours. The
 16 committee treasurer shall prepare a Document of Threat before any
 17 expenditure may be made for the purchase of any security asset. The
 18 Document of Threat shall contain:
 19 (a) A description of the threat with an explanation of how the
 20 threat is expected to last more than seventy-two hours;
 21 (b) A list of names of all people affected by the threat, including
 22 a political candidate or elected official, the family members of such
 23 candidate or official, or any staff of the candidate or official;
 24 (c) A description of the proposed security assets needed or desired
 25 to protect against such threat; and
 26 (d) Supporting documents which give evidence of such threat.
 27 (3) The Document of Threat shall be retained by the political
 28 candidate, elected official, or committee treasurer for a period of five
 29 years following the end of the elected official's term or the date the
 30 candidate ceases being a candidate.
 31 (4) Prior to any expenditure for a security asset, the Document of
 1 Threat shall be filed with the Secretary of State and the commission.
 2 (5) The purchase of a security asset shall be limited to proposed
 3 security assets listed in the Document of Threat.
 4 (6) Within one year after the end of an elected official's term or
 5 the date the political candidate ceases being a candidate, the official
 6 or candidate shall reimburse the campaign fund for all tangible security
 7 assets purchased at fair market value. The tangible security asset shall
 8 then revert to the possession of the official or candidate. The
 9 reimbursement and reversion shall be recorded in the committee
 10 treasurer's account book.
 11 Sec. 5. Original sections 49-1446.02 and 49-1446.03, Reissue
 12 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1401, Revised Statutes
 13 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
 14 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 15 passed and approved according to law.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Speaker Arch filed the following motion:
 Suspend Rule 8, Sec. 5 to allow the passage of the appropriations bills later
 than the 50th legislative day.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 410, 416, 424, 437, 438, and 439 were
 adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business,
 the President signed the following: LRs 410, 416, 424, 437, 438, and 439.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 758. [ER150](#), found on page 1118, was offered.

ER150 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA387](#), found on page 190.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236. [ER148](#), found on page 1118, was offered.

ER148 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA896](#), found on page 454.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 787. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA416](#), found on page 192.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA479](#), found on page 221.

Senator Rountree offered [AM2471](#), found on page 1194.

Senator Dover offered the following amendment to the Rountree amendment:

[FA1133](#)

To AM2471, on page 1, strike lines 12-19

Senator Kauth requested a division of the question on the Rountree amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first Rountree amendment is as follows:

[FA1134](#)

Insert the following new sections: Sec. 2. Section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

amended to read:

58-701 Sections 58-701 to 58-712 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Accessible has the same meaning as in 24 C.F.R. 8.3, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2026; and

(b) Multifamily rental unit project means residential buildings that contain five or more dwelling units within one structure occupied by renters.

(2) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of Economic Development shall not approve a multifamily rental unit project for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund unless:

(a) At least ten percent of the dwelling units included in the project will be accessible for persons with mobility impairments; and

(b) At least four percent of the dwelling units included in the project will be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments.

The second Rountree amendment is as follows:

[FA1135](#)

2. On page 2, line 31, after "units" insert ", what efforts have been made by the city to expand the use of accessory dwelling units, what obstacles exist to allowing more accessory dwelling units in the city and any strategies to overcome those obstacles, and which areas of the city allow for accessory dwelling units by right".

The third Rountree amendment is as follows:

[FA1136](#)

3. On page 3, strike lines 12 through 19 and all amendments thereto and insert the following new subdivisions:

"(l)(i) The number of multifamily housing units constructed within the corporate limits of the city and issued an initial certificate of occupancy since January 1, 2021, and either:

(A) The number of such units considered covered multifamily dwellings that were designed and constructed in accordance with the accessibility requirements of the federal Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C.3601 et seq. For purposes of this subdivision, covered multifamily dwelling has the same meaning as in 42 U.S.C. 3604; or

(B) The number of such units considered Type B units under chapter 11 of the 2018 edition of the International Building Code.

(ii) If a city is unable to provide the information described in subdivision (l)(i) of this subsection with regard to construction that occurred on or after January 1, 2021, and before the effective date of this act, the city shall note such fact in its report and may omit such information from the report;"; in line 22 strike the period, show as stricken, and insert "; and"; and after line 22 insert the following new subdivision:

"(n) Recommendations on actions that the state could take to assist cities in the construction of affordable housing."

4. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer accordingly

The first Rountree amendment, [FA1134](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Dover reoffered [FA1133](#), found in this day's Journal, to the first Rountree amendment.

Pending.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2766](#), found on page 1202, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM1992](#), found on page 666.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM2345](#), found on page 851.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 958A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 762. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2380](#), found on page 952, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 486. Introduced by Meyer, G., 17; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 7, 2026, at Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Pender Lady Pendragons defeated the unbeaten Elkhorn Valley Falcons in the championship game with a score of 63 to 48; and

WHEREAS, Hadley Walsh was the team's leading scorer against Elkhorn Valley with twenty-five points and was perfect at the free throw line for the tournament, making 20 out of 20; and

WHEREAS, Madalyn Dolliver, scored twenty-four points against Elkhorn Valley, including sinking a total of seven three-point baskets, which tied the Class C-2 state tournament record; and

WHEREAS, the Pender Lady Pendragons won the girls state basketball Class C-2 championship in 2023, the Class D-1 championship in 2024, the Class D-1 championship in 2025, and the Class C-2 championship in 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Pender Lady Pendragons became the first team in Nebraska history to win four straight state championships spanning over two classifications.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Pender Lady Pendragons for winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Girls

State Basketball Championship title and for winning four straight girls basketball championship titles spanning over two classifications.

2. That the Legislature celebrates the excellent coaching skills of Jason Dolliver, for leading the Pender Lady Pendragons to four straight state tournament championships.

3. That copies of this legislative resolution shall be sent to Luke Hoffman, the principal of Pender Secondary School, and to Jason Dolliver, the coach of the girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 487. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Girls State Wrestling Championships were held February 17 and 18 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Hadley Mazzulla of Auburn defeated Alejandra Reyes of Johnson County Central in the 105-pound match to win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, such student 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, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Hadley Mazzulla on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Girls State 105-pound Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Hadley Mazzulla.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 488. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Girls State Wrestling Championships were held February 17 and 18 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Haylee Trew of Johnson County Central defeated Hayleigh Darling of Yutan High School in the 100-pound match to win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, such student 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, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Haylee Trew on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Girls State 100-pound Championship title.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Haylee Trew.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB867:
AM2970

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER165)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 30. Section 81-2234, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 81-2234 (1) Care management clients may contribute to the costs of
- 5 receiving care management services, as provided under section 81-2230. A
- 6 client family income schedule, using the federal poverty guidelines,
- 7 shall be used to determine a care management client's voluntary
- 8 contribution. Individuals who have family income below three hundred
- 9 percent of a poverty level determined by the Department of Health and
- 10 Human Services based on any federal poverty index or similar guidelines
- 11 may contribute shall pay from zero to ninety percent of the cost fee for
- 12 the services provided by a care management unit. The client family income
- 13 schedule fee scale shall be adopted and promulgated as rules and
- 14 regulations by the department and shall reflect the income range of
- 15 individuals.
- 16 (2) A care management unit may receive reimbursement from state and
- 17 federal government programs which allow for reimbursement for care
- 18 management or case management services.
- 19 ~~(3) Individuals not covered by subsection (1) or (2) of this section~~
- 20 ~~shall pay the full fee for services provided by a care management unit.~~
- 21 Sec. 31. Section 81-2235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 81-2235 (1) Each care management unit may be reimbursed by the
- 24 Department of Health and Human Services for costs ~~not paid for by the~~
- 25 ~~individual~~ or through other reimbursement specified in section 81-2234.
- 26 Reimbursement by the department shall be based on actual casework time
- 1 units expended on all care management services provided and shall include
- 2 expenses for personnel, administration and planning, client eligibility
- 3 review, contractual services, and necessary support services and other
- 4 necessary actual and indirect costs. Standardized rates of reimbursement
- 5 shall be adopted and promulgated by the department and shall be adjusted
- 6 at least every three years.
- 7 (2) Appropriations for reimbursement by the department for services
- 8 provided under sections 81-2229 to 81-2235 and for the costs of the
- 9 department to administer the program shall be appropriated separately
- 10 from funds appropriated under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act.
- 11 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 12 accordingly.

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to LB1212:
AM2998

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2477)

- 1 1. Strike section 10 and insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 10. Section 81-3437.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 3 is amended to read:

4 81-3437.01 (1) Each licensee authorized to practice architecture or
5 engineering must obtain a seal. The design of the seal shall be
6 determined by the board. If a professional engineer's license has been
7 issued in a specific discipline, the discipline shall be specified on the
8 seal. The following information shall be on the seal: State of Nebraska;
9 licensee's name; licensee's license number; and the words Architect or
10 Professional (discipline) Engineer.

11 (2) Whenever the seal is applied, the licensee's signature and the
12 date of the seal's application shall be placed across or adjacent to the
13 seal in a manner that does not obscure the licensee's name or the license
14 number on the seal. The board may adopt and promulgate rules and
15 regulations for application of the seal.

16 (3) The seal ~~and the date of its placement~~ shall be on all technical
17 submissions and calculations whenever presented to a client or any public
18 or governmental agency. It shall be unlawful for a licensee to affix his
19 or her seal or to permit his or her seal to be affixed to any document
20 after the expiration of the certificate or for the purpose of aiding or
21 abetting any other person to evade or attempt to evade the Engineers and
22 Architects Regulation Act.

23 (4) The seal ~~and date~~ shall be placed on all originals, copies,
24 tracings, or other reproducible drawings and the first ~~page and last pages~~
25 of specifications, reports, and studies in such a manner that the seal,
26 signature, and date will be reproduced and be in compliance with rules
1 and regulations of the board. The application of the licensee's seal
2 shall constitute certification that the work was done by the licensee or
3 under the licensee's control.

4 (5) In the case of a temporary permit issued to a licensee of
5 another state, the licensee shall use his or her state of licensure seal
6 and shall affix his or her signature and temporary permit to all his or
7 her work.

8 Sec. 11. Section 81-3449, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
9 amended to read:

10 81-3449 The provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation
11 Act regulating the practice of architecture do not apply to the following
12 activities:

13 (1) The construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of a
14 detached single-family through four-family dwelling of less than five
15 thousand square feet of above grade finished space. Any detached or
16 attached sheds, storage buildings, and garages incidental to the dwelling
17 are not included in the tabulation of finished space. Such exemption may
18 be increased by rule and regulation of the board adopted pursuant to the
19 Negotiated Rulemaking Act but shall not exceed the Type V, column B,
20 limitations set forth by the allowable height and building areas table in
21 the state building code adopted in section 71-6403;

22 (2) The construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of a
23 one-story commercial or industrial building or structure of less than
24 five thousand square feet of above grade finished space which does not
25 exceed thirty feet in height unless such building or structure, or the
26 remodeling or repairing thereof, provides for the employment, housing, or
27 assembly of twenty or more persons. Any detached or attached sheds,
28 storage buildings, and garages incidental to the building or structure
29 are not included in the tabulation of finished space. Such exemption may
30 be increased by rule and regulation of the board adopted pursuant to the
31 Negotiated Rulemaking Act but shall not exceed the Type V, column B,
1 limitations set forth by the allowable height and building areas table in
2 the state building code adopted in section 71-6403;

3 (3) The construction, remodeling, alteration, or renovation of farm
4 buildings, including barns, silos, sheds, or housing for farm equipment
5 and machinery, livestock, poultry, or storage, if the structures are
6 designed to be occupied by no more than twenty persons. Such exemption

7 may be increased by rule and regulation of the board adopted pursuant to
8 the Negotiated Rulemaking Act but shall not exceed the Type V, column B,
9 limitations set forth by the allowable height and building areas table in
10 the state building code adopted in section 71-6403;

11 (4) Any public works project with contemplated expenditures for a
12 completed project that do not exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The
13 board shall adjust the dollar amount in this subdivision every fifth
14 year. The first such adjustment after August 27, 2011, shall be effective
15 on July 1, 2014. The adjusted amount shall be equal to the then current
16 amount adjusted by the cumulative percentage change in the Consumer Price
17 Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Federal Bureau of Labor
18 Statistics for the five-year period preceding the adjustment date. The
19 amount shall be rounded to the next highest one-thousand-dollar amount;

20 (5) Any alteration, renovation, or remodeling of a building if the
21 alteration, renovation, or remodeling does not affect architectural or
22 engineering safety features of the building;

23 (6) The teaching, including research and service, of architectural
24 subjects in a college or university offering a degree in architecture
25 accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board;

26 (7) The preparation of submissions to architects, building
27 officials, or other regulating authorities by the manufacturer, supplier,
28 or installer of any materials, assemblies, components, or equipment that
29 describe or illustrate the use of such items, the preparation of any
30 details or shop drawings required of the contractor by the terms of the
31 construction documents, or the management of construction contracts by
1 persons customarily engaged in contracting work;

2 (8) The preparation of technical submissions or the administration
3 of construction contracts by employees of a person or organization
4 lawfully engaged in the practice of architecture if such employees are
5 acting under the direct supervision of an architect;

6 (9) A public service provider or an organization who employs a
7 licensee performing professional services for itself;

8 ~~(10) A nonresident who holds the certification issued by the~~
9 ~~National Council of Architectural Registration Boards offering to render~~
10 ~~the professional services involved in the practice of architecture. The~~
11 ~~nonresident shall not perform any of the professional services involved~~
12 ~~in the practice of architecture until licensed as provided in the~~
13 ~~Engineers and Architects Regulation Act. The nonresident shall notify the~~
14 ~~board in writing that (a) he or she holds a National Council of~~
15 ~~Architectural Registration Boards certificate and is not currently~~
16 ~~licensed in Nebraska but will be present in Nebraska for the purpose of~~
17 ~~offering to render architectural services, (b) he or she will deliver a~~
18 ~~copy of the notice to every potential client to whom the applicant offers~~
19 ~~to render architectural services, and (c) he or she promises to apply~~
20 ~~immediately to the board for licensure if selected as the architect for~~
21 ~~the project;~~

22 ~~(10)(11)~~ The practice by a qualified member of another legally
23 recognized profession who is otherwise licensed or certified by this
24 state or any political subdivision to perform services consistent with
25 the laws of this state, the training, and the code of ethics of the
26 respective profession, if such qualified member does not represent
27 himself or herself to be practicing architecture and does not represent
28 himself or herself to be an architect;

29 ~~(11)(12)~~ Financial institutions making disbursements of funds in
30 connection with construction projects;

31 ~~(12)(13)~~ Earthmoving and related work associated with soil and water
1 conservation practices performed on farmland or any land owned by a
2 political subdivision that is not subject to a permit from the Department
3 of Water, Energy, and Environment or for work related to livestock waste
4 facilities that are not subject to a permit by the Department of Water,

5 Energy, and Environment; and

6 ~~(13)(14)~~ The work of employees and agents of a political subdivision
7 or a nonprofit entity organized for the purpose of furnishing electrical
8 service performing, in accordance with other requirements of law, their
9 customary duties in the administration and enforcement of codes, permit
10 programs, and land-use regulations and their customary duties in utility
11 and public works construction, operation, and maintenance.

12 Sec. 12. Section 81-3451, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
13 amended to read:

14 81-3451 (1) The following shall be considered as the minimum
15 evidence satisfactory to the board that an applicant is eligible for
16 enrollment as an engineer-intern:

17 (a)(i) Graduation from a program accredited by the Engineering
18 Accreditation Commission of ABET;

19 (ii) Graduation from a program accredited by the Canadian
20 Engineering Accreditation Board; or

21 (iii) Meeting the Education Standard of the National Council of
22 Examiners for Engineering and Surveying as determined by the council;

23 (b) Passage of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as
24 accepted by the Board of Engineers and Architects;

25 (c) Submittal of an application accompanied by the fee established
26 by the board; and

27 (d) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
28 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
29 acceptable to the board shall be included in the application for
30 enrollment.

31 ~~(2)(a) The following shall be considered as the minimum evidence
1 satisfactory to the board that an applicant is eligible for admission to
2 the examination on the principles and practice of engineering that is
3 adopted by the board:~~

4 ~~(i)(A) Graduation from a program accredited by the Engineering
5 Accreditation Commission of ABET;~~

6 ~~(B) Graduation from a program accredited by the Canadian Engineering
7 Accreditation Board; or~~

8 ~~(C) Meeting the Education Standard of the National Council of
9 Examiners for Engineering and Surveying as determined by the council;~~

10 ~~(ii) Passage of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering as
11 accepted by the Board of Engineers and Architects;~~

12 ~~(iii) Submittal of an application accompanied by the fee established
13 by the board; and~~

14 ~~(iv) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
15 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
16 acceptable to the board shall be included in the application.~~

17 ~~(b) A candidate who fails the principles and practice of engineering
18 examination may apply for reexamination, which may be granted upon
19 payment of a fee established by the board. In the event of a second or
20 subsequent failure, the examinee may, at the discretion of the board, be
21 required to appear before the board with evidence of having acquired the
22 necessary additional knowledge to qualify before admission to the
23 examination.~~

24 ~~(2)(3) The following shall be considered as the minimum evidence
25 satisfactory to the board that an applicant is eligible for licensure as
26 a professional engineer:~~

27 ~~(a)(i) Graduation from a program accredited by the Engineering
28 Accreditation Commission of ABET;~~

29 ~~(ii) Graduation from a program accredited by the Canadian
30 Engineering Accreditation Board; or~~

31 ~~(iii) Meeting the Education Standard of the National Council of
1 Examiners for Engineering and Surveying as determined by the council;~~

2 ~~(b) Passage of an examination in the fundamentals of engineering~~

3 ~~that is accepted by the Board of Engineers and Architects;~~
4 ~~(c)(a)~~ Passage of an examination in the principles and practice of
5 engineering ~~that is accepted by the board examination as set forth in~~
6 ~~subsection (2) of this section;~~
7 ~~(d)(b)~~ A record of four years or more of progressive post-
8 accredited-degree experience on engineering projects of a grade and
9 character which indicates to the board that the applicant may be
10 competent to practice engineering;
11 ~~(e)~~ Submittal of an application for licensure as a professional
12 engineer accompanied by a fee established by the board;
13 ~~(f)(e)~~ Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character
14 by attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of
15 references acceptable to the board shall be included in the application
16 for licensure; and
17 ~~(g)(4)~~ Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules,
18 and other requirements unique to this state.
19 ~~(3)(4)~~ An individual holding a license to practice engineering
20 issued by a proper authority of any jurisdiction, based on credentials
21 that do not conflict with ~~subsections~~ subsections (2) and (3) of this
22 section and other provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation
23 Act, may, upon application, be licensed as a professional engineer after:
24 (a) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
25 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
26 acceptable to the board shall be included in the application for
27 licensure; and
28 (b) Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules, and
29 other requirements unique to this state.
30 ~~(4)(5)~~ An individual who has been licensed to practice engineering
31 for fifteen years or more in one or more jurisdictions and who has
1 practiced engineering for fifteen years in compliance with the licensing
2 laws in the jurisdictions where his or her engineering practice has
3 occurred since initial licensure may, upon application, be licensed as a
4 professional engineer after:
5 (a) Demonstration of good reputation and good ethical character by
6 attestation of references. The names and complete addresses of references
7 acceptable to the board shall be included in the application for
8 licensure; and
9 (b) Successful passage of an examination on the statutes, rules, and
10 other requirements unique to this state.
11 ~~(5)(6)~~ The board may designate a professional engineer as being
12 licensed in a specific discipline or branch of engineering signifying the
13 area in which the professional engineer has demonstrated competence.
14 ~~(6)(7)~~ Upon application to the board in writing and payment of a fee
15 established by the board, an individual who holds a valid license to
16 practice engineering in another jurisdiction may be issued a temporary
17 permit, valid for a definite period of time, to provide engineering
18 services for a specific project. An individual may not be issued more
19 than one temporary permit. No right to practice engineering accrues to
20 such applicant with respect to any other work not set forth in the
21 temporary permit. Temporary permit holders are subject to all of the
22 provisions of the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act governing the
23 practice of engineering.
24 ~~(7)(8)~~ None of the examination materials described in this section
25 shall be considered public records.
26 ~~(8)(9)~~ The board or its agent shall direct the time and place of the
27 engineering examinations referenced in subsections (1) ~~and~~ (2), ~~and~~ (3)
28 of this section.
29 ~~(9)(40)~~ The board may adopt the examinations and grading procedures
30 of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. The
31 board may also adopt guidelines published by the council.

- 1 ~~(10)(11)~~ Licensure shall be effective upon issuance.
 2 Sec. 13. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 14 of this act
 3 become operative on August 1, 2027. The other sections of this act become
 4 operative on their effective date.
 5 Sec. 15. Original sections 81-3437.01 and 81-3451, Reissue Revised
 6 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-3449, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 7 2025, are repealed.
 8 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB1212:

AM2937

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2477)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 38-2001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 4 2024, is amended to read:
 5 38-2001 Sections 38-2001 to 38-2064 and sections 3 to 9 of this act
 6 shall be known and may be cited as the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.
 7 Sec. 2. Section 38-2002, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 8 2024, is amended to read:
 9 38-2002 For the purposes of the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act
 10 and elsewhere in the Uniform Credentialing Act, unless the context
 11 otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 38-2003 to 38-2022
 12 and section 3 of this act apply.
 13 Sec. 3. For purposes of sections 3 to 9 of this act:
 14 (1) Assessment and evaluation program means a structured program
 15 approved by the department, with the recommendation of the board, which
 16 utilizes multiple assessment methods to evaluate an internationally
 17 trained physician's performance over time across the general competencies
 18 within the physician's intended scope of practice;
 19 (2) General competencies means the six domains of professional
 20 competence endorsed by the Coalition for Physician Accountability,
 21 including patient care and procedural skills, medical knowledge,
 22 practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal and communication
 23 skills, professionalism, and systems-based practice;
 24 (3) Health profession shortage area means a geographic region of the
 25 state that has been designated by the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory
 26 Commission pursuant to section 71-5665;
 1 (4) Internationally trained physician means a physician who has: (a)
 2 Received a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent from a legally
 3 chartered medical school outside the United States; (b) completed a
 4 graduate medical education training program that is substantially similar
 5 to United States graduate medical education or residency, as determined
 6 by the board; (c) been licensed or otherwise authorized to practice
 7 medicine in a country other than the United States; (d) practiced
 8 medicine for at least three of the last five years following the
 9 completion of a graduate medical education training program, unless that
 10 period is waived by the board; and (e) been in good standing with any
 11 previous medical licensing or regulatory institution during the most
 12 recent three years of practice and has no pending discipline before the
 13 licensing or regulatory institution;
 14 (5) Legally chartered medical school outside the United States means
 15 a medical school recognized by the Educational Commission for Foreign
 16 Medical Graduates that provides individuals with a medical education or
 17 training outside the United States that is substantially similar to the
 18 training required to qualify to practice medicine and surgery in this
 19 state, as determined by the board;
 20 (6) Licensing examination means the United States Medical Licensing
 21 Examination;
 22 (7) Participating health care entity means a federally qualified
 23 health center, hospital, or other entity that provides an assessment and
 24 evaluation program and is approved by the department, with the

25 recommendation of the board. The department, with the recommendation of
26 the board, may establish additional criteria for qualification as a
27 participating health care entity including criteria relating to the
28 ability to implement a board-approved assessment and evaluation program
29 addressing the general competencies;

30 (8) Provisional license means a license to practice medicine issued
31 pursuant to section 4 of this act; and

1 (9) Transitional license means a license issued pursuant to section
2 5 of this act that permits an internationally trained physician to
3 practice as a practitioner in a health profession shortage area
4 independently without the supervision of a participating health care
5 entity.

6 Sec. 4. (1) The department, with the recommendation of the board,
7 shall issue a provisional license for no longer than three years to an
8 internationally trained physician if the physician and the participating
9 health care entity submit evidence that the physician:

10 (a) Meets the definition of an internationally trained physician as
11 defined in section 3 of this act;

12 (b) Has a valid certification issued by the Educational Commission
13 for Foreign Medical Graduates;

14 (c) Has achieved a passing score on step 1 and step 2 of the
15 licensing examination;

16 (d) Has entered into an agreement with a participating health care
17 entity for full-time employment under the supervision of a licensed
18 physician. Such agreement shall provide that the participating health
19 care entity shall conduct an initial formative needs assessment, develop
20 an individualized learning and supervision plan, and assess and evaluate
21 the physician's familiarity with the standards appropriate for medical
22 practice in the state, consistent with assessment and evaluation criteria
23 established in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the
24 department, with the recommendation of the board, and designed to address
25 all general competencies;

26 (e) Is either a United States citizen or is legally authorized to
27 work by the federal government pursuant to 8 C.F.R. 274a.12, as such
28 regulation existed on January 1, 2026; and

29 (f) Has satisfied other criteria as required by the board which
30 shall not include a medical education residency program as a
31 prerequisite.

1 (2) An internationally trained physician practicing under a
2 provisional license shall be allowed to renew such physician's
3 provisional license for one three-year period. No physician practicing
4 under a provisional license shall be allowed to hold a provisional
5 license for more than six years.

6 (3)(a) Within six months after a physician commences practice under
7 a provisional license, the participating health care entity shall: (i)
8 Conduct an initial formative needs assessment of the internationally
9 trained physician's competence in the general competencies, including a
10 review of the physician's prior graduate medical education and practice
11 experience using a process approved by the department, with the
12 recommendation of the board; and (ii) submit an individualized learning
13 and supervision plan to the department for the physician that is informed
14 by the initial formative needs assessment and addresses all general
15 competencies for the physician's intended scope of practice. A copy of
16 such plan shall be provided to the board.

17 (b) The initial formative needs assessment shall be used to identify
18 areas of strength and areas in which additional support is needed and
19 shall not be used to deny issuance of a provisional license to a
20 physician who otherwise meets the requirements of subsection (1) of this
21 section.

22 (4)(a) The assessment and evaluation program utilized by a
23 participating health care entity for a physician practicing under a
24 provisional license shall include, but not be limited to: (i)
25 Standardized assessments of medical knowledge; (ii) direct observation of

26 the physician's clinical skills; (iii) multi-source feedback from
27 physicians and other health care team members and, when feasible,
28 patients; and (iv) periodic audits of medical records for which the
29 physician is responsible.
30 (b) The assessment and evaluation program shall ensure that the
31 physician engages in a sufficient volume and breadth of cases to permit
1 meaningful assessment across the general competencies for the physician's
2 intended scope of practice.
3 (5) An internationally trained physician practicing under a
4 provisional license shall be supervised and employed by a participating
5 health care entity. All practice under a provisional license shall
6 initially occur under supervision by a supervisor who meets the
7 requirements described in subdivision (a) of this subsection. The level
8 of supervision may be adjusted over time based on documented competence
9 demonstrated through the assessment and evaluation program, in accordance
10 with standards and supervision levels established in rules and
11 regulations adopted and promulgated by the department, with the
12 recommendation of the board. A participating health care entity shall:
13 (a) Employ one or more supervisors to supervise internationally
14 trained physicians. A supervisor shall (i) be licensed to practice
15 medicine in the state in good standing, and (ii) possess all necessary
16 institutional privileges;
17 (b) Carry medical malpractice insurance covering such physician
18 during the period of time the physician practices under the provisional
19 license; and
20 (c) Complete all required assessment and evaluation program
21 criteria.
22 (6) The department, with the recommendation of the board, may adopt
23 and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section,
24 including, but not limited to, criteria for participating health care
25 entities and supervisors, requirements for assessment and evaluation
26 programs, supervision levels, and required forms for initial formative
27 needs assessments and individualized learning and supervision plans.
28 Sec. 5. (1) The department, with the recommendation of the board,
29 may issue a transitional license for no longer than three years to an
30 internationally trained physician if such physician has:
31 (a) Practiced medicine for three years under the supervision of a
1 participating health care entity;
2 (b) Completed and received satisfactory results on the participating
3 health care entity's department-approved and board-recommended assessment
4 and evaluation program which shall document, using multiple assessment
5 methods, the physician's performance across the general competencies
6 within the physician's intended scope of practice;
7 (c) Received a satisfactory score on step 3 of the licensing
8 examination; and
9 (d) Completed additional prerequisites required by the board. Such
10 prerequisites shall not include a medical education residency program.
11 (2) Prior to issuing a transitional license, the department shall
12 receive from the participating health care entity a final assessment and
13 evaluation report on a form prescribed by the department, with the
14 recommendation of the board, affirming that, in the judgment of the
15 participating health care entity, the physician has demonstrated the
16 ability to engage in independent and unsupervised practice within the
17 physician's intended scope of practice across all general competencies.
18 The board shall be provided with a copy of the final assessment and
19 evaluation report and may review the report and make a recommendation to
20 the department regarding issuance, denial, or renewal of a provisional or
21 transitional license under this section.
22 (3) The transitional license may be renewed for one three-year
23 period.
24 Sec. 6. (1) After an internationally trained physician has
25 practiced under a provisional license for a minimum of three years and a
26 transitional license for a minimum of three years, such physician shall

27 be eligible to apply for an unrestricted license to practice medicine in
 28 this state. Prior to granting such unrestricted license, the board shall
 29 consider assessment data and reports submitted under sections 4 and 5 of
 30 this act.

31 (2) While practicing under a provisional or transitional license,
 1 the physician shall submit the following information to the department
 2 and the board every six months or upon request: (a) A statement
 3 certifying that the physician is employed as a physician in this state
 4 and not subject to discipline; and (b) a disclosure of the results of any
 5 assessment or evaluation completed by the participating health care
 6 entity under an approved assessment and evaluation program pursuant to
 7 section 5 of this act.

8 (3) The physician shall notify the department and the board of any
 9 changes in employment during the period of time a provisional license is
 10 in effect.

11 Sec. 7. A participating health care entity employing a physician
 12 practicing under a provisional or transitional license shall ensure that
 13 such physician:

14 (1) Is subject to, and protected by, the entity's policies regarding
 15 work hours, discrimination and harassment, and access to wellness and
 16 support services on the same basis as other physicians employed by the
 17 entity; and

18 (2) Receives written information at the commencement of employment
 19 regarding the policies described in subdivision (1) of this section.

20 Sec. 8. (1) In addition to other grounds for disciplinary action
 21 against the license under the Uniform Credentialing Act, the department
 22 may take disciplinary action, including suspension and revocation,
 23 against a license granted pursuant to section 4 or 5 of this act for
 24 professional misconduct, noncompliance with licensure requirements, or an
 25 unsatisfactory assessment or evaluation submitted by a participating
 26 health care entity. In determining whether an assessment or evaluation is
 27 unsatisfactory under this subsection, the department may consider the
 28 totality of assessment data generated under an approved assessment and
 29 evaluation program, including repeated deficiencies in one or more
 30 general competencies and the physician's response to remediation. The
 31 department shall consider any board recommendation relating to an
 1 assessment or evaluation described in this section.

2 (2) A provisional or transitional license may be suspended, pending
 3 a full disciplinary review by the department if, in the judgment of a
 4 participating health care entity, the internationally trained physician's
 5 practice jeopardizes the health and well-being of a patient.

6 Sec. 9. An internationally trained physician aggrieved by any
 7 action against such physician's provisional or transitional license may
 8 appeal the decision. The appeal shall be in accordance with the
 9 Administrative Procedure Act.

10 Sec. 10. This act becomes operative on August 1, 2027.

11 Sec. 11. Original sections 38-2001 and 38-2002, Revised Statutes

12 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 762. Committee [AM2380](#), found on page 952 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 2 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1032. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2847](#), found on page 1306, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:

[AM2961](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2847)

1 1. On page 30, line 30; page 31, line 29; page 32, line 1; and page 2 34, line 16, strike "adjudication hearing" and insert "initial appearance 3 of the parties".

The DeBoer 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 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 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 1032A. 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.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Madison Hurst, Omaha; students from Golden Hills Elementary, Bellevue; members of Nebraska Pans Coalition, Omaha.

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., Senator Strommen presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ballard, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, McKinney, G. Meyer, Riepe, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dorn filed the following amendment to [LB803](#):
[AM2990](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2651)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
 2 Sec. 14. Section 77-1311.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 3 2024, is amended to read:
 4 77-1311.03 (1) On or before March 19 of each year, each county
 5 assessor shall conduct a systematic inspection and review by class or
 6 subclass of a portion of the taxable real property parcels in the county
 7 for the purpose of achieving uniform and proportionate valuations and
 8 assuring that the real property record data accurately reflects the
 9 property, except beginning January 1, 2014, in any county with a
 10 population of at least one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants according
 11 to the most recent federal decennial census, the inspection and review
 12 shall be conducted on or before March 25. The county assessor shall
 13 adjust the value of all other taxable real property parcels by class or
 14 subclass in the county so that the value of all real property is uniform
 15 and proportionate. The county assessor shall determine the portion to be
 16 inspected and reviewed each year to assure that all parcels of real
 17 property in the county have been inspected and reviewed no less
 18 frequently than every six years. Inspection of real property shall be
 19 completed in the manner as directed by the county assessor.
 20 (2) The county assessor shall not be liable to prosecution for
 21 trespass for any inspection of real property conducted pursuant to this
 22 section if the county assessor:
 23 (a) Provides advance written notice of the inspection to the owner
 24 of the property; or
 25 (b) Publishes notice of the inspection in a legal newspaper of
 26 general circulation in the county.
 1 (3) The county assessor shall not enter an enclosed building for the
 2 purpose of conducting an inspection pursuant to this section without the
 3 express permission of the property owner or occupant.
 4 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 5 accordingly.
 6 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
 7 section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months
 8 after the adjournment of this legislative session.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. Senator Conrad offered [MO470](#), found on page 880, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bostar opened on LB965.

Senator Conrad opened on MO470.

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 [AM2846](#), found on page 1334, was offered.

Senator DeBoer 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:

[AM3009](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The second committee amendment is as follows:

[AM3010](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 41. Section 43-2923, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 43-2923 The best interests of the child require:
6 (1) A parenting arrangement and parenting plan or other court-
7 ordered arrangement which provides for a child's safety, emotional
8 growth, health, stability, and physical care and regular and continuous
9 school attendance and progress for school-age children;
10 (2) When a preponderance of the evidence indicates domestic intimate
11 partner abuse, a parenting and visitation arrangement that provides for
12 the safety of a victim parent;
13 (3) That the child's families and those serving in parenting roles
14 remain appropriately active and involved in parenting with safe,
15 appropriate, continuing quality contact between children and their
16 families when they have shown the ability to act in the best interests of
17 the child and have shared in the responsibilities of raising the child;
18 (4) That even when parents have voluntarily negotiated or mutually
19 mediated and agreed upon a parenting plan, the court shall determine
20 whether it is in the best interests of the child for parents to maintain
21 continued communications with each other and to make joint decisions in
22 performing parenting functions as are necessary for the care and healthy
23 development of the child. If the court rejects a parenting plan, the
24 court shall provide written findings as to why the parenting plan is not
25 in the best interests of the child;
26 (5) That certain principles provide a basis upon which education of
27 parents is delivered and upon which negotiation and mediation of
1 parenting plans are conducted. Such principles shall include: To minimize
2 the potentially negative impact of parental conflict on children; to
3 provide parents the tools they need to reach parenting decisions that are
4 in the best interests of a child; to provide alternative dispute
5 resolution or specialized alternative dispute resolution options that are
6 less adversarial for the child and the family; to ensure that the child's
7 voice is heard and considered in parenting decisions; to maximize the
8 safety of family members through the justice process; and, in cases of
9 domestic intimate partner abuse or child abuse or neglect, to incorporate
10 the principles of victim safety and sensitivity, offender accountability,
11 and community safety in parenting plan decisions; and
12 (6) In determining custody and parenting arrangements, the court
13 shall consider the best interests of the minor child, which shall
14 include, but not be limited to, consideration of the foregoing factors
15 and:
16 (a) The relationship of the minor child to each parent prior to the

17 commencement of the action or any subsequent hearing;
 18 (b) The desires and wishes of the minor child, if of an age of
 19 comprehension but regardless of chronological age, when such desires and
 20 wishes are based on sound reasoning;
 21 (c) The general health, welfare, and social behavior of the minor
 22 child;
 23 (d) Credible evidence showing increased intellectual and social
 24 growth in children who have equal access to both parents;
 25 (e)(d) Credible evidence of abuse inflicted on any family or
 26 household member. For purposes of this subdivision, abuse and family or
 27 household member shall have the meanings prescribed in section 42-903;
 28 and
 29 (f)(e) Credible evidence of child abuse or neglect or domestic
 30 intimate partner abuse. For purposes of this subdivision, the definitions
 31 in section 43-2922 shall be used.
 1 Sec. 48. Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 50 of this
 2 act become operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act
 3 become operative on their effective date.
 4 Sec. 49. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 5 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 6 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 7 Sec. 50. Original section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 8 Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are
 9 repealed.
 10 Sec. 51. Original sections 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-323, 28-508,
 11 28-703, 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3905, 29-3918, 43-273, 43-2923, 71-946,
 12 71-947, 71-948, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 13 Nebraska, sections 27-404, 28-115, 28-310.01, 28-322.01, 29-3903,
 14 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and
 15 sections 26-118, 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01,
 16 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes
 17 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

The third committee amendment is as follows:

AM3016

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Sec. 16. Section 28-508, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 28-508 (1) A person commits the offense of possession of burglar's
 6 tools if such person:
 7 (a) ~~Knowingly~~He knowingly possesses any explosive, tool, instrument,
 8 key or lock adopted by a postal service for any box or other authorized
 9 receptacle for the deposit or delivery of mail, or other article adapted,
 10 designed, or commonly used for committing or facilitating the commission
 11 of an offense involving forcible entry into premises or theft by a
 12 physical taking; and
 13 (b) ~~Intends~~He intends to use the explosive, tool, instrument, key,
 14 lock, or article, or knows some person intends ultimately to use it, in
 15 the commission of an offense of the nature described in subdivision (1)
 16 (a) of this section.
 17 (2) Possession of burglar's tools is a Class IV felony.
 18 Sec. 48. Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 50 of this
 19 act become operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act
 20 become operative on their effective date.
 21 Sec. 49. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 22 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 23 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 24 Sec. 50. Original section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 25 Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are

26 repealed.

27 Sec. 51. Original sections 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-323, 28-508,
1 28-703, 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3905, 29-3918, 43-273, 43-2923, 71-946,
2 71-947, 71-948, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska, sections 27-404, 28-115, 28-310.01, 28-322.01, 29-3903,
4 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and
5 sections 26-118, 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01,
6 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes
7 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

The fourth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM3015](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The fifth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM3012](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 26-118, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 26-118 (1) Any person, except the petitioner, who knowingly violates
6 a protection order issued pursuant to the Protection Orders Act, after
7 service or notice as described in subsection (4) of section 26-114, or a
8 valid foreign protection order recognized pursuant to section 26-123 or
9 26-124, shall be guilty of an offense and punished as provided in this
10 section.
11 (2) For a violation involving a domestic abuse protection order, a
12 sexual assault protection order, a valid foreign domestic abuse
13 protection order recognized pursuant to section 26-123, or a valid
14 foreign sexual assault protection order recognized pursuant to section
15 26-124, a violation of this section is a:
16 (a) Class I misdemeanor for a first offense; ~~and a~~
17 (b) Class IV felony for ~~any second or subsequent offense;~~
18 (c) Class IIIA felony for a third offense; and
19 (d) Class IIA felony for any fourth or subsequent offense.
20 (3) For a violation of a harassment protection order or a valid
21 foreign harassment protection order recognized pursuant to section
22 26-124, a violation of this section is a Class II misdemeanor for a first
23 offense and a Class I misdemeanor for any second or subsequent offense.
24 Sec. 48. Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 50 of this
25 act become operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act
26 become operative on their effective date.
27 Sec. 49. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
1 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
2 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
3 Sec. 50. Original section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
4 Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are
5 repealed.
6 Sec. 51. Original sections 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-323, 28-508,
7 28-703, 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3905, 29-3918, 43-273, 43-2923, 71-946,
8 71-947, 71-948, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
9 Nebraska, sections 27-404, 28-115, 28-310.01, 28-322.01, 29-3903,
10 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and
11 sections 26-118, 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01,
12 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes
13 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

The sixth committee amendment is as follows:

[AM3013](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 6. Section 28-310.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 28-310.01 (1) A person commits the offense of assault by
6 strangulation or suffocation if the person knowingly and intentionally:
7 (a) Impedes the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of
8 another person by applying pressure on the throat or neck of the other
9 person; or
10 (b) Impedes the normal breathing of another person by covering the
11 mouth and nose of the person.
12 (2) An offense is committed under this section regardless of whether
13 a visible injury resulted.
14 (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a
15 violation of this section is a Class IIIA felony.
16 (4) A violation of this section is a Class IIA felony if:
17 (a) The person used or attempted to use a dangerous instrument while
18 committing the offense;
19 (b) The person caused serious bodily injury to the other person
20 while committing the offense; or
21 (c) The person has been previously convicted;
22 ~~(i) Of a violation of this section; or~~
23 ~~(ii) In any other state or federal court of a criminal offense with~~
24 ~~essentially the same elements as a violation of this section.~~
25 (5) It is an affirmative defense that an act constituting
26 strangulation or suffocation was the result of a legitimate medical
27 procedure.

1 Sec. 14. Section 28-323, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:
3 28-323 (1) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the
4 third degree if he or she:
5 (a) Intentionally, ~~and knowingly,~~ or recklessly causes bodily injury
6 to his or her intimate partner; ~~or~~
7 (b) Threatens an intimate partner with imminent bodily injury; ~~or~~
8 ~~(c) Threatens an intimate partner in a menacing manner.~~
9 (2) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the second
10 degree if he or she:
11 ~~(a) Intentionally-intentionally~~ and knowingly causes bodily injury
12 to his or her intimate partner with a dangerous instrument; ~~or~~
13 ~~(b) Recklessly causes serious bodily injury to his or her intimate~~
14 ~~partner with a dangerous instrument.~~
15 (3) A person commits the offense of domestic assault in the first
16 degree if he or she intentionally and knowingly causes serious bodily
17 injury to his or her intimate partner.
18 (4) A violation of subsection (1) of this section is a Class I
19 ~~misdemeanor, except that such violation shall be punished as a~~
20 ~~(a) Class IIIA felony if the person has one previous conviction for~~
21 ~~a violation of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this section or a~~
22 ~~substantially equivalent offense; or~~
23 ~~(b) Class IIA felony if the person has previously been convicted two~~
24 ~~or more times for any violation of subsection (1), (2), or (3) of this~~
25 ~~section or any substantially equivalent offense.~~
26 (5) A violation of subsection (2) of this section is a Class IIA
27 ~~felony, except that such violation shall be punished as a Class II felony~~
28 ~~if such person has one or more previous convictions for a violation of~~
29 ~~subsection (2) or (3) of this section or a substantially equivalent~~
30 ~~offense.~~
31 (6) A violation of subsection (3) of this section is a Class ID
1 ~~felony, except that such violation shall be punished as a Class IB felony~~
2 ~~with a mandatory minimum sentence of fifteen years' imprisonment if such~~

3 person has one or more previous convictions for a violation of subsection
 4 (3) of this section or a substantially equivalent offense.
 5 ~~(4) Violation of subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of this section is a~~
 6 ~~Class I misdemeanor, except that for any subsequent violation of~~
 7 ~~subdivision (1)(a) or (b) of this section, any person so offending is~~
 8 ~~guilty of a Class IIIA felony.~~
 9 ~~(5) Violation of subdivision (1)(c) of this section is a Class I~~
 10 ~~misdemeanor.~~
 11 ~~(6) Violation of subsection (2) of this section is a Class IIIA~~
 12 ~~felony, except that for any second or subsequent violation of such~~
 13 ~~subsection, any person so offending is guilty of a Class IIA felony.~~
 14 ~~(7) Violation of subsection (3) of this section is a Class IIA~~
 15 ~~felony, except that for any second or subsequent violation under such~~
 16 ~~subsection, any person so offending is guilty of a Class II felony.~~
 17 ~~(7)(8) For purposes of this section,;~~
 18 ~~(a) Dating relationship means frequent, intimate associations~~
 19 ~~primarily characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual~~
 20 ~~involvement, but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary~~
 21 ~~association between persons in a business or social context;~~
 22 ~~(b) Intimate-intimate partner means a spouse; a former spouse;~~
 23 ~~persons who have a child in common whether or not they have been married~~
 24 ~~or lived together at any time; and persons who are or were involved in a~~
 25 ~~dating relationship; and, For purposes of this subsection, dating~~
 26 ~~relationship means frequent, intimate associations primarily~~
 27 ~~characterized by the expectation of affectional or sexual involvement,~~
 28 ~~but does not include a casual relationship or an ordinary association~~
 29 ~~between persons in a business or social context.~~
 30 ~~(c) Substantially equivalent offense means a violation of law that:~~
 31 ~~(i) Is a criminal offense under federal law or the law of another~~
 1 ~~state; and~~
 2 ~~(ii) Has essentially the same elements as the violation of this~~
 3 ~~section to which it is being compared.~~
 4 Sec. 48. Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 50 of this
 5 act become operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act
 6 become operative on their effective date.
 7 Sec. 49. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
 8 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
 9 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
 10 Sec. 50. Original section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 11 Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are
 12 repealed.
 13 Sec. 51. Original sections 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-323, 28-508,
 14 28-703, 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3905, 29-3918, 43-273, 43-2923, 71-946,
 15 71-947, 71-948, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 16 Nebraska, sections 27-404, 28-115, 28-310.01, 28-322.01, 29-3903,
 17 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and
 18 sections 26-118, 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01,
 19 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes
 20 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

The seventh committee amendment is as follows:

AM3014

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Sec. 17. Section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 28-610 (1) A person commits the offense of impersonating a peace
 6 officer if he falsely pretends to be a peace officer and performs any act
 7 in that pretended capacity.
 8 (2) Impersonating a peace officer is a Class IV felony I

9 ~~misdemeanor.~~

10 Sec. 20. Section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
11 amended to read:

12 28-1205 (1)(a) Any person who uses a firearm, a knife, brass or iron
13 knuckles, or any other deadly weapon to commit any felony which may be
14 prosecuted in a court of this state commits the offense of use of a
15 deadly weapon to commit a felony.

16 (b) Use of a deadly weapon, other than a firearm, to commit a felony
17 is a Class II felony.

18 (c) Use of a deadly weapon, which is a firearm, to commit a felony
19 is a Class IC felony.

20 (2)(a) Any person who possesses a firearm, a knife, brass or iron
21 knuckles, or a destructive device during the commission of any felony
22 which may be prosecuted in a court of this state commits the offense of
23 possession of a deadly weapon during the commission of a felony.

24 (b) Possession of a deadly weapon, other than a firearm, during the
25 commission of a felony is a Class III felony.

26 (c) Possession of a deadly weapon, which is a firearm, during the
27 commission of a felony is a Class II felony.

1 (3)(a) Any person who carries a firearm or a destructive device
2 during the commission of a dangerous misdemeanor commits the offense of
3 carrying a firearm or destructive device during the commission of a
4 dangerous misdemeanor.

5 (b) A violation of this subsection is a:

6 (i) Class I misdemeanor for a first or second offense; and

7 (ii) A Class IV felony for any third or subsequent offense.

8 (4) A violation of this section shall be treated as a separate and
9 distinct offense from the underlying crimes being committed, and a
10 sentence imposed under this section shall be consecutive to any other
11 sentence imposed.

12 (5) Possession of a deadly weapon may be proved through evidence
13 demonstrating either actual or constructive possession of a firearm, a
14 knife, brass or iron knuckles, or a destructive device during,
15 immediately prior to, or immediately after the commission of a felony.

16 (6) For purposes of this section:

17 (a) Dangerous misdemeanor means a misdemeanor violation of any of
18 the following offenses:

19 (i) Stalking under section 28-311.03;

20 (ii) Knowing violation of any protection order issued under the
21 Protection Orders Act;

22 (iii) Domestic assault under section 28-323;

23 (iv) Assault of an unborn child in the third degree under section
24 28-399;

25 (v) Theft by shoplifting under section 28-511.01;

26 (vi) Unauthorized use of a propelled vehicle under section 28-516;

27 (vii) Criminal mischief under section 28-519 if such violation
28 arises from an incident involving the commission of a misdemeanor crime
29 of domestic violence;

30 ~~(viii) Impersonating a police officer under section 28-610;~~

31 ~~(viii) (ix) Resisting arrest under section 28-904;~~

1 ~~(ix) (x) Operating a motor vehicle or vessel to avoid arrest under
2 section 28-905;~~

3 ~~(x) (xi) Obstructing a peace officer under section 28-906; or~~

4 ~~(xi) (xii) Any attempt under section 28-201 to commit an offense
5 described in subdivisions (6)(a)(i) through (x) (xi) of this section;~~

6 (b) Destructive device has the same meaning as in section 28-1213;

7 (c) Misdemeanor crime of domestic violence has the same meaning as
8 in section 28-1206; and

9 (d) Use of a deadly weapon includes the discharge, employment, or
10 visible display of any part of a firearm, a knife, brass or iron

11 knuckles, any other deadly weapon, or a destructive device during,
 12 immediately prior to, or immediately after the commission of a felony or
 13 communication to another indicating the presence of a firearm, a knife,
 14 brass or iron knuckles, any other deadly weapon, or a destructive device
 15 during, immediately prior to, or immediately after the commission of a
 16 felony, regardless of whether such firearm, knife, brass or iron
 17 knuckles, deadly weapon, or destructive device was discharged, actively
 18 employed, or displayed.

19 Sec. 22. For purposes of sections 22 to 28 of this act:

20 (1) Brady-Giglio case law means Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83
 21 (1963), and Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1972), and subsequent
 22 cases of the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of
 23 Nebraska;

24 (2) Brady-Giglio disclosure means a disclosure made by a prosecuting
 25 agency pursuant to Brady-Giglio case law;

26 (3) Law enforcement agency has the same meaning as in section
 27 81-1401;

28 (4) Law enforcement officer has the same meaning as in section
 29 81-1401;

30 (5) Officer means:

31 (a) A law enforcement officer; or

1 (b) A correctional officer employed by a jail or by the Department
 2 of Correctional Services;

3 (6) Prosecuting agency means the Department of Justice, the office
 4 of a county attorney or city attorney, or a special prosecutor; and

5 (7) Public safety agency means:

6 (a) A law enforcement agency;

7 (b) A city or county jail;

8 (c) The Department of Correctional Services; or

9 (d) Any other agency of state or local government that employs
 10 officers.

11 Sec. 23. (1) An officer shall not be discharged, disciplined, or
 12 threatened with discharge or discipline, or subject to revocation or
 13 suspension of a certificate under sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, solely
 14 because a prosecuting agency has:

15 (a) Named the officer in a Brady-Giglio disclosure or determined
 16 that such officer may be subject to such disclosure; or

17 (b) Disclosed to any person that the officer is named in a Brady-
 18 Giglio disclosure.

19 (2) This section does not prohibit a dismissal, a suspension, a
 20 demotion, or any other disciplinary action against an officer, or against
 21 a certificate issued under sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, based on the
 22 underlying action that resulted in such officer being named in a Brady-
 23 Giglio disclosure or being considered for such disclosure.

24 Sec. 24. (1)(a) This section applies to any county with a
 25 population of over one hundred thousand inhabitants as determined by the
 26 most recent federal decennial census or the most recent revised certified
 27 count by the United States Bureau of the Census.

28 (b) For a county which includes a city of the metropolitan or
 29 primary class, the county attorney and city attorney of such city shall
 30 operate under an interlocal agreement to fulfill the requirements of this
 31 section.

1 (2) Before a prosecuting agency names an officer in a Brady-Giglio
 2 disclosure, the prosecuting agency shall fulfill the requirements of this
 3 section.

4 (3)(a) The prosecuting agency shall create an informal advisory
 5 committee for evaluating possible Brady-Giglio disclosures. The advisory
 6 committee shall provide recommendations to county attorneys, city
 7 attorneys, and special prosecutors within the county. Each such
 8 prosecuting agency retains ultimate discretion on whether to name an

9 officer in a Brady-Giglio disclosure.

10 (b)(i) For a county which includes a city of the metropolitan class
11 or primary class, the advisory committee shall be comprised of two
12 prosecutors appointed by the county attorney and two prosecutors
13 appointed by the city attorney for such city.

14 (ii) For any other county, the advisory committee shall be comprised
15 of four prosecutors appointed by the county attorney, with two of such
16 prosecutors being from jurisdictions within the county and two
17 prosecutors from jurisdictions in any other Nebraska county or counties.

18 (4) Each prosecuting agency shall adopt a process for reviewing and
19 making determinations for prospective Brady-Giglio disclosures that
20 includes the following provisions:

21 (a) The prosecuting agency shall provide an officer with written
22 notice, including the proposed rationale, before determining whether such
23 officer is subject to a prospective Brady-Giglio disclosure;

24 (b) The prosecuting agency shall provide the officer with a
25 reasonable opportunity to respond to the proposed determination;

26 (c)(i) If an officer in good faith contests the proposed
27 determination, the prosecuting agency shall request the advisory
28 committee to make a recommendation on whether to name the officer in a
29 prospective disclosure.

30 (ii) The prosecuting agency shall provide the advisory committee
31 with materials that support or corroborate naming the officer in such
1 prospective disclosure and any exculpatory materials provided by the
2 officer.

3 (iii) The advisory committee may request further information from
4 the officer or prosecuting agency, including oral testimony from the
5 officer, and may conduct an informal hearing.

6 (iv) The advisory committee shall make a recommendation to the
7 prosecuting agency as to whether a prospective disclosure is required
8 under Brady-Giglio case law and shall provide written notice of such
9 recommendation; and

10 (d) The prosecuting agency shall consider, but is not bound by, the
11 recommendation of the advisory committee. Upon the prosecuting agency
12 making a final decision on whether to name such officer in a prospective
13 Brady-Giglio disclosure, the prosecuting agency shall provide written
14 notice to the officer of its final decision.

15 (5) The requirements of this section apply to any officer subject to
16 a prospective Brady-Giglio disclosure made on or after the operative date
17 of this section. This section applies even if an officer was named in a
18 related or similar Brady-Giglio disclosure prior to the operative date of
19 this section, unless such officer has already received notice and an
20 opportunity to be heard substantially similar to that required under this
21 section.

22 (6) Evidence presented to an advisory committee under this section
23 shall be kept confidential unless otherwise provided by law.
24 Sec. 25. (1) In an action, an officer shall receive notice of a
25 prosecuting agency's final decision to name such officer in a prospective
26 Brady-Giglio disclosure. An officer aggrieved by this decision may
27 intervene in the action for the limited purpose of filing a motion in
28 limine to prevent such disclosure from being submitted to the trier of
29 fact.

30 (2) The court shall perform an in camera review of the evidence and
31 may hold a closed hearing upon the request of the officer or prosecuting
1 agency, or upon the court's own motion.

2 (3) The court may grant the motion if the court finds there is no
3 reasonable basis for concern that the information or actions of the
4 officer that served as the rationale for naming the officer in the Brady-
5 Giglio disclosure will be material to the issues in the case.

6 (4) A determination by a court that an officer should not be named

7 in a Brady-Giglio disclosure shall not prevent a prosecuting agency from
8 making disclosures in other cases that the prosecuting agency believes to
9 be necessary under Brady-Giglio case law.

10 (5) Evidence presented to the court under this section shall be
11 provided under seal and kept confidential unless otherwise provided by
12 law and ordered by the district court.

13 Sec. 26. (1) A public safety agency shall not publicly release an
14 officer's official photograph without the written permission of the
15 officer or his or her personal representative or without a request
16 pursuant to section 84-712.

17 (2) An officer's personal information, including, but not limited
18 to, the officer's home address, personal telephone number, personal email
19 address, date of birth, social security number, and operator's license
20 number shall be confidential and shall be redacted from any record prior
21 to the record's release to the public by the employing public safety
22 agency.

23 (3) Nothing in this section prohibits the release of an officer's
24 photograph or unredacted personal information to the officer's legal
25 counsel, union representative, or designated employee representative upon
26 the request of the officer or his or her personal representative or legal
27 counsel.

28 Sec. 27. An officer shall not be discharged, disciplined, or
29 threatened with discharge or discipline, or subject to revocation or
30 suspension of a certificate under sections 81-1401 to 81-1414.19, in
31 retaliation for exercising the rights of the officer enumerated in
1 sections 22 to 28 of this act.

2 Sec. 28. The rights enumerated in sections 22 to 28 of this act are
3 in addition to any other rights granted pursuant to a collective
4 bargaining agreement or other law.

5 Sec. 48. Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 50 of this
6 act become operative on October 1, 2026. The other sections of this act
7 become operative on their effective date.

8 Sec. 49. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
9 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
10 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

11 Sec. 50. Original section 28-610, Reissue Revised Statutes of
12 Nebraska, and section 28-1205, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, are
13 repealed.

14 Sec. 51. Original sections 28-322.02, 28-322.03, 28-323, 28-508,
15 28-703, 29-3901, 29-3904, 29-3905, 29-3918, 43-273, 43-2923, 71-946,
16 71-947, 71-948, 83-4,143, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
17 Nebraska, sections 27-404, 28-115, 28-310.01, 28-322.01, 29-3903,
18 29-3922, and 43-272, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and
19 sections 26-118, 27-413, 28-101, 28-318, 28-322, 28-470, 28-712.01,
20 28-1701, 29-4003, 29-4309, 29-4316, and 81-1850, Revised Statutes
21 Supplement, 2025, are repealed.

The first committee amendment, [AM3009](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered [FA1117](#), found on page 1343, to the first committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeBoer offered [FA1119](#), found on page 1343, to the first committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was withdrawn.

Senator DeBoer offered [FA1116](#), found on page 1342, to the first committee amendment.

The DeBoer amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment to the first committee amendment:

[AM3007](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2846)

1 1. On page 9, strike lines 4 through 17, show the old matter as
2 stricken, and insert the following new subdivisions:
3 "(c) Any individual to whom the office or a problem solving court
4 has authorized or delegated control over a probationer or problem solving
5 court participant, or such person's activities, whether by employment,
6 contract, or otherwise. This includes, but is not limited to:
7 (i) Any probation officer, chief probation officer, juvenile
8 probation officer, or juvenile intake officer, as those terms are defined
9 in section 29-2246;
10 (ii) Any individual working in probation administration or for any
11 probation district; or
12 (iii) Any individual working within any problem solving court under
13 the purview of the office;".

The Dungan amendment lost with 11 ayes, 22 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

The second committee amendment, [AM3010](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The second committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The third committee amendment, [AM3016](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The third committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The fourth committee amendment, [AM3015](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

The fourth committee amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 1 nay, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

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.

Thomas Dargy - 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

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB867:
[AM3023](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER165)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 7. Section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 68-901 Sections 68-901 to 68-9,111 and section 8 of this act shall
- 5 be known and may be cited as the Medical Assistance Act.
- 6 Sec. 8. For purposes of implementing and administering the federal
- 7 One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Public Law 119-21, as such act existed on
- 8 January 1, 2026, the department shall adopt the following definitions for
- 9 purposes of community engagement or work requirements for individuals who
- 10 experience a short-term hardship event:
- 11 (1) Extended period of time means (a) one or more overnight stays,
- 12 (b) repeated travel of two or more trips, or (c) sustained absence from
- 13 the individual's residence that reasonably interferes with the ability to
- 14 meet community engagement requirements;
- 15 (2) Inpatient hospital services means services provided to an
- 16 individual who is admitted as an inpatient to a hospital under a
- 17 physician or other health care provider order, consistent with 42 C.F.R.
- 18 412.3. Inpatient hospital services are deemed to occur beginning on the
- 19 date of admission, regardless of length of stay, and include any
- 20 associated outpatient, observation, diagnostic, recovery, or follow-up
- 21 care related to such admission;
- 22 (3) Outside of the individual's community means travel outside of
- 23 the individual's county of residence; and
- 24 (4) Serious or complex medical condition means an individual who has
- 25 one or more of the conditions described in 42 C.F.R. 440.315, including
- 26 end-stage renal disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or any condition
- 1 for which medicaid coverage is medically necessary.
- 2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
- 3 and the repealer accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB1114:
[AM2838](#) is available in the Bill Room.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB1135:
[AM2993](#)

(Amendments to AM2695)

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "At" in line 3 through "2026"
 2 in line 10 and insert "At least one member who resides in the city
 3 council district described in subdivision (3)(c)(i) of section 13-2610.
 4 This subdivision (vii) shall only apply to a land bank created by a city
 5 of the metropolitan class".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following motion:

Suspend Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) and (g) to allow for the A bill for LB867 to be indefinitely postponed and for the appropriation for this bill to be contained in LB1209.

Senator Clements filed the following motion to LB867A:

MO554

Indefinitely postpone.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. The fifth committee amendment, AM3012, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator DeBoer withdrew FA1115, found on page 1342, to the fifth committee amendment.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment to the fifth committee amendment:

AM3002

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2846)

1 1. On page 1, line 19, strike "IIA" and insert "III".

The Dungan amendment lost with 12 ayes, 26 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The fifth committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 5 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The sixth committee amendment, AM3013, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 929. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2991

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 68-912, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 68-912 (1) The department may establish (a) premiums, copayments,
6 and deductibles for goods and services provided under the medical
7 assistance program, (b) limits on the amount, duration, and scope of
8 goods and services that recipients may receive under the medical
9 assistance program subject to subsection (5) of this section, and (c)
10 requirements for recipients of medical assistance as a necessary
11 condition for the continued receipt of such assistance, including, but
12 not limited to, active participation in care coordination and appropriate
13 disease management programs and activities.
14 (2) In establishing and limiting coverage for services under the
15 medical assistance program, the department shall consider (a) the effect
16 of such coverage and limitations on recipients of medical assistance and
17 medical assistance expenditures, (b) the public policy in section 68-905,
18 (c) the experience and outcomes of other states, (d) the nature and scope
19 of benchmark or benchmark-equivalent health insurance coverage as
20 recognized under federal law, and (e) other relevant factors as
21 determined by the department.
22 (3) Coverage for mandatory and optional services and limitations on
23 covered services as established by the department prior to July 1, 2006,
24 shall remain in effect until revised, amended, repealed, or nullified
25 pursuant to law. Any proposed reduction or expansion of services or
26 limitation of covered services by the department under this section shall
27 be subject to the review requirements of section 68-909.
1 (4) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, proposed rules
2 and regulations under this section relating to the establishment of
3 premiums, copayments, or deductibles for eligible recipients or limits on
4 the amount, duration, or scope of covered services for eligible
5 recipients shall not become effective until the conclusion of the
6 earliest regular session of the Legislature in which there has been a
7 reasonable opportunity for legislative consideration of such rules and
8 regulations. This subsection does not apply to rules and regulations that
9 are (a) required by federal or state law, (b) related to a waiver in
10 which recipient participation is voluntary, or (c) proposed due to a loss
11 of federal matching funds relating to a particular covered service or
12 eligibility category. Legislative consideration includes, but is not
13 limited to, the introduction of a legislative bill, a legislative
14 resolution, or an amendment to pending legislation relating to such rules
15 and regulations.
16 (5) Any limitation on the amount, duration, or scope of goods and
17 services that recipients may receive under the medical assistance program
18 shall give full and deliberate consideration to the role of home health
19 services from private duty nurses in meeting the needs of a disabled
20 family member or disabled person.
21 (6) The department shall permit a managed care organization under
22 the medical assistance program to pay the deductible, cost sharing, or
23 similar charges on behalf of medicaid enrollees as allowed under federal
24 law.
25 Sec. 2. Original section 68-912, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
26 is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1221. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM1984

1 1. On page 2, line 24, after "including" insert "end-stage renal
2 disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. The sixth committee amendment, [AM3013](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer withdrew [FA1118](#), found on page 1343, to the sixth committee amendment.

The sixth committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 2 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The seventh committee amendment, [AM3014](#), found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Bosn withdrew [AM2950](#), found on page 1361, to the seventh committee amendment.

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment to the seventh committee amendment:

[AM3004](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2846)

1 1. On page 29, line 9, after "fact" insert ", but only if the
 2 prosecuting agency does not file such a motion. If the prosecuting agency
 3 files a motion in limine addressing the disclosure, the officer shall
 4 have no independent right to intervene or file a separate motion"; and
 5 after line 23 insert the following new subsection:
 6 "(6) An officer's participation under this section is limited to the
 7 filing and adjudication of a motion in limine as provided in subsection
 8 (1) of this section. Such participation does not confer party status,
 9 standing, or any right to otherwise be heard in the action beyond the
 10 resolution of the motion. Nothing in this section shall be construed to
 11 create a right to seek appellate review."

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 5:29 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING**GENERAL FILE**

LEGISLATIVE BILL 965. The seventh committee amendment, [AM3014](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Bosn renewed [AM3004](#), found and considered in this day's Journal.

The Bosn amendment was withdrawn.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the seventh committee amendment:

[AM3039](#)

(Amendments to AM3014)

1 1. Strike section 25.
 2 2. On page 5, line 23, after "disclosure" insert ". An officer shall
 3 have the right to be represented by counsel at every stage of
 4 determination under this subsection".
 5 3. On page 6, line 9, strike "; and" and insert "to the officer and
 6 the prosecuting agency."; after line 9 insert the following new
 7 subdivision:
 8 "(vi) If the advisory committee recommends that disclosure is
 9 required, the officer may request a review of the recommendation by a
 10 three-judge panel appointed by the Supreme Court, comprised of three
 11 district judges from the judicial district in which the officer is
 12 employed. The request for review shall be submitted to the Supreme Court
 13 within thirty days after the officer receives the written notice under
 14 subdivision (4)(c)(iv) of this section. The request shall be submitted in
 15 a form and manner prescribed by the State Court Administrator; and"; and
 16 in line 11 strike "the advisory committee" and insert "any advisory
 17 committee or three-judge panel".
 18 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
 19 accordingly.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:

[MO472](#), found on page 880, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

[MO473](#), found on page 881, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

The seventh committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 36 ayes, 5 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB933](#):

[AM2976](#)

(Amendments to AM2602)

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
 2 insert the following new sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 71-24,103, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 71-24,103 Sections 71-24,103 to 71-24,105 and sections 2 and 3 of
 6 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Medical Cannabis
 7 Patient Protection Act.
 8 Sec. 2. (1) Subject to the requirements in subsection (2) of this
 9 section, a health care practitioner may issue a written recommendation
 10 for medical cannabis. Such recommendation shall not be the basis of any

11 civil or criminal penalty or disciplinary action, except in the case of
 12 malpractice or professional negligence as defined in section 44-2810.
 13 (2)(a) Prior to issuing a written recommendation, a health care
 14 practitioner shall: (i) Consider the medical condition of the qualified
 15 patient, including potential risk factors for treatment and any
 16 prescription drugs the qualified patient is currently taking; (ii)
 17 determine whether, in the health care practitioner's professional
 18 judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis outweigh the potential harms
 19 for the alleviation of a qualified patient's medical condition, its
 20 symptoms, or the side effects from treatment of such condition; and (iii)
 21 discuss with the qualified patient or caregiver the risks associated with
 22 treatment and obtain the qualified patient's or caregiver's consent.
 23 (b) A health care practitioner who issues a written recommendation
 24 to a qualified patient shall not: (i) Offer a discount or another thing
 25 of value to the qualified patient or the qualified patient's parent,
 26 guardian, or registered agent that is contingent upon, or encourages, the
 1 qualified patient's decision to use a particular registered cannabis
 2 establishment; (ii) issue a written recommendation to the health care
 3 practitioner or the health care practitioner's family members, employees,
 4 or coworkers; (iii) provide product samples containing cannabis; or (iv)
 5 accept compensation from a registered cannabis establishment.
 6 (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a health
 7 care practitioner from exercising professional judgment in declining to
 8 issue a written recommendation for medical cannabis.
 9 Sec. 3. (1) A health care practitioner shall not be subject to
 10 arrest, prosecution, or penalty, in any manner, or denied any right or
 11 privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty or disciplinary
 12 action by the Department of Health and Human Services or by any other
 13 occupational or professional licensing board, solely for providing a
 14 written recommendation or for stating that, in the health care
 15 practitioner's professional judgment, the potential benefits of cannabis
 16 outweigh the potential harms for the alleviation of a patient's medical
 17 condition, its symptoms, or the side effects from the treatment of such
 18 condition.
 19 (2) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a health care
 20 practitioner from being subject to civil penalty or disciplinary action
 21 for malpractice or professional negligence as defined in section 44-2810.
 22 Sec. 4. Original section 71-24,103, Revised Statutes Supplement,
 23 2025, is repealed.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 489. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, F., 41; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 14, 2026, at Pinnacle Bank Arena; and

WHEREAS, the Scottsbluff Bearcats defeated the Elkhorn North Wolves 68 to 56 to win the championship title; and

WHEREAS, Scottsbluff's win earned the program its fifth state championship and first since 2012; 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, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Scottsbluff boys basketball team on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class B Boys State Basketball Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Scottsbluff boys basketball team.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237. [ER128](#), found on page 898, was offered.

ER128 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA897](#), found on page 454.

Senator Conrad withdrew [FA1018](#), found on page 797.

Senator Conrad offered [FA1020](#), found on page 886.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hansen offered [AM2306](#), found on page 973.

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hunt requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 36 ayes, 3 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237A. Senator Hansen offered [AM2641](#), found on page 1119.

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. The first Rountree amendment, [FA1134](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, renewed.

Senator Dover renewed [FA1133](#), found and considered in this day's Journal, to the first Rountree amendment.

The Dover amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 10 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Rountree offered the following amendment to his amendment:

[FA1139](#)

To FA1134 as amended by FA1133, after "renters." insert the following:

"(2) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of Economic Development shall not approve a multifamily rental unit project for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund unless:

- (a) At least five percent of the dwelling units included in the project will be accessible for persons with mobility impairments; and
- (b) At least two percent of the dwelling units included in the project will be accessible for persons with hearing or vision impairments."

The Rountree amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 9 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

The first Rountree amendment, as amended, was adopted with 31 ayes, 6 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

The second Rountree amendment, [FA1135](#), found in this day's Journal, offered

The second Rountree amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 1 nay, and 12 present and not voting.

The third Rountree amendment, [FA1136](#), found in this day's Journal, offered.

The third Rountree amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 753. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 829. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 904. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1195. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 815A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 838A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 867A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 937A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 972A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1050A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1126A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1165A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1256. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 952. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 998. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 737. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1108. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1216. Placed on Select File with amendment.

[ER173](#)

1 1. On page 1, line 4, after "provide" insert "powers and".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 490. Introduced by Storer, 43.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D Boys State Wrestling Championships were held from February 19 through February 21 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Brody Jensen of Burwell High School earned his third state title in the 132-pound championship match; and

WHEREAS, Brody defeated Uriel Guezmen winning by technical fall to win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, during the wrestling season Brody showcased his discipline and athletic excellence and represented the Burwell community at the highest level of Nebraska high school athletics; 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, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Brody Jensen on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 132-pound division.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Brody Jensen.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 491. Introduced by Storer, 43.

WHEREAS, the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D Boys State Wrestling Championships were held from February 19 through February 21 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Drew Dawe of Burwell High School earned a second state title in the 138-pound championship match; and

WHEREAS, Drew defeated Brody Patterson in the 138-pound finals to win the state championship title; and

WHEREAS, during the wrestling season Drew showcased his discipline and athletic excellence and represented the Burwell community at the highest level of Nebraska high school athletics; 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, SECOND SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Drew Dawe on winning the 2026 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D Boys State Wrestling Championship in the 138-pound division.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Drew Dawe.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1087. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA746](#), found on page 368.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 972. [ER132](#), found on page 1029, was offered.

ER132 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA628](#), found on page 290.

Senator Ballard offered [AM2720](#), found on page 1105.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser offered [AM2844](#), found on page 1342.

The Moser amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 1 nay, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Clouse offered the following amendment:

[AM2999](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER132)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 66. Section 60-6,356, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

3 amended to read:

4 60-6,356 (1) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle shall
5 not be operated on any controlled-access highway with more than two
6 marked traffic lanes. The crossing of any controlled-access highway with
7 more than two marked traffic lanes shall not be permitted except as
8 provided in subsections (9) and (10) of this section. Subsections (2),
9 (3), and (5) through (8) of this section authorize and apply to operation
10 of an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle only on a highway
11 other than a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic
12 lanes.

13 (2) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be operated
14 in accordance with the operating requirements of subsection (3) of this
15 section:

16 (a) Outside the corporate limits of a city, village, or
17 unincorporated village if incidental to the vehicle's use for
18 agricultural purposes;

19 (b) Within the corporate limits of a city or village if authorized
20 by the city or village by ordinance adopted in accordance with this
21 section; or

22 (c) Within an unincorporated village if authorized by the county
23 board of the county in which the unincorporated village is located by
24 resolution in accordance with this section.

25 (3)(a) An all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle may be
26 operated as authorized in subsection (2) of this section when such
1 operation occurs:

2 (i) Between the hours of sunrise and sunset; ~~or~~

3 (ii) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise for purposes of snow
4 removal within the corporate limits of a city or village or within an
5 unincorporated village; ~~or~~;

6 ~~(iii) Between the hours of sunset and sunrise within the corporate~~
7 ~~limits of a city or village or within an unincorporated village if:~~

8 ~~(A) The headlight for the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type~~
9 ~~vehicle displays a white light and:~~
10 ~~(I) For multiple beam headlights, the upper beam sufficiently~~
11 ~~illuminates any person, vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of~~
12 ~~at least one hundred feet in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-~~
13 ~~type vehicle, and the lowermost beam sufficiently illuminates any person,~~
14 ~~vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of at least fifty feet in~~
15 ~~front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle; and~~

16 ~~(II) For single beam headlights, the headlight sufficiently~~
17 ~~illuminates any person, vehicle, or substantial object at a distance of~~
18 ~~at least one hundred feet in front of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-~~
19 ~~type vehicle, and the high intensity portion of the light does not~~
20 ~~project higher than the level of the center of the headlight; and~~

21 ~~(B) The taillight for the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type~~
22 ~~vehicle displays a red light that is plainly visible from a distance of~~
23 ~~five hundred feet behind the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle.~~

24 (b) Any person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type
25 vehicle as authorized in subsection (2) of this section shall:

26 (i) Have a valid Class O operator's license or a farm permit as
27 provided in section 60-4,126;

28 (ii) Have liability insurance coverage for the all-terrain vehicle
29 or a utility-type vehicle while operating such all-terrain vehicle or
30 utility-type vehicle on a highway; and

31 (iii) Not operate the all-terrain or utility-type vehicle at a speed

1 in excess of thirty miles per hour.

2 (c) The person operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type
3 vehicle shall provide proof of such insurance coverage to any peace
4 officer requesting such proof within five days of such a request.

5 (d) When operating an all-terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle
6 as authorized in subsection (2) of this section, the headlight and
7 taillight of the vehicle shall be on and the vehicle shall be equipped
8 with a bicycle safety flag which extends not less than five feet above
9 ground attached to the rear of such vehicle. The bicycle safety flag
10 shall be triangular in shape with an area of not less than thirty square
11 inches and shall be day-glow in color.

12 (4) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated
13 without complying with subsection (3) of this section on highways in
14 parades which have been authorized by the State of Nebraska or any
15 department, board, commission, or political subdivision of the state.

16 (5) The crossing of a highway other than a controlled-access highway
17 with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted by an all-
18 terrain vehicle or a utility-type vehicle without complying with
19 subsection (3) of this section only if:

20 (a) The crossing is made at an angle of approximately ninety degrees
21 to the direction of the highway and at a place where no obstruction
22 prevents a quick and safe crossing;

23 (b) The vehicle is brought to a complete stop before crossing the
24 shoulder or roadway of the highway;

25 (c) The operator yields the right-of-way to all oncoming traffic
26 that constitutes an immediate potential hazard;

27 (d) In crossing a divided highway, the crossing is made only at an
28 intersection of such highway with another highway; and

29 (e) Both the headlight and taillight of the vehicle are on when the
30 crossing is made.

31 (6) All-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles may be operated
1 outside the corporate limits of any municipality by electric utility
2 personnel within the course of their employment in accordance with the
3 operation requirements of subsection (3) of this section, except that the
4 operation of the vehicle pursuant to this subsection need not be limited
5 to the hours between sunrise and sunset.

6 (7) A city or village may adopt an ordinance authorizing the
7 operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within the
8 corporate limits of the city or village if the operation is in accordance
9 with subsection (3) of this section. The city or village may place other
10 restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type
11 vehicles within its corporate limits.

12 (8) A county board may adopt a resolution authorizing the operation
13 of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles within any
14 unincorporated village within the county if the operation is in
15 accordance with subsection (3) of this section. The county may place
16 other restrictions on the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-
17 type vehicles within the unincorporated village.

18 (9) Except as provided in subsection (10) of this section, the
19 crossing of a controlled-access highway with more than two marked traffic
20 lanes shall be permitted by a utility-type vehicle if the operation is in
21 accordance with the operation requirements of subsection (3) of this
22 section and if the following requirements are met:

23 (a) The crossing is made at an intersection that:

24 (i) Is controlled by a traffic control signal; or

25 (ii) For any intersection located outside the corporate limits of a
26 city or village, is controlled by stop signs;

27 (b) The crossing at such intersection is made in compliance with the
28 traffic control signal or stop signs; and

29 (c) The crossing at such intersection is specifically authorized as

30 follows:

- 31 (i) If such intersection is located within the corporate limits of a
1 city or village, by ordinance of such city or village;
- 2 (ii) If such intersection is located within an unincorporated
3 village, by resolution of the county board of the county in which such
4 unincorporated village is located; or
- 5 (iii) If such intersection is located outside the corporate limits
6 of a city or village and outside any unincorporated village, by
7 resolution of the county board of the county in which such intersection
8 is located.
- 9 (10) When the use of the all-terrain vehicle or utility-type vehicle
10 is for an agricultural purpose, the crossing of a controlled-access
11 highway with more than two marked traffic lanes shall be permitted if
12 such vehicle is operated in accordance with subsection (3) of this
13 section.
- 14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
15 accordingly.
- 16 3. 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.

SENATOR STROMMEN PRESIDING

The Clouse 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 596. [ER140](#), found on page 1030, was offered.

ER140 was adopted.

Senator Lonowski offered [AM2730](#), found on page 1110.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Lonowski amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered [AM2987](#), found on page 1377.

Senator Dungan requested a ruling of the Chair on whether the Dover amendment is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Dover amendment is not germane to the bill.

The Dover amendment was not further considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 912. [ER144](#), found on page 1111, was offered.

ER144 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA572](#), found on page 245.

Senator DeKay offered [AM2642](#), found on page 1051.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Riepe offered [AM2760](#), found on page 1185.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin offered [AM2833](#), found on page 1251.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard offered [AM2923](#), found on page 1341.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1010. [ER147](#), found on page 1111, was offered.

ER147 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA666](#), found on page 312.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered [AM2910](#), found on page 1352.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820. [ER149](#), found on page 1111, was offered.

ER149 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA449](#), found on page 195.

Senator Sorrentino offered [AM2736](#), found on page 1145.

The Sorrentino amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 820A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 492. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKinney, 11; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Greg McDermott, Creighton University's men's basketball head coach will retire at the conclusion of the 2025-26 season; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott has led the Creighton University men's basketball team since 2010, becoming the school's all-time winningest head coach with a record of 365 wins, 188 losses, 14 seasons of 20 wins or more, two Missouri Valley Conference tournament titles, one Big East regular season championship, ten NCAA Division I tournament appearances, three Sweet Sixteen appearances, and one Elite Eight appearance; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott's career at Creighton saw the Bluejays move from the Missouri Valley Conference to the Big East, marking the beginning of the most successful stretch in program history, including national recognition for his son, Doug McDermott, as the 2014 National Player of the Year, for Ryan Kalkbrenner as the four-time Big East Defensive Player of the Year, and for Creighton's six NBA draft picks; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott also served as head coach of the Wayne State College men's basketball team from 1994 to 2000, where he amassed a record of 116 wins and 53 losses, a Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference championship, two NCAA Division II tournament appearances, and was inducted into the Wayne State College Athletics Hall of Fame on October 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott's career record as head coach over 32 seasons at Wayne State College, North Dakota State University, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University, and Creighton University is 645 wins and 383 losses; and

WHEREAS, Coach McDermott has mentored and shaped the lives of hundreds of student athletes during his coaching career and his dedication will be missed.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Creighton University men's basketball head coach Greg McDermott on his retirement and his accomplishments at Creighton University and Wayne State College.
2. That a copy of this resolution shall be given to Greg McDermott.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to [LB937](#):
[AM2965](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2454)

- 1 1. Insert the following new sections:
- 2 Sec. 13. Section 79-1139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 3 amended to read:
- 4 79-1139 (1) For purposes of this section:
- 5 (a) Educational decision maker means a person designated or ordered
- 6 by a court to make educational decisions on behalf of a student; and
- 7 (b) Surrogate means a surrogate for the parents assigned pursuant to
- 8 section 79-1161.
- 9 (2) Each school district shall include only students identified and
- 10 verified pursuant to sections 79-1137 and 79-1138 in special education
- 11 programs and shall not provide special education services pursuant to the
- 12 Special Education Act to any child who has not been so identified and
- 13 verified.
- 14 (3) Each school district shall provide special education services to
- 15 each student identified and verified pursuant to sections 79-1137 and
- 16 79-1138 as directed in the student's individualized education program.
- 17 (4) No school district shall implement a change to an individualized
- 18 education program without consent from the student's parent, legal
- 19 guardian, educational decisionmaker, or surrogate unless:
- 20 (a) The school district documents reasonable efforts to obtain such
- 21 consent and no response is received from the student's parent, legal
- 22 guardian, educational decisionmaker, or surrogate within ten calendar
- 23 days following such efforts; or
- 24 (b) The school district obtains approval to implement such change
- 25 through a hearing conducted pursuant to sections 79-1161 to 79-1167.
- 26 Sec. 14. Section 79-1164, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 1 amended to read:
- 2 79-1164 (1) Upon the receipt of a petition filed under section
- 3 79-1162, the department shall assign it to a hearing officer. The hearing
- 4 officer shall receive all subsequent pleadings and shall conduct the
- 5 hearing.
- 6 (2) At the hearing the parties shall present evidence on the issues
- 7 raised in the pleadings.
- 8 (3) The school district shall have the burden of proof and the
- 9 burden of production.
- 10 (4) At the completion of the proceedings, the hearing officer shall
- 11 prepare a report based on the evidence presented containing findings of
- 12 fact and conclusions of law.
- 13 (5) Within forty-five days after the receipt of a request for a
- 14 hearing, the hearing officer shall prepare a final decision and order
- 15 directing such action as may be necessary. At the request of either party
- 16 for good cause shown, the hearing officer may grant specific extensions
- 17 of time beyond this period.
- 18 (6) The report and the final decision and order shall be delivered
- 19 via certified mail to each party or attorney of record and to the

20 Commissioner of Education.

21 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and

22 correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB1187](#):
[AM3037](#) is available in the Bill Room.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Paul's Lutheran, Beatrice; Allen Fredrickson and Jannel Summerland, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:55 p.m., on a motion by Senator von Gillern, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

