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**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Andrew Mahoney, First Baptist Church Omaha, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Petty Officer R. G. Smith, Navy.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostar, G. Meyer, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-sixth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 817. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1181. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2066

- 1 1. On page 9, strike beginning with "as" in line 10 through
- 2 "death" in line 12.
- 3 2. On page 10, strike lines 24 through 28 and insert the following
4 new subdivision:
5 "(c) In a case involving abuse as defined in section 42-903, to
6 submit a written statement to be considered by the court during any bond
7 modification proceeding, when time permits;".
- 8 3. On page 11, strike beginning with the period in line 3 through
- 9 "finding" in line 5; strike lines 9 through 14 and insert the following

10 new subdivisions:
11 "(f)(i) To read, or to appoint a representative to read, his or her
12 written impact statement aloud at the sentencing proceeding. The court
13 may impose reasonable limitations, such as limits on the duration of such
14 reading, to ensure the orderly and fair administration of justice.
15 However, such limits shall not impede a victim's ability to deliver an
16 oral statement if the victim so desires.
17 (ii) For purposes of subdivision (3)(f)(i) of this section, in the
18 case of a homicide, the term victim also includes any survivor who, as
19 determined on a case-by-case basis, suffered severe emotional harm as a
20 result of the victim's death;"; and in line 20, after "bond" insert "z
21 when time permits such notice".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14. Placed on General File. (updated)

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Business and Labor - LB847
Business and Labor - LB921
Wordekemper - LB400

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

LB1159
LB1019
LB1203

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 26, 2026

LB1081
LB1215
LB1256

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026

LB1002
LB1017
LB1018

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR340 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR340.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 674:

Environmental Quality Council
Bradley Bird

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hunt	Moser	Sorrentino
Arch	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Spivey
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	Storer
Ballard	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	Strommen
Brandt	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern
Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Hansen	Meyer, G.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Dover

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 674:

Nebraska Power Review Board
Kristen Gottschalk
David Liegl

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Storm
Arch	DeBoer	Hunt	Moser	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Bosn	Guereca	Juarez	Riepe	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Prokop	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Meyer, F.	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	DeKay	Dover
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The appointments were confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 675:

Environmental Quality Council
 Tassia Falcon da Silva Steidley
 Alden Zuhlke

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer, F.	Rountree	
Conrad	Hughes	Meyer, G.	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Kauth	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hansen	McKinney	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Dover

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 675:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Kathleen Bauer
G. Randall Hansen

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hunt	Meyer, G.	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree	
Conrad	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hardin	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Dover

The appointments were confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 688:

State Highway Commission
James W Hawks

Voting in the affirmative, 28:

Andersen	Conrad	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Juarez	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Kauth	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Quick	Wordekemper
Clements	Hughes	Lonowski	Raybould	
Clouse	Ibach	Meyer, G.	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 19:

Arch	DeBoer	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dungan	Hardin	Meyer, F.	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Holdcroft	Rountree	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Hunt	Sanders	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Dover

The appointment was confirmed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 732. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 888. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 914. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 955. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 953. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1044. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Juarez filed the following amendments to LB1261:

AM2132

1 On page 4, after line 2 insert the following new subdivisions:

2 "(b) Any privately owned electric generation facility that is

3 subject to a contract described in this subsection shall, during the

4 construction of such facility and any major maintenance activities,

5 comply with the following workforce standards:
6 (i) Payment of wages at a rate not less than the prevailing wage
7 rates as determined under sections 73-101 to 73-106;
8 (ii) Utilization of one or more registered apprenticeship programs
9 approved by the United States Department of Labor or the Nebraska
10 Department of Labor, to the extent such programs are available for the
11 work being performed; and
12 (iii) Compliance with all applicable state and federal workplace
13 safety laws and regulations.
14 (c) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize or
15 permit any displacement, layoff, reduction in force, or reduction in
16 wages, benefits, or collectively bargained rights of employees of any
17 consumer-owned utility as a result of a contract entered into pursuant to
18 this subsection.", in line 3 strike "(b)" and insert "(d)"; and in line 8
19 strike "(c)" and insert "(e)".

AM2133

1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 2. Section 70-1003, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
3 amended to read:
4 70-1003 (1)(a) There is hereby established an independent board
5 to be known as the Nebraska Power Review Board.
6 (2)(a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2)(b) of this
7 section, the board shall consist of five members, including (i) at
8 least one engineer, (ii) at least one attorney, and (iii) three
9 additional persons.
10 (b) Upon the first vacation of the position or expiration of the
11 term of a member serving under subdivision (2)(a)(iii) of this section
12 that occurs after the effective date of this act, the board shall consist
13 of five members, including (i) at least one engineer, (ii) at least one
14 attorney, (iii) at least one licensed journeyman electrician who shall be
15 affiliated with a nonprofit labor organization for electrical workers
16 holding a certificate of exemption under section 501(c)(5) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code and shall be selected from a list of licensed
18 journeyman electricians recommended by such organization, and (iv) two
19 additional persons.
20 (3) No more than one person who is or who has within four years
21 preceding such person's appointment been either a director, an officer,
22 or an employee of any electric utility or an elective state officer shall
23 serve on the board at the same time. Any board member who previously was
24 either a director, an officer, or an employee of any electric utility
25 within four years preceding such board member's appointment shall refrain
26 from taking any action or making any decision in any proceeding before
27 the board that involves such electric utility for a period of four years
1 after the date such board member ceased being a director, an officer, or
2 an employee of such electric utility.
3 (4)(b) Members of the board shall be appointed by the Governor
4 subject to the approval of the Legislature. Upon expiration of the terms
5 of the members first appointed, the successors shall be appointed for
6 terms of four years. No member of the board shall serve more than three
7 consecutive terms. Any vacancy on the board arising other than from the
8 expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired
9 portion of the term, and any person appointed to fill a vacancy on the
10 board shall be eligible for reappointment for two more consecutive terms.
11 No more than three members of the board shall be registered members of
12 that political party represented by the Governor.
13 (5)(2) Each member of the board shall receive one hundred dollars
14 per day for each day actually and necessarily engaged in the performance
15 of his or her duties, but not to exceed seven thousand dollars in any one
16 year, except for the member designated to represent the board on the

17 Southwest Power Pool Regional State Committee or its equivalent
18 successor, who shall receive two hundred fifty dollars for each day
19 actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of his or her duties,
20 not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars in any one year. If the member
21 designated to represent the board on the Southwest Power Pool Regional
22 State Committee should for any reason no longer serve in that capacity
23 during a year, the pay received while serving in such capacity shall not
24 be used for purposes of calculating the seven-thousand-dollar limitation
25 for board members not serving in that capacity. When another board member
26 acts as the proxy for the designated Southwest Power Pool Regional State
27 Committee member, he or she shall receive the same pay as the designated
28 member would have for that activity. Pay received while serving as proxy
29 for such designated member shall not be used for purposes of determining
30 whether the seven-thousand-dollar limitation has been met for board
31 members not serving as such designated member. Total pay to board members
1 for activities related to the Southwest Power Pool shall not exceed an
2 aggregate total of forty thousand dollars in any one year. Each member
3 shall be reimbursed for expenses while so engaged as provided in sections
4 81-1174 to 81-1177. The board shall have jurisdiction as provided in
5 Chapter 70, article 10.

6 (6)(3) The board shall elect from their members a chairperson and a
7 vice-chairperson. Decisions of the board shall require the approval of a
8 majority of the members of the board.

9 (7)(4) The board shall employ an executive director and may employ
10 such other staff necessary to carry out the duties pursuant to Chapter
11 70, article 10. The executive director shall serve at the pleasure of the
12 board and shall be solely responsible to the board. The executive
13 director shall be responsible for the administrative operations of the
14 board and shall perform such other duties as may be delegated or assigned
15 to him or her by the board. The board may obtain the services of experts
16 and consultants necessary to carry out the board's duties pursuant to
17 Chapter 70, article 10.

18 (8)(5) The board shall publish and submit a biennial report with
19 annual data to the Governor, with copies to be filed with the Clerk of
20 the Legislature and with the Department of Water, Energy, and
21 Environment. The report submitted to the Clerk of the Legislature shall
22 be submitted electronically. The department shall consider the
23 information in the Nebraska Power Review Board's report when the
24 department prepares its own reports pursuant to sections 81-1606 and
25 81-1607. The report of the board shall include:

26 (a) The assessments for the fiscal year imposed pursuant to section
27 70-1020;

28 (b) The gross income totals for each category of the industry and
29 the industry total;

30 (c) The number of suppliers against whom the assessment is levied,
31 by category and in total;

1 (d) The projected dollar costs of generation, transmission, and
2 microwave applications, approved and denied;

3 (e) The actual dollar costs of approved applications upon
4 completion, and a summary of an informational hearing concerning any
5 significant divergence between the projected and actual costs;

6 (f) A description of Nebraska's current electric system and
7 information on additions to and retirements from the system during the
8 fiscal year, including microwave facilities;

9 (g) A statistical summary of board activities and an expenditure
10 summary;

11 (h) A roster of power suppliers in Nebraska and the assessment each
12 paid; and

13 (i) Appropriately detailed historical and projected electric supply
14 and demand statistics, including information on the total generating

15 capacity owned by Nebraska suppliers and the total peak load demand of
16 the previous year, along with an indication of how the industry will
17 respond to the projected situation.

18 (9)(6) The board may, in its discretion, hold public hearings
19 concerning the conditions that may indicate that retail competition in
20 the electric industry would benefit Nebraska's citizens and what steps,
21 if any, should be taken to prepare for retail competition in Nebraska's
22 electricity market. In determining whether to hold such hearings, the
23 board shall consider the sufficiency of public interest.

24 (10)(7) The board may, at any time deemed beneficial by the board,
25 submit a report to the Governor with copies to be filed with the Clerk of
26 the Legislature and the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature.
27 The report filed with the Clerk of the Legislature and the committee
28 shall be filed electronically. The report may include:
29 (a) Whether or not a viable regional transmission organization and
30 adequate transmission exist in Nebraska or in a region which includes
31 Nebraska;
1 (b) Whether or not a viable wholesale electricity market exists in a
2 region which includes Nebraska;
3 (c) To what extent retail rates have been unbundled in Nebraska;
4 (d) A comparison of Nebraska's wholesale electricity prices to the
5 prices in the region; and
6 (e) Any other information the board believes to be beneficial to the
7 Governor, the Legislature, and Nebraska's citizens when considering
8 whether retail electric competition would be beneficial, such as, but not
9 limited to, an update on deregulation activities in other states and an
10 update on federal deregulation legislation.

11 (11)(8) The board may establish working groups of interested parties
12 to assist the board in carrying out the powers set forth in subsections
13 (9)(6) and (10)(7) of this section.

14 2. Rerumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
15 accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Arch - LB1087
Moser - LB1261

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 653. Senator Dungan offered [AM2041](#), found on page 701.

The Dungan amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 28:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Raybould	Spivey
Conrad	McKinney	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 13:

Bostar	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Dover

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 28 ayes, 7 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 783. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA412](#), found on page 192.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 836. [ER114](#), found on page 613, was offered.

ER114 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA476](#), found on page 221.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 741. Senator Kauth withdrew [FA370](#), found on page 189.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 751. Senator Kauth offered [FA380](#), found on page 190.

The Kauth amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 795. Senator McKinney offered [MO414](#), found on page 701, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Clouse moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The Clouse motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 8 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the McKinney motion.

Voting in the affirmative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Hunt	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 33:

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

Present and not voting, 9:

Bostar	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Prokop	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca	Quick	

The McKinney motion to bracket failed with 7 ayes, 33 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO421](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO414.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 103. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 202. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 320. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 397. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST51

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, lines 2 through 6 have been struck and "48-144.03, 48-443, and 48-446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to safety committees and a safety program; to terminate a fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 48-444 and 48-445, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska." inserted.
2. On page 12, line 29, "48-443," has been inserted after "48-144.03,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 441. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST52

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Spivey amendment, AM1897, on page 2, line 9, "the" has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 663. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 717. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 718. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 719. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 794. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST53

The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In AM2019, on page 2, line 7, "section 2-3232" has been struck and "this section" inserted.
2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "soil" in line 1 through line 9 has been struck and "natural resources; to amend sections 2-406, 2-3232, 81-201, 81-2,162.27, and 81-2,164.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the powers of and to provide duties for the Department of Agriculture; to provide for natural resources districts to establish programs relating to soil and water; to eliminate provisions relating to the Healthy Soils Task Force and fund transfers under the Fertilizers and Soil Conditioners Administrative Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-401, 2-402, 2-403, and 2-404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska." inserted.
3. On page 6, line 17, "2-3232," has been inserted after "2-406,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 821. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1205. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 875. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM1919

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 3. Section 87-709, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:
4 87-709 (1) A term of a dealer agreement which is inconsistent with
5 the terms of the Equipment Business Regulation Act is contrary to public
6 policy and is shall be void and unenforceable and shall not waive any
7 rights which are provided to a person by the act.
8 (2) A dealer may bring an action against a supplier in any court of
9 competent jurisdiction for damages sustained by the dealer as a
10 consequence of the supplier's violation of the act together with the
11 actual costs of the action, including reasonable attorney's fees. The
12 dealer may also be granted injunctive relief against unlawful
13 termination, cancellation, nonrenewal, or change in competitive
14 circumstances. The remedies authorized by this section shall not be
15 exclusive and shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.
16 2. On page 5, line 3, strike "and 87-706" and insert ", 87-706, and
17 87-709".
18 3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Placed on General File with amendment.**AM1865**

1 1. On page 3, line 14, strike "March 13, 1991" and insert "January
2 1, 2021".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 840. Placed on General File with amendment.**AM1925**

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 58-701 Sections 58-701 to 58-712 and section 2 of this act shall be
6 known and may be cited as the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.
7 Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:
8 (a) Accessible has the same meaning as in 24 C.F.R. 8.3, as such
9 regulation existed on January 1, 2026; and
10 (b) Multifamily rental unit project means residential buildings that
11 contain five or more dwelling units within one structure occupied by
12 renters.
13 (2) Beginning on the effective date of this act, the Department of
14 Economic Development shall not approve a multifamily rental unit project
15 for assistance from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund unless:
16 (a) At least ten percent of the dwelling units included in the
17 project will be accessible for persons with mobility impairments; and
18 (b) At least four percent of the dwelling units included in the
19 project will be accessible for persons with hearing or vision
20 impairments.
21 Sec. 3. Original section 58-701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
22 is repealed.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1110. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 873. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1240. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1253. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1236. Placed on General File with amendment.
[AM2143](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator G. Meyer filed the following amendment to [LB1003](#):

[AM2054](#)

1 1. Strike original sections 15 and 16 and insert the following new
2 section:
3 Sec. 15. (1) A person shall not install a renewable energy system
4 or a battery energy storage system in this state unless such person:
5 (a) Is licensed as an electrical contractor under the State
6 Electrical Act; and
7 (b) Provides the State Electrical Board with a certificate of
8 insurance before a permit is obtained for the installation of such
9 renewable energy system or battery energy storage system.
10 (2) A renewable energy system or battery energy storage system shall
11 not be installed without first acquiring a relevant permit from the
12 municipality where the system is to be installed or from the State of
13 Nebraska.
14 2. Rerumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
15 accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to [LB429](#):

[AM2100](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and all amendments thereto and insert
2 the following new section:
3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
4 (a) Certificated employee has the same meaning as in section 79-824;
5 and
6 (b) Professional employees' organization means any organization that
7 engages in one or more of the following activities: Providing liability
8 protection or collective bargaining on behalf of certificated employees.
9 (2) A school board shall grant access upon a request made by a
10 professional employees' organization to the physical or electronic
11 mailbox of any certificated employee.
12 (3) A professional employees' organization, in an effort to recruit
13 new members, is permitted to display information at or send a
14 representative who either is an employee of the school district or
15 represents an employee of the school district to attend a certificated
16 employee meeting or event, including, but not limited to, a certificated
17 employee orientation meeting.

18 (4) If a professional employees' organization is allowed to create
19 and post signage or materials in a school such as an information board, a
20 bulletin board, a poster, or a pamphlet, any other professional
21 employees' organization shall also be granted permission to create and
22 post signage and materials in an equal manner.
23 (5) A school board shall not designate any day or break in the
24 school calendar by naming or referring to the day or break using the name
25 of any professional employees' organization.
26 (6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to apply to, modify,
27 supersede, or affect in any way the provisions of the Industrial
1 Relations Act, section 48-842, or any rights, duties, procedures, or
2 obligations established pursuant to such act or section, including, but
3 not limited to, any matters relating to collective bargaining, industrial
4 disputes, certification of bargaining agents, prohibited practices, or
5 jurisdiction of the Commission of Industrial Relations.

Senator Armendariz filed the following amendment to LB992:

AM2159

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 81-132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is
4 amended to read:
5 81-132 (1)(a)(4) All departments, offices, institutions, and
6 expending agencies of the state government requesting appropriations for
7 the next biennium shall file in the office of the Director of
8 Administrative Services the budget forms furnished them by the director
9 under the provisions of sections 81-1113 and 81-1113.01. Such budget
10 forms shall be filed on or before September 15 of each even-numbered
11 year.
12 (b) The forms shall show their total estimated requirements for the
13 next biennium for each unit of their organization and activity classified
14 as to object of expenditure. With such forms, each department, office,
15 institution, and expending agency shall file report showing all money
16 received by such department, office, institution, or expending agency
17 together with the estimated receipts for the next biennium. Such
18 estimates shall be accompanied by a statement in writing giving facts and
19 explanations of reasons for each item of increased appropriation
20 requested. The report submitted by the Department of Health and Human
21 Services shall include, but not be limited to, the key goals, benchmarks,
22 and progress reports required pursuant to sections 81-3133.01 to
23 81-3133.03.
24 (c) The forms shall also include:
25 (i) An inventory of all software purchased and used by or on behalf
26 of the department, office, institution, or agency, including software
27 licenses and subscriptions;
1 (ii) An inventory of all information technology hardware used by the
2 department, office, institution, or agency; and
3 (iii) A six-year plan for such software and hardware needs and
4 related costs.
5 (2) Any department, office, institution, or expending agency
6 proposing changes to its appropriation for the biennium in progress shall
7 file in the office of the Director of Administrative Services the budget
8 forms for requesting such changes furnished by the director under the
9 provisions of sections 81-1113 and 81-1113.01. Such forms shall be filed
10 on or before October 24 of each odd-numbered year.
11 Sec. 2. The Nebraska Technology Infrastructure Cash Fund is
12 created. The fund shall consist of revenue and transfers credited to the
13 fund as authorized by law. Money shall be appropriated from the fund to
14 state agencies for making payments on projects as determined by the
15 Legislature, including, but not limited to, purchases of software.

16 information technology hardware, and related implementation and
17 modernization. The fund shall be administered by the State Treasurer as a
18 multiple-agency-use fund and appropriated to state agencies as determined
19 by the Legislature. Any money in the Nebraska Technology Infrastructure
20 Cash Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
21 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
22 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Any investment earnings from
23 investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
24 Sec. 3. Original section 81-132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025,
25 is repealed.
26 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
27 passed and approved according to law.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB877:

FA975

Strike Section 1.

FA976

Strike Section 2.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Appropriations

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 20, 2026

AM2159 Amending LB992

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dorn filed the following motions to LB1143:

MO419

Recommit to the Appropriations Committee.

MO420

Recommit to the Appropriations Committee.

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB877:

MO416

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO417

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO418

Indefinitely postpone.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB820
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB1101
Urban Affairs - LB1114
Urban Affairs - LB1135
Clements - LB468

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1001A. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1001, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1127A. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1127, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB304.
Senator DeKay name added to LB745.
Senator DeKay name added to LB762.
Senator Kauth name added to LB938.
Senator DeKay name added to LB1032.
Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB1124.
Senator Andersen name added to LB1159.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Vergie Smith, Bellevue; Sarah, Eleanor, Jocelyn, and Theodore Mayo, Lincoln; members of South Sioux City Chamber of Commerce and Tourism; members of Leadership Wayne; Ai'Yauna Young, Omaha; members of NSEA-Retired from across the state; students from Immanuel Lutheran School, Columbus; Taylor Murren, Colon; Jason Harms, Abie; members of Leadership Columbus.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Balman, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Armendariz, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature