

THIRTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 24, 2026**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SESSION****THIRTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Augustine Reimers, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Kauth.

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 Dover who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Hughes, Juarez, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 966. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 1086. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB1237:

[FA1018](#)

Strike Section 1.

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to [LB1001A](#):

[AM2175](#)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed

3 and approved according to law.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Senator Lippincott announced the Rules Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 27, 2026, in Room 1200 at 12:00 p.m., instead of Room 1510 at 12:30 p.m.

Senator Ballard announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 27, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 1023 instead of Room 1525.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1237. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 4 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 894. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM2004](#), found on page 730, was offered.

Senator DeKay offered [AM2138](#), found on page 735, to the committee amendment.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 27 ayes, 1 nay, 20 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 6 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM1865](#), found on page 715, was offered.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 741. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 783. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 795. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST55

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

1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4 has been struck and "crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-405, 28-416, 28-1354, and 28-1701, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025; to designate bromazolam as a controlled substance; to correct the spelling of certain substances; to provide a penalty enhancement for certain offenses involving fentanyl; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

2. On page 40, line 17, "section 28-405" has been struck and "sections 28-405, 28-416, 28-1354, and 28-1701" inserted; and in line 18 "is" has been struck and "are" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 836. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 764. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 874. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 327. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM2148

1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 29-2259, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

4 2024, is amended to read:

5 29-2259 (1) The salaries and expenses incident to the conduct and

6 maintenance of the office shall be paid by the state. Other expenses

7 shall be paid by the state as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

8 (2) The salaries and travel expenses of the probation service shall

9 be paid by the state. Travel expenses shall be paid as provided in

10 sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

11 (3) Except as provided in sections 29-2262 and 29-2262.04, the costs

12 of drug testing and equipment incident to the electronic surveillance of

13 individuals on probation shall be paid by the state.

14 (4) The expenses incident to the conduct and maintenance of the

15 principal office within each probation district shall in the first

16 instance be paid by the county in which it is located, but such county

17 shall be reimbursed for such expenses by all other counties within the

18 probation district to the extent and in the proportions determined by the

19 Supreme Court based upon population, number of investigations, and

20 probation cases handled or upon such other basis as the Supreme Court

21 deems fair and equitable.

22 (5)(a) The State Court Administrator shall select a date by which

23 this subsection will be implemented. Such implementation date shall be

24 between July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029.

25 (b) Before such implementation date, each ~~(5) Each~~ county shall

26 provide office space and necessary facilities for probation officers

27 performing their official duties and shall bear the costs incident to

1 maintenance of such offices other than salaries, travel expenses, and
 2 data processing and word processing hardware and software that is
 3 provided on the state computer network.
 4 (c)(i) Subdivision (5)(c) of this section applies beginning on the
 5 implementation date.
 6 (ii) Each county shall provide office space and necessary facilities
 7 for probation officers performing their official duties and shall bear
 8 the costs incident to maintenance of such offices other than salaries,
 9 travel expenses, and expenses described in subdivision (5)(c)(iii) of
 10 this section.
 11 (iii) The following expenses relating to probation officers'
 12 official duties shall be paid by the state with money appropriated to the
 13 Supreme Court for such purpose: Procurement, provision, management,
 14 security, and support for comprehensive information technology services.
 15 This includes technical support; hardware management, including printers,
 16 scanners, telephones, and mobile devices; software licensing; network
 17 management; and Internet services.
 18 (d) County officials shall work collaboratively with the State Court
 19 Administrator to provide for a smooth and coordinated transition to the
 20 payment responsibilities provided for in subdivision (5)(c) of this
 21 section.
 22 (e) The Supreme Court may adopt rules as necessary to carry out this
 23 subsection.
 24 (6) The cost of interpreter services for deaf and hard of hearing
 25 persons and for persons unable to communicate the English language shall
 26 be paid by the state with money appropriated to the Supreme Court for
 27 that purpose or from other funds, including grant money, made available
 28 to the Supreme Court for such purpose. Interpreter services shall include
 29 auxiliary aids for deaf and hard of hearing persons as defined in section
 30 20-151 and interpreters to assist persons unable to communicate the
 31 English language as defined in section 25-2402. Interpreter services
 1 shall be provided under this section for the purposes of conducting a
 2 presentence investigation and for ongoing supervision by a probation
 3 officer of such persons placed on probation.
 4 (7) The probation administrator shall prepare a budget and request
 5 for appropriations for the office and shall submit such request to the
 6 Supreme Court and with its approval to the appropriate authority in
 7 accordance with law.
 8 Sec. 2. Original section 29-2259, Revised Statutes Cumulative
 9 Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 727. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM1787](#)

1 1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
 2 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
 3 (a) Authorized forms of epinephrine means an epinephrine
 4 autoinjector or nasal epinephrine;
 5 (b) Administer means the direct application of an authorized form of
 6 epinephrine to the body of an individual;
 7 (c) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
 8 (d) Epinephrine autoinjector means a single-use device used for the
 9 automatic injection of a premeasured dose of epinephrine into the human
 10 body;
 11 (e) Law enforcement agency means the police department or town
 12 marshal in incorporated municipalities, the office of the sheriff in
 13 unincorporated areas, and the Nebraska State Patrol;
 14 (f) Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska State
 15 Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police force of
 16 any city or village, or any other public official authorized by a city or
 17 village to enforce state or local laws, rules, regulations, or

18 ordinances; and

19 (g) Nasal epinephrine means a needle-free, prescription nasal spray
20 containing epinephrine intended for the emergency treatment of allergic
21 reactions.

22 (2) Subject to the requirements of this section and any rules and
23 regulations of the department:

24 (a) A law enforcement agency may obtain, maintain, and possess
25 authorized forms of epinephrine to be provided to or made available to
26 such agency's law enforcement officers pursuant to this section for use
27 while in the performance of official duties; and

1 (b) A law enforcement officer may administer authorized forms of
2 epinephrine in response to an emergency situation while in the
3 performance of such officer's official duties.

4 (3) The department shall, in consultation with law enforcement
5 agencies, approve one or more educational training programs relating to
6 responding to an anaphylaxis event, including the use of authorized forms
7 of epinephrine, that law enforcement officers may complete in order to be
8 provided and administer authorized forms of epinephrine pursuant to this
9 section. Any such program shall provide a law enforcement officer with a
10 certificate of completion for successful completion of such program.

11 (4)(a) A law enforcement agency shall not provide or make available
12 authorized forms of epinephrine to a law enforcement officer until such
13 officer has provided such law enforcement agency with a copy of a
14 certificate of completion of a program described in subsection (3) of
15 this section.

16 (b) A law enforcement officer shall complete an approved educational
17 training program pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and provide a
18 certificate of completion to the officer's agency prior to administering
19 authorized forms of epinephrine in the performance of such officer's
20 official duties.

21 (5) Nothing in this section shall require:

22 (a) A law enforcement agency to obtain authorized forms of
23 epinephrine or make such authorized forms of epinephrine available to law
24 enforcement officers; or

25 (b) A law enforcement officer to carry or administer authorized
26 forms of epinephrine.

27 (6) The department may issue a standing order authorizing law
28 enforcement agencies to purchase authorized forms of epinephrine.

29 (7) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to
30 carry out this section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 889. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM2168](#)

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

3 Section 1. Section 81-2143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:

5 81-2143 (1) It shall be a Class IV felony ~~to I misdemeanor~~ knowingly
6 and willfully ~~to~~ commit or ~~to~~ order, instruct, or direct another to
7 commit any of the following acts:

8 ~~(a)(1)~~ To make a false statement in any license application, request
9 for inspection, certificate, or other lawfully authorized or required
10 form or statement provided by the State Electrical Act;

11 ~~(b)(2)~~ To perform paid electrical work for another without a proper
12 license for such work;

13 ~~(c)(3)~~ To fail to file a request for inspection when required;

14 ~~(d)(4)~~ To interfere with or refuse entry to an inspector lawfully
15 engaged in the performance of his or her duties; or

16 ~~(e)(5)~~ To fail or neglect to comply with the act or any lawful rule,
17 regulation, or order of the board.

18 (2) Subdivision (1)(b) of this section shall not apply to a person
 19 performing paid electrical work for such person's parent, stepparent,
 20 spouse, descendant, grandparent, brother, sister, cousin, uncle, or aunt,
 21 whether of the whole or half blood or by adoption or marriage.
 22 Sec. 2. Original section 81-2143, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 23 Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1116. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1219. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1120. Placed on General File.

The General Affairs 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.

Brenda Davis - Nebraska Arts Council
 Crystal Dunning - Nebraska Arts Council
 Shari Hofschire - Nebraska Arts Council
 Timothy Jeffrey - Nebraska Arts Council
 Lori Williams - Nebraska Arts Council

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The General Affairs 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.

Randall Conroy - State Racing and Gaming Commission

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The General Affairs 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.

Boyd L Pedersen - State Electrical Board
 Tyler C Ritz - State Electrical Board

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Quick, Rountree, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 873A. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 873, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1110A. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 1110, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, Second Session, 2026; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to [LB1165](#):
[AM2016](#) is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 839. Committee [AM1865](#), found on page 715 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 18 ayes, 1 nay, and 30 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Rountree moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 11 nays, and 22 not voting.

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

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 751.** Placed on Final Reading.**LEGISLATIVE BILL 807.** Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.[ST56](#)

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER115, on page 1, line 2, "noxious weeds" has been struck and "riparian vegetation management" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 877. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 349. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, G., 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Ken Siemek retired after working forty-four years as a meteorologist for KOLN-TV Lincoln/KGIN-TV Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, Ken joined KOLN/KGIN in 1981, and during his time with the station he served as the Severe Weather Center Chief Meteorologist and became the longest-tenured employee in the station's history; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Ken provided trusted weather coverage to central and eastern Nebraska and delivered critical warnings during major weather events, including the October 1997 snowstorm, the Hallam tornado in 2004, the statewide floods in 2019, and the Arbor Day tornado outbreak in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ken will be inducted into the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame in recognition of his distinguished career in broadcasting; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Ken's dedication to the safety of citizens across Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades, countless Nebraskans turned to Ken as the steady and trusted voice in the eye of the storm.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ken Siemek on his successful forty-four year career and induction into the Nebraska Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ken Siemek.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB1000:

FA1019

Strike the enacting clause.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB901:

AM2232

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 3. Section 77-4413, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2025, is

3 amended to read:

4 77-4413 (1)(a) Upon establishing a good life district economic
5 development program, the city is authorized to establish a general
6 business occupation tax as a local source of revenue. Such occupation tax
7 may be imposed upon the businesses and users of space located within the
8 good life district program area.

9 (b) The city is authorized to impose such occupation tax by
10 ordinance of its governing body, and any occupation tax imposed pursuant
11 to this subsection shall make a reasonable classification of businesses,
12 users of space, or kinds of transactions for purposes of imposing such
13 tax. The collection of a tax imposed pursuant to this subsection shall be
14 made and enforced in such a manner as the governing body of the city
15 shall determine in such ordinance to produce the required revenue. The
16 governing body may provide that failure to pay the tax imposed pursuant
17 to this subsection shall constitute a violation of the ordinance and
18 subject the violator to a fine or other punishment as provided by such
19 ordinance.

20 (2)(a) Upon establishing a good life district economic development
21 program or upon establishing a good life district when a city is the good
22 life district applicant, the Tax Commissioner shall allocate the state
23 sales taxes described in subdivision (b) of this subsection, excluding
24 the taxes on sales of aircraft, all-terrain vehicles, barges, motor
25 vehicles, motorboats, railroad rolling stock, semitrailers, and trailers,
26 to the city in which all or a portion of the good life district is
27 located. Such state sales taxes shall be known as allocated sales taxes
1 and shall constitute a local source of revenue for the city's good life
2 district economic development program, if one has been established.

3 (b) After October 1, 2025, the following state sales taxes shall be
4 allocated under this subsection:

5 (i) Fifty percent of the state sales taxes collected by a good life
6 district retailer located in the portion of the good life district within
7 the boundaries of the city if such good life district retailer~~that was~~
8 ~~not located in the good life district at the time the district was~~
9 ~~established or expanded and is not a relocated good life district~~
10 ~~retailer as defined in section 77-4403 on transactions physically~~
11 ~~occurring in the portion of the good life district located within the~~
12 ~~boundaries of the city;~~

13 (ii) Fifty percent of the state sales taxes that were not allocated
14 under subdivision (b)(i) of this subsection and that were collected by a
15 good life district applicant, relocated good life district retailer as
16 defined in section 77-4403, or good life district retailer located on
17 ~~transactions physically occurring in the portion of the good life~~
18 ~~district located within the boundaries of the city if any such~~ by a good
19 life district applicant or good life district retailer that was operating
20 in the good life district when the good life district was established,
21 not to exceed an aggregate total of five million dollars per year, except
22 that relocated good life district retailers as defined in section 77-4403
23 shall exceed the five-million-dollar cap to the extent there are taxes

24 received by the state from new businesses and additional good life
25 district retailers, as such terms are defined in section 77-4403, net of
26 any allocation or refund reduction from allocated amounts within the good
27 life district in the amount of five million dollars plus the excess
28 allocation or reduction over five million dollars; and
29 (iii) Fifty percent of the state sales taxes that were not subject
30 to allocation under subdivision (b)(i) or (ii) of this subsection or a
31 reduced rate under subsection (7) of section 77-4405 and that were paid
1 by a good life district applicant, project area applicant, or good life
2 district retailer on new development costs for a new business, additional
3 good life district retailer, or relocated good life district retailer, as
4 such terms are defined in section 77-4403.
5 (c) Allocated sales taxes shall not include any state sales taxes
6 collected pursuant to subdivision (7)(c) of section 77-4405.
7 (d) The Tax Commissioner shall remit the allocated sales taxes,
8 after deducting the amount of refunds from allocated amounts, to the
9 appropriate city on a monthly basis in the manner prescribed in the Local
10 Option Revenue Act. Any refunds not covered by allocated sales taxes
11 shall be offset from local sales tax remittance pursuant to the Local
12 Option Revenue Act.
13 (e) The Tax Commissioner shall provide a detailed report to the
14 applicable city with each such monthly remittance which includes the real
15 estate parcel, the good life district applicant, the good life district
16 retailer, the aggregate amount of taxable sales, and the amount of
17 remittance attributable to the good life district applicant and each good
18 life district retailer for such remittance period. The Tax Commissioner
19 shall also provide each such report to the department. The details of
20 each such report shall be kept confidential by the city, provided that
21 the city may disclose the aggregate total of taxable sales and remittance
22 for the entire good life district and for each project area, if any have
23 been established.
24 (f) Any amount of allocated sales taxes remitted to a city under
25 this subsection which is unencumbered and in such city's good life
26 district economic development fund shall be subject to the recapture
27 provisions of section 77-4406.
28 (g) The Tax Commissioner shall separately list the portion of each
29 good life district located within the boundaries of a city as a separate
30 local jurisdiction in the records of the Department of Revenue for
31 purposes of the streamlined sales and use tax agreement in order to
1 facilitate the determination of the amount of allocated sales tax and
2 shall require each good life district retailer to report sales tax
3 collected in each separately listed jurisdiction. Such separate listing
4 of areas in good life districts as local jurisdictions shall be organized
5 with the applicable city name stated first followed by a designation as a
6 good life district. The amount of local option sales and use tax
7 collected and remitted to the applicable city shall not be affected by
8 any such separate listing. In order to enforce compliance with this
9 subdivision, the Tax Commissioner shall utilize any information received
10 from the applicable city regarding the identity of the retailers located
11 within the portion of a good life district located in such city and from
12 any other reliable source of information that is available.
13 (3) Upon establishing a good life district economic development
14 program, the city may designate, by ordinance, a portion of the city's
15 local option sales and use tax established pursuant to section 77-27,142
16 as a local source of revenue. The designated portion shall only include
17 amounts collected on transactions occurring within the good life district
18 program area and may be further restricted by the city in such ordinance
19 or dedicated to pay such expenses as agreed to by the city and the good
20 life district applicant.
21 (4) All local sources of revenue which have been established for a

22 good life district shall remain in effect and shall not end or terminate
23 until the associated good life district economic development program
24 terminates.
25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
26 accordingly.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB1000:

MO458

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

MO459

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO460

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO461

Bracket until April 17, 2026.

MO462

Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO463

Indefinitely postpone.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Andersen name withdrawn from LB1029.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Educational Service Unit; Ava Witchman, Omaha; members of Sidney City Council – Kegan Carwin, Josh Hanson, Brandon Bondegard, Jeremy Lee; Kendra Strommen, Sidney; Nisreen Ahmed, Lincoln; members of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention; members of Leadership Hastings; members of AARP Nebraska.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Rachel Blake, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Storm, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 25th, 2026.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

