

TWENTY-NINTH DAY - FEBRUARY 19, 2026

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION**

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 19, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Clouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ibach.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-eighth day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

F. Meyer - LR24CA
Dover - LB768
J. Cavanaugh - LB933
Storm - LB938
Ballard - LB997

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Rules
Room 1510 12:30 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026

Rule Change #1

Note: This will be a combined hearing with Rule Change #2

Rule Change #2

Note: This will be a combined hearing with Rule Change #1

(Signed) Loren Lippincott, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 729:

Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
 John Michael Coffey
 James A Elworth
 Robert (Bud) Synhorst

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer, F.	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Conrad	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Quick	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Guereca	McKinney	Prokop
DeBoer	Fredrickson	Hallstrom	Meyer, G.	Spivey

The appointments were confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Transportation and Telecommunications - LB972
 Transportation and Telecommunications - LB1126
 Jacobson - LB525
 Raybould - LB1000

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 786. Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 869.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 899.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1074.** Placed on General File.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 730.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM1975](#)1 1. On page 9, line 4, after "shall" insert "only".**LEGISLATIVE BILL 754.** Placed on General File with amendment.[AM2036](#)

1 1. Strike original section 2.

2 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer

3 accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 293. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 341.** Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2026, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Mogens C. Bay at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay serves as chairman of Valmont Industries, Inc., headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, and has demonstrated exceptional leadership throughout his distinguished international career; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay was born in Vejle, Denmark, in January 1949, graduated from Vejle Gymnasium in June 1968, studied law at Aarhus University from 1968 to 1970, graduated from the East Asiatic Company College of International Business in Copenhagen in 1973, and completed the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay honorably served his country with the Royal Guards of the Danish Army from July 1973 to June 1974, during which he was detailed to protect the Queen of Denmark and members of the Danish royal family; and

WHEREAS, from December 1974 to December 1978 Mr. Bay managed the East Asiatic Company's office in Beijing, People's Republic of China, at a time when it was the only Western company permitted to operate an office

in China, and during his first three years he was the only Western businessman living permanently in the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay joined Valmont Industries in 1979 as the regional vice president for Southeast Asia, residing in Hong Kong, and in 1982 relocated to Madrid, Spain, to serve as vice president of sales and later vice president of marketing for Valmont International; and

WHEREAS, in 1986 Mr. Bay moved to Valmont's corporate headquarters as president and general manager of Valmont International and in 1990 was named president and general manager of Valmont Irrigation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay became president and chief executive officer of Valmont Industries, Inc. in 1993, was appointed chairman and chief executive officer in January 1997, transitioned to executive chairman on January 1, 2018, and has served as chairman since January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay has been deeply engaged in civic and philanthropic leadership, serving as chairman of the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation, trustee emeritus of the Walter Scott Family Foundation, chairman of the boards of the Omaha Zoological Society and the Zoo Foundation, and vice chair of Heritage Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay also serves as a trustee of the Downtown Riverfront Trust and the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska, contributing his expertise to initiatives that strengthen Nebraska's cultural, environmental, and community assets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bay and his wife, Cindy, make their home in Omaha, Nebraska, and are the proud parents of their daughter, Sarah, and grandparents of their grandsons, Charlie, Henry, and Alexander.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Mogens C. Bay for his exceptional leadership, his enduring commitment to Nebraska, and his profound contributions to industry, community, and philanthropy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mogens C. Bay.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 342. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on February 28, 2026, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the Distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award, recognizing Nebraskans who have distinguished themselves through innovative business careers or public service, through voluntary leadership with a statewide impact, or through philanthropic contributions significantly benefiting the citizens of the state, to Steve Hornady of Grand Island at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Steve began his career with Hornady Manufacturing Company in 1971 and became president of the company in 1981 following the tragic death of his father and company founder, Joyce Hornady; and

WHEREAS, under Steve's leadership Hornady Manufacturing has continued to grow as an industry leader and innovator, strengthening its

reputation for excellence in manufacturing, product development, and workforce expansion; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been an active advocate for the shooting sports industry serving on the boards of the National Rifle Association, the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers Institute, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and acting as the founding chairman of the Hunting and Shooting Sports Heritage Fund; and

WHEREAS, Steve currently serves on the Nebraska State Chamber Board of Directors, contributing his leadership to statewide business and economic development; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been recognized with numerous industry honors, including Shooting Industry Man of the Year by the Shooting Industry Academy of Excellence, the National Rifle Association's Golden Bullseye Pioneer Award in 2013, and the National Shooting Sports Foundation's highest honor, the Ken Sedlecky Lifetime Achievement Award, in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Steve was inducted into the Hall of Honor by the Grand Island Public Schools Foundation in 2024, and Hornady Manufacturing was named Business of the Year by the Grand Island Area Economic Development Corporation in 2018; and

WHEREAS, Steve has demonstrated a strong commitment to youth through his support of high school foundations, high school shooting sports, the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Board, and the Central Community College Advanced Manufacturing program; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the Hornady family was inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame and Steve and his son Jason were inducted into the Aksarben Foundation's Court of Honor, and in 2025, the Hornady family received the Legacy Award from the Greater Grand Island Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Steve and Hornady Manufacturing have supported the GRACE Cancer Foundation and the American Cancer Society, donating more than one million dollars to support cancer research and patient services; and

WHEREAS, Steve funded the Hornady Crime House at the Grand Island campus of Central Community College in 2024 and pledged one million dollars to the Grand Island YWCA in 2025 to support its new Child Development Center; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been a longtime supporter of the Hall County Hero Flights, as well as donating one hundred thousand dollars to help bring a federally funded state veterans cemetery to Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, Steve has generously supported numerous charitable and civic organizations, including the Make-A-Wish Foundation, the Salvation Army, the Central Nebraska Humane Society, the Heartland United Way, the Combined Health Agencies Drive, the Go Big Give giving event, Leadership Unlimited, Hope Harbor, and Willow Rising; and

WHEREAS, when not working at the factory in Grand Island, attending industry events, or supporting community initiatives, Steve can be found at his favorite place, his farm along the Platte River.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Steve Hornady for his exceptional leadership, his enduring commitment to Nebraska, and his profound contributions to industry, community, and philanthropy.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Steve Hornady.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 795. Senator Storer renewed [AM2092](#), found on page 701 and considered on page 729.

Senator Conrad renewed [FA980](#), found and considered on page 729, to the Storer amendment.

Senator DeKay offered the following motion:

[MO434](#)

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator DeKay requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Raybould

The DeKay motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 35 ayes, 13 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 13:

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

Voting in the negative, 34:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Prokop
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The Conrad amendment lost with 13 ayes, 34 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

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

The Storer amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 13 nays, and 0 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 14 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Dungan motion, [MO412](#), found on page 701, to bracket, was not considered.

The Dungan motion, [MO413](#), found on page 701, to indefinitely postpone, was not considered.

The Chair declared the call raised.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Education - LB1050
 Education - LB937
 Prokop - LB1091
 Natural Resources - LB1010
 Hughes - LB1124
 Juarez - LB1034
 Dungan - LB762
 Storer - LB1083
 Legislature's Planning Committee - LB1179

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 985. Placed on General File with amendment. [AM2117](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 27, 2026
LB1216

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Monday, March 9, 2026
Horacio J Wheelock - Public Employees Retirement Board
Presentation of the Omaha School Employees Retirement System
Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to
Section 84-1503(4)(a)
Note: Invited testimony only

Room 1525 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 31, 2026
Presentation of the Nebraska Investment Council Annual Reports to the
Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee pursuant to Section 72-1243
Note: Invited testimony only
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Annual
Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to Section 84-1503(3)
Note: Invited testimony only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB972:
[FA994](#)
Strike Section 1.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB1001:
[FA995](#)
Strike Section 1.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB1186:
[AM1875](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 15, after "not" insert "use water or".
- 2 2. On page 3, strike beginning with "Before" in line 7 through the
- 3 3 period in line 16 and insert "Privately developed affordable American
- 4 4 energy facilities shall be subject to section 70-1014.02 and eligible for
- 5 5 the exemption provided therein."
- 6 3. On page 4, strike lines 6 through 23 and insert the following new

7 subdivisions:

- 8 "(a) Provisions which protect the fundamental American right of
 9 landowners to use their property for lawful purposes as they see fit;
 10 (b) Appropriate setbacks for different types of affordable American
 11 energy facilities which promote the development of such facilities;
 12 (c) Appropriate notices to neighboring residents and property
 13 owners;
 14 (d) Criteria for protecting wildlife habitat areas, bird migration
 15 corridors, native prairies, or other environmentally sensitive areas;
 16 (e) Criteria for protecting culturally sensitive areas;
 17 (f) Criteria for protecting prime agricultural lands;
 18 (g) Guidelines for community benefit agreements or other guidelines
 19 which maximize job creation, with an emphasis on job creation for
 20 Nebraska residents and union members, and economic benefit to local
 21 communities and the state;
 22 (h) Consideration of benefits to public power districts and their
 23 customers;
 24 (i) Other criteria which enable local officials to respond to valid
 25 issues and concerns; and
 26 (j) Expedited review processes for facilities which meet affordable
 27 American energy best practices."

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to [LB455](#):

[FA996](#)

To AM678, on page 2, strike beginning with "(4)" in line 3, through the period in line 7.

[FA997](#)

Strike the enacting clause of AM678.

[FA998](#)

Strike the enacting clause.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 807. [ER115](#), found on page 653, was offered.

ER115 was adopted.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA436](#), found on page 194.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. [ER118](#), found on page 653, was offered.

ER118 adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 877. [ER117](#), found on page 653, was offered.

ER117 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered [MO416](#), found on page 718, to bracket until April 17, 2026.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO417](#), found on page 718, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered [MO418](#), found on page 718, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered [FA975](#), found on page 718.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered [FA976](#), found on page 718.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Kauth withdrew [FA517](#), found on page 224.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 759. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1939](#), found on page 664, was offered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Brandt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 20 ayes, 2 nays, and 27 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 1 nay, and 22 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Brandt offered the following amendment:

[AM2182](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 26 ayes, 5 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Agriculture - LB894
 Agriculture - LB948
 Hallstrom - LB455
 McKinney - LB962
 Appropriations - LB1209
 Appropriations - LB1210
 Bostar - LB1096
 Judiciary - LB935
 Judiciary - LB965
 Hansen - LB1219
 Spivey - LB1067
 Conrad - LB779
 Guereca - LB878
 Dorn - LB1187
 Clouse - LB889
 Hunt - LB966

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to [LB1219](#):

[FA999](#)

Strike Section 1.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 343. Introduced by Quick, 35; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33;

McKinney, 11; Meyer, F., 41; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Fred Hotz faithfully served the community of Grand Island and surrounding areas of Hall County in the Grand Island Fire Department for forty years; and

WHEREAS, Fred joined the department on February 3, 1985, and during his tenure served as the Chief of Fire Prevention for over twenty-two years; and

WHEREAS, Fred retired from the Grand Island Fire Department on March 7, 2025; and

WHEREAS, as the longest serving member of the Grand Island Fire Department, Fred's knowledge and leadership will be missed; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Fred's dedication to the safety of the citizens of Grand Island and the surrounding areas of Hall County.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Fred Hotz on his retirement from the Grand Island Fire Department.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Fred Hotz.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 721. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1786](#), found on page 637, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 903. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1869](#), found on page 637, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 954. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Bosn - LB1059
Murman - LB978
Brandt - LR298CA

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 778. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 834. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 883. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 797. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 798. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

State-Tribal Relations - LB1032
Fredrickson - LB929
Ibach - LB815
DeKay - LR283CA

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1261. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2086](#)

1 1. On page 3, line 2, strike "projected".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to [LB1261](#):

[FA1000](#)

To AM2086, strike the entirety of AM2086

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Spivey name added to LB171.
Senator Spivey name added to LB602.
Senator Spivey name added to LB710.
Senator Strommen name added to LB987.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB987.
Senator Ballard name added to LB987.
Senator Juarez name added to LB1034.
Senator Dover name added to LB1159.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB1163.
Senator Juarez name added to LR298CA.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 11:50 a.m. until 12:01 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Armendariz - LB1089

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 344. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, F., 41; Meyer, G., 17;

Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Sanders, 45; Spivey, 13; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body; and

WHEREAS, although there has been significant progress in multiple sclerosis research, including more than twenty disease modifying treatments to slow the progression of multiple sclerosis, there is still no known cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million people in the United States are living with multiple sclerosis, including more than three thousand two hundred people in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month is recognized annually in March to unite people in Nebraska, the United States, and the world in the fight to end multiple sclerosis, to create connections stronger than the ones multiple sclerosis destroys, and to educate people about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to make a difference.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2026 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Michelle Rayburn and Holli Lovegrove, Geneva; members of the Jewish Community Relations Council and the Jewish communities of Lincoln and Omaha; members of Leadership Nebraska Class XVII; members of Elkhorn Rural Public Power District and Stanton County Public Power District; members of the Nebraska Nurses Association.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 20, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature