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**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL**

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION**

**SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, April 24, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Storer.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Arch.

**ROLL CALL**

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Clouse, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hansen, and Hughes who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the sixty-sixth day was approved.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 138.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Head Start Association was established in May of 1965 and is celebrating its sixtieth birthday; and

WHEREAS, the association takes a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of young children by helping them succeed in school and in life while providing services in early childhood development, education, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, social services, and meaningful parent involvement; and

WHEREAS, over five thousand six hundred twenty individuals have been helped by Nebraska's twenty Head Start programs including their Center-Based services, Home-Based services, and Early Head Start-Child Care Partnerships with ties to three federally recognized Native American tribes: the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Nation, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the association's staff and leaders dedicated across our state who help Nebraska's most vulnerable children and families thrive through the delivery of vital early childhood education, health, and family support services deserve recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Nebraska Head Start Association on celebrating sixty years of service to the community.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Head Start Association.

Laid over.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 139.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dan Hughes of Venango, Nebraska, is recognized for his outstanding contributions to the protection and management of Nebraska's natural resources and was inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame in the Supporter Category on September 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hughes, a third-generation farmer from rural southwest Nebraska, developed an early understanding of the critical importance of water and carried this knowledge into his public service as the senator for Nebraska's 44th District from 2015 to 2022; and

WHEREAS, upon his election to the Nebraska Legislature, Hughes immediately joined the Natural Resources Committee, serving as a member

from 2015 to 2022 and as its chairman from 2017 to 2021, where he played a key role in shaping legislation related to water, agriculture, the environment, and recreation; and

WHEREAS, Hughes provided steady leadership on complex water policy issues, ensuring Nebraska maintained compliance with interstate water agreements while protecting the rights of landowners and irrigators through practical, consensus-driven policymaking; and

WHEREAS, Hughes effectively defended Nebraska's longstanding water law and resource management framework; and safeguarded Nebraska's water resources for future generations; and

WHEREAS, following his tenure in the Legislature, Hughes continues his commitment to conservation as the District 5 commissioner for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, ensuring the continued protection and responsible management of Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Hughes remains an active steward of the land, managing his family farm in Venango while instilling in his children the values of conservation, sustainability, and the responsible use of natural resources.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dan Hughes on his induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame in the Supporter Category.

2. That the Legislature recognizes Dan Hughes for his steadfast dedication to Nebraska's natural resources, his leadership in public policy, and his lasting impact on water and land management.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dan Hughes.

Laid over.

#### SELECT FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 650.** [ER45](#), found on page 1158, was offered.

ER45 was adopted.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM1118](#), found on page 1179.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered [AM1132](#), found on page 1179.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1089](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1066](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 10 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered [AM1123](#), found on page 1181.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:

[AM1155](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

- 1 1. Strike sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 41, 42, 47, 51, 54, 2 and 58.
- 3 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
- 4 correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

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

Voting in the negative, 32:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 1:

Prokop

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

The McKinney amendment lost with 15 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:

[FA131](#)

On page 52, line 26; and page 57, line 10, strike "three" and insert "four".

### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 16 ayes, 25 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 34 ayes, 5 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** [ER51](#), found on page 1158, was offered.

ER51 was adopted.

Senator Ballard offered [AM1023](#), found on page 1137.

The Ballard amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Ballard offered [AM1108](#), found on page 1174.

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

Senator Bostar offered [AM1135](#), found on page 1199.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 140.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; von Gillern, 4.

WHEREAS, Nebraska Family Alliance, founded in 1988, is a nonprofit policy research and educational organization that represents a diverse network of thousands of individuals, families, and faith leaders, advocating for Biblical values, marriage, families, life, parental rights, and religious freedom in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Karen Bowling was hired as Outreach Director at Nebraska Family Alliance in 2001 and became Executive Director on August 31, 2016; and

WHEREAS, significant legislation and ballot measures were passed during her time at Nebraska Family Alliance, including the successful passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, parental consent for minors to have abortions, Choose Life License Plates, the dismemberment abortion ban, the Let Them Grow Act, Initiative 434, and legislation to combat human trafficking and protect survivors; and

WHEREAS, Karen announced her retirement on August 29, 2024, and named her successor, Nate Grasz; and

WHEREAS, Karen retired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Karen continues to serve in her church and community, as well as spending time with friends and family; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the contributions to our state by outstanding individuals and organizations.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes, honors, and thanks Karen Bowling for her service with Nebraska Family Alliance to families in Nebraska.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Nebraska Family Alliance and Karen Bowling.

Laid over.

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Barrett, John - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Visitors to the Chamber were Joshua Pierce, Lincoln; Madeline Sorrentino, Omaha; students and teachers from Jefferson Elementary, Grand Island; students from Ashbury Elementary, Papillion; students, teachers and sponsor from Northeast High School, Lincoln; students from Pierce Elementary, Pierce.

#### **RECESS**

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Guereca, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Bosn, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Hunt, Lippincott, Raybould, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645.** Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:

[AM1184](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER51)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendments:
- 2 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM876:
- 3 a. On page 1, lines 14 and 15, lines 19 and 20, and lines 25 and 26,
- 4 strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 5 b. On page 2, lines 4 and 5, strike "in the School Retirement Fund";
- 6 c. On page 4, lines 26 and 27, strike "in the School Retirement
- 7 Fund"; and
- 8 d. On page 5, lines 1 and 2 and lines 8 and 9, strike "in the School
- 9 Retirement Fund"; and after line 12 insert the following new
- 10 subdivisions:
- 11 "(c)(i) The changes to the state contribution under subdivision (b)
- 12 of this subsection do not apply to the percentage of the state
- 13 contribution transferred to the Omaha School Employees Retirement System
- 14 as required in subsection (2) of section 79-916.
- 15 (ii) It is the intent of the Legislature that the state transfer of
- 16 two percent of the compensation of all members of the Omaha School
- 17 Employees Retirement System does not mean that the state assumes any
- 18 additional financial responsibility or liability for funding obligations
- 19 of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System which remains the
- 20 responsibility of the Omaha public school district as described in the
- 21 Class V School Employees Retirement Act."
- 22 2. Renumber the remaining amendment accordingly.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Senator DeKay filed the following motion to [LB246](#):

[MO199](#)

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8(b)(1), recommit to Enrollment and Review to correct an error and for reengrossment.

**BILL ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A.** Introduced by Brandt, 32; Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 36, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM904](#), found on page 1072, was offered.

**SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.** [ER43](#), found on page 1065, was offered.

ER43 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.** Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.



**LEGISLATIVE BILL 133.** [ER47](#), found on page 1159, was offered.

ER47 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered [AM1116](#), found on page 1167.

The McKinney amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

#### **GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.** Title read. Considered.

#### **SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING**

Committee [AM333](#), found on page 625, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 644.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM959](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Nebraska Power Review Board:  
Dennis Grennan

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould.  
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB383:

FA133

Remove the comma on Page 1, Sec. 2, Line 21.

**GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.** Title read. Considered.

Committee AM492, found on page 802, was offered.

Senator Arch withdrew FA59, found on page 896, to the committee amendment.

Senator Arch offered AM821, found on page 963, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

FA134

In AM492, strike section 7.

The McKinney amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 275.** Title read. Considered.

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment:

AM1126

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

3 Section 1. Section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 43-907 (1) Unless a guardian shall have been appointed by a court of  
6 competent jurisdiction, the Department of Health and Human Services shall  
7 take custody of, and exercise general control over, assets owned by  
8 children under the charge of the department.

9 (2) Except as provided in subsections (3) through (7) of this  
10 section:

11 (a) Children owning assets shall at all times pay for personal

12 items;:-

13 (b) Assets over and above a maximum of one thousand dollars and  
14 current income shall be available for reimbursement to the state for the  
15 cost of care;:-

16 (c) Assets may be deposited in a checking account, invested in  
17 United States bonds, or deposited in a savings account insured by the  
18 United States Government;:-

19 (d) All income received from the investment or deposit of assets  
20 shall be credited to the individual child whose assets ~~are~~<sup>were</sup> invested  
21 or deposited; and:-

22 (e) The department shall make and maintain detailed records showing  
23 all receipts, investments, and expenditures of assets owned by children  
24 under the charge of the department.

25 (3)(a) The department shall screen each child under its charge for  
26 social security benefit eligibility within sixty days after the date the  
27 child enters its charge.

1 (b)(i) If the department determines that a child may be eligible for  
2 social security benefits, it shall submit an application for such  
3 benefits on behalf of the child and, if necessary and in the child's best  
4 interest, appeal a denied application.

5 (ii) The department shall provide written notice to the child, using  
6 age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's  
7 parents, of all benefit eligibility determinations from the Social  
8 Security Administration, including benefit approval, denial, and appeal  
9 outcomes, within ten calendar days after the date the department is  
10 notified of such eligibility determination.

11 (iii) If the child is approved to receive social security benefits,  
12 within ten calendar days after the date the department is notified of the  
13 approval, the department shall provide written notice to the child, using  
14 age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's  
15 parents, that adults known to the child may apply to be the child's  
16 representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security  
17 benefit payments.

18 (iv) If the department is appointed to serve as the child's  
19 representative payee, within ten calendar days after the date the  
20 department is notified of such appointment, the department shall provide  
21 written notice to the child, using age-appropriate language, the child's  
22 guardian ad litem, and the child's parents, of such appointment, the  
23 child's and the child's parents' rights to appeal the appointment, and  
24 the deadline for such appeals.

25 (4)(2) When the Department of Health and Human Services serves as  
26 representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefits,  
27 the department shall provide:

28 (a) Written notice~~Notice~~ to the child beneficiary, using in an age-  
29 appropriate language~~manner, and~~ the child's guardian ad litem, and the  
30 child's parents that the department is acting as the child's

31 representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security  
1 benefit payments~~benefits~~, within thirty days after receiving the first  
2 social security benefit payment on behalf of the child beneficiary. The  
3 notice shall include the following information;:-

4 (i) The department received the social security benefit payment and  
5 the amount received;

6 (ii) The department has created a trust account to hold such benefit  
7 payments;

8 (iii) Such benefit payments shall be used and conserved in  
9 accordance with federal law and this section, and any unspent or  
10 conserved funds shall be sent to the child beneficiary when the child  
11 beneficiary leaves the department's charge;

12 (iv) The child beneficiary may request access to such benefit  
13 payments for personal use through the department and the process for  
14 submitting such a request;

15 (v) A child beneficiary fourteen years of age or older may request

16 through the juvenile court that such benefit payments be used or  
 17 conserved in a specified manner; and  
 18 (vi) The child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem, the  
 19 child's attorney, or the child's parents may request all accounting  
 20 records the department maintains relating to the child beneficiary's  
 21 social security benefit payments and the process for submitting such a  
 22 request;  
 23 (b) Written notice Notice to the juvenile court, at each ~~every~~ review  
 24 ~~hearing for~~ regarding the child beneficiary ~~after January 1, 2023,~~  
 25 regarding the department's receipt and conservation of the child's social  
 26 security benefits, ~~which~~ that shall include:  
 27 (i) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds the  
 28 department has received on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date  
 29 of the review hearing; and  
 30 (ii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds  
 31 received on behalf of the child beneficiary that are currently conserved  
 1 or unspent as of the date of the review hearing; and  
 2 (iii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds  
 3 spent on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date of the review  
 4 hearing, including itemized expenditures since the previous review  
 5 hearing; and  
 6 (c) All accounting records regarding the department's receipt, use,  
 7 and conservation of the child's social security ~~benefit payments~~ benefits,  
 8 to the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem or attorney, or  
 9 the child's parent upon:  
 10 (i) Request ~~by~~ from the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad  
 11 litem or attorney, or the child's parent; and  
 12 (ii) Termination of the department's role as the child beneficiary's  
 13 representative payee.  
 14 (5) When the department serves as representative payee for a child  
 15 beneficiary of social security benefit payments, it shall:  
 16 (a) Manage, use, and conserve the social security benefit payments  
 17 consistent with federal law and this section, for the use and benefit of  
 18 the child beneficiary, and in the child beneficiary's best interest. This  
 19 includes conserving social security benefit payments for the child  
 20 beneficiary's reasonably foreseeable and if appropriate, expressed,  
 21 future needs;  
 22 (b) Hold all social security benefit payments received on behalf of  
 23 a child beneficiary separate and apart from the department's funds, and  
 24 except as provided in subdivision (5)(c) of this section, in a trust  
 25 account established and maintained for the child beneficiary;  
 26 (c) Manage such benefit payments in a manner that avoids exceeding  
 27 the federal social security asset and resource limits, including holding  
 28 benefit payments in the established trust account and in accounts and  
 29 programs not counted toward such limits, so as to conserve funds without  
 30 exceeding such limits. Such accounts and programs include, but are not  
 31 limited to, (i) a plan for achieving self-support as described in section  
 1 68-1007, (ii) an achieving a better life experience account as described  
 2 in sections 77-1401 to 77-1409, (iii) an individual development account  
 3 as described in 45 C.F.R. 263.20, (iv) a special needs trust as defined  
 4 in section 30-4513, and (v) a dedicated account for social security back  
 5 payments;  
 6 (d) Conserve a minimum amount of social security benefit payments  
 7 received on behalf of a child beneficiary, which shall not be used to  
 8 reimburse the state for the cost of care, in the following percentages:  
 9 (i) For child beneficiaries fourteen years of age or older, no less than  
 10 twenty percent; (ii) for child beneficiaries sixteen years of age or  
 11 older, no less than thirty percent; (iii) for child beneficiaries  
 12 seventeen years of age or older, no less than forty percent; and (iv) for  
 13 child beneficiaries eighteen years of age or older, fifty percent; and  
 14 (e) Reimburse such funds with subsequent social security benefit  
 15 payments and such payments shall not be available to reimburse the

16 department for the child beneficiary's care if, pursuant to a request by  
 17 the child beneficiary, funds from social security payments are disbursed  
 18 from an established trust account or any other account or program  
 19 maintained by the department for the child beneficiary.  
 20 (6) If the department serves as representative payee for a child  
 21 beneficiary of social security benefits fourteen years of age or older,  
 22 such child beneficiary shall:  
 23 (a) Be consulted by the department no less than every six months  
 24 regarding the child beneficiary's current and reasonably foreseeable  
 25 future needs so that the child beneficiary's social security benefit  
 26 payments are spent and conserved in a manner that supports the child  
 27 beneficiary's needs and best interests;  
 28 (b) Have the right to request through the juvenile court, that the  
 29 child beneficiary's social security benefit payments be used or conserved  
 30 for current or reasonably foreseeable future needs in a manner that is  
 31 different from the department's use and conservation of such payments.  
 1 Such request shall be granted if it is determined to be in the best  
 2 interest of the child beneficiary;  
 3 (c) Be informed in writing, at least six months prior to exiting the  
 4 department's charge, of the process for continuing to receive social  
 5 security benefit payments, the applicable federal asset and resource  
 6 limits, and the process for using and conserving benefit payments to  
 7 comply with such limits, including funds in accounts and programs that do  
 8 not count toward such limits; and  
 9 (d) At least six months prior to exiting the department's charge,  
 10 have an application submitted on behalf of the child beneficiary, or  
 11 receive assistance in submitting an application, for renewed or new  
 12 social security benefits for which the child beneficiary may be eligible  
 13 if necessary for the child beneficiary to continue receiving benefits.  
 14 (7) When a child beneficiary exits the department's charge, the  
 15 department shall provide written notice to such child beneficiary using  
 16 age-appropriate language, and if applicable, the child's parents or  
 17 guardians, that:  
 18 (a) The child beneficiary has the right to receive unspent or  
 19 conserved social security benefit payments, the amount of unspent or  
 20 conserved benefits the child beneficiary is expected to receive, that  
 21 such payments will be disbursed from the Social Security Administration,  
 22 and contact information for the Social Security Administration; and  
 23 (b) The department is no longer acting as the child beneficiary's  
 24 representative payee and if the child beneficiary is younger than  
 25 eighteen years of age, an adult known to the child may apply to be a  
 26 representative payee through the Social Security Administration to ensure  
 27 continued receipt of the child's social security benefit payments.  
 28 (8) On or before October 1, 2026, the department shall create a  
 29 publicly available form for child beneficiaries under the department's  
 30 charge to request access to social security benefit payments for personal  
 31 use.  
 1 (9)(3) On or before October 1, 20262023, the Department of Health  
 2 and Human Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to  
 3 carry out subsections (2) through (8)sub~~section~~ (2) of this section  
 4 consistent with federal requirements regarding representative payees for  
 5 social security beneficiaries.  
 6 (10) The department shall seek to maximize federal Title IV-E  
 7 funding prior to utilizing General Funds for costs associated with  
 8 implementation of this section.  
 9 Sec. 2. Original section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
 10 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

The Hunt amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM655](#), found on page 822, was offered.

Senator Fredrickson withdrew [FA51](#), found on page 823.

Senator Fredrickson offered [AM914](#), found on page 999, to the committee amendment.

#### **SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING**

Pending.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 311.** Placed on General File with amendment. [AM1111](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

#### **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to [LB383](#):  
[AM1180](#)

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER53)

- 1 1. On page 56, line 30, strike "[\(2\)\(a\)](#)" and insert "[\(2\)](#)" and strike
- 2 the period and insert an underscored semicolon; and strike line 31.
- 3 2. On page 57, strike line 1.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to [LB676](#):  
[FA135](#)

Strike Section 1.

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

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to [LB644](#):  
[MO200](#)

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

[MO201](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO202](#)

Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

**MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR**

April 21, 2025

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being reappointed as a member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board:

Jeff Kanger, 4316 S 49th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, District 1/Finance

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

April 21, 2025

Mr. President, Speaker Arch  
and Members of the Legislature  
State Capitol  
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature:

Contingent upon your approval, the following individual is being appointed as a member of the Public Employees Retirement Board:

Brent Larson, 4402 Hickory Street, Omaha, NE 68105, Class V School  
Employees Retirement Act

The aforementioned appointee is respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificate and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,  
(Signed) Jim Pillen  
Governor

Enclosures

**EASE**

The Legislature was at ease from 5:26 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

**PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING****GENERAL FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 676.** Committee [AM655](#), found on page 822 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Fredrickson renewed [AM914](#), found on page 999 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment..

The Fredrickson amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Hansen withdrew [AM941](#), found on page 1030, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hansen offered [AM1097](#), found on page 1143, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 not voting.

The Hansen amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 21 ayes, 14 nays, and 14 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

[MO206](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM1097.

Senator Hansen requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Juarez	Murman	
Clements	Dungan	Kauth	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 12:



Armendariz	Jacobson	Riepe	Storm
Bosn	McKeon	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Brandt	Moser	Storer	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 8:

Bostar	Guereca	Hughes	Quick
Fredrickson	Hallstrom	Hunt	Strommen

Absent and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The M. Cavanaugh motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 12 nays, 8 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Hansen amendment, [AM1097](#), found on page 1143 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment, was reconsidered.

Senator Hansen requested a roll call vote on his amendment, to the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Juarez	Murman	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Kauth	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Armendariz	Clouse	McKeon	Sorrentino
Bosn	Hunt	Moser	von Gillern
Brandt	Jacobson	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 13:

Bostar	Fredrickson	Hughes	Storer	Wordekemper
DeKay	Guereca	Lonowski	Storm	
Dungan	Hallstrom	Quick	Strommen	

Absent and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The Hansen amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 22 ayes, 11 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 23:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Raybould
Ballard	Dorn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Ibach	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Meyer	
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Armendariz	DeBoer	Jacobson	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Bosn	Fredrickson	McKeon	Storer	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Moser	Storm	
Clouse	Hunt	Riepe	von Gillern	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Strommen
Bostar	Guereca	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Prokop          Sanders

The committee amendment lost with 23 ayes, 17 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 3 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 215.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM556](#), found on page 1162, was offered.

Pending.

#### **AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Lippincott filed the following amendment to [LR19CA](#):  
[AM1175](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM884)

- 1 1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:
- 2 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new
- 3 sections:
- 4 Section 1. At a special election on May 12, 2026, the following
- 5 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
- 6 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
- 7 To amend Article III, section 12:
- 8 III-12 (1) ~~A~~No person shall ~~not~~ be eligible to serve as a member of
- 9 the Legislature for ~~more than three terms in such person's lifetime~~four
- 10 ~~years next after the expiration of two consecutive terms regardless of~~
- 11 ~~the district represented.~~
- 12 (2) Service prior to January 1, ~~2023~~2004, as a member of the
- 13 Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating
- 14 ~~consecutive~~ terms in subsection (1) of this section.
- 15 (3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than
- 16 one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.
- 17 Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors
- 18 in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI,
- 19 section 1, with the following ballot language:
- 20 A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms
- 21 from two consecutive terms to a lifetime limit of three terms not
- 22 including terms served prior to January 1, 2023.
- 23 For
- 24 Against.

#### **REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Kanger, Jeff - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural Resources  
Larson, Brent - Public Employees Retirement Board- Nebraska Retirement  
Systems

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

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

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Humphrey St. Francis,  
Humphrey; Mike Jeffers and Debbie Jeffers, Raymond; David Jeffers,  
Texas; students from Isanti School, Niobrara; students from Newman Grove  
Elementary, Newman Grove.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:14 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature