FIRST DAY - JANUARY 8, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FIRST DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 8, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Arch.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska State Patrol - Headquarters Troop Honor Guard.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to the provisions of Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution of Nebraska, the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Legislature of Nebraska assembled in the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber of the State Capitol at the hour of 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, and was called to order by President Kelly.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Andersen, Bob	Fredrickson, John	Moser, Mike
Arch, John	Guereca, Dunixi	Murman, Dave
Armendariz, Christy	Hallstrom, Bob	Prokop, Jason
Ballard, Beau	Hansen, Ben	Quick, Dan
Bosn, Carolyn	Hardin, Brian	Raybould, Jane
Bostar, Eliot	Holdcroft, Rick	Riepe, Merv
Brandt, Tom	Hughes, Jana	Rountree, Victor
Cavanaugh, John	Hunt, Megan	Sanders, Rita
Cavanaugh, Machaela	Ibach, Teresa	Sorrentino, Tony
Clements, Robert	Jacobson, Mike	Spivey, Ashlei
Clouse, Stan	Juarez, Margo	Storer, Tanya
Conrad, Danielle	Kauth, Kathleen	Storm, Jared

DeBoer, Wendy	Lippincott, Loren	Strommen, Paul
DeKay, Barry	Lonowski, Dan	von Gillern, R. Brad
Dorn, Myron	McKeon, Dan	Wordekemper, Dave
Dover, Robert	McKinney, Terrell	
Dungan, George	Meyer, Glen	

MOTION - Temporary Clerk and Sergeant at Arms

Senator Arch moved to appoint Mr. Brandon Metzler as temporary Clerk of the Legislature and Mr. Scott Black as temporary Sergeant at Arms.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Escort Chief Justice

Senator Quick moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the members of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Conrad, M. Cavanaugh, Clements, Moser, and Riepe to serve on said committee.

MOTION - Committee on Credentials

Senator Sanders moved that we proceed to the election of five persons to serve as the Committee on Credentials, who will forthwith report to the Legislature on the credentials of those claiming to be elected to the Legislature in the General Election in November 2024.

The motion prevailed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

State of Nebraska

United States of America,	)	
	) ss.	Secretary of State
State of Nebraska	)	

I, Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the Official Roster of members of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature elected to serve in the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Further, I hereby certify that the members so listed on the Official Roster attached hereto are the duly elected or appointed members of the

Unicameral Legislature in the State of Nebraska for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Finally, I hereby certify that all election returns, abstracts, and canvasses with reference to said members are on file in the office of the Secretary of State and are a matter of public record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on this date of January 8, 2025.

(SEAL) (Signed) Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State

DISTRICT/NAME	ELECTED
1 Robert Hallstrom	November 5, 2024
2 Robert Clements	November 8, 2022
3 Victor Rountree	November 5, 2024
4 R. Brad von Gillern	November 8, 2022
5 Margo R. Juarez	November 5, 2024
6 Machaela Cavanaugh	November 8, 2022
7 Dunixi Guereca	November 5, 2024
8 Megan Hunt	November 8, 2022
9 John Cavanaugh, Jr.	November 5, 2024
10 Wendy DeBoer	November 8, 2022
11 Terrell McKinney	November 5, 2024
12 Merv Riepe	November 8, 2022
13 Ashlei Spivey	November 5, 2024
14 John Arch	November 8, 2022
15 Dave Wordekemper	November 5, 2024
16 Ben Hansen	November 8, 2022
17 Glen Meyer	November 5, 2024
18 Christy Armendariz	November 8, 2022
19 Rob Dover	November 5, 2024
20 John A. Fredrickson	November 8, 2022
21 Beau Ballard	November 5, 2024
22 Mike Moser	November 8, 2022
23 Jared Storm	November 5, 2024
24 Jana Hughes	November 8, 2022
25 Carolyn Bosn	November 5, 2024
26 George C. Dungan III	November 8, 2022
27 Jason Prokop	November 5, 2024
28 Jane Raybould	November 8, 2022
29 Eliot Bostar	November 5, 2024
30 Myron Dorn	November 8, 2022
31 Kathleen Kauth	November 5, 2024
32 Tom Brandt	November 8, 2022
33 Dan Lonowski	November 5, 2024
34 Loren Lippincott	November 8, 2022
35 Dan Quick	November 5, 2024
36 Rick Holdcroft	November 8, 2022
37 Stanley Clouse	November 5, 2024

38	Dave Murman	November 8, 2022
39	Tony Sorrentino	November 5, 2024
40	Barry DeKay	November 8, 2022
41	Daniel D. McKeon	November 5, 2024
42	Mike Jacobson	November 8, 2022
43	Tanya Storer	November 5, 2024
44	Teresa J. Ibach	November 8, 2022
45	Rita Sanders	November 5, 2024
46	Danielle Conrad	November 8, 2022
47	Paul E. Strommen	November 5, 2024
48	Brian Hardin	November 8, 2022
49	Bob Andersen	November 5, 2024

MOTION - Credentials Committee Report

Senator DeKay moved to approve the Committee on Credentials Report as certified and presented by the Secretary of State.

The motion prevailed.

MEMBERS' OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
LANCASTER COUNTY)

Do you and each of you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will support the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of members of the Legislature according to the best of your ability, and that at the election at which you were chosen to fill said office, you have not improperly influenced in any way the vote of any elector, and have not accepted, nor will you accept or receive, directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing from any corporation, company or person, or any promise of office, for any official act or influence (for any vote you may give or withhold on any bill, resolution, or appropriation).

Andersen, Bob	Meyer, Glen
Ballard, Beau	Prokop, Jason
Bosn, Carolyn	Quick, Dan
Clouse, Stan	Rountree, Victor
Guereca, Dunixi	Sorrentino, Tony
Hallstrom, Robert	Spivey, Ashlei
Holdcroft, Rick	Storer, Tanya
Kauth, Kathleen	Storm, Jared
Lonowski, Dan	Strommen, Paul
McKeon, Dan	Wordekemper, Dave
McKinney, Terrell	

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

MOTION - Adopt Temporary Rules

Senator Hallstrom moved that the rules, as now in our possession, be adopted until such time as the permanent rules are adopted pursuant to Rule 2, Section 1; provided that the temporary rules shall not continue after the twelfth legislative day.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Election of Officers

Senator Hansen moved that the following officers, recommended by the Executive Board, be elected to serve for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature:

Clerk of the Legislature	Brandon Metzler
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Mike Hybl
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Black

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Election of Speaker

Senator Ibach moved to proceed to the election of the Speaker of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Arch placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Arch.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Arch was duly elected Speaker of the Legislature.

MOTION - Escort Chief Justice

Senator Dover moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the officers of the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators DeBoer, Dungan, Hansen, Holdcroft, and Hunt to serve on said committee.

OFFICERS' OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
LANCASTER COUNTY)

We, and each of us, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we will support the constitution of the United States, the constitution of the State of Nebraska, and will faithfully discharge the duties of our respective offices to the best of our ability.

Speaker	John Arch
Clerk of the Legislature	Brandon Metzler
Assistant Clerk of the Legislature	Mike Hybl
Sergeant at Arms	Scott Black

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 1. Introduced by Arch, 14; Andersen, 49; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, James Earl "Jimmy" Carter, Jr. served as the thirty-ninth President of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter was born on October 1, 1924, in Plains, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1946 with distinction and was honorably discharged from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter established the Carter Center, a nonprofit organization that helps improve the lives of people in more than eighty countries; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 in recognition of his efforts to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development; and

WHEREAS, Former President Carter was a devoted public servant and a humanitarian; and

WHEREAS, Former President Jimmy Carter passed away on December 29, 2024, at the age of one hundred.

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 Former President Carter for his service to the United States of America and to the people of the world.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family and friends of Former President Carter.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Former President Carter.

Laid over.

MOTION - Chairperson of Committee on Committees

Senator Jacobson moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Armendariz placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Armendariz.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Armendariz was duly elected Chairperson of the Committee on Committees.

MOTION - Committee on Committees Members

Senator Wordekemper moved to proceed to the election of the remaining twelve members of the Committee on Committees, and that we authorize the members residing within each of the three districts, as enumerated in Rule 3, Sec. 2, to nominate four members to be elected by the legislative body to serve on the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Bosn, Bostar, Moser, and Sanders were nominated from District 1.

Senators J. Cavanaugh, Fredrickson, Hunt, and Spivey were nominated from District 2.

Senators Brandt, Ibach, Jacobson, and Murman were nominated from District 3.

Senator Rountree moved the approval of the nominees to the Committee on Committees.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

MOTION - Chairperson of Executive Board

Senator Fredrickson moved to proceed to the election of the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Hansen.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Hansen was duly elected Chairperson of the Executive Board.

MOTION - Vice Chairperson of Executive Board

Senator Clouse moved to proceed to the election of the Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ibach placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Ibach.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Ibach was duly elected Vice Chairperson of the Executive Board.

MOTION - Executive Board Members

Senator Kauth moved to proceed to the election of the other six members of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council as outlined in 50-401.01.

The motion prevailed.

Senators Ballard and Bostar were nominated from District 1.

Senators Fredrickson and McKinney were nominated from District 2.

Senators Dorn and Jacobson were nominated from District 3.

Senator Spivey moved the approval of the nominees to the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair declared the nominees duly elected.

MOTION - Standing and Select Committee Chairpersons

Senator Strommen moved to proceed to the election of the standing and select committee chairpersons, in accordance with Rule 3, Sec. 8(a).

The motion prevailed.

STANDING COMMITTEES

CHAIRPERSON - Agriculture

Senator DeKay placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator DeKay.

The motion prevailed.

Senator DeKay was duly elected Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Appropriations

Senator Clements placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Clements.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Clements was duly elected Chairperson of the Appropriations Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Senator Jacobson placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Jacobson.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Jacobson was duly elected Chairperson of the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Business and Labor

Senator Kauth placed her name in nomination.

Senator J. Cavanaugh placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators DeBoer, Holdcroft, and Lippincott as tellers.

Senator Kauth	31
Senator J. Cavanaugh	18
	49

Senator Kauth was duly elected Chairperson of the Business and Labor Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Education

Senator Murman placed his name in nomination.

Senator Hughes placed her name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Dorn, Hallstrom, and McKinney as tellers.

Senator Murman	29
Senator Hughes	20
	49

Senator Murman was duly elected Chairperson of the Education Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - General Affairs

Senator Holdcroft placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Holdcroft.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Holdcroft was duly elected Chairperson of the General Affairs Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Senator Sanders placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Sanders.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Sanders was duly elected Chairperson of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Health and Human Services

Senator M. Cavanaugh placed her name in nomination.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her nomination.

Senator Lippincott nominated Senator Hardin.

Senator Hardin accepted the nomination.

Senator Riepe placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Dover, Fredrickson, and Storer as tellers.

Senator Hardin	28
Senator Riepe	21
	49

Senator Hardin was duly elected Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Judiciary

Senator Bosn placed her name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Bosn.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Bosn was duly elected Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Natural Resources

Senator Brandt placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Brandt.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Brandt was duly elected Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Nebraska Retirement Systems

Senator Conrad placed her name in nomination.

Senator Ballard placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Raybould, Rountree, and Strommen as tellers.

Senator Conrad	24
Senator Ballard	24
	48

The Chair announced that a second ballot would be cast between Senator Conrad and Senator Ballard.

The Chair appointed Senators Raybould, Rountree, and Strommen as tellers.

Senator Conrad	24
Senator Ballard	25
	49

Senator Ballard was duly elected Chairperson of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Revenue

Senator Dungan placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators McKeon, Spivey, and Quick as tellers.

Senator Dungan	15
Senator von Gillern	29
	44

Senator von Gillern was duly elected Chairperson of the Revenue Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Transportation and Telecommunications

Senator Moser placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Moser.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Moser was duly elected Chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Urban Affairs

Senator McKinney placed his name in nomination.

Senator von Gillern moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator McKinney.

The motion prevailed.

Senator McKinney was duly elected Chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee.

SELECT COMMITTEES

CHAIRPERSON - Rules

Senator DeBoer placed her name in nomination.

Senator Lippincott placed his name in nomination.

The Chair declared the nominations closed.

The Chair appointed Senators Clouse, Hunt, and Lonowski as tellers.

Senator DeBoer	22
Senator Lippincott	27
	49

Senator Lippincott was duly elected Chairperson of the Rules Committee.

CHAIRPERSON - Enrollment and Review

Senator Ballard nominated Senator Guereca.

Senator Ballard moved the nominations be closed and a unanimous vote by acclamation be cast for Senator Guereca.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Guereca was duly elected Chairperson of the Enrollment and Review Committee.

MOTION - Election Returns

Senator Storer moved that a committee of three be appointed to escort the Secretary of State to the Chamber to deliver the election returns of the General Election of November 2024.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Brandt, Dorn, and Raybould to serve on said committee.

The committee escorted Secretary of State, Robert B. Evnen, to the rostrum where he delivered the following report:

REPORT FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE

January 8, 2025

Speaker of the Legislature
One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session 2025
State Capitol
Lincoln, Nebraska

Honorable Speaker:

In accordance with Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska, I have the honor of herewith delivering to you, under Seal, the abstract of votes cast in the ninety-three counties of the State of Nebraska at the General Election held on November 5, 2024 for the offices of Public Service Commissioner, State Board of Education, and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. These votes are required by law to be canvassed by the Nebraska State Legislature pursuant to Section 32-1039 as submitted to me for delivery to the Honorable Speaker of the Legislature.

I also deliver to you, under Seal, the list of candidates receiving the highest vote for each particular office enumerated. The certificate of the Secretary of State accompanies this list.

The original abstracts containing the tabulation of votes from the ninety-three counties with reference to one Referendum and four Initiative Measures is on file in this office. A certification of these returns is also attached.

Inasmuch as these canvass sheets are part of the records of the Office of Secretary of State, we respectfully request that they be returned to our office files immediately upon the completion of your official canvass.

Respectfully submitted,
(Signed) Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE

State of Nebraska

United States of America,)
) ss.
State of Nebraska)

Secretary of State

I, Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct list of the candidates for the offices of Public Service Commissioner, State Board of Education, and Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska receiving the highest number of votes cast at the General Election in the State of Nebraska held on November 5, 2024.

Nothing further is certified.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on this date of January 8, 2025.

(SEAL) (Signed) Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State

Public Service Commissioner, District 1 - Dan Watermeier
Public Service Commissioner, District 3 - Tim Schram
State Board of Education - District 1 - Kristin Christensen
State Board of Education - District 2 - Maggie Douglas
State Board of Education - District 3 - Lisa Schonhoff
State Board of Education - District 4 - Liz Renner
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 3 - Jim Scheer
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 4 - Elizabeth R. O'Connor
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 5 - Rob Schafer
Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska - District 8 - Barbara Weitz

CERTIFICATE

State of Nebraska

United States of America,)
) ss. Secretary of State
State of Nebraska)

I, Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State of the State of Nebraska do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct listing of Referendum and Initiatives Ordered by Petition of the People showing the number of votes cast for and against at the General Election in the State of Nebraska held on November 5, 2024.

Nothing further is certified.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska on this date of January 8, 2025.

(SEAL) (Signed) Robert B. Evnen
Secretary of State

2024 General Election

Initiative Measure 434

A constitutional amendment to provide that, except when a woman seeks an abortion necessitated by a medical emergency or when the pregnancy results from sexual assault or incest, unborn children shall be protected from abortion in the second and third trimesters.

For	509,288
Against	417,624

Referendum Measure 435

A referendum measure on Section 1 of Legislative Bill 1402, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature in 2024, which provides for $10 million annually to fund education scholarships to pay all or part of the cost to educate eligible students attending nongovernmental, privately operated elementary and secondary schools in Nebraska.

For	382,921
Against	508,140

Initiative Measure 436

A statutory initiative which: (1) provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs; (2) entitles

employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually; (3) specifies conditions regarding paid sick time; (4) prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights; (5) adopts documentation requirements; and (6) establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations.

For	662,348
Against	225,974

Initiative Measure 437

A statutory initiative that makes penalties inapplicable under state and local law for the use, possession, and acquisition of an allowable amount (up to five ounces) of cannabis for medical purposes by a qualified patient with a written recommendation from a health care practitioner, and for a caregiver to assist a qualified patient with these activities.

For	637,126
Against	259,643

Initiative Measure 438

A statutory initiative that makes penalties inapplicable under state law for the possession, manufacture, distribution, delivery, and dispensing of cannabis for medical purposes by registered private entities, and that establishes a Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission to regulate such activities.

For	600,481
Against	291,867

Senator Murman moved to approve the report of the Secretary of State and the candidates stated therein be declared duly elected.

The motion prevailed.

The Secretary of State was escorted from the Chamber.

MOTION - Inaugural Ceremonies

Senator Sorrentino moved to arrange to hold the inaugural ceremonies for the newly elected state officials on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.

The motion prevailed.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Pat Hotovy of York.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:24 p.m., on a motion by Senator Bostar, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SECOND DAY - JANUARY 9, 2025

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PRAYER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Speaker Arch.

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 who was excused until he arrives.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the first day was approved.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 1

Rule 5, Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.

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(d) Individual ~~Starting with the 2025 legislative session, individual~~ members shall not be limited to the number of bills ~~no more than 20 bills~~ introduced each ~~at any one~~ session. Each committee shall be limited to 10 bills introduced each session. Bills introduced as a result of an interim study of

the Legislative Council shall be included within the limitations prescribed by this section. Special committees created as a result of an interim study resolution and as authorized by the Executive Board shall be considered as separate committees for purposes of the limitations prescribed by this section. Bills introduced under Rule 5, Section 3(a), Rule 5, Section 4(c)(3), and bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall ~~governor will~~ not be included in the limitation.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 22, 2024

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 Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Bradley Dunbar, 16131 Bedford Avenue, Omaha, NE 68116, Manufacturing

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

August 22, 2024

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:

Patrick Bourne, 13020 Binney Street, Omaha, NE 68164, Public Member

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

August 22, 2024

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 Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission:

Michael R Gloor, 2120 Barbara Avenue, Grand Island, NE 68803, 3rd District-Republican

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

August 26, 2024

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 State Personnel Board:

Kevin Workman, 2331 Sheffield Place, Lincoln, NE 68512, Personnel Administration-Republican

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

August 28, 2024

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 Ethanol Board:

Randy L Gard, 3402 S Blaine Street, Grand Island, NE 68801, Petroleum Member - Republican

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

August 28, 2024

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 Brand Committee:

Duane Gangwish, 43314 Road 757, Lexington, NE 68850-3702, Feeder

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

August 28, 2024

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 State Board of Health:

Kimberly Stuhmer, 23037 N Z Road, Polk, NE 68654, Registered Nurse

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

August 28, 2024

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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Dr Brett Lindau, 941 S 1st Avenue, Broken Bow, NE 68822, Osteopathic Physician
J Paul, Cook, MD, 17241 Oak Drive, Omaha, NE 68130, Physician

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

September 9, 2024

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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Mark Andersen, 336 S 112th St, Omaha, NE 68144, Deaf/Sign Language
Kay Crabtree, 1627 Euclid Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68502-2616, Hard of Hearing
Richard McCowin, 7427 Wyoming St, Omaha, NE 68122, Deaf/Sign Language
Julie Ann Mruz, 5800 S 50th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Professional
John Culver, 572 224th, Mildord, NE 68405, Hard of Hearing/Sign Language

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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September 9, 2024

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 Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Valerie Hitz, 3550 W Mill Road, Raymond, NE 68428, Deaf/Sign Language

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

September 16, 2024

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 individuals are being appointed as members of the State Board of Health:

Staci Hubert, 23561 Prairie Ridge Rd, Gretna, NE 68028, Pharmacist
Mark Bertch, 3535 N 152 Circle, Omaha, NE 68116, Physical Therapist
Patricia Kucera, 6222 Ponderosa Dr, Omaha, NE 68137, Registered Nurse/Nurse Practitioner

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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September 18, 2024

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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Julie J Jacobson, 3020 West Leota Street, North Platte, NE 69101, District 3
Clark Kolterman, 660 East Pinewood Avenue, Seward, NE 68434, District 1

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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September 25, 2024

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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Arts Council:

Karen Harris, 913 W 4th, York, NE 68467, District 3
Jeanne Salerno, 909 Capitol Avenue #508, Omaha, NE 68102, District 2

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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September 28, 2024

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 Director of the Nebraska Department of Administrative Services:

Lee Will, 14051 Woolworth Circle, Omaha, NE 68144

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

October 7, 2024

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 State Electrical Board:

Nathan Michael Lon Francis, 2505 H Street, Fairbury, NE 68352, Municipal Systems Representative

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

October 9, 2024

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 Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health:

Thomas Janousek, PsyD, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026

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

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October 15, 2024

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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Underground Excavation Safety Committee:

Brandon Jones, 2115 Birchwood Road, North Platte, NE 69101, Excavator
Robert Knapp, 1505 N 196th Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022, Excavator
Aaron Krebs, 3701 Rainey Circle, Plattsmouth, NE 68048, Excavator
Trevor Roth, 907 West 25th Street, York, NE 68467, Operator
Josh Hohensee, 2801 MelRae Road, Ashland, NE 68003, Operator
Edward Jarrett, 5733 Chatsworth Ln, Lincoln, NE 68516, Operator
Jeffrey D Grady, 18411 Summit Drive, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate Excavator
James Saville, 7802 S 184th Ter, Omaha, NE 68136, Alternate Operator

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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October 23, 2024

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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the Crime Victim's Reparation Committee:

David Nelson, 19002 S 204th Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Crime Commission representative
Shawn Eatherton, 5515 Summit Road, Kearney, NE 68845, Crime Commission representative

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

October 23, 2024

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 State Board of Health:

Dr Kenneth Tusha, 908 Clark Avenue, Creighton, NE 68729, Dentist

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

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October 29, 2024

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 Crime Victim's Reparation Commission:

Candice Batton, 10450 N 151 Street, Waverly, NE 68462, Crime Commission Member

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

November 18, 2024

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 Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Diva Wilson, MD, 12809 Cooper Street, Papillion, NE 68138, Creighton University Medical School representative

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

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November 18, 2024

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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission:

Roger Wells, PA-C, 2405 Patriot Drive, Lexington, NE 68850, Physician Assistant
Rebecca Schroeder, PhD, PO Box 4, Curtis, NE 69025, Mental Health
Cherlyn Hunt, LNHA, MHA, QCP, CNA, 431 East Calkins Avenue, Elm Creek, NE 68836, Rural Nursing Home Administration
Jeffrey D Harrison, MD, 3200 Farnam Ct – Apt 3206, Omaha, NE 68131, UNMC Representative

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

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November 21, 2024

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 Director of the Nebraska State Historical Society:

Daryl Bohac, 10011 N 152nd Street, Waverly, NE 68462

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

November 21, 2024

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 Director of the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care:

Drew Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815

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

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November 21, 2024

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:

Jacob Curtiss, 11945 N 142nd Street, Waverly, NE 68462, School Administrator

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

November 21, 2024

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 State Electrical Board:

James S Brummer, 3104 Dover Dr, Norfolk, NE 68701, Public Power District

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

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December 4, 2024

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 Nebraska Game and Parks Commission:

Stephen D Mossman, 3128 Alden, Lincoln, NE 68502, District 8-Independent

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

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December 6, 2024

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 Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Connie Edmond, 7417 S 48th Street, Lincoln, NE 68516, Member

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

December 9, 2024

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 Nebraska Board of Parole, effective December 9, 2024:

Jeff Bucher, 17000 S 72nd, Hickman, NE 68372, Member

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

December 11, 2024

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 Nebraska Natural Resources Commission:

Matt Smallcomb, 41747 Coal Chute Road, Gibbon, NE 68840, Municipal Representative

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

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December 12, 2024

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 Nebraska Investment Council:

Brian Christensen, 2309 Mahood Drive, Columbus, NE 68601, Member

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

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December 16, 2024

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 Health Information Technology Board:

Drew D Gonshorowski, 7708 Rockton Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Member

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

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December 16, 2024

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 Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges:

Robert Engles, 2308 McConnell Avenue, Auburn, NE 68305, Member

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

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December 19, 2024

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 State Fair Board:

Dawn Caldwell, 30660 Rd T, Edgar, NE 68935, Business Community-3rd District

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

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2024 INTERIM REPORT
ON THE DISPOSITION OF
INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

Agriculture

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
374	Examine the availability of healthy and affordable food		X		

	choices in Nebraska communities				
375	Examine methods to address production animal veterinary shortages in Nebraska		X		
398	Examine the development and use of messenger RNA vaccines in livestock			X	
399	Review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Potato Development Act and the Plant Protection and Plant Pest Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			
400	Examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee		X		

Appropriations

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
361	Interim study to conduct a review of the fees that fund Nebraska's cash funds		**X**		Aug. 30, 2024
416	Interim study to examine what funding options and appropriations may be necessary to improve the return on investment of housing incentives offered by the State of Nebraska		**X**		Dec. 18, 2024
420	Interim study to examine the budget needs of and funding sources for regional behavioral health authorities			**X**	
410	Interim study to examine the long-term fiscal sustainability of and how to best direct funding and appropriations towards sustaining a strong health care workforce			**X**	
388	Interim study to examine what funding and appropriations are necessary			**X**	

	to address the parking shortage for state employees and members of the public in the State Capitol Environments				
389	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Appropriations Committee			**X**	
336	Interim study to examine the method of funding for court interpreters and determine a stable and permanent funding arrangement			**X**	

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
358	Interim study to examine the causes of increasing commercial insurance premiums and the impacts on Nebraska businesses		X		n/a
370	Interim study to examine the rise of retailers moving to digital-only transactions		X		n/a
379	Interim study to examine the role of health insurance for biomarker testing and the use of biomarker testing in public and private payor markets		X		n/a
430	Interim study to examine the impact of artificial intelligence on Nebraska's private and public sectors, including the technology and insurance sectors		X		n/a
431	Interim study to examine the roles of various entities in the pharmaceutical supply chain		X		n/a
432	Interim study to examine the impact of digital asset data mining on Nebraska public power districts, electric ratepayers, and communities		X		n/a

Business and Labor

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
354	Assessing state-led programs pertaining to the Nebraska workforce			x	NA
444	Examining the oversight of staffing agencies, including health care staffing agencies, in Nebraska			x	NA

Education

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
278 CA	Constitutional amendment to change the membership of the State Board of Education			YES	N/A
303	Interim study to examine the viability of adopting the Classical Learning Test as an option for meeting admissions requirements at the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska state colleges		YES		11/08/24
319	Interim study to determine whether student-to-teacher ratio requirements should be considered or implemented in Nebraska by statute or regulation			YES	N/A
320	Interim study to examine changes to the enrollment option program to ensure students with disabilities have an increased ability to access enrollment opportunities		YES		11/07/24
321	Interim study to determine the scope and use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school officials in Nebraska		YES		11/01/24
333	Interim study to determine whether legislation similar to the model Hunger-Free Campus Bill is needed to			YES	N/A

	address hunger and basic needs insecurity of Nebraska college students				
341	Interim study to determine the scope and use by school districts of a ban and bar action, banning and barring individuals from school property		YES		11/01/24
365	Interim study to examine school guidelines and policies relating to LGBTQ bullying prevention			YES	N/A
368	Interim study to examine the process for school districts to change the boundaries of individual schools within their districts			YES	N/A
378	Interim study to examine the viability of selling land managed by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds		YES		11/08/24
382	Interim study to examine the governance and representation of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska			YES	N/A
383	Interim study to examine improvements to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and potential alternative funding mechanisms for Nebraska public schools			YES	N/A
385	Interim study to examine state standardized testing required in elementary and secondary public schools and the (AQuESTT) system used to classify schools under the Quality Education Accountability Act		YES		11/08/24
419	Interim study to examine school meal programs in Nebraska		YES		11/08/24
425	Interim study to examine the challenges faced by families with special needs students in enrolling such students as option students in other		YES		11/07/24

	school districts under the enrollment option program				
439	Interim study to explore whether the size of school districts has contributed to historical student underachievement within the Class V school district		YES		11/01/24
440	Interim study to examine how to close the educational achievement gap in the Class V school district		YES		11/01/24
496	Interim study to examine issues relating to the State Department of Education		YES		11/08/24

Executive Board

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
334	Interim study to consider strategies to ensure public access to the Nebraska State Capitol and adequate offstreet parking for state employees working in the State Capitol and state buildings near the Capitol			X	
356	Interim study to examine changes to reimbursements for senators' expenditures, technology, and functional aspects of their positions			X	
391	Interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements including lighting, workstations, updated plumbing in restrooms, and improved safety of building exits			X	
393	Interim study to examine safety and accessibility issues for the State Capitol Building			X	

General Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
84	Interim study to examine different methods to address concerns raised by restaurant, bar, craft brewery, microdistillery, and farm winery owners relating to receiving shipments of alcoholic liquor			x	NA
98	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee			x	NA
103	Interim study to examine entertainment district licenses issued under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act			x	NA
104	Interim study to examine statutes relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission and its members			x	NA
105	Interim study to examine and review occupational licenses and regulations under the State Electrical Act			x	NA
344	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the General Affairs Committee			x	NA
345	Interim study to examine all licenses issued by the State Racing and Gaming Commission			x	NA
353	Interim study to examine the pricing and taxation of alcohol in Nebraska			x	NA

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
362	Interim study to examine the		X		9/19/24

	dangers posed by artificial intelligence for elections				
426	Interim study relating to public records requests to determine whether reports of the resistance of government entities to public record requests are representative or isolated		X		
364	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for private detectives, private detective agencies, and plain clothes investigators in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/6/24
363	Interim study to review the credentialing requirements for water-based fire protection system contractors in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act	X			9/6/24
355	Interim study to examine and compare the process for adopting, promulgating, and eliminating rules and regulations in Nebraska and in other states, and updates to the Administrative Procedure Act		X		9/6/24
357	Interim study to determine to what extent, if any, there is a necessity to bolster election security in the State of Nebraska		X		9/19/24
394	Interim study to identify and review all programs and services enacted by the Legislature which may result in an increase in expenditures of funds by counties and county governments assigned to provide such programs and services		X		

369	Interim study to examine the barriers to voting and equal representation for Native Americans in Nebraska		X		
406	Interim study to explore the development of an institution dedicated to providing instruction, orientation, and professional development tailored for elected officials and office holders in Nebraska		X		
412	Interim study to examine changes to state law regarding the use of artificial intelligence in political campaigns		X		9/19/24
436	Interim study to examine the initiative and referendum petition processes in the twenty-six states in which such a process exists		X		
434	Interim study to examine tourism, including agritourism, in the State of Nebraska		X		

Health and Human Services

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
392	Interim Study to examine the costs and frequency of rebasing provider rates and to develop a methodology for rebasing such rates	Yes	No	No	10/23/24
397	Interim Study to examine the structure and processes of the credentialing review process known as the "407" process	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
338	Interim study to examine health delivery systems situated in rural areas, defined as all counties except Douglas, Lancaster, and Sarpy	No	Yes	No	12/11/24
377	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	No	10/30/24

	the components of the State of Nebraska's public health registry data collection and the release of that data to appropriate research entities				
433	Interim study to examine the availability and access to data regarding maternal and infant health care in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
428	Interim study to review how the State of Nebraska can ensure it has effective emergency medical services in rural communities	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
373	Interim study to examine different methods, including potential statutory changes, to address the need to recruit, train, and retain individuals to practice dentistry in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
337	Interim study to examine public assistance programs in Nebraska to determine whether program structures could be improved	No	Yes	Yes	No
442	Interim study to examine the scope and function of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative and its affiliates in Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
429	Interim study to examine the Child Care Licensing Act and the availability and affordability of liability insurance for licensed child care providers in Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
443	Interim study to examine assisted-living facility reimbursement rates at different facilities throughout Nebraska	No	Yes	No	10/30/24
423	Interim study to examine child care providers in Nebraska and the shortage of child care options in rural Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No

366	Interim study to examine opportunities under the medical assistance program to improve state beneficiaries' social determinants of health by allowing coverage of clinically appropriate interventions that address enrollees' health-related social needs	No	Yes	No	9/25/24
404	Interim study to examine the impact of the services provided to eligible recipients of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program funds	No	Yes	Yes	No
421	Interim study to examine addiction with an emphasis on the examination of opioid addiction	No	Yes	Yes	No
372	Interim study to examine Nebraska's policies relating to the Board of Nursing and to evaluate the usefulness of the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses	No	Yes	Yes	No
422	Interim study to examine the needs, successes, and challenges relating to behavioral health in Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
405	Interim study to examine the process the Department of Health and Human Services uses in selecting a provider to service a foster home	No	Yes	Yes	No
386	Interim study to examine the scope of practice for behavior analysts in the State of Nebraska	No	Yes	Yes	No
427	Interim study to examine the use of the child care subsidy program in section 68-1206 as an incentive to recruit and retain employees in the child care industry	No	Yes	Yes	No
387	Interim study to examine	No	Yes	Yes	No

	payment rates and methodology used by the Department of Health and Human Services for child and adolescent behavioral health care, child welfare, and juvenile service providers				
415	Interim study to examine the historic unwind of the federal COVID-19 Medicaid continuous coverage requirements as implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services	No	Yes	No	11/13/24
396	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee	No	Yes	Yes	No

Judiciary

No Report Filed

Natural Resources

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
469	Interim study to examine existing, new, and emerging technologies in the nuclear energy industry	12/17/24 To be issued			10/17/24
352	Interim study to assess identified improvement projects for clean water and drinking water systems in Nebraska			x	

Retirement

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
407	Interim study to examine the City of Omaha Employees' Retirement System for Omaha's civilian employees and the City of Omaha			X	

	Police and Fire Retirement System for Omaha's police and fire employees				
408	Interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board	X			
409	Interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions	X			

Revenue

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
314	Interim study to examine adjustments to county revenue sources and elimination of unnecessary county expenses to compensate for a phaseout of the Nebraska inheritance tax by 2029		X		11/22/24
324	Interim study to determine whether Nebraska statutes should be modified to provide a tax credit or consideration towards the purchase of a new or replacement vehicle for a private seller who sells a vehicle			X	
349	Interim study to examine the funding sources, including tax incentives and other methods, used for early childhood education programs in Nebraska	X			9/13/24
367	Interim study to examine mechanisms to slow the rise		X		9/20/24

	of property tax valuations during periods of rapid property value increases				
384	Interim study to examine nonprofit organizations, their nonprofit status, the way they use their nontaxable income, and the ways they use their nontaxable income for political purposes	X			9/6/24
411	Interim study to review LB1072, introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature, relating to the topic of sustainable aviation fuel			X	
414	Interim study to determine the feasibility of having the state run all property assessment in Nebraska, merging county assessors with another office, or having county assessors be an appointed position			X	
418	Interim study to examine the current property tax valuation process		X		9/20/24
424	Interim study to examine occupation taxes			X	
435	Interim study to assess the loss of funding to Nebraska counties as a result of an elimination of the Nebraska inheritance tax and to identify potential state funding sources to replace lost revenue		X		11/22/24

Transportation and Telecommunications

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
417	Provide a comprehensive examination of the funding structure of Nebraska's transportation system and identify strategies to fund		X		

	highway maintenance and construction				
376	Examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee		X		
403	Examine issues discussed during the hearing on LB1256 introduced in the One Hundred Eighth Legislature			X	
380	Study issues regarding affordable broadband in Nebraska		X		
402	Study to examine and monitor broadband expansion in Nebraska		X		10/18/24
395	Study to examine the tax and surcharge burden imposed on telecommunications services			X	

Urban Affairs

LR	Subject	Completed Report Issued	Completed No Report Issued	Deferred	Date Hearing Held
359	Interim study to review the concept of property development in the State of Nebraska		**X**		10/4/24
360	Interim study to review the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act		**X**		10/4/24
437	Interim study to examine issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee		**X**		10/4/24
438	Interim study to review the occupational regulations for fire alarm inspectors	**X**			10/4/24
441	Interim study to examine the impact of local housing regulations on Nebraska's housing supply		**X**		10/4/24

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical cannabis; to amend section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to eliminate an incorrect subdivision reference in provisions adopted by the voters at the statewide general election; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Introduced by Executive Board: Hansen, 16, Chairperson.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to repeal terminated provisions relating to the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Crimes Against Children Fund, the Industrial Recovery Fund, the Medical Cannabidiol Pilot Study, the Municipal Natural Gas System Emergency Assistance Act, and the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force; and to outright repeal sections 19-5601, 19-5602, 19-5603, 19-5604, 19-5605, 19-5606, 19-5607, 19-5608, 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, 28-469, 50-435, 81-1213, and 81-1429.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Introduced by Lippincott, 34, at the Request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to presidential electors; to amend sections 32-710, 32-714, and 32-1038, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-713, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to selection of presidential electors; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 4. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to amend section 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide Public Service Commission jurisdiction; to adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 5. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid antagonists; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 6. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703, 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to affidavits for covered real estate, foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases, real estate of railroads, public utilities, common carriers, and within cities or villages, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to define and redefine terms; to provide for exceptions and applicability; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 8. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, 77-2734.03, and 77-7019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the first year the credit is available; to change the credit to a refundable credit; to eliminate the limitations on the number of years the credit can be claimed and the annual amount available for the credit; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, and 77-4003.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions relating to notices of deficiency for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for sanctions and administrative penalties under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, to declare tobacco products involved in violations of the act to be contraband and provide for their forfeiture, seizure, and disposal; to provide for immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to amend section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs through the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 11. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 12. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the statute of limitations on certain civil actions for sexual assault of a child; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 14. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-10,137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Hunger-Free Schools Act; to restate legislative findings and state legislative intent; to eliminate provisions relating to reimbursement for school breakfast programs; to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 79-10,138 and 79-10,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 15. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 16. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hemp; to amend sections 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-1701, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt

the Nebraska Consumable Hemp Control Act; to change provisions relating to immunity for eligible drug offenses, and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 17. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit landlords from charging fees as prescribed; to require disclosures; to provide for enforcement under the Consumer Protection Act; to provide civil penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 18. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act; to amend section 86-1236, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide duties for an authority and requirements for a wireless provider as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 19. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend sections 14-201, 14-202, 14-204, 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-217.01, 14-376, 14-521, 14-811, 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 32-402, 32-536, and 32-554, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 14-211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to nomination, election, and terms of city council members and mayor; to change provisions relating to primary and general elections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to renewable energy; to define terms; and to provide for electric service between a local distribution system and an agricultural self-generation facility as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a

state plan amendment for evidenced-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 23. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for grants for bike-sharing programs; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator Cavanaugh, M. filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 2

Rule 3, Sec. 4. Select Committees.

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(iii) The Clerk of the Legislature's office shall be responsible for the collection of pertinent information on gubernatorial appointments. That information will be distributed to the appropriate standing committee prior to the time of the confirmation hearing. The Clerk's office shall be the "depository" for background information on the appointed individual, including a statement of financial interests if applicable, and any other biographical information that the committee chair feels is appropriate for the committee to have before it during the confirmation process. In addition to such information, the committee legal counsel shall search any publicly available information on the appointee's background, including, but not limited to, filed conflict of interest statements, media stories, and criminal history records. The committee legal counsel shall prepare an objective report for the committee detailing all such information gathered and make such report available to the members of the committee at least two days prior to the appointee's confirmation hearing.

(iv) The committees to which a gubernatorial appointee has been referred for confirmation shall conduct a confirmation hearing. Each appointee shall be required to appear in person before the committee conducting the confirmation hearing. The appearance of the appointee may be waived for good cause as determined by the chair of the committee.

The committee shall prepare a report which approves, rejects, or makes no recommendation on the appointment. Said report shall be filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. The Legislature shall then have the opportunity to accept or reject the report of the committee.

If the Legislature fails to adopt a report to approve an appointment by a majority vote of the elected members, the appointment is thereby rejected.

If the report coming from the committee is to reject the appointment, and the Legislature fails to adopt the report by a majority vote of the elected members, then the appointment is thereby approved provided the report receives a majority vote in the negative.

In the event that the committee files a report making no recommendation on the appointment, the report shall be considered by the Legislature within five legislative days, and no later than the scheduled adjournment sine die of the current legislative session. The Legislature shall consider a motion to approve the appointment, which shall require a majority of the elected members for approval. If the Legislature fails to approve the motion, the appointment is thereby rejected.

In the event a motion on a report fails to receive either in the affirmative or negative a majority vote of the elected members, then such appointment shall be deemed rejected.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 24. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the revocation of probation and waiver of probation fees; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 25. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 26. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-929.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to include certain hospital and health clinic employees within certain assault statutes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 27. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5650 and 71-5652, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-996, 71-5662, 71-5663, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to restate the purposes of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to change provisions relating to loan repayments, financial assistance

amounts, and loan repayment recipient agreements under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to provide for financial assistance in the form of loan repayments to certain dentists who agree to provide dental services to medicaid patients as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 28. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for tip income; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 29. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create a review process for rules and regulations; to require reports as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 30. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an income tax adjustment for income received from overtime compensation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to state legislative findings; to require the State Board of Education to develop a model policy relating to the use of student surveillance, monitoring, and tracking technology by school districts as prescribed; and to require each school board to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to disclaimers; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 33. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-103.02, 53-103.03, and 53-103.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to remove nonalcoholic beer from regulation under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 53-160.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to time; to amend sections 49-1301, 49-1302, 81-1323, and 81-1328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for year-round daylight saving time as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend section 70-1014.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the requirements for certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wellhead Protection Area Act; to amend section 46-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for notification of certain regulations and permits to controlling entities by counties, cities, and villages; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 37. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to amend section 75-109.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Railroad Safety Act; to change provisions relating to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; to eliminate provisions relating to blocked crossings; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 17-225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Geologists Regulation Act; to amend sections 81-3501, 81-3502, 81-3503, 81-3507, 81-3508, 81-3509, 81-3509.01, 81-3511, 81-3512, 81-3514, 81-3515, 81-3517, 81-3518, 81-3519, 81-3520, 81-3521, 81-3522, 81-3525, 81-3526, 81-3527, 81-3528, 81-3529, 81-3530, 81-3531, 81-3534, 81-3535, 81-3536, 81-3537, 81-3539, 81-3540, and 81-3541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to prohibited acts, the Board of Geologists, the roster of professional geologists, the code of practice, licensure, certificates of licensure, certificates of authority, seals, the practice of geology, violations of the act, examinations, and exempt activities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-3505 and 81-3513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 39. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banks; to amend section 8-124.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to notification of a vacancy in the board of directors of a bank to the Department of Banking and Finance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 40. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Limited Liability Company Act; to amend section 21-193, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to publication of notice of organization, amendment of certificate of organization, merger, conversion, domestication, or dissolution; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; to amend section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to blood tests for pregnant women; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6038 and 71-6039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, 70-1014.02, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 44. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postconviction relief; to amend section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to limitations on actions for postconviction relief; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 45. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jobs; to amend section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-622.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for grants for job programs for historically underserved youth; to state intent regarding appropriations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 46. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a Restaurant Meals Program; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 47. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,153, 81-12,162, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, and 81-12,235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to a small business investment program under the Business Innovation Act; to change provisions relating to a program to provide professional counseling services to small businesses; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a family resource and juvenile assessment pilot program as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 49. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-405, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a school district's powers as a body corporate; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and school districts relating to ban and bar actions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Hansen, 16; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-6204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal history record information; to adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact; and to provide powers and duties for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the Nebraska State Patrol.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to victims; to amend section 81-1850, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change offenses included within certain victim notification requirements; to change provisions relating to disclosure of certain information; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 53. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to pregnancy; to state intent; and to provide criminal and civil immunity for pregnancy outcomes as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 54. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 55. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding certain appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 56. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 60-6,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require medical facilities and mortuaries to comply with requests for blood draws relating to certain deceased persons as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator DeBoer filed the following proposed rule changes:

Proposed Rule Change 3

Rule 7, Sec. 4. Shall the Debate Cease. The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the debate now close?".

The previous question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by five or more members, and

must be sustained by the vote of a majority of the elected members, and until decided shall, except as provided in this section of this rule, preclude further debate and all amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn. ~~The presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded, due to the complexity of the subject matter. The ruling of the presiding officer shall be subject to overrule in accordance with Rule 1, Section 12 of these rules.~~

On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for a previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposition under debate, the mover, proponent, or introducer of such proposition shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

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Proposed Rule Change 4

Rule 2, Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order.

Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Legislature, the presiding officer shall, or any member may, at any time before the end of the legislative day during which such transgression occurred, call such member to order, in which case he or she shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Legislature shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise, and if the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Legislature may deem proper.

Rule 2, Sec. 9. Words Excepted To.

Sec. 9. Words Excepted To. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him or her to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the Legislature, but he or she shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the Legislature therefore, if such call to order is not made before the end of the legislative day during which such words excepted to were spoken ~~further debate or other business shall have intervened~~.

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Proposed Rule Change 5

Rule 7, Sec. 3. Motion in Writing, Withdrawal.

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(d) No motion, proposition, or subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject.
(e) Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. Once a call for a division is made ~~ordered by the presiding officer~~, each component shall be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. For purposes of germaneness, even if a question is germane prior to a request for division, each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings. Once a vote or change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting or without unanimous consent. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude an amendment or a motion to strike out or insert. Such call for division shall not be allowed when considering motions under Rule 6, Section 6. Such a call for division shall not be allowed for bills listed under Rule 8, Section 1(b).
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BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 57. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid assisted-living facilities.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liens; to eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens; and to outright repeal sections 52-301, 52-302, 52-303, and 52-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Introduced by Sanders, 45; Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to amend section 2-3224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the disbursement of funds of a district by electronic payment systems; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Lottery Act; to amend section 9-829, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to remove the prohibition that a lottery ticket cannot be sold through a vending or dispensing device; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 61. Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file an amendment to the home and community-based services waiver for the aged and disabled for memory care rates; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 62. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 63. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to amend section 9-1103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms relating to sports wagering; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 64. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-3614, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change eligibility requirements for medicare supplement policies; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 65. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 25-1914, 25-3010, 29-1920, 29-2207, 29-2262.04, 29-2262.06, 29-2704, 29-4106, 29-4121, 33-103, 33-107.01, 33-107.03, 33-126.05, 33-154, 33-155, 33-156, 33-157, 43-261, 43-290, 47-633, and 81-1429, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 24-703, 25-1140.09, 29-1903, 29-2262, 33-106, 33-124, 43-254, 43-260.04, 43-272, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt individuals under nineteen years of age from payment of certain court fees and costs, probation fees, and DNA collection and testing costs; to provide that such individuals are presumed to be indigent for purposes of fees related to criminal discovery; to prohibit recovery of costs and fees in proceedings under the Nebraska Juvenile Code from juveniles and their parents or guardians as prescribed; to change provisions relating to juvenile pretrial diversion programs,

appointed counsel, guardians ad litem, and recoupment of certain costs; to prohibit imposition of a fine as a penalty in a juvenile proceeding; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 66. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the Uniform Health-Care Decisions Act; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 67. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to sexual assault; to adopt the Sexual Assault Emergency Care Act; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 68. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide coverage for certain contraceptives under insurance policies and the medical assistance program as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to meetings; to require a report; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 70. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to children and families; to amend sections 43-104.15, 43-107, 43-512.04, 43-1401, 43-1402, 43-1404, 43-1405, and 43-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-101, 43-101.01, 43-102, 43-104, 43-104.08, 43-104.13, and 43-2924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for adoption by a second adult person; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to consent to adoption, home studies, terminology, child support and medical support, and the applicability of the Parenting Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 71. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 71-1961, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-536 and 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for child care rates paid by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-405 and 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 73. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1414.07, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to change the number of hours of annual continuing education courses required for law enforcement officers; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 74. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1446.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize certain committee expenditures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 75. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend sections 48-1202, 48-1203.01, 48-1205, 48-1206, 48-1207, 48-1208, and 48-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to clarify language regarding compensation for tipped employees; to provide duties for employers; to change powers and duties of the Department of Labor and the Commissioner of Labor; to prohibit acts and provide a penalty; to provide for liquidated damages; to provide for complaints; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 76. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to amend sections 81-2026, 81-2027.08, and 81-2027.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer and annual benefit adjustment calculations as prescribed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act; to provide operative dates; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act; to change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 79. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to provide for dismissal of certain civil actions involving commercial motor vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02, 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929, 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02, 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, and 43-1611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to provide penalties; to provide for powers and duties relating to such orders; to change a penalty for violation of a harassment protection order; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 81. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act; to amend sections 77-6702 and 77-6703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to change provisions relating to tax credits for school district taxes paid; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 2. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Cade Wakeley of Wausa, Nebraska, son of Brian and Tiffany Wakeley and member of Bloomfield/Wausa Boy Scout Troop 149, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Cade planned and organized the installation of new benches for Gladstone Park in Wausa; and

WHEREAS, Cade, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Cade Wakeley on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Cade Wakeley.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 3. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 Football Championship was held on November 22, 2024, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team competed for the Class D-6 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team defeated the Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Mustangs with a score of 42-38, earning the state title; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship won by the Broncos in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Stuart Broncos football team members are positive role models of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and discipline for young athletes in their community; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Stuart Broncos football team and its coach on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-6 State Football Championship.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Stuart Broncos football team and Coach Colin Schurman.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 4. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Caleb Erwin of Laurel, Nebraska, a member of Laurel Boy Scout Troop 208, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Caleb planned and organized the painting of playground equipment at and the cleaning up of Laurel City Park; and

WHEREAS, Caleb, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Caleb Erwin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Caleb Erwin.

Laid over.

MOTION - Escort Committees

Senator Rountree moved that a series of committees be appointed to escort the various state and constitutional officers for the purpose of administering their oaths of office.

The motion prevailed.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Mary Jo Holdcroft, Bellevue; Teresa Reese, Omaha; Bill Holdcroft, Omaha.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Hardin who was excused until he arrived.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Presentation of Colors by the Nebraska Army National Guard.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

INAUGURAL CEREMONIES

Chief Justice Jeffrey J. Funke, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected state officials.

The Chief Justice and the newly elected state officials were escorted from the Chamber.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator Hansen filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 6

Rule 3, Sec. 4. Select Committees.

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v) Appointments of agency or department heads serving at the pleasure of the Governor shall be considered individually by the Legislature upon receipt of the committee report.

Any other appointments reported by the committee may be presented in a single report, provided the committee's recommendation is identical for all such appointments. This report may be scheduled by the Speaker for collective consideration and action by the Legislature. The Speaker shall announce proposed nominations for collective consideration two legislative days prior to their placement on the agenda. The full report shall be indivisible; however, any individual nomination may be removed from the

report upon written request of five or more senators. Such requests must be filed with the Clerk prior to the commencement of consideration of the appointments. Any nomination so removed shall be scheduled by the Speaker for individual consideration.

Renumber the remaining subdivisions.

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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES PRELIMINARY REPORT

Senator Armendariz offered the following Committee on Committees report:

Agriculture (8)
Tuesday
DeKay (C), (VC), Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm

Appropriations (9)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
Clements (C), (VC), Armendariz, Cavanaugh, M., Dorn, Dover, Lippincott, Prokop, Spivey, Strommen

Banking, Commerce and Insurance (8)
Monday & Tuesday
Jacobson (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Hallstrom, Hardin, Riepe, von Gillern, Wordekemper

Business and Labor (7)
Monday
Kauth (C), (VC), Hansen, Ibach, McKeon, McKinney, Raybould, Sorrentino

Education (8)
Monday & Tuesday
Murman (C), (VC), Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Sanders

General Affairs (8)
Monday
Holdcroft (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, DeKay, Quick, Rountree, Storm

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (8)
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

Sanders (C), (VC), Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper

Health and Human Services (7)
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
Hardin (C), (VC), Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe

Judiciary (8)
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
Bosn (C), (VC), DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm

Natural Resources (8)
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
Brandt (C), (VC), Andersen, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould

Nebraska Retirement Systems (6)
At call of Chair
Ballard (C), (VC), Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Jaurez, Sorrentino

Revenue (8)
Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
von Gillern (C), (VC), Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino

Transportation and Telecommunications (8)
Monday & Tuesday
Moser (C), (VC), Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Storer

Urban Affairs (7)
Tuesday
McKinney (C), (VC), Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Clouse, Quick, Rountree, Sorrentino

Committee on Committees (13)
Armendariz (C)

District 1:	District 2:	District 3:
Bosn	Cavanaugh, J	Brandt
Bostar	Fredrickson	Ibach
Moser	Hunt	Jacobson
Sanders	Spivey	Murman

Enrollment and Review (1)
Guereca (C)

Reference (9)
Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

Rules (6)
Lippincott (C), (VC), Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, Ibach, Arch (ex officio)

Executive Board of the Legislative Council (9)
Hansen(C), Ibach(VC), Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Jacobson, McKinney, Clements (nonvoting ex officio)

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jeffrey Wallman of Geneva.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:57 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Clements.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

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 Senators Dover, Hardin, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the second day was approved.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Lonowski filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 7

Rule 2, Sec. 7. Senator Desiring to Speak. (a) When a member desires to speak in debate or to deliver any matter to the Legislature, he or she shall rise from his or her seat and respectfully address himself or herself to "Mr. or Madame President." A member shall speak only when recognized ~~and shall confine his or her remarks to the question before the Legislature~~.
(b) No member shall interrupt the business of the Legislature nor speak to another who has the floor, except when he or she may yield to a question. No guest will be introduced during the legislative session except dignitaries and such dignitaries shall only be introduced by the presiding officer, provided that the presiding officer can announce the presence of visiting

groups or organizations at his or her discretion. Those individuals and groups not introduced may be inserted in the Journal by request. ~~No member shall use profane or abusive language when speaking to or about another member.~~

(c)(i) When speaking, a member shall maintain germane speech by confining his or her speech to address the question under consideration in an orderly manner. The presiding officer shall, or a member may, call another member to order for nongermane speech. For purposes of this subdivision, germane speech means relevant speech that pertains to the question under consideration or the main subject that has been opened by the underlying bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter to which such current question is related. It may include the discussion of any impact on current law, and comparisons and interrelated aspects of other bills, resolutions, amendments, or rules that are currently introduced or were previously introduced that are logically connected. It may also include philosophy, principles, research, or lessons that could be logically applied to the question or subject under consideration. Such definition of germane speech shall be liberally applied by the presiding officer and members. Nongermane speech is irrelevant or disorderly speech that is persistent in its irrelevance or repetition. Nongermane speech shall be addressed in the manner provided under subdivisions (c)(ii) through (iv) of this section.

(ii) When the presiding officer or another member first calls a member to order for nongermane speech, the presiding officer shall issue a warning and direct the member to keep his or her remarks germane to the question before the Legislature. If the relevance of the member's speech is unclear, the presiding officer may allow the member called to order to quickly explain the relevant point he or she seeks to make and then allow the member to continue.

(iii) If after such warning the same member persistently engages in nongermane speech, the presiding officer shall, or another member may, call the member to order, in which case such member shall sit down, unless permitted on the motion of another member to explain. The presiding officer shall then state the presiding officer's ruling, and if determining that such speech is nongermane, shall state "The member's speech is nongermane and therefore out of order." If so ruled, the member shall not be permitted to continue to speak on the bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter during the remainder of that stage of debate. A motion to overrule the chair shall not be in order for purposes of this subdivision.

(iv) If a member who has been previously ruled out of order for nongermane speech is again called to order by the presiding officer or another member during any further stage of debate of the same bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter, the presiding officer shall state "Shall the member be twice ruled out of order for nongermane speech?" The Legislature shall then decide the question without debate. If the member is twice ruled out of order for nongermane speech, the member shall immediately sit down and not be permitted to continue to speak during any further debate on that bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter. A motion to overrule the chair shall not be in order for purposes of this subdivision. This subdivision shall be

applied in the event of any subsequent nongermane speech by such member in debate on any other bill, resolution, amendment, rule, or matter as constituting having been previously ruled out of order for nongermane speech.

~~**Sec. 8. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order.** If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Legislature, the presiding officer shall, or any member may, call such member to order, in which case he or she shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Legislature shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise, and if the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Legislature may deem proper.~~

Rule 2, Sec. 8 ~~**Sec. 9**~~**. Words Excepted To.** No member shall use profane or abusive language, including when speaking to or about another member. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the member calling him or her to order shall indicate the words excepted to, and they shall be taken down in writing at the Clerk's desk and read aloud to the Legislature, but he or she shall not be held to answer, nor be subject to the censure of the Legislature therefore, if further debate or other business shall have intervened.

Rule 2, Sec. 9 ~~**Sec. 10**~~**. Time Limit on Speaking.** The introducer of the matter pending may speak for ten minutes when he or she first presents the matter to the Legislature. Each member shall be allowed to speak up to three times for not more than five minutes on each occasion, upon any one question in deliberation during the legislative day, without leave of the Legislature, unless he or she be the introducer of the matter pending in which case he or she shall be permitted to close after every other member choosing to speak shall have spoken or after a motion to cease debate has prevailed. The introducer's close shall be included within the three opportunities permitted for speaking to an issue.

Rule 2, Sec. 10 ~~**Sec. 11**~~**. Personal Privilege.** Personal privilege shall be, first, those affecting the rights, dignity, and integrity of the Legislature collectively; and second, the rights, reputation, and conduct of members individually. They shall have precedence over all other questions except motions to adjourn. Personal privilege shall not be used to permit any discussion or debate pertaining to any measure pending before the Legislature. All questions of privilege shall be channeled through the presiding officer, who shall determine their order of consideration.

Rule 2, Sec. 11. Transgression of Rules, Call Member to Order. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgresses the Rules of the Legislature, the presiding officer shall, or any member may, call such member to order, in which case he or she shall immediately sit down, unless permitted on motion of another member to explain, and the Legislature shall, if appealed to, decide the case without debate. If the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he or she shall be at liberty to proceed, but not otherwise,

and if the case requires it, he or she shall be liable to censure or such punishment as the Legislature may deem proper.

Senator Lippincott filed the following proposed rule changes:

Proposed Rule Change 8

Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A three-fifths ~~two-thirds~~ majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

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Proposed Rule Change 9

Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. ~~The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge.~~ Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A motion for cloture shall be deemed successful whenever

passed by two-thirds of the members voting Yea or Nay with no fewer than 25 affirmative votes. A vote of Present/Not Voting shall not be counted as a vote when voting on a cloture motion. A motion for cloture on a major proposal shall require a three-fifths majority of the members voting Yea or Nay to pass ~~two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful~~. A vote on a cloture motion shall be a record machine vote. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until one ~~two~~ additional hour ~~hours~~ of debate on the bill has occurred. ~~If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.~~ \

Proposed Rule Change 10

Rule 11 - Motions for Debate on Rule Changes. All Rules of Procedure shall take precedence and hold priority over any motions for debate on changes to the rules.

Section. 1. Motion, in Writing, Withdrawal, Parameters of Debate. (a) A motion when debating changes to the rules shall be either stated by the presiding officer or read by the Clerk before a vote is taken. All motions shall be submitted in writing if requested by the presiding officer or any senator.

(b) Once motions are stated they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision or ordering of a vote has been made. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a viva voce majority vote of the elected members.

(c) The Speaker shall order the debate on the rules, shall set time parameters for debate on each proposed rule change, and shall allot up to eight hours of debate on any proposed rule change. Upon completion of the debate or expiration of the allotted time for debate as prescribed by the Speaker, whichever comes first, a record machine vote shall be taken to advance the proposed rule change. If there is a pending motion or amendment before the

body when either the debate ends or the allotted time for debate expires, a record machine vote shall be taken on the pending matter followed by an immediate record machine vote to advance the proposed rule change. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a record machine vote on the amendment to the amendment, a record machine vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the record machine vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered.

(d) If the Legislature has not adopted a permanent set of standardized rules by the 15th scheduled day of the session during an odd numbered year, a motion to adopt the previous year's set of standardized rules as amended shall be in order. A motion to adopt the previous year's set of standardized rules is neither amendable nor debatable.

(e) Because proposed rule changes effect parliamentary procedures rather than the constitutions or the state statutes, they shall require only one round of debate and shall not be subject to the three rounds of debate reserved for bills and resolutions for constitutional amendments.

Sec. 2. Proposals. Propositions considered for a standardized set of rules and propositions considered for changes in the rules shall take the form of a rules proposal and shall be known as a proposed rule change. Because proposed rule changes are neither bills nor resolutions, they must be submitted in a legible written form with new language to be added to the rule underlined or written in red ink and language to be deleted from the rule shown with a strike through.

Sec.3. Ordering of Priority Motions. Priority motions shall take precedence over and hold priority over non-priority motions, but shall not hold precedence over or hold priority over any of the Rules of Procedure. Priority motions shall take precedence in the following order:

(1) To recess
(2) To adjourn
(3) Call the question
(4) Motion to adopt temporary rules
(5) For cloture
(6) Motion to adopt permanent rules
(7) To Recommit
(8) To postpone to a time certain [Bracket]
(9) To postpone indefinitely

Sec.4. Priority Motions.

(a) Motion to Recess.

(1) The motion to recess is a motion to temporarily suspend debate on a proposed rule change or an amendment to a proposed rule change. A motion to recess shall hold precedence over and hold priority over all other priority motions, but shall not be in order

when another member is speaking or when a motion to adjourn or recess has just been defeated.

(2) Successive motions to recess for dilatory purposes shall never be in order and shall be subject to the dilatory rule.

(3) The motion to recess is not debatable, except that the Speaker shall be privileged to speak to the motion prior to any vote on such motion.

(4) The motion to recess shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members present agree.

(b) Motion to Adjourn.

(1) The motion to adjourn is a motion to end debate on any rules proposals or other matters for the remainder of the day with the intention of returning for further debate on the rules at the next scheduled legislative day.

(2) A motion to adjourn to a time certain shall have precedence over a motion to adjourn. A motion to recess shall take precedence over either of such motions. Successive motions to adjourn for dilatory purposes shall never be in order and shall be subject to the dilatory rule.

(3) When a motion to adjourn has been made, the Speaker shall be privileged to speak to the motion prior to any vote on such motion. A motion to adjourn is not debatable.

(4) A motion to adjourn shall be deemed successful whenever a record majority of the members present agree.

(c) Motion to Call the Question.

(1) A motion to call the question is a motion asking the presiding officer to end debate on a proposed rule change, an amendment, or a motion by calling for the previous (concluding) question. A Senator making the motion for the previous question, shall ask the presiding officer to call for the previous question. The presiding officer shall then ask the body, "Shall debate cease?"

(2) At any time during a debate on a proposed rule change any member of the body wishing to end debate on a proposed rule change, an amendment, or a motion and who has been recognized by the presiding officer to speak may call for the debate to cease by calling for the previous question.

(3) A motion to call for the question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by ten or more members, and must be sustained by a

record vote of a majority of the elected members, and until decided shall, except as provided in this section of this rule, preclude further debate and all amendments and motions, except a motion to recess or a motion to adjourn.

(4) On a motion to call the question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for a previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

(5) When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposed rule change, the chair of the Rules Committee shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

(6) A motion for the previous question shall be deemed successful by way of a record majority vote of the members present.

d) Motion to Adopt Temporary Rules. A motion to adopt temporary rules is a motion to adopt the rules from a previous session of the Legislature or another set of standardized rules until permanent rules have been so adopted. A motion to adopt temporary rules shall be deemed successful when passed by a record majority vote of the members elected. Once permanent rules have been adopted, the motion to adopt temporary rules shall be deemed out of order, except when preceded by a successful motion to suspend the rules.

(e) Motion to Adopt Permanent Rules. A motion to adopt permanent rules is a motion to adopt a set of standardized rules for the remainder of the Legislative session at hand. Any member of the Legislature may move to adopt a permanent set of standardized rules, provided that no permanent set of rules have yet been adopted. The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to adopt a permanent set of rules unless such motion is supported by one tenth of the members elected and verified by a show of hands. A motion to adopt a permanent set of rules shall be deemed successful when passed by a majority roll call vote of the members elected.

(f) Motion for Cloture.

(1) The motion for cloture is a motion to end debate on the current amendment to the rules under consideration and immediately proceed to voting on the proposal along with any pending amendments to the proposal which have already been recognized by the presiding officer during the course of the debate. At any time during debate on the rules the principal introducer of a proposed rule change under consideration or the chairperson of the rules committee may move for cloture to the presiding officer. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall then be taken.

(2) A motion for cloture on an amendment to a proposed rule change shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately and without debate.

(3) If any Senators have left the chamber, the presiding officer shall make a call of the house before voting on a cloture motion.

(4) A motion for cloture shall be deemed successful whenever two-thirds of the members voting Yea or Nay have cast their votes as Yea or Nay and no fewer than 25 Senators have cast a vote. A vote of Present/Not voting shall not be counted as a Yea or Nay vote when voting on a cloture motion.

(5) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the proposed rule change ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the proposed rule change, a motion for cloture shall be out of order. Debate may continue until time expires and a record vote shall then be taken on the proposed rule change.

(g) Motion to Amend.

(1) A motion to amend is a motion to remove content and/or add content to a proposed rule change.

(2) A motion to amend shall be submitted in writing and shall contain the actual words to be added to a proposed rule change and/or the actual words to be stricken from a proposed rule change.

(3) During an odd numbered year or unless otherwise directed by the Speaker, and a motion to amend is under consideration, a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order.

(4) A motion to amend the rules shall be deemed successful by way of record majority vote of the members elected.

(h) Motion to Recommit.

(1) The Motion to Recommit is a motion to remove a proposed rule change from debate and send it back to the Rules Committee for reconsideration and/or amending.

(2) A motion to recommit shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until after the introducer of a proposed rule change has opened by explaining the rule or the rule change for a period up to ten minutes.

(3) Any Senator filing a motion to recommit shall do so in writing to the Clerk.

(4) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to recommit unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(5) A motion to recommit may only be filed once on a proposed rule change, except that this limitation shall not apply to the introducer of the proposed rule change. This rule shall apply even after the motion fails to be attested to by five or more members by way of a show of hands.

(6) A motion to recommit shall be deemed successful if three-fifths of the members of the Legislature agree by way of a record machine vote.

(i) Motion to Postpone to a Time Certain [Bracket].

(1) The motion to postpone to a time certain is a motion to postpone debate on a proposed rule change to another time or to another date. The motion to postpone to a time certain is also known as a bracket motion.

(2) A motion to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until after the chair of the Rules Committee or the introducer of the proposed rule change has opened on the proposal by explaining the proposal for a period up to ten minutes.

(3) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(4) Any Senator filing a motion to postpone to a time certain shall do so in writing to the Clerk and indicate the time or the date when debate on such rule proposal or proposed rule change should reconvene.

(5) A motion to postpone to a time certain may only be recognized by the presiding officer once on a proposed rule change, except that this limitation shall not apply to the introducer of the proposed rule change. A Senator filing a second motion to postpone to a time certain on shall be deemed out of order.

(6) A proposed rule change successfully postponed to a time certain after sine die shall be subject to the rule to indefinitely postpone.

(7) A vote to postpone to a time certain [Bracket] shall be deemed successful when three-fifths of the members of the Legislature agree by way of a record machine vote.

(i) Motion to Postpone Indefinitely.

(1) A motion to postpone a proposed rule change effectively kills it. A proposed rule change which has been indefinitely postponed means that no further action may be taken on the proposal.

(2) A motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall not be recognized by the presiding officer until the proposal is read and the introducer of the proposal has been given up to ten minutes to open on the proposed rule change by explaining the proposal.

(3) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to indefinitely postpone a rules proposal or a proposed rule change unless such motion is agreed to by five or more members and is verified by way of a show of hands.

(4) The motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall not be recognized by the presiding officer more than once for a proposal being debated. A member who files a second motion to indefinitely postpone a proposed rule change shall be deemed out of order. This rule shall apply even after the motion fails to be attested to by five or more Senators by way of a show of hands.

Sec. 5. Incidental Motions. Incidental motions may pertain to correcting breaches of good parliamentary procedure.

(a) Motion of Germaneness.

(1) No motion, proposition, or subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order and is subject to the germaneness rule. Germane amendments relate only to the details of the specific subject of the bill or resolution and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject. A motion of germaneness shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members agree.

(b) Motion to Divide the Question.

(1) Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. Once a division is ordered each component shall be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. For purposes of germaneness, even if a question is germane prior to a request for division, each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings.

(2) Once a vote or change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting or without unanimous consent. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude an amendment or a motion to strike out or insert.

(3) A motion to divide the question shall be deemed successful whenever a viva voce majority of the members present agree.

(4) Following a successful vote of the members to divide the question, the Lieutenant Governor or the presiding officer shall decide how the question is to be divided. Such decision shall not be subject to any further debate.

(c) Motion for a Call of the House.

(1) Members of the Legislature are expected to remain inside the chamber during floor debates; however, members of the body on occasion may have good reason to leave. When members are absent from the chamber and have not been excused, such members may be called to return to the chamber by way of a motion for a Call of the House.

(2) A call of the house may be made by any member in the manner following: "I move for a call of the house." The presiding officer shall direct that the board be cleared and the members shall then vote on placing themselves under call.

(3) If a majority of the members present and voting vote in favor of such a motion, then the Legislature shall be deemed to be under call. Each member present shall indicate his or her presence upon the electric roll call system and shall remain in his or her seat during the call. After the Clerk shall note the names of the absentees, proceedings under the call may be suspended at any time by a majority vote of the members then present, and when so suspended shall not again be ordered on the proposition pending, except by a majority vote of the members elected.

(4) The presiding officer may declare a motion to place the house under call out of order if all of the absentees were to vote on one side of the question and if their combined vote would be insufficient to change a result of the vote.

(5) When a member is recognized to close on a motion and requests a call of the house, the time spent waiting for the members to record their presence shall be counted against the member's closing time.

d) Motion-to Suspend for Dilatory Purposes.

(1) Motions shall not be filed for dilatory purposes. If more than two motions are offered to a proposed rule change which are believed to delay progress of the debate, the Speaker or the principal introducer of the proposal may file a motion to suspend for dilatory purposes, stating that he or she believes the motions are being used for dilatory purposes. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes shall be filed in writing with the Clerk and each motion charged with being dilatory shall be named and/or identified in the motion.

(2) The presiding officer shall recognize the Speaker and/or the principal introducer of the proposed rule change for five minutes to explain why the motions are of a dilatory nature. The presiding officer shall then recognize the Senator or Senators filing the motions for five minutes each to explain why such motions are not of a dilatory nature. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes is a non-debatable motion and no Senator may yield time to another Senator.

(3) Without any further debate, the presiding officer shall ask, "Are the motions of a dilatory nature?" and a machine vote shall be taken among the members present.

(4) If the majority of the members present decide by way of a record machine vote that the motions are of a dilatory nature, the motions shall be withdrawn and the Senator or Senators who filed such motions shall be precluded from filing any further motions to the proposed rule change.

Proposed Rule Change 11

Rule 3, Sec. 8. Chairperson, Vice Chairperson. (a) The chairperson of each standing and select committee shall be selected by a roll call majority vote of the elected members ~~secret ballot on the floor~~ of the Legislature whereby each member shall state the candidate of his or her choice.

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Proposed Rule Change 12

Rule 3, Sec. 16. Executive Sessions and Closed Meetings. ~~(a)~~ Executive session shall mean any meeting or portion of a meeting which is closed to the general public and members of the news media, and the proceedings of which are not electronically recorded and transcribed, unless the chairperson of the committee so provides, but the records of which shall be available for public inspection. ~~Executive sessions shall be open to members of the news media who may report on action taken and on all discussions in executive session.~~

~~(b) Except as provided in Rule 3, Section 5(c)(ii), all other meetings of a committee shall be public unless the committee, by a majority vote of all of its members, determines that a meeting should not be open to the public,~~

~~including members of the news media, in a particular instance, due to rare and extraordinary circumstances. The meeting shall be reconvened in open session before any formal action may be taken.~~

Proposed Rule Change 13

Rule 7, Sec. 11. Motions and Amendments for Dilatory Purposes. (a) Motions and amendments shall not be filed for dilatory purposes. All motions and amendments filed with the Clerk shall be deemed unworthy of debate unless otherwise approved by the Speaker. If more than two amendments and/or motions are offered to a bill or resolution which have been deemed worthy by the Speaker but which are believed to be used to delay progress on the debate, the principal introducer of the bill or resolution or the chair of the committee if the bill is a committee bill may file a motion to suspend for dilatory purposes, stating that he or she believes the motions are being used for dilatory purposes. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes shall be filed in writing with the Clerk and each motion and/or amendment charged with being dilatory shall be named and/or identified in the motion along with the name(s) of the members filing such motions and/or amendments. A dilatory motion filed by the principal introducer of the bill or resolution under consideration may not be deemed unworthy of debate by the Speaker ~~the principal introducer of the bill or resolution may raise a point of order stating that he or she believes the amendments and/or motions are being used for dilatory purposes. If, in the opinion of the Speaker, the motions and/or amendments are not dilatory, debate on the pending measure shall continue. If the Speaker has reason to believe that one or more of the amendments and/or motions are dilatory, the Speaker shall consult with the principal introducer of the original bill or resolution and the principal introducers of the amendment and/or motions in an attempt to reach an accord as to which 53 RULE 7 amendments and/or motions should be considered by the Legislature. For that purpose, the Speaker may temporarily remove the entire bill or resolution from the agenda. After consultation, the Speaker shall forthwith decide which, if any, amendments and/or motions are dilatory and shall rule such amendments and/or motions out of order. A motion to overrule the chair on any decision made pursuant to this section is not in order except that a ruling of the chair may be challenged by an introducer of amendments and/or motions ruled to be dilatory in which instance the challenge shall be to all amendments and/or motions included in the Speaker's ruling. The consultation and the Speaker's ruling subsequent to consultation provided for in this section, shall in no case result in a bill or resolution being removed from the agenda for more than the current legislative day. Any amendment and/or motion ruled out of order by the Speaker shall not in any form, version, or substance be in order if again offered by any member at the same stage of debate. A motion to overrule the chair after a ruling is out of order~~.

(b) The presiding officer shall recognize the Speaker and/or the principal introducer of the bill or resolution or the committee chair if the bill is a committee bill for five minutes each to explain why the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) are of a dilatory nature. The presiding officer shall then recognize the member or members filing the motion(s) and/or

amendment(s) for five minutes each to explain why such motions and/or amendments are not of a dilatory nature. The motion to suspend for dilatory purposes is a non-debatable motion and no member may yield time to another member.

(c) Without any further debate, the presiding officer shall ask, "Are the motions or amendments of a dilatory nature?" and a record machine vote shall be taken among the members present.

(d) If a majority of the members present decide by way of a record machine vote that the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) are of a dilatory nature, the motion(s) and/or amendment(s) shall be withdrawn and the member or members who filed such motion(s) and/or amendment(s) shall be precluded from filing any further motion(s) and/or amendment(s) to the bill or resolution under consideration until the bill or resolution advances to the next stage of debate.

(e) Once a motion or amendment has been deemed unworthy of debate by the Speaker or declared dilatory by a vote of the Legislature, a motion to reconsider shall be out of order.

Proposed Rule Change 14

Rule 7, Sec. 4. Motion to Call the Question.
(a) The motion to call the question is a motion asking the presiding officer to end debate on a bill, a resolution, an amendment, or a motion by calling for the previous (concluding) question. A member making the motion to call the question shall ask the presiding officer to call for the previous question. The presiding officer shall then ask, "Shall debate cease?"

(b) At any time during a debate on a bill or resolution any member wishing to end debate on a bill, a resolution, an amendment, or a motion and who has been recognized by the presiding officer to speak may call for the debate to cease by calling for the question.

(c) Calling for the question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by ten or more members and verified by way of a show of hands.

(d) On a motion to call the question there shall be no debate.

(e) When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposition under debate, the mover, proponent, or introducer of such proposition shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.

(f) A motion to call the question shall be deemed successful by way of a viva voce majority vote of the members present.

(g) A motion to call the question shall hold priority over all other motions, except a motion to recess, a motion to adjourn, and a motion for cloture.

~~**Shall the Debate Cease.** The previous question shall be in this form, "Shall the debate now close?" The previous question shall be made only in the normal course of speaking order and shall be in order when demanded by five or more members, and must be sustained by the vote of a majority of the elected members, and until decided shall, except as provided in this section of this rule, preclude further debate and all amendments and motions, except one motion to adjourn. The presiding officer may rule the previous question out of order if in the presiding officer's opinion a full and fair debate has not been afforded, due to the complexity of the subject matter. The ruling of the presiding officer shall be subject to overrule in accordance with Rule 1, Section 12 of these rules. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for a previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate. When the previous question shall have been ordered on a proposition under debate, the mover, proponent, or introducer of such proposition shall be given the right to close the debate thereon.~~

Proposed Rule Change 15

Rule 7, Sec. 2, Machine Voting, Electric Roll Call and Show of Hands.

(a) All votes shall be taken viva voce ~~voca unless otherwise provided for herein~~. Questions shall be distinctly put in this form, to wit: "Those who are in favor of the question say 'aye'; those who are opposed to the question say 'nay.' "

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(f) The presiding officer shall not recognize a motion to call the question, to reconsider, to postpone to a time certain, to recommit to a committee, or to postpone indefinitely unless five or more members agree to the motion and the motion is sustained by a show of hands of five or more members, except that a motion to call the question shall require the approval of ten or more members by a show of hands.

Proposed Rule Change 16

Rule 6, Sec. 3. General File.

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(b) Each section shall be open to amendment. Following the reading of the title of the bill, the introducer shall first be recognized for ten minutes to move to advance and explain the bill. The amendments, if any, recommended by standing committees, shall then be introduced. After the introduction of the bill and the introduction of the committee amendment, other priority motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged under Rule 7, Section 3, except as provided for in Rule 1, Section 17. Other motions may then be filed with the Clerk, provided that the motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to

recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely are only filed once by the collective membership of the body on a bill when it is debated on General File. Motions to adjourn or recess shall remain in order except as limited by Rule 7, Section 9. The introducer's amendments, if any, shall be introduced following the consideration of the standing committee amendments and any amendments thereto. Further amendments will be considered in the order in which they are filed with the Clerk.

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Rule 6, Sec. 5. Select File. When the Legislature considers bills on Select File, any of the following motions shall be in order, provided that the motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely are only filed once by the collective membership on a bill when it is debated on Select File.

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Rule 7, Sec. 3. Motion, in Writing, Withdrawal. (a) A motion shall be either stated by the presiding officer or read by the Clerk before a vote is taken. All motions shall be submitted in writing if requested by the presiding officer or any senator.

(b) The presiding officer shall not recognize any of the following motions more than once per each stage of debate on a bill or resolution: The motion to reconsider, the motion to postpone to a time certain, the motion to recommit to a committee, and the motion to postpone indefinitely.

(c) For General File and Select File the presiding officer shall allow the Introducer of a bill or resolution and the chair of a committee who is introducing a committee amendment to open on any such bill, resolution or committee amendment by allowing such individual to speak for a period not to exceed ten minutes. The introducer's amendments, if any, shall be considered
following the consideration of the standing committee amendments and any amendments thereto. Other amendments and motions permitted by these rules may then be offered and shall be considered after the introducer has explained the bill in the order in which they are filed with the Clerk, subject to the provisions of Rule 1, Section 17.

(d) Once motions are stated they may be withdrawn or modified by the mover before a decision, amendment, or ordering of a vote has been made. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a majority vote of the elected members.

(e) When a question is under debate, no motion shall be considered except one of the following, which motions shall take precedence in the order stated.

(i) ~~a.~~ To recess

(ii) ~~b.~~ To adjourn

(iii) ~~c.~~ For cloture

(iv) ~~d.~~ To call for the previous question ~~reconsider~~

(v) ~~e.~~ To reconsider ~~For the previous question~~

(vi) ~~f.~~ To postpone to a time certain

(vii) ~~g.~~ To recommit to a committee

(viii) ~~h.~~ To amend

(ix) ~~i.~~ To postpone indefinitely

(f) Such motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged except as provided for in Rule 1, Section 17 and Rule 11, Section 3. Motions to postpone indefinitely and amend do not yield to each other.

(g) When any of the following motions shall be made, any action on such motion shall be delayed at least one legislative day and the motion shall be printed in the Legislative Journal:

(i) ~~a.~~ Motion to postpone indefinitely on General File or Select File, unless the introducer(s) of the bill, or the committee chairperson in the case of committee bills, request(s) that the motion to postpone indefinitely be considered immediately without the one-day delay.

(ii) ~~b.~~ Motion to place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Section 20(b).

(iii) ~~c.~~ Motion to place bills on General File, notwithstanding the action of a standing committee.

(h) ~~(b)~~ When a motion or other proposition is under consideration, a motion to amend and a motion to amend that amendment shall be in order.

(i) ~~(c)~~ Amendments to the title shall be made by the Enrollment and Review Committee.

(j) ~~(d)~~ No motion, proposition, or subject, different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment. Any amendment that is not germane is out of order. Germane amendments relate only to details of the specific subject of the bill and must be in a natural and logical sequence to the subject matter of the original proposal. A nongermane amendment includes one that relates to a substantially different subject.

(k) ~~(e)~~ Any member may call for the division of a question, which shall be divided if it comprehends propositions in substance so distinct that, one

being taken away, a substantive proposition shall remain for the decision of the Legislature. Once a division is ordered by the presiding officer, each component shall be treated as a separate and distinct proposition. For purposes of germaneness, even if a question is germane prior to a request for division, each and every other component or proposition of the divided question will be subject to germaneness rulings. Once a vote or change has occurred on any of the divisible questions, the remaining divided sections may not be withdrawn without a majority of those voting or without unanimous consent. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible, but a motion to strike out being lost, shall not preclude an amendment or a motion to strike out or insert. Such call for division shall not be allowed when considering motions under Rule 6, Section 6. Such a call for division shall not be allowed for bills listed under Rule 8, Section 1(b).

(l) ~~(f)~~ When motions are made for reference of the same subject to a select committee and to a standing committee, the question on reference to the standing committee shall be considered first.

Proposed Rule Change 17

Rule 3, Sec. 6. Redistricting Committee. (a) The Redistricting Committee of the Legislature shall be established as a special committee of the Legislature in January of each year ending in one. The committee is authorized to introduce and exercise jurisdiction over legislative bills and resolutions relating to redistricting and hold hearings regarding such legislation.

(b) The committee shall be comprised of nine members of the Legislature, three from each congressional district existing on January 1 of each year ending in zero. The Executive Board shall appoint the members of the committee in January of each year ending in one. ~~No more than five members appointed to the committee shall be affiliated with the same political party.~~ A vacancy on the committee shall be filled by the Executive Board as soon as possible after the vacancy occurs.

(c) At the first meeting of the committee, the members shall select from among themselves by majority vote one member to serve as chairperson of the committee and one member to serve as vice chairperson of the committee. ~~The chair and vice chair shall not be a member of the same political party.~~

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Proposed Rule Change 18

Proposed Rule Change 18 is on file in the Clerk's Office and available on the Legislature's website.

Senator Clements filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 19

Rule 1, Sec. 12. Overrule ruling of the Chair. The presiding officer ~~President~~ may speak to a point of order in preference to members, and shall decide the questions or order, subject to a challenge to the Legislature by any member, which challenge shall be in order when demanded by five or more members ~~on which challenge no member may speak more than once, unless by leave of the Legislature. No member may yield time to another member~~. In the event of a challenge to a ruling of the chair, the presiding officer shall ask for five hands, and if seeing five hands, shall allow the challenging member five minutes to speak, and five minutes to speak for each of two other members supporting such challenge as designated by the challenging member. After such time as taken, the Speaker, the chairperson of the Rules Committee, and the chairperson of any standing committee or their designee may each request five minutes to speak to the challenge. If the Speaker, chairperson of the Rules Committee, or chairperson of any standing committee speaks to the challenge, the challenging member may request five minutes to close and no further debate on the matter shall follow. The challenged ruling shall be restated and the question shall be phrased: "Shall the Chair be overruled?" A viva voce vote shall be taken and a majority vote of the members ~~those~~ present shall be required to overrule the chair. A motion to overrule the Chair shall not be subject to a reconsideration motion, and the presiding officer shall not recognize another motion to overrule the Chair that addresses the same question or order.

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REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 82. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 38-1015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1001, 38-1004, 38-1058, and 38-1061, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend section 38-3113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for collection of personal property by affidavit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 86. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Natural Resources; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 87. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired; to amend section 71-8616, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for development of a statewide support service provider program for deaf-blind persons; to state intent regarding appropriations; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 88. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to state intent regarding future appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Introduced by Kauth, 31, at the request of the Governor; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Stand With Women Act; to provide for severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to improvement districts; to amend sections 16-617, 16-617.01, 16-618, 16-619, 16-620, 16-621, 16-622, 16-623, and 16-624, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to establishment and creation of improvement districts, funding and costs of

improvements, included property, notice of creation, objections of property owners, bids, special assessments, and bonds; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-650.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 92. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to adopt the Residential Tenant Clean Slate Act; and to provide an operative date.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 93. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1912 and 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for discovery of information contained in computers and electronic communication devices and of matters relating to expert witnesses; to change provisions relating to the continuing duty to disclose; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 94. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to job training; to amend section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Digital Skills Empowerment Act; to change the use of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 95. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal child care subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a pilot program; to require a report; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 96. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit applications for certain section 1115 waivers as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend 37-1202, 60-101, 60-102, 60-121, 60-137, 60-158, 60-167, 60-337, 60-399, 60-4,113, 60-4,117, 60-4,118.06, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-4,126, 60-4,127, 60-636, 60-6,211.05, 60-2904, and 66-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-2292, 37-1201, 60-146, 60-169, 60-393, 60-396, 60-4,115, 60-4,120, 60-4,124, 60-4,148, 60-4,148.01, 60-4,149, 60-4,150, 60-4,181, and 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to deferred judgments; to change provisions of the State Boat Act relating to amphibious vehicles; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to junk vehicles and certificates of title, minibikes, applicability of the act to fertilizer trailers, applications for certificates of title, identification inspections, and lienholders and bonded certificates of title; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to minibikes and credit of fees and prohibit modification of license plates; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to fees, surcharges, and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to minibikes and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions relating to the source of the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; to change provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act relating to personal information and sensitive personal information; to provide for the Department of Motor Vehicles to credit money to the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund and eliminate certain provisions of the fund relating to the State Treasurer; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-103, 60-135.01, 60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 99. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Guereca, 7; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend sections 83-170, 83-173.03, and 83-4,114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to restrictive housing and solitary confinement; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 100. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Business Innovation and Startup Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 101. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend sections 76-1415, 76-1442, 76-1445, and 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1441, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for a right to a jury trial under the act; to prohibit waivers of rights under state and federal law; to change provisions relating to summonses; to provide duties for courts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 102. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the aid to dependent children program; to amend section 43-513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements related to the standard of need; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 103. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Evidence Rules; to amend section 27-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to admissibility of evidence of past sexual assaults; to prohibit questions relating to past sexual behavior or sexual assaults in pretrial proceedings; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 104. Introduced by Raybould, 28; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power and irrigation districts; to amend sections 70-604.03 and 70-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the division of voting precincts for purposes of establishing boundary lines for operating areas, chartered territory, and district elections and eliminate the requirement of approval by the Secretary of State; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 106. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,257, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the luminous reflectance and light transmission of certain motor vehicle windows; and to repeal the original section.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 20

Rule 2, Sec. 3. Chamber, Guests, Distribution of Material.

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(l) The possession of firearms and other lethal weapons by a member or any other individual within the legislative chamber is prohibited with the following exceptions:
(i) Law enforcement and Capitol security personnel performing their official duties;
(ii) Individuals, with the approval of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, participating in historical reenactments or in ceremonial proceedings; or
(iii) Active or reserve members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and members of the Nebraska National Guard, when on duty or in training.

Rule 3, Sec. 11. ~~Conduct During~~ Committee Hearing Rooms ~~Hearings~~.
(a) The use of any mobile, portable, or wireless communication device, other than those authorized by the Legislative Council is prohibited in legislative hearing rooms during a meeting of a legislative committee, unless allowed by the committee chairperson.
(b) The possession of firearms and other lethal weapons by a member or any other individual within legislative hearing rooms is prohibited with the following exceptions:
(i) Law enforcement and Capitol security personnel performing their official duties;
(ii) Individuals, with the approval of the Nebraska Capitol Commission, participating in historical reenactments or in ceremonial proceedings; or
(iii) Active or reserve members of the armed forces of the United States, members of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and members of the Nebraska National Guard, when on duty or in training.

Senator Ibach filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 21

Rule 5, Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.

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(e) The introducers of all bills must submit a statement of intent for each bill to the appropriate committee chairperson within one calendar day after ~~at least three calendar days prior to~~ the bill's introduction ~~hearing~~. The

statement of intent should discuss clearly and completely the purposes and effects of the bill.

***This rule would be effective starting with the 2026 legislative session**

Senator Kauth filed the following proposed rule changes:

Proposed Rule Change 22

Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately. A two-thirds majority of the elected members present and voting shall be required for the cloture motion to be successful. A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

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Proposed Rule Change 23

Rule 1, Sec. 6. Presiding Officer, Order in Designating. In the absence of both the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker, the order of the presiding officer of the Legislature shall be as follows:
Chairperson of the Executive Board
Chairperson of Committee on Committees
Chairperson of Committee on Judiciary
Chairperson of Committee on Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Chairperson of Committee on Appropriations
Chairperson of Committee on Revenue
Chairperson of Committee on Education
Chairperson of Committee on Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Chairperson of Committee on ~~Natural Resources~~ Technology

Chairperson of Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources
Chairperson of Committee on Health and Human Services
Chairperson of Committee on General Affairs
Chairperson of Committee on Business and Labor
Chairperson of Committee on Urban Affairs
Chairperson of Committee on Transportation and Telecommunications

Rule 3, Sec. 3. Standing Committees. (a) The standing committees of the Legislature shall be as follows:

Agriculture and Natural Resources	8 members
Appropriations	9 members
Banking, Commerce and Insurance	8 members
Business and Labor	7 members
Education	8 members
General Affairs	8 members
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs	8 members
Health and Human Services	7 members
Judiciary	8 members
~~Natural Resources~~	~~8 members~~
Nebraska Retirement Systems	6 members
Revenue	8 members
Technology	8 members
Transportation and Telecommunications	8 members
Urban Affairs	7 members

(b) The Speaker shall not be a regular member of a standing committee.

(c) This rule will become operative on January 6, 2027

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 107. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07 and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an income tax credit for renters as prescribed; to change provisions relating to a property tax credit; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act; to amend sections 16-1024 and 16-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to contributions to the retirement system; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 109. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-4606 and 44-4610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit certain provisions in insurance policies and health plans relating to clinician-administered drugs; to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions; to change provisions relating to a pharmacy benefit manager's specialty pharmacy network; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 110. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide requirements for pelvic examinations as prescribed.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Holdcroft filed the following proposed rule change:

Proposed Rule Change 24

Rule 7, Sec. 7. Reconsideration (a) When a question has been decided, it shall be in order for any member voting with the prevailing side, or not voting, to move for a reconsideration thereof, except that a motion to reconsider shall not be in order for any motion or amendment that fails, where at least four-fifths or more members voted against such motion or amendment. A motion to reconsider must be made on the same day the original question was decided or on the next legislative day, except when it be to reconsider the vote on a bill which lacked the constitutional majority on Final Reading. In such case, it must be made on the same day the original question was decided or on one of the next three legislative days. A motion to reconsider must be disposed of by the Legislature within five legislative days after making the same or it shall be deemed defeated. A motion to reconsider may be withdrawn only with unanimous consent or a majority vote of the elected members. If the Legislature shall refuse to reconsider, or upon reconsideration shall affirm its first decision, no further motion to reconsider shall be in order unless by unanimous consent.
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COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES FINAL REPORT

Senator Armendariz moved to approve the final Committee on Committees report.

The Armendariz motion to approve the final Committee on Committees report prevailed with 44 ayes, 2 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 111. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to define terms; to prohibit certain actions of insurers relating to repairing motor vehicles and nonoriginal equipment manufacturer parts; to require insurers to provide notice to consumers as prescribed; and to provide a penalty.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 112. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-171 and 60-173, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to salvage branded certificates of title; to define and redefine terms; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, and microdistillery license; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 114. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-483 and 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase fees related to records requests; to change the distribution of certain revenues; to define a term; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 115. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; to amend section 77-3105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase the amount of the income tax credit; to change qualification criteria; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717, and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 117. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sales and use tax exemption for electricity, natural gas, propane, and sewer utilities as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the number of pharmacy interns and pharmacy technicians supervised by a pharmacist; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 119. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to require a memorandum of understanding regarding the Rural Health Opportunity Program; to provide for tuition waivers to eligible students as prescribed; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for when a digital image may be released; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 121. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; to amend section 13-2039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit land disposal of solar panels and wind turbine blades and the component parts of solar panels and wind turbine blades; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 122. Introduced by Meyer, 17; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require display of the state motto and the national motto; and to authorize contributions.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to noncompliance with budget limits and annual audits for certain political subdivisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 124. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Homicide of the Unborn Child Act; to amend section 28-394, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change penalties for motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 125. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation, licensure, and taxation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions of the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the redemption of certain bonds; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 127. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal actions; to amend section 29-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for damages for defendants in criminal actions that are dismissed or in which the defendant is found not guilty; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 128. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to amend section 75-426, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the investigation of railroad accidents; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 129. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend section 13-407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to prohibit restrictions on the provision of certain energy services; and to repeal the original section.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 5CA. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To repeal Article I, section 29:

Article I, section 29, of the Constitution of Nebraska is repealed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions relating to recognition of marriage and marriage licenses.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 6CA. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Hunt, 8; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, section 29:

I-29 The State of Nebraska and its political subdivisions shall recognize marriage and issue marriage licenses to couples regardless of gender and race.~~Only marriage between a man and a woman shall be valid or recognized in Nebraska. The uniting of two persons of the same sex in a civil union, domestic partnership, or other similar same-sex relationship shall not be valid or recognized in Nebraska.~~

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change provisions relating to marriage.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 7CA. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 7:

III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Each member of the Legislature shall receive an annual salary of thirty thousand dollars ~~a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month~~ during the term of his or her office. In addition to his or her salary, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than his or her salary and expenses, and employees of the Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the salary of members of the Legislature to thirty thousand dollars per year.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 8. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, Aric Hall of Coleridge, Nebraska, a member of Coleridge Boy Scout Troop 208, has completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, been tested on, and been recognized for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Aric planned and organized a refurbishing of Coleridge's War Memorial; and

WHEREAS, Aric, through his hard work and perseverance, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Aric Hall on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Aric Hall.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 9. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Play Production Championships were held from December 11 through December 13 in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Wausa High School one-act team competed for the Class D-1 State Play Production Championship; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of coaches Sheila and Brad Hoesing, Wausa earned a first place finish with a score of one hundred seventy-eight points for their production of "Torn, the Seven Deadly Sins," written by Sheila Hoesing; and

WHEREAS, Braydon Hoesing won an award for Outstanding Performer, Braden Bloomquist and Jake Munter won awards for Outstanding Technical Crew Members, and Wausa won the award for Outstanding Technical Crew; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Wausa High School one-act team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Play Production Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Wausa High School one-act team, Braden Bloomquist, Braydon Hoesing, Brad Hoesing, Sheila Hoesing, and Jake Munter.

Laid over.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Senator Lippincott announced the Rules Committee will have a hearing on January 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Clements name added to LB80.
Senator Hunt name added to LB14.
Senator Hunt name added to LB15.
Senator Hunt name added to LB17.
Senator Hunt name added to LB24.
Senator Hunt name added to LB44.

VISITOR(S)

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:18 p.m., on a motion by Senator Prokop, the Legislature adjourned until 1:00 p.m., Monday, January 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FOURTH DAY - JANUARY 13, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, January 13, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the third day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

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LB69	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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LB72	Judiciary
LB73	Judiciary
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LB80	Judiciary
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Andersen, Mark - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Batton, Candice - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
Bertch, Mark - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Bohac, Daryl - Director - Nebraska State Historical Society - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Bourne, Patrick - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Brummer, James S - State Electrical Board - General Affairs
Bucher, Jeff - Nebraska Board of Parole - Judiciary
Caldwell, Dawn - State Fair Board - Agriculture
Christensen, Brian - Nebraska Investment Council - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Cook, J Paul - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Crabtree, Kay - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Culver, John - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Curtiss, Jacob - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Dunbar, Bradley - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission - Natural Resources
Eatherton, Shawn - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
Edmond, Connie - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Education

Engles, Robert - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges - Education
Francis, Nathan Michael Lon - State Electrical Board - General Affairs
Gangwish, Duane - Nebraska Brand Committee - Agriculture
Gard, Randy L - Nebraska Ethanol Board - Natural Resources
Gloor, Michael R - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Gonshorowski, Drew D - Director - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services
Gonshorowski, Drew D - Health Information Technology Board - Health and Human Services
Grady, Jeffrey D - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Harris, Karen - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Harrison, Jeffrey D - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services
Hitz, Valerie - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Hohensee, Josh - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Hubert, Staci - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Hunt, Cherlyn - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services
Jacobson, Julie J - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Janousek, Thomas - Director - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services - Health and Human Services
Jarrett, Edward - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Jones, Brandon - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Knapp, Robert - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Kolterman, Clark - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs
Krebs, Aaron - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Kucera, Patricia - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Lindau, Brett - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
McCowin, Richard - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Mossman, Stephen D - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources
Mruz, Julie Ann - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Nelson, David - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee - Judiciary
Roth, Trevor - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Salerno, Jeanne - Nebraska Arts Council - General Affairs

Saville, James - Underground Excavation Safety Committee - Transportation and Telecommunications
Schroeder, Rebecca - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services
Smallcomb, Matt - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission - Natural Resources
Stuhmer, Kimberly - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Tusha, Kenneth - State Board of Health - Health and Human Services
Wells, Roger - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services
Will, Lee - Director - Department of Administrative Services - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Wilson, Diva - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission - Health and Human Services
Workman, Kevin - State Personnel Board - Government, Military and Veterans A

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 12, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

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Abboud, Chris - Public Affairs Group
  American Healthy Alternatives Association
  Completely Kids
  Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition
  Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
  MasterCard
Abraham, Christine K.
  League of Nebraska Municipalities
Adler, Joseph
  Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Albrecht, Tim
  Apple Inc.
Alston, Garth R.
  Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates
Amack, Angela K.
  Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
  International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)
  Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
  Nebraska Professional Fire Fighters Association (NPFFA)
American Communications Group, Inc.

AARP Nebraska
Above & Beyond Therapy
Advanced Power Alliance
ALLO Communications
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
American Heart Association
Autism Family Network
Autism Speaks
Cedars Youth Services
Center for Rural Affairs
CenterPointe
City of Lincoln
Civic Nebraska
EHPV Lottery Services LLC aka Big Red Keno
Empyrean Brewing Company
Food Bank of Lincoln
Food Bank of the Heartland
Legal Aid of Nebraska
NC2-Nebraska Cancer Coalition
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
Nebraska Association of Local Health Directors
Nebraska Association of Public Employees NAPE/AFSCME Local 61
Nebraska Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association
Nebraska Child Health and Education Alliance
Nebraska Commission on Public Advocacy, The
Nebraska Cures
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Nebraska Occupational Therapy Association
Nebraska School Psychologists Association
Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care
Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSLHA)
Nebraska State AFL-CIO
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Region V Services dba Apace
Tallgrass Energy
UNO Chapter of the AAUP
YMCA's of Nebraska

Ames, Ann
Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska

Anderson, Josh
Christensen Farms & Feedlots, Inc.

Anderson, William
Students for Life Action

Arneal, Lincoln
Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

Arnzen, Phillip
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)

Baier, Richard J.
Nebraska Bankers Association
Baird Holm LLP
BHE Renewables, LLC
Brickway Brewery & Distillery
EOlian Energy
Kinkaider Brewing Co, LLC
National Grid Renewables Development, LLC
Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild
Nebraska Craft Distillers Guild
Ranger Power
The National Audubon Society/Audubon Great Plains
Thomson Reuters
Baker, A. J.
Caesars Enterprise Services, LLC
Baldocchi, Danny
Airbnb, Inc.
Barko, Ruthie
TechNet
Barrett, John R.
Great Plains Communications, Inc.
Barwig, Michael
AARP Nebraska
Bass, Katherine
First Five Nebraska
Beck, Joyce
AARP Nebraska
Becker, Jill
Black Hills Energy
Becket, Deanna
Convention of States Action
Beienburg, Matt
Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy Research
Bell, Robert
Nebraska Insurance Federation
Bennett, Amy
Young Woman's Christian Association of Grand Island, NE Inc.
Black, David
Union Pacific Railroad
Blake, Jeremiah
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
Bodeen, Carol
Nebraska Housing Developers Association
Bodlak, Alexis
Community Action of Nebraska
Boesen, Ulrik
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates
Bohrer, Bruce J.
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Bonkiewicz, Luke
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Bousquet, Kristopher
Nebraska State Dairy Association
Bracht, David L.
Catalyst Public Affairs
Brady, Justin J.
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Brodkey, Sharon
Jewish Community Relations Council of Omaha
Bromm & Associates
Aflac
Education Service Unit #3
Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council
Verizon Communications, Inc.
Brown, Scott
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
Brunkhorst, Kelly
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Burk, Adelle
Planned Parenthood North Central States
Butler-Hale, Lillian
OpenSky Policy Institute
Byrnes, Alex
Hy-Vee
Caldwell, Dawn
Renewable Fuels Nebraska
Cannon, Jonathan
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Carpenter, Jalene
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.
Catalyst Public Affairs
Bellino Enterprises
Columbus Exposition and Racing
CRH Americas, Inc.
Health Center Association of Nebraska
Invenergy LLC
Jewish Community Relations Council of Omaha
Jobs for America's Graduates Nebraska
Koch Government Affairs, LLC and Affiliates
KVC Health Systems, Inc.
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska
MAXIMUS, Inc.
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
Nebraska Health Information Initiative, Inc.
Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association
NextEra Energy Resources, LLC
Omaha Municipal Land Bank

Papillion - La Vista School District
Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
Radius
Sarpy County and Cities Wastewater Agency
Sarpy County Board of Commissioners
Chaffee, Meghan
Nebraska Hospital Association
Chaffin, Lash
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Chavez Jurado, Vanessa
Stand for Schools
Christensen, Graham
GC Resolve, LLC
GC ReVOLT, LLC
Clark, Mitchell
First Five Nebraska
Coash, Colby
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Coffey, Chase
College Board
Couture-Lovelady, Travis
National Rifle Association
CP Strategies LLC
American Federation for Children
AMV Holdings, LLC
Centene Corporation on behalf of its affiliates and subsidiaries
KAAPA Ethanol, LLC
Nebraska Petroleum Producers Association
Primary Class, Inc.
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Summit Carbon Solutions
T-Mobile
Craig, Emma
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Creager, Jennifer
Greater Omaha Chamber
Crimmins, Michelle
Prime Therapeutics, LLC
Danek, Sandy
Nebraska Right to Life
Davis, Al
Independent Cattlemen of Nebraska (ICON)
Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club
Day, Corrie
Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Decamp, Suzan
AARP Nebraska
Delka, Krissa
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.

DeLong, Danny
AARP Nebraska
Dennis, Tommy
Nebraska AIDS Project
DeRossett, Dennis M.
Nebraska Press Association
Dindial, Emily Reina
AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, INC.
Dobler, James B.
Professional Insurance Agents of Nebraska
Drenkard, Scott
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates
Dubas, Annette
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
Dukesherer, James
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Dulaney, Michael S.
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
Duncan, Eric
Indivior Inc
Duren, Todd J.
Loup River Public Power District
Eckles, Kent
TC Energy
Edson, Dean E.
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Edwards Westerhold Moore
Adams Central Public Schools
Anheuser-Busch Companies
Bryan Health
Deloitte Consulting LLP
Elkhorn Public Schools
Metropolitan Utilities District
National Utility Contractors Association of Nebraska, Inc. (NUCA)
Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians
Nebraska Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.
Nebraska Funeral Directors Association
Nebraska Home Care Association
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Nebraska Poultry Industries, Inc.
Nebraska Public Media Foundation
Nebraska Public Power District
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
Nebraska Sheriffs' Association
Nebraska State College System
Nebraska Water Coalition
Nebraska Well Drillers Association

Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska
Police Officers' Association of Nebraska
Rural Telecommunications Coalition of Nebraska
Union Pacific Railroad
Winners Marketing, Inc.
Edwards, Jon
Edwards Westerhold Moore
Ehlert, Tim
Amazon.com Services LLC
Eickholt, Christopher/Spike
ACLU Nebraska
Education Rights Counsel
Nebraska Court Reporters Association
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association
Nebraskans For Alternatives to the Death Penalty
Omaha Language Solutions
The Cannabis Factory LLC
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Ekeler, Jeremy
Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska
Erdman, Phil
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association
Erickson, Julie S.
American Communications, Inc.
Everett, Elizabeth
First Five Nebraska
Fairbairn, Kyle
Greater Nebraska Schools Association
Farber, Zach
Underdog Fantasy
Faustman, Nicholas
Nebraska Health Information Initiative, Inc.
Fehr, Megan
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Feichtinger, Erin
Women's Fund of Greater Omaha, Inc.
Fellers, Ansley
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
SHAZAM
Fellers, Trent
Windstream Communications
Ferrell, Beth Bazyn
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Ferris, Jay
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Feser, Adam
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Feuerborn, Jordan
Merck Sharp and Dohme LLC

Ficke, Melissa
Cicero Action
Dugan Consulting Group
Opportunity Solutions Project
Underdog Fantasy
Wonderschool
Field, Laura
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.
Fintel, Justin
Community Action of Nebraska
Firestone, Rebecca
OpenSky Policy Institute
Foley, JT
Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition
Foltz, Benjamin
ROAM Share
Ford, Marshawn
threeSisters
Foust, Andrew
SMART-TD
Fox, Nicole
Platte Institute for Economic Research
Foxx, Kelley
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart
Fraizer, Theodore D. (Tad)/Fraizer & Fraizer
Mutual of Omaha
Frazier, Travis
Association of National Advertisers
Frederick, Adrienne
Advanced Medical Technology Association (AdvaMed)
Gage, John
Americans for Prosperity
Gay, Tim
Catalyst Public Affairs
Geis, Gavin Lawrence
Common Cause
George, Dee D
Novartis Services, Inc.
Gerrard, Eric
American Communications, Inc.
Gibson, Rachel
League of Women Voters of Nebraska
Gilbertson, Korby M.
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Givens-Dunn, Taylor
I Be Black Girl
Glaser, Dylan
CP Strategies LLC
Goettemoeller Wendl, Jennifer

First Five Nebraska
Goldstein, Freddi
Uber Technologies, Inc.
Grabow, Richard
Lincoln Electric System
Grasz, Nate
Nebraska Family Alliance
Grisham, Kent
Nebraska Trucking Association
Guinan, Trish
Nebraska State Education Association
Gunsalus, Catherine
Heritage Action for America
Hack Merlo, Rachel
Google LLC and its Affiliates
Haddow, Mac
American Kratom Association
Hansen, John K.
Nebraska Farmers Union
Hapgood, Wade
United Healthcare Services, Inc.
Harbeke, Dan
Google LLC and its Affiliates
Harding, Mariel
Reproductive Health Collaborative Nebraska
Harner, Shannon R.
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority
Harr, Burke
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Harris, Jasmine
RISE
Harris, Julie
Bike Walk Nebraska
Harvey, William F.
EHPV Lottery Services LLC aka Big Red Keno
Hassebrook, Kristen
Mueller Robak, LLC
Haugaard, Treva
Council of Independent Nebraska Colleges
Hausman, Adam
Nebraska State Legislative Board - Brotherhood of Locomotive
Engineers and Trainmen
Hayes, Jason W.
Nebraska State Education Association
Head, Bill
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association
Head, Craig J.
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Henderson, Paul

Nebraska Medical Association
Hendrickson, Ashlee
Nebraska Realtors Association
Higgins, Kersten
Mutual of Omaha
Hilton, Felicia
North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters
Hines, James
Meta Platforms, Inc.
Hladik, Johnathan
Tallgrass Energy
Holman, Caitlin
Neilan Strategy Group
Honan, Scott
NioCorp
Howard, Sara
First Five Nebraska
Hrdlicka, Joseph
Genentech, Inc.
Hruska, Elizabeth
Catalyst Public Affairs
Hruza, Timothy
Mueller Robak, LLC
Hubly, Justin
Nebraska Association of Public Employees NAPE/AFSCME Local 61
Hunt, Kara
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool
Hunzeker, Jonathan C.
Nebraska State Education Association
Hurst, Elisabeth
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Husch Blackwell LLP
Nebraska Chiropractic Physicians Association
Waste Management, Inc.
Husch Blackwell Strategies
ACT Education Corp.
AHIP - America's Health Insurance Plans
Alibaba
American Chemistry Council
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Nebraska
Cameco Resources
Charter Communications Operating, LLC
DoorDash, Inc.
EBSCO
Elite Casino Resorts
Equifax
Fonner Park
General Motors LLC
Great Plains Communications, Inc.

Grow Grand Island
Hawkins Construction
Lindsay Corporation
Magellan Health
Meta Platforms, Inc.
Monolith Materials
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)
Nebraska Agri-Business Association
Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association
Nucor Corporation
Prime Therapeutics, LLC
Renewable Fuels Nebraska
Turo
Werner Enterprises, Inc. and Subsidiaries
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Irsik, Ryan
Walmart Inc.

Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
ABATE of Nebraska, Inc.
AgMed, LLC
All Lines Interlocal Cooperative Aggregate Pool (ALICAP)
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates
American Amusements Co.
American Massage Therapy Association, Nebraska Chapter
Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.
AT&T, Inc.
Blue Gems ABA
Board of Educational Lands and Funds
Burt County Economic Development Corp.
Doane University
Eli Lilly and Company
GEVO
LeadingAge Nebraska
Learning Community of Douglas and Sarpy Counties
Molina Healthcare, Inc.
Mosaic
Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association
Nebraska Intellectual Disabilities Services Providers
Nebraska Optometric Association
Nebraska Podiatric Medical Association
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Statewide Property Owners' Association
Wine Institute

Joekel, Tiffany
Nebraska Medicine

Johnson, Joseph J.
Olsson
Johnson, Kevin
Amgen
Johnson, Michael B.
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Johnson, Rachael A.
Ho-Chunk, Inc.
Jonas, Carlie
Center for Rural Affairs
Jones, Christine
Catalyst Public Affairs
Juhnke, Alan R.
Nebraska Pork Producers Association
Kaericher, Clark
DoorDash, Inc.
Kaffenberger, Holly
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Karbo, Michael
American Petroleum Institute
Kathurima, Joy
ACLU Nebraska
Kay, Sara
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter
Nebraska County Attorneys Association
Keigher & Associates, LLC
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation
Credit Management Services
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association
Molson Coors Beverage Company USA LLC
Nebraska AirBoaters Association
Nebraska Auctioneers Association
Nebraska Aviation Trade Association
Nebraska Independent Auto Dealers Association
Nebraska Land Improvement Contractors Association
Nebraska Manufactured Housing Association
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Keigher, Timothy P.
Keigher & Associates, LLC
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers & Convenience Store Association
Kelley Plucker, LLC
Advantage Capital
Bennington Public Schools
Buildertrend Solutions, Inc.
Charles Drew Health Center, Inc.
Charter Communications Operating, LLC
Cigar Association of America, Inc.
City of Omaha
Community Alliance, Inc.

Consortium of Interior Design
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Guardian Tax Partners
Heart Ministry Center
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Lincoln Police Union
Nebraska Auto Body Association
Nebraska Collectors Association
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Nebraska Credit Union League
Nebraska School Activities Association
Nebraska State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police
Omaha Airport Authority
Omaha Police Officers Association
Sustainable Beef, LLC
TikTok Inc.
Westside Community Schools

Kibbe, Scot
American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)

Kingman, Andrew
State Privacy and Security Coalition, Inc.

Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Accel Entertainment, Inc.
Aksarben Equine, Inc.
Alliance Soccer Omaha LLC d/b/a Union Omaha
Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska
Autism Center of Nebraska
Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway Company
Caseys General Stores, Inc.
CoinFlip
Copart
Enbridge (U.S.) Inc. (Formerly Spectra Energy)
Generation V
Hands of Heartland
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Lumen
Metropolitan Area Planning Agency
Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators
Nebraska CASA Association
Nebraska Golf Alliance
Nebraska Hearing Society
Nebraska Medicine
Nebraska Municipal Power Pool
Nebraska Psychological Association

Nebraska Regional Officials Council
Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
Omaha Public Schools
Pando PEO
Park'N Go of Nebraska, LLC
Polaris Industries
Professional Engineers Coalition
Railway Supply Institute
Ralston Public School District
Unite Us
United Cities of Sarpy County
Kissler, Kieran
Nebraska Appleseed
Kohout, Joseph D.
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Krannawitter, Brian
American Heart Association
Kruse Company
Nebraska Alliance for Family and Child Service Providers
Neilan Strategy Group
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)
Kubat, Rick
Metropolitan Utilities District
Kuehn, John
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC
Smart Approaches to Marijuana Nebraska
Larson, Olivia
RISE
Larson, Tyson
SecurityScorecard, Inc.
Lassen, Robert
AARP Nebraska
Lee-Chambers, Gayla
Saratoga History - Arts- Humanities Multicultural Center
Together We Achieve Miracles Inc - Ernie Chambers History-Arts Humanities Museum
Liebel, Susan
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America
Linden, Alexander
Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Alliance for Automotive Innovation
Alter Trading Corporation
Black Hills Energy
City of Hastings
City of Lexington
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First National of Nebraska, Inc.
Fresenius Medical Care North America
Greater Nebraska Cities
Gretna Public Schools
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Motorola Solutions, Inc.
National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, Nebraska Chapter
Nebraska Association of Independent Ambulatory Centers
Nebraska Association of Trial Attorneys
Nebraska Beverage Association
Nebraska County Judges Association
Nebraska Nurses Association
Nebraska Rural Broadband Coalition
Nebraska State Electrical Division
Nebraskans for Rate Equity
Northern Natural Gas
Omaha Performing Arts
Omaha Public Power District
OpenSky Policy Institute
OutNebraska
Recycled Materials Association (ReMA)
Sazerac Company
Self Storage Association
Tallgrass Energy
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Lindsay, John C.
Lindsay Harr MacDonald

Linster, Jillian
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Lombardi, Richard A.
American Communications, Inc.

Loncke, MacKenzie
Outlinc, Inc DBA OutNebraska

Loontjer, Pat
Gambling with the Good Life

Lostroh, David L.
Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association

Loughman, Heather
Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties

Luebbe, Lori
Nebraska Soybean Association

Luedtke, Joselyn
Zulkoski Weber LLC

Luetkenhaus, Brandon
Nebraska Credit Union League

MacDonald, Blair E.
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We Support Agriculture
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American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska
McDonald, Edison
Arc of Nebraska, The
GC Resolve, LLC
GC ReVOLT, LLC
McDonald, Vickie
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators
McGann, Emily
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
McGowan, Kyle
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
McHargue, Mark
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
McIntosh, Ryan
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC
McNally, John
Nebraska Public Power District
McNally, Lynne
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association
Nebraska Propane Gas Association
Melchor, Matthew
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.
Menke, Traci
Renewable Fuels Nebraska
Menzel, Elaine
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Meredith, Candace
Nebraska Association of County Officials
Merritt, Scott
Nebraska Agri-Business Association
Meuli, Sarah
DraftKings Inc.
Meurrens, Bradley
Disability Rights Nebraska
Mikkelsen, Brian
Nebraska State Education Association
Miller, Brennen
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Miller, Zoe
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition
Miner, Marion
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Moles, Jack
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Moore, Scott D.
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Associated General Contractors of America, Nebraska Chapter
Chief Industries, Inc.
Collective for Youth
COPIC Insurance Company
Duncan Aviation, Inc.
Eastern Nebraska Development Council
Fiserv
Google LLC and its Affiliates
Haleon c/o MultiState Associates LLC
Integrated Life Choices
Iowa-Nebraska Rental Dealers Association
JustData
Lincoln Airport Authority
Lincoln Children's Zoo
LKQ Corporation
Lower Platte South Natural Resources District
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital
Millard Public Schools
Millard Roofing and Gutter Company
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
Nature Conservancy, The
Nebraska Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
Nebraska Association of Airport Officials
Nebraska Association of Commercial Property Owners
Nebraska Council of School Administrators
Nebraska Dental Association
Nebraska District Court Judges Association
Nebraska Land Title Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Methodist Health Systems
Nebraska Oncology Society
Nebraska Press Association
Nebraska Society of Independent Accountants
Nebraska State Bar Association
Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association (NWGGA)
Old Republic International Corporation
Olsson
PayPal
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
POET
Smithfield Foods, Inc.
Southeast Community College
Sports Betting Alliance
Stand for Schools
State Troopers Association of Nebraska, Inc.

Tyler Technologies
Uber Technologies, Inc.
Union Bank & Trust Company
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated
Mueller, William J.
Mueller Robak, LLC
Murante, John
Nebraska Strategies
Murty, Dayton
Charter Communications Operating, LLC
Nebraska Strategies
Amazon.com Services LLC
Bayer U.S. LLC
Global Kratom Coalition
Independent Insurance Agents of Nebraska
Keith County Area Development
Lancaster County Agricultural Society, Inc.
Mark Anthony Brands
Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association
Pharmaceutical Care Management Association
Plasma Games
State Shield Action
Stonington Global, LLC
Tallgrass Energy
Total Wine
U.S. Cellular
Windstream Communications
Neilan Strategy Group
Apothecary Farms
Critical Response Group
Greenlight
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)
Tenaska
Welcome Home
Wireless Infrastructure Association c/o MultiState Associates LLC
Neilan, Perre S.
Neilan Strategy Group
Neiles-Brasch, Megan
Omaha Public Schools
Nelson, Richard
Nebraska Rural Electric Association
Neville, Brennan S.
National Indemnity Company
Nolan, James
Mutual of Omaha
Norby, Scott J.
Nebraska State Education Association
Nordquist, Jeremy
Nebraska Hospital Association

Norman, Brian
Barry Goldwater Institute for Public Policy Research
Nungesser, Katie
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Nunnally, Elizabeth
Nebraska Family Alliance
O'Connor, Sheila
Associated General Contractors - Nebraska Building Chapter
O'Donnell, Phillip
Nebraska Public Power District
O'Neill, Thomas, Jr.
Nebraska Telecommunications Association
Ortner, Brian
AAA Nebraska and The Auto Club Group
Orton, Leroy W.
Nebraska Onsite Waste Water Association
Nebraska State Irrigation Association
Nebraska Well Drillers Association
Ostrow, Sean
BetMGM, LLC
DraftKings Inc.
FanDuel Group
FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC
Otto, Richard J.
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Nebraska Hospitality Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Owen, Anthony
Code.org
Owen, Rob
Bio Nebraska
Park, Riley
National Grid Renewables Development, LLC
Parr, Ann L.
Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
Patterson, Robert
Kids Can Community Center
Pauley, John
Underdog Fantasy
Peetz & Company
Advocates for Behavioral Health
Canopy South
CHI Health
Children's Nebraska
Community Lottery System, Inc.
Cox Communications
CQuence Health Group
Durham Museum
First Five Nebraska

Friends of Knox County
Goldfinch Health
Kiewit Corporation
Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District
Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority
Microsoft Corporation
Nebraska Beef Producers
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners
Nebraska Thoroughbred Breeders Association
Nebraska Trucking Association
Omaha Zoological Society
Pivot Bio
Quality Living, Inc.
Rural Media Consortium
State Farm Insurance Companies
Telcoin
Tenaska
University of Nebraska

Peetz, Jack
Peetz & Company

Peetz, Natalie
Peetz & Company

Perkins-Wade, Jaden
Heartland Workers Center

Pertzborn, Haley
Nebraska Pharmacists Association

Peters, Deb
Association of National Advertisers

Peterson, Chris
CP Strategies LLC

Peterson, Patricia Schuett
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

Pinto, Rachel
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund

Pipes, Karen
Bank of America Corporation

Pitts, Kathleen
Nebraska Appleseed

Plumadore, Genevieve
Bristol Myers Squibb Co.

Polk, Larianne
Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council

Pollock, Andy
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP

Potter, Cara E.
Medica

Potter, Tim
AARP Nebraska

Prokop, Matthew

American Diabetes Association
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Altria Client Services LLC and its Affiliates
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter
American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)
Apple Inc.
Bellevue Public Schools
City of Gretna
Delta Dental of Nebraska
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Farm Credit Services of America
Father Flanagan's Boys' Home
Friends of Nebraska Parks
Growth Energy
Habitat for Humanity of Omaha
HBAL/MOBA Coalition
Ho-Chunk, Inc.
Housing Policy Network
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Lincoln Public Schools
Live On Nebraska
Media of Nebraska, Inc.
Metropolitan Community College
Nebraska Association of Benefit and Insurance Professionals
Nebraska Broadcasters Association
Nebraska Chapter of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
Nebraska Cultural Endowment
Nebraska Health Care Association, Inc.
Nebraska Healthy Alternatives Association
Nebraska Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association
Nebraska Liquor Wholesalers
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association
Nebraska Optometric Association
Nebraska Realtors Association
Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants
Nebraska State Cemetery Association
Nebraska State Fair Board
Nebraska State Home Builders Association
Nebraska Telecommunications Association
Orsted
Pinnacle Bank
Speedway Motors, Inc.
Tyson Foods, Inc.
War Horse Gaming, LLC
Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society and Subordinate Entities
Ragland, Jina
AARP Nebraska
Reandeau, Noah

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FFF Enterprises, Inc.
Reisher, Peggy
Brain Injury Association of Nebraska
Reljic, Boro
Abbott
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers
Nebraska Library Association
Nebraska Rural Broadband Alliance
Nebraska Transportation Association
Nebraska Travel Association (NETA)
NorthWestern Energy
United Healthcare Services, Inc.
Waste Connections of Nebraska, Inc.
Rex, L. Lynn
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Reynoldson, Amy
Nebraska Medical Association
Richters, Rebecca S.
ACLU Nebraska
Rieker, Bruce R.
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Riley, Christopher T.
Archer Daniels Midland Company
Robak, Kim M.
Mueller Robak, LLC
Roberts, Eva
Front Porch Investments
Robertson, Rob J.
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Rockenbach, Tina
Community Action of Nebraska
Rodemaker, Austin
Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association
Rogert, Kent
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
Royers, Tim
Nebraska State Education Association
Rush Chipman, Mindy
ACLU Nebraska
Russell, Daniel
Stand for Schools
Ryan, June
AARP Nebraska
Sachs, Daniel
Meta Platforms, Inc.
Sahling-Zart, Shelley R.
Lincoln Electric System

Salazar, AnahÃ-
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Sanaie, Kandice
Cigna Corporate Services LLC
Sanchez, Adrian
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists
Nebraska Optometric Association
Sanchez, Sarah
ALS Association
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC
Caesars Enterprise Services, LLC
Opportunity Solutions Project
Prairie Health Ventures
Schaefer, Matthew T.
Mueller Robak, LLC
Schilz, Kenneth
Nebraska Strategies
Schrader, Cora
Peetz & Company
Schrag, Wendy
Fresenius Medical Care North America
Schrodt, Dexter
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers
Schwend, Adam
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America
Schweska, Patrick
Amazon.com Services LLC
Scoggin, Bay
Innocence Project, The
Scott, Randi K.
Omaha Public Power District
Sedlacek, Ronald J.
Husch Blackwell LLP
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Seelhoff, Janet
National Utility Contractors Association of Nebraska, Inc. (NUCA)
Nebraska Home Care Association
Nebraska Optometric Association
Sepich, Craig
National Insurance Crime Bureau
Severino, Dylan
ACLU Nebraska
Shih, Alison
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
Sims, Jim
NioCorp
Skretta, John
Lincoln Public Schools
Slattery, David

Nebraska Hospital Association
Slone, Bryan
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Smith, Aleyah
I Be Black Girl
Smith, Jim
Platte Institute for Economic Research
Smith, Leslie
Omaha Municipal Land Bank
Smith, Marcus
Sanofi US Services Inc.
Smoyer, Brent
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
Spatz, John
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Splonskowski, David
Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
National Guard Association of Nebraska
Nebraska Bankers Association
Nebraska Bankers Insurance and Services Company (NBISCO)
Nebraska Fire Chiefs' Association
Nebraska Pharmacists Association
Nebraska State Volunteer Firefighters' Association
Nebraskans for Workers' Compensation Equity and Fairness
Stilmock, Gerald M.
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC
Stracke, Madison
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Stubbendieck, Todd
AARP Nebraska
Sullivan, J. Scott
Nebraska Credit Union League
Sundquist, Joni
Nebraska Society of Certified Public Accountants
Svoboda, Ivy
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers
Swanson, Garret
Holland Children's Movement
Swanson, Heather
Nebraska Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives
Swatsworth, Abby
Outlinc, Inc DBA OutNebraska
Synhorst, Robert
Nebraska Right to Life
Tang, Cathy
Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund
Thiele, Carter

Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA)
Thompson, Brian
Consolidated Companies, Inc.
Thornton, Melanie
Children's Nebraska
Tierney, Joelle
Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.
Tillinghast, Jill
American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska
Todd, A. Loy, Jr.
Nebraska New Car & Truck Dealers Association
Torpy, Katie
Nature Conservancy, The
Traynor, Hunter
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Trocinski, Carol A.
United Healthcare Services, Inc.
Uher, Tiffany
MilkWorks
Uhing, Heidi
Civic Nebraska
Vaggalis, Mary
Nebraska Strategies
Venzor, Tom
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Vinton, Andrew
ALLO Communications
Voyles, Seth
Omaha Public Power District
Wagelie, Sarah
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Waggoner, Erin
Verizon Communications, Inc.
Wagner, Chris
Project Extra Mile
Watson, James S.
Nebraska Association of Medicaid Health Plans
Weber, Michelle
Zulkoski Weber LLC
Weber, Rocky
Nebraska Cooperative Council
Welding, Nicholas J.
Nebraska State Education Association
Wesely, Don
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Westerhold, Russell
Edwards Westerhold Moore
Wetzel, Jason
General Motors LLC

Wickersham, William R.
Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators
Wicks, Cheryl
Mosaic
Wightman, Anna Castner
First National of Nebraska, Inc.
Williams, Jennifer
American Communications, Inc.
Wiltgen, Jennifer
Centene Corporation on behalf of its affiliates and subsidiaries
Witmer, Jason
ACLU Nebraska
Wittstruck, Courtney
Nebraska Community College Association
Word, Megan
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network
Wurster, Donald F.
National Indemnity Company
Wyvill, John
Cox Communications
Young, Gary
FOP 88
Young, Hannah
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands
Zakery, Jordan
Excellence in Education National, Inc., d/b/a Excellence in Education in Action
Zielske, Pamela
Dialysis Patient Citizens
Zulkoski Weber LLC
American Council of Engineering Companies/Nebraska
Archer Daniels Midland Company
Bosselman Enterprises
COMPASS Pathways, Inc c/o National Strategies, LLC
Consortia Consulting
Dexcom, Inc.
Ducks Unlimited, Inc.
Kinkaider Brewing Co, LLC
Knox Company c/o National Strategies, LLC
Kum & Go c/o Maverik, Inc.
McCain Foods
Merck Sharp and Dohme LLC
Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Nebraska Broadband Coalition
Nebraska County Attorneys Association
Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition
Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative
Nebraska Economic Developers Association

Nebraska Emergency Medical Services Association
Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Humane Society
Nebraska Independent Community Bankers
Nebraska Land Trust
Nebraska Veterinary Medical Association
NetChoice
Novo Nordisk Inc.
Special Olympics Nebraska
Viaero Wireless

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Zulkoski Weber LLC

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, January 14, at 10:30 a.m., under the South Balcony.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 130. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to General Fund net receipts; to amend section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain transfers of General Fund net receipts; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 131. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska educational savings plan trust; to amend sections 85-1801, 85-1802, 85-1804, 85-1805, 85-1806, 85-1807, 85-1808, 85-1809, 85-1810, 85-1811, 85-1812, 85-1813, 85-1814, 85-1815, 85-1816, 85-1817, 85-2802, 85-2803, and 85-2804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-1201, 72-1239.01, 77-3,110, and 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to include savings plans for elementary and secondary education in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust; to define and redefine terms; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 132. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,273, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that evidence a person was not wearing an occupant protection system or three-point safety belt is admissible for certain purposes; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of law enforcement officer for purposes of certain offenses relating to animals; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 134. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; DeKay, 40; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to license plates; to amend sections 60-3,113 and 60-3,122.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,122.03, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, and 60-3,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change and provide provisions relating to Military Honor Plates, prisoner-of-war license plates, disabled veteran license plates, and Purple Heart license plates; to provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 10-702, 13-519, 13-2507, 79-1029, 79-1098, 79-10,105, 79-10,117, and 79-10,118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-809, 32-405, 32-559, 32-1203, and 77-3444, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate provisions regarding elections for certain purposes; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 10-703.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 136. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend sections 25-1030.01 and 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, and notices upon corporate garnishees; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 137. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to homeowners associations; to prohibit certain restrictions relating to solar energy devices and pollinator gardens; to define terms; to provide a cause of action; and to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 138. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-9,111, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change pharmacy dispensing fees as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2239, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions against credential holders under the Real Property Appraiser Act and restrictions on ownership of appraisal management companies and violations by appraisal management companies under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Introduced by Sanders, 45; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to develop and adopt a policy relating to use of electronic communication devices by students as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 141. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Protection and Family Safety Act; to amend sections 28-710, 28-713.01, and 28-726, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require reports of child abuse or neglect involving a member of a military family to be reported to appropriate military authorities and military family advocacy programs as prescribed; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 142. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Prokop, 27; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to amend section 79-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the preliminary enrollment in a school district by children of military families; to require any preliminary or advanced enrollment provisions of a school district apply to students with an individualized family service plan or individualized education program or students that receive special education as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Introduced by Rountree, 3; Holdcroft, 36; Prokop, 27; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-225, 48-226, 48-227, and 48-238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to veterans preferences for public and private employers; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 145. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Noxious Weed Control Act; to amend section 2-958.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the Director of Agriculture to administer a grant program relating to noxious weeds; to change provisions relating to intent to appropriate funds; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 146. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to medicaid; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 147. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and safety; to amend section 71-3306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a regulation for the adding of fluoride in water; to eliminate the requirement for fluoride in water; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 71-3305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Dentistry Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for licensure and reciprocity as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 149. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-263, 79-265, and 79-267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the prohibition regarding suspending a student that is in pre-kindergarten through second grade; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 79-265.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the habitual criminal enhancement; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 151. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act; to provide income tax adjustments relating to the First-Time Homebuyers Savings Account Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 152. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-3509.01, 77-3509.03, 77-3510, 77-3514, and 77-3516, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-3501, 77-3505.06, 77-3506.03, 77-3511, 77-3512, 77-3513, 77-3517, 77-3521, 77-3522, 77-3523, 77-3529, 77-4212, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state findings and declarations; to create a homestead exemption; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 153. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to submit a state plan amendment for postpartum coverage under the Children's Health Insurance Program as prescribed; to provide for funding by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 154. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hearing instrument specialists; to amend sections 38-511, 38-1501, 38-1502, 38-1504, 38-1505, 38-1506, 38-1508, 38-1510, 38-1511, and 38-1514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1509, 38-1512, and 38-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to licensure and regulation of hearing instrument specialists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 155. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to justification for the use of force; to amend sections 28-1406, 28-1409, and 28-1410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide that there is no duty to retreat before using deadly force when lawfully present in a motor vehicle; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 156. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 13-910 and 81-8,219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow certain tort claims involving sexual assault of a child in school settings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 157. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 25-1553, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Child Tax Credit Act; to exempt certain tax credit refunds from claims of creditors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 158. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require a health carrier or pharmacy benefit manager to include amounts paid by a health benefit plan enrollee or paid on behalf of an enrollee by another person for purposes of calculating the enrollee's overall contribution to any out-of-pocket maximum or cost-sharing requirement under a health benefit plan as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 159. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2260, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for sentencing consideration of an offender's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the practice of barbering; to amend section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for applicants taking the barber examination; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 161. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 162. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to adopt the Child Care Safety and Security Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 163. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the environment; to create the Office of Climate Action; to provide duties and deadlines; and to define a term.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 164. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Urban Development Incentive Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 165. Introduced by Hunt, 8; Cavanaugh, J., 9; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 28-441 and 28-442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for syringe services programs; to provide for exceptions to penalties under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act relating to drug paraphernalia; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county records; to amend section 23-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for withholding the residential address of a county treasurer from the public; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act; to amend section 81-1566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a termination date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Introduced by Hardin, 48; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act; to provide severability; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 169. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-382, 77-2701.16, and 77-3005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions and impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to change the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act and the Tax Expenditure Reporting Act as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal

the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-2704.53, 77-2704.56, 77-2704.65, and 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate the sales tax exemptions for candy and soft drinks; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 171. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.03 and 77-2734.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to individual and corporate income tax rates; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 172. Introduced by Hardin, 48, at the request of the Governor; Bosn, 25; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 25-21,291, 27-1301, 28-116, 28-320.02, 28-813.02, 28-833, 28-1463.01, 28-1463.02, 28-1463.06, 28-1601, 28-1602, 83-174.02, 84-205, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-813.01, 28-1463.03, 28-1463.05, 28-1701, 29-110, 29-119, 29-4003, 29-4309, and 29-4316, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography; to prohibit receipt of child pornography; to transfer provisions of the Nebraska Criminal Code and the Child Pornography Prevention Act; to provide for enhanced penalties; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-1463.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 173. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Dover, 19; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding aid to community colleges; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 174. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to wages subject to garnishment; to amend section 25-1558, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to an exception for medical debts; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 175. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to amend section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 176. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act; to amend section 86-1304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require resolutions of project support from political subdivisions as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cash devices; to amend sections 9-1303, 77-3001, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3003.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act; to change provisions relating to certain licenses issued under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 178. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-117.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101, 53-103, and 53-117.06, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for issuance of certificates related to mandatory server alcohol training as prescribed; to require employment of certified personnel; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to amend sections 73-101 and 73-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for public lettings and bidding; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 181. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Act; to amend sections 4-110 and 43-4501, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 43-4505 and 43-4514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for coverage under the young adult bridge to independence program for young adults not lawfully present in the United States; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2506 and 81-523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2502, 77-2503, 77-2508, 77-3806, 77-7202, and 77-7204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine and eliminate terms and change provisions relating to the transfer, sale, and assignment of tax credits under the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; to authorize additional uses of the tax credits granted under the Child Care Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; to amend sections 69-1311 and 69-1317, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to abandoned property notices and access to records; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 184. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nitrous oxide; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, and 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the sale of nitrous oxide at a tobacco specialty store and in other circumstances as prescribed; to prohibit the sale of equipment to use nitrous oxide for recreational purposes; to provide penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to amend sections 76-1413, 76-1450, 76-1457, and 76-1474, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for electronic notices by landlords to tenants under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 186. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to entertainment districts; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2422, 81-885.02, 81-885.13, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to written agency agreements for brokerage services and restricted acts, issuance of licenses, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 188. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services for medicaid nursing facility rates and related reports; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 189. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to employment; to amend sections 48-652 and 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act; to create a fund; to transfer funds; to change provisions relating to experience accounts under the Employment Security Law; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 190. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to amend section 50-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change duties for the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 191. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the One-Call Notification System Act; to amend section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to unlawful interference with telecommunications; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Introduced by Quick, 35; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove a sunset date; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
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Thursday, January 23, 2025
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(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB3:
MO1
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO2
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO3
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Rules Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Vice Chairperson.

The General Affairs Committee elected Senator J. Cavanaugh as Vice Chairperson.

The Health and Human Services Committee elected Senator Fredrickson as Vice Chairperson.

The Urban Affairs Committee elected Senator Clouse as Vice Chairperson.

The Judiciary Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Vice Chairperson.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 193. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Committee on Pacific Conflict; to amend section 81-836, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to committee membership; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the documentary stamp tax; to amend section 76-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 10CA. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 15 to Article VIII:

VIII-15 Beginning January 1, 2028, the State of Nebraska shall impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services, and the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions to do the same. There shall be no exemption from such taxes except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that the State of Nebraska shall impose a retail consumption tax or an excise tax on all new goods and services, that the Legislature may authorize political subdivisions to do the same, and that there shall be no exemption from such taxes except for grocery items purchased for off-premises consumption.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 11CA. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 14 to Article VIII:

VIII-14 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Constitution, beginning January 1, 2028, no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that, beginning January 1, 2028, no governmental entity in the State of Nebraska may impose taxes other than retail consumption taxes or excise taxes.

For

Against.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB129.
Senator Hunt name added to LB31.
Senator Meyer name added to LB89.
Senator Murman name added to LB50.
Senator Raybould name added to LB105.
Senator Raybould name added to LB110.
Senator Raybould name added to LB12.
Senator Raybould name added to LB23.
Senator Raybould name added to LB32.
Senator Raybould name added to LB54.
Senator Raybould name added to LB74.
Senator Storm name added to LB3.
Senator Storm name added to LB73.
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB115.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels of Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:21 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

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 Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeKay, Hardin, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive; and Senators Brandt and Rountree who were excused.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fourth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB82	Health and Human Services
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LB129	Natural Resources
LR5CA	Judiciary
LR6CA	Judiciary
LR7CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB89:
MO4
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO5
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO6
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Agriculture Committee elected Senator Ibach as Vice Chairperson.

The Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee elected Senator Sorrentino as Vice Chairperson.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Introduced by Meyer, 17; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid overdose reversal medications; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-628.09, 48-630, and 48-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a disqualification for benefits due to a labor dispute, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to amend sections 44-4601, 44-4603, 44-4608, and 44-4611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to an appeal process; to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions; to provide for pharmacy benefit manager duties; to prohibit spread pricing as prescribed; to change enforcement provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 199. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to amend sections 25-3301, 25-3302, and 25-3309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the statute of limitations for actions for personal injury; to provide for applicability; to include administrative proceedings within the Nonrecourse Civil Litigation Act, require certain disclosures by consumers, and provide for discipline against a certificate of registration; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 200. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202, 77-693, 77-801, 77-1238, 77-1239, 77-1248, and 77-1514, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to reinstate the exemptions provided under the Personal Property Tax Relief Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 201. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; to amend section 8-2701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a fee; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 202. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medicine and Surgery Practice Act; to amend section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt certain activities from disciplinary action; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 203. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-1626, 71-1630, and 71-1632, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change powers and duties of health directors as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 204. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to biometric data; to adopt the Biometric Autonomy Liberty Law; and to provide an operative date.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 205. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil actions; to provide requirements for admissibility of evidence relating to damages for past or future medical expenses; to require certain disclosures by claimants in certain cases; to provide limitations on damages for medical expenses; to provide for a cap on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions against commercial motor vehicle carriers; and to provide duties for courts.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 206. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for enhanced penalties for certain offenses committed in a disaster area during an emergency period; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 207. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,191, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a fee for certain commercially registered alternative fuel vehicles; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2712.03 and 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2711, 77-2715.07, 77-27,241, 77-7012, and 77-7203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a database for sales tax zip code information, annual limits for certain tax credits, and certain tax credits for parents and legal guardians; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202 and 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses and a property tax exemption for certain skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and assisted-living facilities; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 210. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to population health information; to amend sections 81-6,123, 81-6,124, 81-6,125, and 81-6,126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-2454, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the prescription drug monitoring program, the designated health information exchange, and the Population Health Information Act; to define terms; to provide for assessments; to create a fund; to require reports regarding managed care organizations; to require sharing of vital statistics data; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 211. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act; to amend section 13-3403, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 212. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to amend section 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the tax on cigars, cheroots, and stogies as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 213. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-760.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Board of Eduction to adopt academic content standards on human embryology under the science education standards as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 214. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Newborn Safe Haven Act; to amend sections 43-4901, 43-4902, and 43-4903, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to provide for the use of newborn safety devices as prescribed; to state intent regarding grants; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop certain procedures relating to surrendered newborn infants; to change legislative intent relating to funding; to provide an exemption from criminal liability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal justice; to amend section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Clean Slate

Act; to provide for commutations; to provide duties for the Department of Correctional Services, Board of Parole, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Pardons; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 216. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 11-119, 11-125, 11-126, 22-417, 23-120, 23-121, 23-405, 23-1114.03, 23-1114.04, 23-1114.05, 23-1114.06, 24-228, 24-337.01, 24-337.04, 24-507, 24-508, 24-509, 43-512.05, 71-915, and 71-957, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 33-106.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to transfer duties of county clerks as ex officio clerks of the district court to clerk magistrates; to provide for creation of the office of clerk of the district and county courts; to provide for consolidation of duties and the creation of consolidation plans; to require oaths as prescribed; to eliminate the elected office of clerk of the district court; to transfer clerk of the district court employees to state employment; to provide for transfers of retirement and benefits; to provide for reviews of county-provided office space or facilities; to remove a bond requirement; to provide for payment of certain district court and separate juvenile court costs by the state; to provide duties for clerks of the district court, clerk magistrates, clerks of the district and county courts, judges, and the State Court Administrator; to provide for distribution of federal reimbursements; to prohibit such clerks from serving on mental health boards; to change provisions relating to court reporters serving mental health boards; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 32-524, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare; to amend section 71-1904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-1924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require suicide awareness and prevention training for employees of child-placing agencies and child welfare workers; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 218. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-307, 32-315, 32-1506, 60-484, 60-4,130, and 60-4,130.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-202, 32-308, 32-312, 32-1002, and 60-4,144, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to registration of voters and voting; to change penalty provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 32-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 219. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove a minimum period of post-release supervision for Class III and IIIA felonies; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 220. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to state findings; to provide for developmental and intellectual disability impact notes for legislation; and to provide powers and duties for the office of Legislative Research.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 221. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 50-1301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state legislative findings relating to unfilled gubernatorial appointments; to provide powers and duties; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
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(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 222. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 60-683 and 81-2005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to stopping or detaining the operator of a vehicle under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to change duties of peace officers, the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety, and certain officers of the Nebraska State Patrol; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 223. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil rights; to amend sections 20-139, 20-301, 20-303, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321, 20-322, and 20-325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to prohibit discrimination based upon lawful source of income or compliance with public assistance requirements; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 224. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state employees; to define terms; and to provide for paid maternity leave as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 225. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-168, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change application requirements for duplicate certificates of title; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 226. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-3528, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-3523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for setting aside and expunging records relating to convictions and adjudications for certain concealed weapon offenses; to define a term; to provide for retroactivity; to provide a private cause of action for violations of the Security, Privacy, and Dissemination of Criminal History Information Act; to waive sovereign immunity as prescribed; to provide a statute of limitations for such actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 227. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to common carriers; to amend section 75-342, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide burdens of proof; to change provisions relating to designations of authority, contract carriers, and authorization requirements; to delete obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 228. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislative Performance Audit Act; to amend sections 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205.01, 50-1211, and 50-1213, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 50-1209, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to update obsolete provisions; to change requirements for tax incentive performance

audits as prescribed; to provide for documents that are not subject to a public records request; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that employment does not include service by a marketplace network contractor for a marketplace network platform; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to kratom; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 232. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require issuers of certain life insurance policies to provide notice of lapse and termination of such policies as prescribed; and to authorize senior citizens with certain life insurance policies to designate a third party to receive certain notifications regarding such senior citizen's life insurance policy as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 233. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska State Insurance Program; to amend sections 84-1607, 84-1608, and 84-1609, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require coverage for in vitro fertilization as prescribed; to transfer provisions relating to special coverages; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 234. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Urban Redevelopment Act; to amend section 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 235. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to trials for actions for possession and execution of writs of restitution; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 236. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act; to amend section 13-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow tort claims involving child abuse or sexual assault of a child under the act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 237. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-960, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to permit counties to conduct elections by mail; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 238. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Foster Care Review Act; to amend sections 43-1304 and 43-1308, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 239. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to developmental disabilities services; to amend sections 83-1216 and 83-1216.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties of the Department of Health and Human Services; to change requirements relating to funding priorities; to eliminate a sunset date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change notice provisions relating to the division of taxes; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to define terms; and to provide exemption from liability for certain private entities as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 242. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 16-205, and 17-525, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and sections 13-518, 13-3403, 13-3404, 13-3405, 13-3406, 18-1208, 77-1701, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term relating to budget limitations; to change provisions of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act relating to calculation of property tax request authority, authorized increases to such authority, and unused property tax request authority; to change provisions relating to municipal occupation taxes; to change provisions relating to property tax statements; to change certain calculations and authorize the county to retain certain funds for costs under the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 243. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend section 23-367, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a provision relating to special sidewalk assessments; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 244. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change legislative findings; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, and 81-2,277, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to priority items, the federal Current Good Manufacturing Practice, design and fabrication requirements, fees, establishments that are permanently closed, and service of notices and orders; to eliminate provisions relating to time/temperature control for safety food, hand washing requirements and food contact restrictions for food employees, requirements relating to date marking, sale, consumption, or discard of time/temperature control for safety food, and fingernail requirements relating to food employees; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Introduced by DeKay, 40; at the request of the Governor; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to adulterated food; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, 81-2,282, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term and prohibit cultivated-protein food products under the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to amend section 13-2042, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 66-1519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Care Licensing Act; to amend section 71-1910, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt certain federal programs from child care licensing requirements as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 249. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1017.01, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for military impact funding and change provisions relating to local system formula resources and certain certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking; to amend section 8-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the composition of the board of directors of a bank; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-113, 8-157, 8-226, 8-305, 8-1506, 21-1725.01, 21-1728, 45-190, 45-724, and 76-710.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2724, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 59-1722, 69-2103, 69-2104, and 69-2112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions related to the use of certain words, loan limits, branch banking, failing financial institutions, credit union branches, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 252. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drugs; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit disadvantaging or discouraging medicaid and commercial insurance coverage for non-opioid drugs as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 253. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to provide for biomarker testing as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 254. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state legislative intent to transfer funds for workforce housing; to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 255. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Cash Fund; to amend sections 24-1302 and 71-2492, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for use of the fund for problem solving courts; to state intent regarding appropriations; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 256. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to adopt the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Introduced by Quick, 35; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to marriage and family therapists; to amend sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to reciprocity; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend section 48-1203.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the minimum wage and the training wage; to enact a youth minimum wage; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Revenue Committee elected Senator Jacobson as Vice Chairperson.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 12CA. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article VIII, section 1, and add a new section 14 to Article VIII:

VIII-1 The necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in such manner as the Legislature may direct. Notwithstanding Article I, section 16, Article III, section 18, or Article VIII, section 4, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary: (1) Real property, as defined by the Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution, shall all be taxed in accordance with Article VIII, section 14, of this Constitution~~Taxes shall be levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately upon all real property and franchises as defined by the Legislature except as otherwise provided in or permitted by this Constitution~~; (2) tangible personal property, as defined by the Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution or by legislation, shall all be taxed at depreciated cost using the same depreciation method with reasonable class lives, as determined by the Legislature, or shall all be taxed by valuation uniformly and proportionately; (3) the Legislature may provide for a different method of taxing motor vehicles and may also establish a separate class of motor vehicles consisting of those owned and held for resale by motor vehicle dealers which shall be taxed in the manner and to the extent provided by the Legislature and may also establish a separate class for trucks, trailers, semitrailers, truck-tractors, or combinations thereof, consisting of those owned by residents and nonresidents of this state, and operating in interstate commerce, and may provide reciprocal and proportionate taxation of such vehicles. The tax proceeds from motor vehicles taxed in each county shall be allocated to the county and the cities, villages, and school districts of such county; (4) ~~the Legislature may provide that agricultural land and horticultural land, as defined by the Legislature, shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may provide for a different method of taxing agricultural land and horticultural land which results in values that are not uniform and proportionate with all other real property and franchises but which results in values that are uniform and proportionate upon all property within the class of agricultural land and horticultural land; (5)~~ the Legislature may enact laws to provide that the value of land actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use shall for property tax purposes be that value which such land has for agricultural or horticultural use without regard to any value which such land might have for other purposes or uses; (5)~~(6) the~~

~~Legislature may prescribe standards and methods for the determination of the value of real property at uniform and proportionate values; (7)~~ in furtherance of the purposes for which such a law of the United States has been adopted, whenever there exists a law of the United States which is intended to protect a specifically designated type, use, user, or owner of property or franchise from discriminatory state or local taxation, such property or franchise shall constitute a separate class of property or franchise under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and such property or franchise may not be taken into consideration in determining whether taxes are levied by valuation uniformly or proportionately upon any property or franchise, and the Legislature may enact laws which statutorily recognize such class and which tax or exempt from taxation such class of property or franchise in such manner as it determines; and (6)~~(8)~~ the Legislature may provide that livestock shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may further provide for reciprocal and proportionate taxation of livestock located in this state for only part of a year. Each actual property tax rate levied for a governmental subdivision shall be the same for all classes of taxed property and franchises. Taxes uniform as to class of property or the ownership or use thereof may be levied by valuation or otherwise upon classes of intangible property as the Legislature may determine, and such intangible property held in trust or otherwise for the purpose of funding pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit plans as defined by the Legislature may be declared exempt from taxation. Taxes other than property taxes may be authorized by law. Existing revenue laws shall continue in effect until changed by the Legislature.

VIII-14 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027, the maximum amount of any ad valorem tax on real property shall not exceed one and one-half percent of the full cash value of such property. Such tax shall be collected by the counties and apportioned as prescribed by the Legislature to the political subdivisions within the counties.

(2) The limitation provided for in subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to ad valorem taxes or special assessments to pay the interest and redemption charges on any of the following:

(a) Bonded indebtedness approved by the voters prior to January 1, 2027;

(b) Bonded indebtedness for the acquisition or improvement of real property approved on or after January 1, 2027, by two-thirds of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition; or

(c) Bonded indebtedness incurred by a school district or community college area for the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or replacement of school or community college facilities, including the furnishing and equipping of such facilities, or the acquisition or lease of real property for such facilities, approved on or after January 1, 2027, by fifty-five percent of the votes cast by the voters voting on the proposition. This subdivision shall apply only if the proposition approved by the voters and resulting in the bonded indebtedness includes all of the following accountability requirements:

(i) A requirement that the proceeds from the sale of the bonds be used only for the purposes specified in this subdivision;

(ii) A list of the specific school or community college facility projects to be funded and a requirement that the school board or community college board of governors conduct an annual independent performance audit to ensure that the funds have been expended only on the specific projects listed; and

(iii) A requirement that the school board or community college board of governors conduct an annual independent financial audit of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds until all of those proceeds have been expended for the applicable school or community college facility project.

(3)(a) For purposes of this section, full cash value means the county assessor's valuation of real property for 2027 or, thereafter, the appraised value of real property when purchased, when newly constructed, or when a change in ownership has occurred after the 2027 assessment.

(b) Full cash value shall be adjusted from year to year by the inflationary rate, not to exceed two percent for any given year, or the deflationary rate, if applicable, as shown in the consumer price index or comparable data for the area subject to taxation, and may also be reduced to reflect substantial damage, destruction, or other factors causing a decline in value.

(4) Subject to applicable procedures and definitions as provided by statute, an individual who is over fifty-five years of age, severely disabled, or a victim of a natural disaster may transfer the full cash value of the individual's primary residence to a replacement primary residence located in this state so long as the replacement primary residence:

(a) Is similar in size, utility, and function to the original primary residence;

(b) Has a fair market value that is comparable to the fair market value of the original primary residence; and

(c) Is purchased or newly constructed by such individual within two years after the sale of the original primary residence.

(5) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the term "newly constructed" does not include the construction, installation, removal, or modification of any portion or structural component of an existing building or structure if the construction, installation, removal, or modification is for the purpose of making the building more accessible to, or more usable by, a disabled person.

(6) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the term "change in ownership" does not include the acquisition of real property as a replacement for comparable property if the person acquiring the real property has been displaced from the property replaced by eminent domain proceedings, by acquisition by a public entity, or by governmental action that has resulted in a judgment of inverse condemnation. The real property acquired shall be deemed comparable to the property replaced if it is similar in size, utility, and function.

(7) For purposes of subsection (3) of this section, the terms "purchased" and "change in ownership" do not include the purchase or transfer of real property between spouses since January 1, 2027, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Transfers to a trustee for the beneficial use of a spouse, or the surviving spouse of a deceased transferor, or by a trustee of such a trust to the spouse of the trustor;

(b) Transfers to a spouse that take effect upon the death of a spouse;

(c) Transfers to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation;

(d) The creation, transfer, or termination, solely between spouses, of any co-owner's interest; or

(e) The distribution of a legal entity's property to a spouse or former spouse in exchange for the interest of the spouse in the legal entity in connection with a property settlement agreement or a decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation.

(8)(a) The full cash value of qualified contaminated property may be transferred to a replacement property that is acquired or newly constructed as a replacement for the qualified contaminated property, if the replacement real property has a fair market value that is comparable to the fair market value of the qualified contaminated property if that property were not contaminated. This subdivision applies only to replacement property that is acquired or newly constructed within five years after ownership in the qualified contaminated property is sold or otherwise transferred.

(b) If the remediation of the environmental problems on qualified contaminated property requires the destruction of, or results in substantial damage to, a structure located on that property, the term "new construction" does not include the repair of a substantially damaged structure, or the construction of a structure replacing a destroyed structure on the qualified contaminated property, that is performed after the remediation of the environmental problems on that property, provided that the repaired or replacement structure is similar in size, utility, and function to the original structure.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the term "qualified contaminated property" means residential or nonresidential real property that:

(i) In the case of residential real property, is rendered uninhabitable, and in the case of nonresidential real property, is rendered unusable, as the result of either environmental problems, in the nature of and including, but not limited to, the presence of toxic or hazardous materials, or the remediation of those environmental problems, except where the existence of the environmental problems was known to the owner, or to a related individual or entity as described in subdivision (8)(d) of this section, at the time the real property was acquired or constructed. For purposes of this subdivision, residential real property is uninhabitable if that property, as a result of health hazards caused by or associated with the environmental problems, is unfit for human habitation, and nonresidential real property is unusable if that property, as a result of health hazards caused by or associated with the environmental problems, is unhealthy and unsuitable for occupancy;

(ii) Is located on a site that has been designated as a toxic or environmental hazard or as an environmental cleanup site by an agency of the State of Nebraska or the federal government; and

(iii) Has not been rendered uninhabitable or unusable, as described in subdivision (8)(c)(i) of this section, by any act or omission in which an owner of that real property participated or acquiesced.

(d) It shall be rebuttably presumed that an owner of the real property participated or acquiesced in an act or omission that rendered the real property uninhabitable or unusable, as applicable, if that owner is related to any individual or entity that committed that act or omission in any of the following ways:

(i) Is a spouse, parent, child, grandparent, grandchild, or sibling of that individual;

(ii) Is a corporate parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of that entity;

(iii) Is an owner of, or has control of, that entity; or

(iv) Is owned or controlled by that entity.

(e) If the presumption in subdivision (8)(d) of this section is not overcome, the owner shall not receive the relief provided for in subdivision (8)(a) or (b) of this section. The presumption may be overcome by presentation of satisfactory evidence to the county assessor.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to impose a limit on ad valorem taxes for real property, provide a new method of valuing real property for tax purposes, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13CA. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Lippincott, 34; Riepe, 12.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 1C to Article VIII:

VIII-1C The state and any political subdivision thereof shall be prohibited from levying an inheritance tax.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to prohibit the levying of an inheritance tax by the state or any political subdivision thereof.

For

Against.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Ballard name added to LB100.

Senator Conrad name added to LB101.
Senator Conrad name added to LB102.
Senator Conrad name added to LB104.
Senator Conrad name added to LB107.
Senator Conrad name added to LB12.
Senator Conrad name added to LB127.
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Senator Conrad name added to LB75.
Senator Conrad name added to LB95.
Senator Conrad name added to LB99.
Senator DeKay name added to LB115.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB168.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB6.
Senator Murman name added to LB156.
Senator Raybould name added to LB103.
Senator Raybould name added to LB107.
Senator Raybould name added to LB108.
Senator Raybould name added to LB118.
Senator Raybould name added to LB120.
Senator Raybould name added to LB14.
Senator Raybould name added to LB28.
Senator Raybould name added to LB5.
Senator Raybould name added to LB53.
Senator Raybould name added to LB70.
Senator Raybould name added to LB71.
Senator Raybould name added to LB86.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dan Rosenquist of Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:33 a.m., on a motion by Senator Wordekemper, the Legislature adjourned until 9:45 a.m., Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:45 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Hardin, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB58	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB130	Appropriations
LB131	Revenue
LB132	Judiciary
LB133	Judiciary
LB134	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB135	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB136	Judiciary
LB137	Judiciary

LB138	Health and Human Services
LB139	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB140	Education
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LB142	Education
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LB179	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB180	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB181	Health and Human Services
LB182	Revenue
LB183	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
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LB187	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
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LB189	Business and Labor
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LB193	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB194	Revenue
LR10CA	Revenue
LR11CA	Revenue

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Transportation and Telecommunications Committee elected Senator Ballard as Vice Chairperson.

The Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee elected Senator Hallstrom as Vice Chairperson.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR1 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR1.

MOTION - Escort Governor

Senator Ibach moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Governor of the State of Nebraska to the Legislative Chamber to deliver his State of the State Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Armendariz, Ballard, Conrad, DeBoer, and Hughes to serve on said committee.

STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

President Kelly, Speaker Arch, members of the 109th Legislature, tribal leaders, fellow Nebraskans.

What a time of promise and opportunity for our state and nation. What a tremendous moment for those of us who have been blessed with the privilege to serve our fellow citizens in public office. I am as grateful today for that privilege as I was when I stood in this chamber just over two years ago and swore to uphold our Constitution—and I am more invigorated than ever before.

I recently had a very real reminder of the preciousness of each moment. For the many Nebraskans whose livelihood depends on their stewardship of powerful animals, respect for that power is no mystery. I dropped my guard, and I was humbled by a reminder of that power. I am here before you today only by God's grace. But a life-GIVING moment like the one I experienced can have the effect of clarifying one's sense of mission. It reminds one of how delicate life is, and to make the most of every moment one is given. I'm grateful that almighty God has given me a second shot, and I continue on the road to recovery, instilled with a renewed commitment to spending my days fighting for the people of this state and, most importantly, making a positive difference. I am grateful beyond words to my wife and our First Lady, Suzanne, for her constant love and care. And I am grateful for the outpouring of support from so many Nebraskans, and I am especially grateful for the power of their prayers and for sending me the gift of the holy spirit. Thank you.

Okay, no more horsing around.

To all of the public servants in this room—and especially to our new senators and their families—thank you for answering the call to public life and for taking on the burdens and sacrifices of service. The road ahead is full of long days and late nights, of time away from loved ones, and of sometimes trying debates and disagreements. But with it comes the daily opportunity to leave the greatest place in the world even better than we found it for our kids and grand babies.If we keep their futures and the betterment of this state as our north star—and set our own personal political fortunes aside—there is no limit to what we can achieve here. I am excited to partner with both the veterans and the new arrivals to this Legislature.
And, I assure you, every moment will be worth it.

I am pleased to report that the state of our state is extraordinarily strong. Our unemployment rate is among the lowest in America. Our state's population is growing faster than it has in decades, and our population has now topped two million people. The engines of our economy are powering

that growth—from our agricultural backbone to our powerhouse financial services and manufacturing sectors. Our state government is smaller, more efficient, and more productive. And, at long last, the tax burden on our citizens to pay for that government is less than it was two years ago. Our natural resources are plentiful, our people are the hardest-working of anywhere on earth, and it will soon be morning again in America with the return of a presidency and congress committed to making this nation prosperous, secure, strong, and healthy again. But even with these strengths, this legislative session affords us tremendous opportunities to take further steps forward.

Simply put, the work of making Nebraska a low-tax state is far from over. We should remember how we got here and why our tax system is so out of whack. In the past, during a deflationary period, city, county, and state government in Nebraska grew at an excessive rate. There was little fiscal restraint—and the result was bloated government growing unchecked on the backs of its people. The burden is upon US to correct it NOW. And to make Nebraska competitive with our neighbors, we must set the example at the state level. Despite dire warnings of budget shortfalls, I have presented a budget that SHRINKS state spending by half a percent over the next biennium. In fact, if you set aside increased and unreimbursed Medicaid spending required by the federal government, State spending in this budget is REDUCED by 2.3 percent. Even as we make a multigenerational investment in the University of Nebraska Medical Center, and significantly increase our state commitment to supporting the mission of Offutt Air Force Base and U.S. Strategic Command, we have presented to you a fully balanced budget that CUTS spending. We have achieved this historic spending restraint by having the courage to say no, and to focus on needs, not wants, and we will continue to have that courage.

Not all are happy when we work to fix the tax system. But as my dad used to tell us on the farm: what does happy have to do with it? We have work to do. Our job as public servants is not to make everyone happy—much less any one industry or special interest group. Our job is to focus on schools, public safety, roads, and critical services—the NEEDS of Nebraskans and nothing else.

This year we will prioritize improvements to Nebraska's school funding system. TEEOSA—Nebraska's thirty-year-old formula for school funding—remains broken, burdening local communities and property tax payers in districts with limited resources and shortchanging our kids. It would shock most Nebraskans to hear that 25 years ago, 226 school districts received state aid—by 2024, that number had shrunk to 60. That was not the intent with the original law. We are going to have the courage to make serious and lasting fixes to this system. I will establish a blue-ribbon commission of experts to cut through the bureaucracy and vested special interests in our current school funding system and recommend a new model for Nebraska, which THIS Legislature will be able to consider and adopt. And along with other technical changes to strengthen TEEOSA, Senator Hughes is

championing a bill that will honor the state's constitutional obligation to fund K-12 education by increasing the foundation aid per student across the state, consistent with the principle that school funding should ALWAYS follow the student, not the system.

Although you wouldn't always know it reading the papers, last year did result in real wins for Nebraskans struggling with our spiraling property tax crisis. After years in which only some Nebraska homeowners took advantage of property tax credits, now ALL homeowners receive this relief. For the first time in a generation, Nebraskans opened their property tax statements last month to find the amount they owed was LOWER than the year before. Like many of you, I have been overwhelmed by the gratitude shown by so many Nebraskans for this relief. For the first time EVER, the amount of property taxes local governments can collect will be capped, with commonsense flexibility to allow investments in public safety, police, and firefighters. But the work is not done, and we must do more this year. There are leaders in this body like Senator Clements who continue the fight to eliminate Nebraska's death tax. By making commonsense adjustments to our tax code and making it more competitive with other states, we will invest two hundred million MORE dollars into Nebraska's property tax credit fund. From Harrison to Omaha, Nebraskans of all stripes have recognized how out of whack our property taxes have become and what a burden they put on families, communities, and our ability to grow. They expect us to continue to work to solve it—and we WILL.

To shrink government we must eliminate its obsolete parts and clean out its closets. Over the years, we have created far too many boards and commissions. Many have missions duplicative of those of other government agencies, or which have grown outdated over time. All add regulatory power or more government where none is needed. Especially at a time when we must tighten our belt and treat every nickel like manhole covers, we must continually assess which parts of government are still of use to the people. The clock ran out on these efforts last session, but we must right size our boards and commissions with a commonsense, bipartisan bill that will eliminate or consolidate dozens of them. Speaker Arch has reintroduced a bill that will do just that. I am grateful for his leadership on this important issue and I look forward to signing it into law.

We have an opportunity to consolidate and streamline two of our major code agencies, as well. Water is the lifeblood of Nebraska, and what we do to protect our QUANTITY and improve our QUALITY of water will be our legacy. Through both our vast system of surface waterways and our treasured Ogallala Aquifer—we have a natural hedge against drought and therefore a God-given foundation for our agricultural and industrial economy in the toughest of times. State government bifurcates its management of this resource through two separate departments—of Environment and Energy and of Natural Resources. By doing so, we needlessly divide our focus on water quality and quantity. Given the interrelatedness of these two things, this makes no sense. Further, it places

Nebraska out of step and uncompetitive with the majority of our fellow states. For our most treasured resource to remain the envy of North America for the next seven generations, a new model of stewardship is needed. I am grateful to Senator Brandt for carrying an important measure that will combine DEE and DNR and establish the new combined Department of Water, Energy, and Environment. It will save costs, eliminate duplicative overhead, and streamline the mission of stewarding and protecting our natural resources and environment, and enhance collaboration, as well. We have begun the work of consolidating all of the important work of these two agencies under unified leadership, and I look forward to working with you to carry that work to its completion.

Now more than ever, it is vital that our state speaks with a unified voice on the national stage. For three decades, under our current allocation of electoral college votes by congressional district, we have divided our voice and diminished our impact in presidential elections. Not one of our fellow states except one has followed us down this path. Now is the time to fix it, and I thank Senator Lippincott for his leadership in giving it the priority it deserves. With no presidential election right around the corner, there is no better time to dispassionately deliver on the will of a majority of the people of this state, honor our constitutional founding, and unify our voice in our most important exercise of national democracy. I call on this body to end this thirty year experiment and pass winner take all THIS legislative session.

In the modern world, it can be extremely difficult to protect our kids and culture from the harmful effects of ever-present social media, online bullying, and attacks on our values. Every parent knows firsthand the worry of what their kids are being exposed to online and on screens. Here in Nebraska, we are going to level the playing field between parents and Big Tech giants. I am grateful to Senators Sanders, Hardin, Bosn, and Storer for introducing a package of bills to protect children from the harms of social media, ban phones in classrooms, and fix our child pornography laws to include AI-generated images. We protect kids from tobacco, alcohol, tattoos under certain ages, and even restrict the age when kids can work—there's no reason why we should not protect their mental health from the damage caused by social media, too.

We must protect our kids—and especially our daughters and granddaughters—in other ways, too. In a world where common sense has become uncommon, it remains our north star here in Nebraska. It's hard to understand, a small minority believe it is acceptable to allow biological boys to share bathrooms, locker rooms, and playing fields with girls. This is unfair, unconscionable, and a recipe for predatory behavior. Senator Kauth has brought back a new and improved Stand With Women Act, which will make sure that women's spaces are protected FOR women. I don't want my granddaughters—or ANYONE'S daughters and granddaughters, for that matter, sharing a locker room with boys, and I know the overwhelming majority of Nebraskans agree. Pass the Stand With Women Act to my desk so we can protect common sense here in Nebraska.

Last, but absolutely not least, we must take steps to protect both our farmers and producers AND the consumers of the food our state produces. I'm grateful to Senator Jacobson for his work to protect farmers' data from being taken advantage of by large corporate and big data interests. We have another opportunity to protect both our consumers and our agricultural producers in a single step. The big food industry wants to flood our supermarket shelves with deceptively-named products that purport to be "meat" on par with what our ranchers, feeders, and farmers produce throughout Nebraska. But in reality, this stuff is made in bio-reactors, and is a masquerade of the original, with unreliable protein, unknowable ingredients, and a flat-out dishonest label on the front. The backers of these products are cut from the same cloth as the anti-farmer activists who want to put our agriculture producers out of business, and we need to recognize them as such. I will never stop fighting for Nebraska's farmers and ranchers, and I stand with Senator DeKay, who has introduced a strong bill to "beef up" our consumer protections and false labeling laws to eliminate these dishonest products from Nebraska's grocery shelves.

Last year, Nebraskans experienced countless examples of public service in its purest form. 2024 was a year when we felt mother nature's wrath time after time. Record blizzards, raging wildfires, torrential floods, and vicious tornadoes set the stage for a record ELEVEN declared emergencies throughout the year. Many Nebraskans experienced the worst day of their lives, with homes destroyed, families in peril, and futures uncertain. But in the darkest moments, the people of our state were at their best. Nebraskans helped Nebraskans, and the strength and resilience of our people shone through. One of the greatest privileges of the work as your Governor is to get to know firsthand the men and women who have answered the call to be the first to respond when crisis strikes. With us today is Chris Potter, the chief of the Kennard Volunteer Fire Department from Washington County, whose fire and EMS responders were there for their community moments after a deadly tornado tore through it. Please join me in welcoming him as a representative of all of our first responders across Nebraska. Also with us is the entire Nebraska Emergency Management Agency team. These dedicated professionals are the hub of the wheel of our state's emergency response system. When the call comes in the middle of the night, they are the ones making it. Their work is often unseen and unknown to many Nebraskans, but that in no way diminishes the dedication of their work or the pride with which they do it. Join me in welcoming the NEMA team, honoring them, and thanking them.

Many important issues will consume our focus throughout this legislative session. I pledge to you that we will be your partner through it all. Thank you for your service to our state, and thank you to your families. God bless you and God bless the State of Nebraska.

The committee escorted Governor Pillen from the Chamber.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 259. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Constitution of the United States; to adopt the Faithful Delegate to Federal Article V Convention Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 90-562, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; Laws 2023, LB814, section 150; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6; and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53 and 69; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change a transfer of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to appropriate funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to require program statements and a request for funding; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Introduced by Speaker Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 43-2607, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1021, 79-1064, 79-1104.02, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-302, 81-407, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1216, 81-1230, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,185, 81-12,187, 81-12,193, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-15,168, 81-15,174, 81-15,175, 82-139, 84-612, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-1920, 85-2009, 86-324, 86-333, 86-1028, and 86-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 13-3315, 29-1823, 37-1804, 48-621, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308, 68-911, 68-996, 71-5328, 72-1001, 75-109.01, 75-1101, 77-4025, 77-6919, 77-6928, and 77-7304, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions relating to investment and transfers of funds; to change provisions of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act and the Nebraska Transformational Projects Act; to provide for termination of applicability of the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate provisions relating to translation services under the Medical Assistance Act, a pilot program regarding patients with complex health needs, and reimbursement of counties for defendants lodged in county jails; to eliminate the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act, the Nebraska Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Act, the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act, the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act, the Resilient Soils and Water Quality Act, and the Small Business Assistance Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-405, 2-406, 2-407, 2-408, 2-409, 2-410, 57-1601, 57-1602, 57-1603, 57-1604, 57-1605, 57-1606, 57-1607, 57-1608, 57-1609, 57-1610, 57-1611, 57-1612, 57-1613, 57-1614, 57-1615, 57-1616, 57-1617, 57-1618, 57-1619, 57-1620, 57-1621, 57-1622, 57-1623, 57-1624, 68-1010, 71-2496, 71-2497, 71-2498, 71-2499, 71-24,100, 71-24,101, 71-24,102, 81-829.06, 81-829.07, 81-829.08, 81-829.09, 81-829.10, 81-829.11, 81-12,232, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, 81-12,244, 84-622, 86-1301, 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1304, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307, 86-1308, 86-1309, 86-1310, 86-1311, 86-1312, and 86-1313, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, and 81-1201.21, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate certain funds and change certain references to funds; to change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original

sections; to outright repeal section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property; to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to provide applicability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 267. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for removal of a cotenant or occupant who has committed an act of domestic violence from a rental agreement; to provide powers and duties for landlords; to provide for court costs and attorney's fees; to require a landlord to change locks in cases of domestic violence as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB5 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB133

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB20
LB35
LB43

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 268. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to implement a provider rate increase as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 269. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to mandate an address-based boundary database for assigning taxing jurisdictions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 270. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2711, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected tax reporting irregularities or discrepancies; to create an exception to the disclosure of confidential tax information by municipalities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 271. Introduced by Storer, 43; Bosn, 25; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit interference with railroad infrastructure, equipment, and personnel as prescribed; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB194
LB78
LB8

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 272. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 273. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-3417, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties relating to attorneys in fact; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 274. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care licensing; to amend section 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-1911.03 and 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change liability insurance coverage requirements for applicants under the Child Care Licensing Act; to provide for inspections and investigations as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to amend section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children under its charge for social security benefit eligibility; to require the department to manage social security benefit payments for child beneficiaries as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 276. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend sections 29-411, 81-1414.15, and 81-1414.19, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Municipal Police Oversight Act; to require city and county attorneys and the Attorney General to maintain public Brady and Giglio lists; to prohibit no-knock search and arrest warrants; to define a term; to change provisions relating to law enforcement officer records; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 277. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grand juries; to amend section 29-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require appointment of a special prosecutor in cases involving a death during apprehension by, or in the custody of, law enforcement; to require appointment of investigators as prescribed; to require that a law enforcement officer or detention personnel involved in the death not return to duty until grand jury proceedings are complete; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 278. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for certain insurance policies and contracts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 279. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend section 60-399, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for only one license plate to be required to be displayed on a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 280. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 9-1202, 9-1205, 9-1206, and 9-1207, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1202 and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the authorized uses of the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to require an authorized gaming operator to have an annual audit as prescribed; to require reports; to provide powers and duties for the Auditor of Public Accounts to review the audit report of an authorized gaming operator and examine the books, records, funds, and accounts of authorized gaming operators as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 281. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing; to amend sections 38-204, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2213, 38-2214, and 38-2306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167 and 38-2216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate and rename certain boards as prescribed; to change requirements and qualifications for members of the Board of Nursing; to eliminate qualifications and duties for the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-205, 38-206, and 38-2307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 282. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to allow a teacher employed at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school in this state to receive reimbursement for school supplies paid for by such teacher as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education and the State Department of Education; and to declare an emergency.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
LB126
LB135
LB58

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025
Daryl Bohac - Nebraska State Historical Society
Lee Will - Department of Administrative Services
Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 283. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file state plan amendments as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 284. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 285. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems; to amend sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, 59-1523, and 77-4001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit the sale or certification under the Tobacco Products Tax Act of flavored vapor products; to define terms; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,110 and 81-12,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an application deadline under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to change an application deadline under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend section 71-1572, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; to amend sections 81-1237 and 81-1238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to grant funding considerations; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 17-201, 17-202, and 19-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the incorporation of a village and the number, election, and term of members on a village board of trustees; to provide a procedure for changing the number of members on a village board of trustees; to allow certain city councils to constitute a board of adjustment; to redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Economic Recovery Act; to amend section 81-12,241, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to grant funding for a business park; and to repeal the original section.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB258:
MO7
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO8
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO9
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 291. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to municipalities; to amend section 13-522, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Aid to Municipalities Act; to create a fund; to change provisions relating to budget limitations; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 292. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prefabricated housing; to amend section 81-1239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a grant to study prefabricated housing; to provide for funding; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act; to amend section 48-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-2706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to health benefit plans and employee welfare benefit plans; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Introduced by Storer, 43; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Visitors Improvement Fund; to amend section 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

provisions relating to grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to relating to retirement; to amend sections 23-2320, 42-1102, 79-902, 79-904.01, 79-915, 79-956, 79-978, 79-9,103, 79-9,106, 79-9,117, 79-9,118, 81-2014, 81-2016, 81-2017, 84-1301, 84-1307, 84-1322, 84-1502, 84-1504, and 84-1511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 23-2301, 23-2306, 24-701, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms and change provisions relating to termination, documents used to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States, repayment of gross distributions or benefits, cost-of-living adjustments, deadlines for filing forms relating to survivorship annuities, and employee leave for preretirement planning programs under the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act; to change a definition in the Spousal Pension Rights Act; to restate legislative intent under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act; to change provisions relating to calling meetings of the Public Employees Retirement Board and paying per diems and expenses for members of the Public Employees Retirement Board; to change provisions relating to demonstrating United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for participation in a deferred compensation plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and employ registrars as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as prescribed; to change provisions related to graduation requirements; to change provisions relating to the improvement grant program established by the State Board of Education and the authorized uses of the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Introduced by Arch, 14; Clements, 2; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 28-711, 43-4302, 43-4303, 43-4317, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4322, 43-4324, 43-4326, 43-4329, 43-4330, 47-901, 47-902, 47-903, 47-904, 47-905, 47-907, 47-908, 47-909, 47-910, 47-911, 47-912, 47-913, 47-914, 47-915, 47-916, 47-917, 47-918, 47-919, 47-920, 50-406, 50-406.01, 50-407, 50-408, 50-409, 50-410, 50-416, 50-418, 50-420, 50-1201, 50-1202, 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205, 50-1205.01, 50-1206, 50-1210, 50-1211, 50-1212, 50-1303, 50-1304, 73-401, 81-8,240, 81-8,241, 81-8,242, 81-8,243, 81-8,244, 81-8,245, 81-8,246, 81-8,247, 81-8,248, 81-8,249, 81-8,250, 81-8,251, 81-8,252, 81-8,253, 81-8,254, 81-1114, 83-178, 83-1,125.01, 84-304, 84-311, 84-322, and 84-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712.01, 29-2011.02, 29-2011.03, 43-2,108, 43-4301, 43-4318, 43-4323, 43-4325, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, 43-4332, 50-401.01, 50-402, 77-2711, and 77-27,119, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Office of Public Counsel Act; to change provisions relating to the Public Counsel; to provide for confidentiality of certain information; to provide for subpoenas; to state legislative intent; to provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee; to change the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to provide penalties; to change provisions relating to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Office, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Legislative Audit Office; to change the Legislative Performance Audit Act as prescribed; to eliminate the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 43-4304, 43-4304.01, 43-4304.02, 43-4305, 43-4306, 43-4306.01, 43-4307, 43-4307.01, 43-4308, 43-4309, 43-4310, 43-4311, 43-4312, 43-4313, 43-4314, 43-4315, 43-4316, 43-4319, 47-906, and 50-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 299. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to authorize eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment; to allow such persons to participate in certain retirement programs; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 300. Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-566, 79-567, 79-594, 79-1219, 79-2401, and 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act; to change provisions relating to and provide a limit for superintendent and educational service unit administrator compensation; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 301. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend sections 4-109, 4-110, 4-113, 48-628.04, 79-915, 79-9,118, 81-1401, 81-1410, 81-2016, 84-1307, and 84-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 4-108, 4-111, 4-112, 23-2306, and 24-703.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to allow eligible aliens to receive law enforcement officer training and certification; to authorize such eligible aliens and dependents to receive public benefits arising from or relating to employment as a law enforcement officer; to allow such persons to participate in retirement programs for such law enforcement positions; to change provisions relating to certain documentation; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to time; to amend sections 49-1301, 49-1302, 81-1323, and 81-1328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate daylight saving time; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Introduced by Hughes, 24; at the request of the Governor; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1001, 79-1006, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change school district levy authority; to change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates and provide for a base levy adjustment under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to create the School Finance Reform Commission; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 304. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Quick, 35; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend sections 68-1206 and 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate a sunset date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 305. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Preceptorship Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-304, 85-1402, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-518, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term relating to budget limitation for community colleges; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; to redefine terms under the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act; to change provisions relating to scholarships to a state college, private college, or the University of Nebraska under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act; to redefine terms under the Door to College Scholarship Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 307. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for certain tuition waivers; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 308. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to amend section 81-401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Health Care Staffing Agency Registration Act; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 309. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to batteries; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide penalties; and to create a fund.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 310. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exemption from newborn screening as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act; to amend sections 86-111.01 and 86-124, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions relating to nonregulated activities; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 14. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

WHEREAS, the Founders of the Constitution of the United States empowered state legislators to be guardians of liberty against future abuses of power by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has created a crushing national debt through improper and imprudent spending; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has invaded the legitimate roles of the states through the manipulative process of federal mandates, most of which are unfunded to a great extent; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has ceased to live under a proper interpretation of the Constitution of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the solemn duty of the states to protect the liberty of our people, particularly for the generations to come, to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States through a convention of states under Article V to place clear restraints on these and related abuses of power; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the One Hundred Seventh Legislature, Second Session, adopted Legislative Resolution 14 which contained an application for an Article V Convention to propose constitutional amendments identical to those proposed in this resolution, but provided that the application would be rescinded on February 1, 2027, five years after the passage of Legislative Resolution 14.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby applies to Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States, for the calling of a convention of states limited to proposing amendments to the Constitution that impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and limit the terms of office for its officials and members of Congress.

2. That the Legislature adopts this application with the following understandings, reservations, and declarations:

(a) An application to Congress for an Article V convention confers no power on Congress other than to perform a ministerial function to call for a convention;

(b) Such ministerial duty shall be performed by Congress only when Article V applications for substantially the same purpose are received from two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states;

(c) The power of Congress to call a convention solely consists of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of the convention;

(d) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to name delegates to the convention, as this power remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states;

(e) Congress possesses no power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any of the states;

(f) Congress possesses no power whatsoever to determine any rules for such convention;

(g) By definition, a convention of states means that states vote on the basis of one state, one vote;

(h) A convention of states convened pursuant to this application is limited to consideration of topics specified in this resolution and no other;

(i) The Legislature may recall its delegates at any time for breach of their duties or violations of their instructions pursuant to the procedures adopted in this resolution;

(j) Pursuant to the text of Article V, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The Legislature recommends that Congress specify its choice on ratification methodology contemporaneously with the call for the convention;

(k) Congress possesses no power whatsoever with regard to the Article V convention beyond the two powers acknowledged in this resolution; and

(l) Nebraska places express reliance on prior legal and judicial determinations that Congress possesses no power under Article I of the Constitution relative to the Article V process, and that Congress must act only as expressly specified in Article V.

3. That this application hereby repeals, rescinds, cancels, renders null and void, and supersedes the application to the Congress for a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States by this state in Legislative Resolution 14 as adopted by the One Hundred Seventh Legislature of Nebraska, Second Session, in 2022.

4. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, and the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

5. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications to Congress for an Article V convention on the same subject.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 15CA. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article I, sections 9 and 23:

I-9 (1) All persons shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, except for treason, sexual offenses involving penetration by force or against the will of the victim, and murder, where the proof is evident or the presumption great.

(2) Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishment inflicted.

(3) The death penalty shall not be imposed for any offense. For any individual under a sentence of death, whether before, on, or after the adoption of this amendment, such sentence is commuted to a sentence of life imprisonment.

I-23 ~~In all capital cases, appeal directly to the Supreme Court shall be as a matter of right and shall operate as a supersedeas to stay the execution of the sentence of death until further order of the Supreme Court.~~ In all ~~other~~ cases, criminal or civil, an aggrieved party shall be entitled to one appeal to the appellate court created pursuant to Article V, section 1, of this Constitution or to the Supreme Court as may be provided by law.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate the death penalty and commute any existing sentence of death to a sentence of life imprisonment.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 16CA. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 22:

III-22 (1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

(2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

(3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year 2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17. Introduced by Quick, 35.

WHEREAS, the city of Grand Island currently owns Camp Augustine, a 156-acre campground formerly owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America and located adjacent to Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission has indicated an interest in a potential partnership with the city of Grand Island to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system to be managed in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area; and

WHEREAS, before the Game and Parks Commission may provide a local governmental subdivision with an indication of intent to incorporate any land or facilities owned or developed by such subdivision into the state park system, such indication of intent must first be approved by the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Game and Parks Commission will provide the Legislature with an estimated fiscal impact of the incorporation, including the extent to which the costs of the incorporation can reasonably be expected to be paid from cash funds and the extent to which the costs will likely be required to be paid from General Fund appropriations; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Camp Augustine into the state park system, either in conjunction with or as part of Mormon Island State Recreation Area, will create significant benefits for the Grand Island area and the people of Nebraska, including expanded hiking and biking trails, river access, and campgrounds and the ability to host local, regional, and statewide outdoor events.

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

1. That pursuant to section 37-342 the Legislature approves the indication of intent by the Game and Parks Commission to incorporate Camp Augustine into the state park system.

2. That such approval is granted with the understanding that the costs of such incorporation will need to be approved as part of the normal budgeting process of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Laid over.

AMENDMENTS(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendments to LB213:
FA2
Strike Section 1.

FA3
Strike Section 2.

FA4
Strike Section 3.

FA5
Strike Section 1.

FA6
Strike Section 2.

FA7
Strike Section 3.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following motions to LB213:
MO10
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO11
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO12
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO13
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO14
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO15
Indefinitely postpone.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dover name added to LB12.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB28.
Senator Conrad name added to LB37.
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB62.
Senator Conrad name added to LB65.
Senator Conrad name added to LB70.
Senator Conrad name added to LB71.
Senator Clouse name added to LB90.
Senator Raybould name added to LB130.
Senator Raybould name added to LB137.
Senator Raybould name added to LB141.
Senator Raybould name added to LB143.
Senator Raybould name added to LB151.
Senator Raybould name added to LB152.
Senator Raybould name added to LB156.
Senator Dover name added to LB156.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB156.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB157.
Senator Raybould name added to LB157.
Senator Raybould name added to LB163.
Senator Raybould name added to LB165.
Senator Raybould name added to LB166.
Senator Brandt name added to LB168.
Senator Conrad name added to LB171.
Senator Raybould name added to LB171.
Senator Raybould name added to LB173.
Senator Raybould name added to LB181.
Senator Raybould name added to LB186.
Senator Raybould name added to LB188.
Senator Raybould name added to LB192.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB236.
Senator Conrad name added to LB237.
Senator Brandt name added to LB246.
Senator Dover name added to LB254.
Senator Conrad name added to LB255.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Wordekemper name withdrawn from LB179.

VISITOR(S)

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:46 a.m., on a motion by Senator Juarez, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB59	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs (rereferred)
LB195	Judiciary
LB196	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB197	Business and Labor
LB198	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB199	Judiciary
LB200	Revenue
LB201	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB202	Health and Human Services
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LB239	Health and Human Services
LB240	Urban Affairs
LB241	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB242	Revenue
LB243	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB244	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB245	Agriculture
LB246	Agriculture
LB247	Natural Resources
LB248	Health and Human Services
LB249	Education
LB250	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB251	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB252	Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LB253	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB254	Appropriations
LB255	Health and Human Services
LB256	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB257	Health and Human Services
LB258	Business and Labor
LR12CA	Revenue
LR13CA	Revenue

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR17 was referred to the Reference Committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the appointments of the following members of the Legislature to the following special committees:

Building Maintenance
Senator Rob Clements
Senator Myron Dorn
Senator Tom Brandt
Senator Jana Hughes (Chair)
Senator Dave Wordekemper
Senator Dan McKeon

Committee on Justice Reinvestment Oversight
Senator Carolyn Bosn (Chair)
Senator John Cavanaugh
Senator Rick Holdcroft
Senator Victor Rountree
Senator Jason Prokop

Education Commission of the States
Senator Jana Hughes
Senator Margo Juarez
Senator Dan Lonowski

Homeland Security Policy Group
Senator Paul Strommen
Senator Bob Andersen

Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision
Senator George Dungan

Legislative Performance Audit Committee
Senator Ben Hansen
Senator Rob Clements
Speaker John Arch
Senator Machaela Cavanaugh
Senator Myron Dorn
Senator Mike Jacobson
Senator Merv Riepe

Legislature's Planning Committee
Speaker John Arch
Senator Ben Hansen
Senator Rob Clements
Senator Wendy DeBoer
Senator Rick Holdcroft
Senator Dan Quick
Senator Merv Riepe
Senator Eliot Bostar
Senator Paul Strommen

Midwest Higher Education Compact
Senator Jana Hughes
Senator John Cavanaugh

Nebraska Information Technology Commission
Senator Wendy DeBoer

Rural Broadband Task Force
Senator Mike Moser
Senator Stan Clouse

State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision
Senator Dan Quick

State-Tribal Relations Committee
Senator Jane Raybould (Chair)
Senator Barry DeKay (Vice-Chair)
Senator Machaela Cavanaugh
Senator Victor Rountree
Senator Ashlei Spivey
Senator Megan Hunt
Senator Dunixi Guereca

Statewide Tourism and Recreational Water Access and Resource Sustainability (STAR WARS) Special Committee

Speaker John Arch
Senator Tom Brandt
Senator Paul Strommen
Senator Beau Ballard
Senator Barry DeKay

Senator Rick Holdcroft
Senator Mike Jacobson
Senator Jane Raybould
Senator Robert Dover
Senator Eliot Bostar
Senator Ben Hansen
Senator Brad von Gillern

Streamlined Sales and Use Tax System
Senator Bostar
Senator Stan Clouse

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Legislative Council, Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025
Drew D Gonshorowski - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services
Thomas Janousek - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Ballard, 21; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to students in nurse anesthesia practice programs and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 313. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend sections 48-118 and 48-118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to subrogation regarding third-party

claims under the act; to provide for the distribution of proceeds from the settlement of third-party claims in certain circumstances; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 314. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to amend section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to applicants for state assistance; to define a term; to change provisions relating to application approval; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 315. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to corporations; to amend sections 21-301, 21-303, 21-304, 21-306, 21-313, 21-323, and 21-325, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a sunset date for required biennial reports of and occupation taxes on domestic and foreign corporations; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 2-503, 2-505, 2-515, and 28-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine hemp under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to define terms; to prohibit conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products as prescribed; to change provisions relating to transportation of hemp; to provide for regulation of cannabidiol products; to redefine terms in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Introduced by Brandt, 32; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment; to amend sections 2-408, 2-969, 2-1501, 2-1504, 2-1508, 2-1509, 2-1510, 2-1511, 2-1588, 2-1592, 2-1593, 2-1594, 2-1595, 2-2626, 2-3202, 2-3225, 2-3241, 2-3254, 2-3279, 2-3280, 2-4602, 2-4603, 2-4604, 2-4901, 13-1701, 13-2008, 13-2009, 13-2042.01, 16-6,106, 25-1062.01, 25-1064, 25-1920, 25-2159, 25-2160, 31-415, 31-509, 31-515, 31-516, 31-1003, 31-1015, 37-707, 37-708.01, 46-106, 46-122, 46-190, 46-192, 46-193, 46-1,155, 46-1,157, 46-205, 46-226.02, 46-226.03, 46-229, 46-229.02, 46-229.04, 46-229.06, 46-230, 46-233, 46-233.01, 46-235, 46-250, 46-252, 46-254, 46-256, 46-258, 46-261, 46-263.02, 46-273, 46-286, 46-288, 46-289, 46-290, 46-291, 46-292, 46-293, 46-294, 46-294.01, 46-294.02, 46-294.05, 46-2,104, 46-2,105, 46-2,108, 46-2,109, 46-2,110, 46-2,111, 46-2,112, 46-2,113, 46-2,114, 46-2,115, 46-2,116, 46-2,116.01, 46-2,117, 46-2,118, 46-2,119, 46-2,120, 46-2,122, 46-2,125,

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harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1596, 2-1597, 2-1598, 2-1599, 2-15,100, 2-15,101, 2-15,103, 2-15,105, 2-15,106, 2-3277, 2-3278, 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 46-199, 71-3508.02, 81-1578, 81-1579, 81-1579.01, 81-1580, 81-1581, 81-1582, 81-1583, 81-1584, 81-1584.01, 81-1585, 81-1586, 81-1586.01, 81-1587, 81-1588, 81-1589, 81-1590, 81-1590.01, 81-1591, 81-1591.01, 81-1592, 81-1593, 81-1594, 81-1595, 81-1596, 81-1597, 81-1598, 81-1599, 81-1599.01, 81-1599.02, 81-15,100, 81-15,101, 81-15,101.01, 81-15,101.02, 81-15,101.03, 81-15,101.04, 81-15,101.05, 81-15,102, 81-15,102.01, 81-15,102.02, 81-15,102.03, 81-15,103, 81-15,104, 81-15,104.01, 81-15,105, 81-15,105.01, 81-15,106, 81-15,107, 81-15,108, 81-15,109, 81-15,110, 81-15,111, 81-15,112, 81-15,112.01, 81-15,113, 81-15,113.01, 81-15,113.02, 81-15,114, 81-15,115, 81-15,116, 81-15,254, 81-15,255, 81-15,256, 81-15,257, 81-15,258, 81-15,259, 81-15,293, 81-15,294, 81-15,295, 81-15,296, 81-15,297, and 81-15,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
LB21
LB187
LB139

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
LB231
LB251
LB250

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

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

Thursday, January 23, 2025
LB166
LB180
LB59

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Appropriations Committee elected Senator Armendariz as Vice Chairperson.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her Proposed Rule Change 2, found on page 56, and Proposed Rule Change 20, found on page 99.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 318. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for incarcerated youth as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 320. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to human trafficking; to amend sections 81-1430 and 81-1431, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the human trafficking task force; to require hotels and similar public lodging establishments place posters relating to human trafficking in such establishments; to provide for training on human trafficking to employees and similar public lodging establishments; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Labor; to limit the liability of owners, operators, and employees of a hotel or similar public lodging establishment relating to human trafficking committed by a third party; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 321. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to drainage; to amend section 31-735, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the election of the board of trustees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-115, 28-929, 28-929.01, 28-929.02, 28-930, 28-931, 28-934, 28-1351, 28-1354, and 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit assault on a pharmacist; to change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to offenses involving assault on an officer, emergency responder, certain employees, or a health care professional; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-931.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Transportation; to amend section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to solicitation of bids; to change the threshold required for legislative consent relating to certain construction projects; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 324. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Business Improvement District Act; to amend sections 19-4027, 19-4029.01, and 19-4029.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change protest procedures relating to creation of a proposed business improvement district or modification of an existing business improvement district as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-1523, 44-1524, 44-1525, 44-1527, 44-1528, 44-1529, 44-1530, 44-1532, 44-2403, 44-2405, 44-2406, 44-2407, 44-2411, and 44-6135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change powers and duties of the Director of Insurance; to change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies; to change provisions relating to the board of directors of the

Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and first-party and third-party claims; to change provisions relating to settlements, releases, compromises, and judgments; to provide for defenses as prescribed; to change requirements relating to exhaustion of remedies; to change requirements relating to annual statements as prescribed; to eliminate the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 44-5301, 44-5302, 44-5303, 44-5304, 44-5305, 44-5306, 44-5307, 44-5308, 44-5309, 44-5310, 44-5311, 44-6701, and 44-6702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 327. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend section 25-2407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2259, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for state payment of probation expenses as prescribed; to provide duties for counties, the State Court Administrator, and the Supreme Court; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 328. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 58-711, 68-1604, 76-903, and 81-12,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 58-703 and 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the disbursement of the documentary stamp tax and the funding of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund, the Behavioral Health Services Fund, and the Site and Building Development Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 329. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-316.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to sexual abuse by a school employee; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 330. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-27,132, and 77-4405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate and the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; to create the Alcohol Addiction Prevention and Treatment Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 331. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-319, 13-501, 13-2813, 60-3,185, 60-3,190, 77-27,148, 77-3507, 79-1001, and 85-2231, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-2147, 77-201, 77-2004, 77-2005, 77-2006, 77-2701, 77-3506, 77-3508, 77-6406, and 77-6827, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Nebraska EPIC Option Consumption Tax Act; to terminate the Nebraska Budget Act, tax-increment financing, the motor vehicle tax, the motor vehicle fee, the property tax, the inheritance tax, sales and use taxes, the income tax, the homestead exemption, the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, and the Community College Aid Act as prescribed; to change an application deadline under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require Medicaid coverage for psychology services provided by certain practitioners as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 333. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend sections 60-462, 60-4,131, 60-4,131.01, and 60-4,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for hazardous materials endorsements for certain persons who haul hazardous materials intrastate; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 334. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to candidate filing forms; to amend section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to make information confidential for judges desiring retention; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 336. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating labor; to create the Task Force on Supported Employment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 337. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 23-187, 60-103, 60-123, 60-135.01, 60-153, 60-305, 60-339, 60-358.01, 60-3,143, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-471, 60-4,114, 60-4,123, 60-4,123.01, 60-6,252, 60-6,266, 60-6,270, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,135.01, 60-3,221, 60-462, 60-463, 60-4,124, 60-501, 60-601, 60-605, 60-6,279, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize county boards to regulate the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to provide for registration, fees, and taxes for certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to change certain safety provisions and to authorize the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles on certain highways as prescribed under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025
LB38
LB91
LB167

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025
LB209
LB200
LB116

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025
LB208
LB182
LB115

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 338. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to prohibit the use of genetic information for purposes of determining eligibility, setting premium rates, or imposing preexisting condition exclusions for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 339. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Child Care Subsidy program; to amend section 68-1206, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide a report as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 340. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to asbestos; to amend section 25-224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Asbestos Trust Claims Transparency Act and the Asbestos Claims Priorities and Over-Naming Reform Act; to change provisions relating to a statute of limitations; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to settlements; to adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 342. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Hansen, 16; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gaming; to amend sections 28-1101, 28-1105, and 28-1113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Fantasy Sports Consumer Protection Act; to redefine terms; to provide a gambling exception for conducting or participating in fantasy contests; to change a provision relating to possession of gambling records; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 343. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,104.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the fee for specialty license plates; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 344. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to water allocation; to amend section 46-740, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to ground water allocation and the use of integrated management plans, rules, or orders; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 345. Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Sanders, 45, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state constitutional officers; to amend sections 84-201.01 and 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the salaries of the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and members of the Public Service Commission; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346. Introduced by Arch, 14; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001, 2-5003, 20-506, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 48-622.03, 58-202, 60-1401.06, 60-1402, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706, 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-4503, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109, 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 72-2206, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431, 81-1503, 81-1504, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,239, 81-15,245, 82-703, 82-706, 82-803, 85-1008, 85-1404, 85-1607, 86-444, 86-461, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1025.01, 86-1101, 86-1102, and 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712, 38-167, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-1903, 43-3401, 43-4001, 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-4504, and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the qualifications of the State Capitol Administrator; to eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, and departments as prescribed; to provide for termination of the advisory council for the Private Postsecondary Career School Act, the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply, the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee, the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee, the Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the child abuse advisory committee, the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force, the Climate Assessment Response Committee, the Conservation Corporation Act, the Critical Incident Stress Management Council, the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board, the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee, the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, the Governor's Keep

Nebraska Beautiful Committee, the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission, the Interagency Management Committee, the Natural Gas Fuel Board, the Nebraska Aquaculture Board, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, the Nebraska Conservation Corporation, the Nebraska Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, the Nebraska Potato Development Act, the Nebraska Potato Development Committee, the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council, the Nebraska Worker Training Board, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council, the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee, the Rural Broadband Task Force, the solid waste management advisory committee, the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services, the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee, the State Emergency Response Commission, the Suggestion Award Board, the task force on human trafficking, the technical panel for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee, the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force, the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, and the Women's Health Initiative Fund; to change provisions relating to the Board of Mental Health Practice, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Critical Incident Stress Management Act, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Environment and Energy, the Department of Labor, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council, the Environmental Quality Council, the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act, the Propane Education and Research Council, and the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services; to change and eliminate funds; to eliminate the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-7105, and 71-7106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 347. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Public Service Commission; to eliminate conditions on the issuance of securities by common carriers; and to outright repeal section 75-148, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 348. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for domestic violence services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 349. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1012.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to required applications, notices, and filings, exemptions, and violations regarding the construction or acquisition of certain electric energy storage resources by electric suppliers; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 350. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to mental health; to amend sections 71-931, 71-932, 71-933, 71-1215, 71-1216, and 71-1217, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1823, 71-919, 71-937, 71-1204, and 71-1221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commitment for competency restoration; to require certain documents under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and Sex Offender Commitment Act to be filed with the court, tribal court, or appropriate tribal official; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 351. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state hospitals for the mentally ill; to amend section 83-338, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for priority of admission; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 352. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Conrad, 46; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-760.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reports on student achievement and on student discipline required under the Quality Education Accountability Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 353. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 79-873, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow public school employees to join or terminate membership in a labor organization as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 354. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,139.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit cities of the first class from receiving state aid from the Municipal Equalization Fund; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to census data; to amend sections 13-1906, 81-1203, and 81-12,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2610, 18-2103, 77-6831, and 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change certain census data provisions relating to development districts and a committee formed under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to redefine terms under the Community Development Law, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Urban Redevelopment Act, a job training grant program, and the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 356. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Arts Council; to amend section 82-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the appointment of members to the council; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, 2-1203.02, 2-1204, 2-1223, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1245, 9-1101, 9-1108, 9-1203, 9-1205, 9-1206, 9-1207, 9-1208, 9-1209, and 25-21,252, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1201, 2-1202, 2-1205, 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and licenses issued by the commission; to require licensure of a racetrack enclosure as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to rename and change provisions relating to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to transfer funds; to eliminate the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-1222 and 9-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 358. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend section 83-178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide committed offenders access to certain records; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 359. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to state intent regarding an increase in rates for child welfare aid.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 360. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to homeowner associations; to provide restrictions and exceptions for the regulation of political signs as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 361. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Fair Employment Practice Act; to amend sections 48-1125 and 48-1126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit discrimination for exercise of rights under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to provide for jury trials; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 911 services; to amend sections 75-132.01, 86-124, 86-125, 86-163, 86-313, 86-429, 86-429.01, 86-432, 86-433, 86-435, 86-436, 86-437, 86-438, 86-439, 86-440, 86-440.01, 86-441, 86-441.01, 86-449.01, 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-458, 86-459, 86-460, 86-466, 86-467, 86-468, 86-470, 86-472, 86-802, 86-903, 86-905, 86-1001, 86-1002, 86-1003, 86-1004, 86-1006, 86-1006.01, 86-1007, 86-1011, 86-1012, 86-1013, 86-1014, 86-1015, 86-1017, 86-1018, 86-1019, 86-1020, 86-1021, 86-1022, 86-1023, 86-1024, 86-1024.01, 86-1025, 86-1025.01, 86-1026, 86-1028, 86-1029, 86-1029.01, 86-1029.02, 86-1029.03, 86-1029.04, and 86-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01, 75-126, 75-156, and 77-2703.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to eliminate provisions of and rename the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act and to change provisions of the 911 Service System Act; to change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the 911 Service System Fund, 911 service surcharges, duties and compensation of wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and county implementation of next-generation 911 service; to eliminate the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 86-420, 86-421, 86-422, 86-423, 86-424, 86-425, 86-426, 86-428, 86-430, 86-431, 86-434, 86-442, 86-443, 86-444, 86-445, 86-446, 86-447,

86-448, 86-449, 86-450, 86-450.01, 86-450.03, 86-451, 86-452, 86-453, 86-454, 86-455, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, 86-466.01, 86-469, 86-1005, 86-1008, 86-1009, 86-1010, 86-1016, and 86-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 363. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to apprenticeships; to adopt the Apprenticeship Grant Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 37-342, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to legislative approval of an indication of intent to incorporate land into the state park system; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 365. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to provide coverage and reimbursement for self-measure blood pressure monitoring services as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 366. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 84-901 and 84-901.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to create the Legislative Economic Analysis Unit and the Chief Economist; to provide for regulatory impact analyses and other impact analyses; to change provisions relating to the adoption and promulgation of rules and regulations; to provide for judicial review; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 367. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 38-101, 38-178, and 38-2894, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit conversion therapy; to provide for disciplinary sanctions under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to provide for a deceptive trade practice; to define terms; to prohibit the use of funds for conversion therapy; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 368. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to define terms; to state intent; to create the Nebraska Youth in Care Bill of Rights; and to provide powers and duties.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 369. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to minors; to amend section 43-2101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the age of majority; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 370. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Student-Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Rights Act; to amend sections 48-3601, 48-3602, 48-3603, 48-3604, 48-3605, 48-3606, and 48-3608, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to contracts or agreements for compensation for the use a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness rights or athletic reputation; to provide requirements for athlete agents and agency agreements; to change provisions relating to civil actions permitted under the act; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act; to amend sections 25-3502 and 25-3503, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to provide liability for images created by computer generation or digital manipulation; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Holdcroft, 36; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to amend section 75-109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate defined terms and provisions relating to grain inspections, special certificates, fees, powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture, the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act, labeling requirements for honey, and a deceptive trade practice; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814, 2-5501, 2-5502, 2-5503, 2-5504, 2-5505, 2-5506, 2-5507, 2-5508, and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 39-1722, 39-1724, and 39-1725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change

provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 374. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to midwives; to amend sections 38-606 and 38-618, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-101, 38-121, 38-131, 38-167, and 38-2025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Licensed Midwives Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 375. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to grocery stores; to adopt the Grocer Reinvestment Option Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend sections 28-3,107, 28-705, 28-706, 43-512.11, 43-2624, 43-3301, 43-3342.04, 68-130, 68-150, 68-158, 68-716, 68-909, 68-912, 68-916, 68-1006, 68-1007, 68-1509, 68-1735.03, 68-1804, 69-2409.01, 71-2226, 71-2518, 71-7450, 81-132, 81-638, 81-642, 81-643, 81-645, 81-648, 81-649, 81-649.02, 81-664, 81-1113, 81-3116, 83-102, 83-105, 83-4,134.01, and 83-1216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-38,113, 38-1130, 38-1208.01, 38-1216, 43-4406, 43-4504, 43-4706, 68-919, 68-974, 68-995, 68-9,109, 68-1530, 71-509, 71-564, 71-604.02, 71-2489, 71-7804, 76-3501, and 76-3505, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for physicians performing or inducing an abortion; to change and eliminate various reporting requirements; to change requirements for rules and regulations as prescribed; to redefine a term; to change requirements for the Title IV-D Customer Service Unit; to change funding provisions for child care grants; to change eligibility requirements for young adults in the bridge to independence program; to change requirements relating to office space maintained by counties; to change and eliminate requirements relating to application for, determination of need for, and payment of assistance to the aged, blind, and disabled; to change notification requirements for certain test results; to change requirements for nonvoting members of the Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementia Advisory Council and the Primary Care Investment Council; to change requirements for affidavits relating to acknowledgment of maternity; to change requirements of the State Commodity Supplemental Food Program; to change requirements for new construction under the Radon Resistant New Construction Act; to change responsibility requirements for the Division of Children and Family Services; to change and eliminate powers and duties of the department; to eliminate provisions relating to spousal assets under the Medical Assistance Act, the Autism Treatment Program Act, maternal and child welfare, the

Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act, the Outpatient Surgical Procedures Data Act, and patients with complex health needs; to provide for the use of wholesale drug distributor license fees for the prescription drug monitoring program; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-3326, 48-2307, 68-921, 68-922, 68-923, 68-924, 68-925, 68-962, 68-963, 68-964, 68-965, 68-966, 68-1008, 68-1118, 68-1518, 68-1735.02, 68-2004, 71-17,115, 71-2201, 71-2202, 71-2203, 71-2204, 71-2205, 71-2207, 71-2208, 71-3005, 71-4501, 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-4741, 71-8313, 81-650, 81-6,111, 81-6,112, 81-6,113, 81-6,114, 81-6,115, 81-6,116, 81-6,117, 81-6,118, 81-6,119, and 81-3133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-1010, 71-4504, and 76-3507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Introduced by Natural Resources Committee: Brandt, 32, Chairperson; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 37-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to term limits; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 378. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to require each public or private two-year or four-year college or university provide a report to the Attorney General and the Legislature relating to certain funding from a foreign source as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Attorney General; and to provide a civil penalty.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 379. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Dover, 19; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Welfare Reform Act; to amend section 68-1724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the maximum time limit for receipt of cash assistance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-995 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to establish requirements for Department of Health and Human Services' contractors providing medical assistance services; to provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 381. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend section 68-974, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to program integrity and recovery audit contractors and program integrity audits as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. Introduced by Meyer, 17; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Guereca, 7; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to aging services; to amend section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for appropriation of funds from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to reimburse designated area agencies on aging; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA. Introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee: Sanders, 45, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 22:

III-22 (1) Each Legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the Government. And whenever it is deemed necessary to make further appropriations for deficiencies, the same shall require a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature.

(2) Bills making appropriations for the pay of members and officers of the Legislature, and for the salaries of the officers of the Government, shall contain no provision on any other subject.

(3) The Legislature shall not impose responsibility for a program created after the year 2026 or an increased level of service required under an existing program after the year 2026 on any political subdivision of the state unless the political subdivision is fully reimbursed by the state for the cost of such program or increase in level of service. Reimbursement by the state shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to such political subdivision.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to require the state to reimburse political subdivisions for responsibilities imposed by the Legislature after the year

2026 or for increased levels of service required by the Legislature after the year 2026.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Introduced by Dover, 19; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12:

III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of <u>three</u>~~two~~ consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

For

Against.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Natural Resources Committee elected Senator DeKay as Vice Chairperson.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025
LB108

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 23, 2025

LB5 (reschedule)
LB195
LB26
LB80
LB93
LB124
LB184
Note: **LB5 and LB195 will be combined in a joint hearing, Also the order which bills will be heard will be posted outside the hearing room

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, January 24, 2025
LB65
LB70
LB99
LB136
LB174
Note: *Order bills will be heard will be posted outside the hearing room

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Raybould name added to LB55.
Senator Raybould name added to LB115.
Senator Raybould name added to LB146.
Senator Conrad name added to LB158.
Senator Conrad name added to LB162.
Senator Dorn name added to LB216.
Senator Meyer name added to LB233.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were families with the Nebraska CPM Alliance.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matt Bogaro, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:32 a.m., on a motion by Senator Guereca, the Legislature adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Friday, January 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Storer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeBoer.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 11:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Jacobson and Sorrentino who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Hansen, Hunt, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventh day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB9	General Affairs (rereferred)
LB259	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB260	Appropriations
LB261	Appropriations
LB262	Appropriations
LB263	Appropriations
LB264	Appropriations
LB265	Business and Labor
LB266	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LB267	Judiciary
LB268	Health and Human Services
LB269	Revenue
LB270	Revenue
LB271	Judiciary
LB272	Revenue
LB273	Judiciary
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LB276	Judiciary
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(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 16, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Houghton, David A.
  Kelley Plucker, LLC
Husch Blackwell Strategies
  BlackRock Funds Services Group, LLC
  City of Ralston
  Flock Safety
  Nebraska Corn Growers Association
  Republic Services
  Syngenta
Kelley Plucker, LLC
  D.A. Davidson & Co.
Kelley, Sean
  Kelley Plucker, LLC
Kolterman, Jessica A.
  Lincoln Premium Poultry
Lowe, John
  Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska
Lucariello, Katelin
  Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
Marlow, Chad
  AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, INC.
Mikolajczyk, Megan
  Nebraska Civic Engagement Table
Nebraska Strategies
  Consumer Data Industry Association
  Lincoln Premium Poultry
Peetz & Company
  Stonington Global, LLC
Plucker, Julia
  Kelley Plucker, LLC

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Business and Labor Committee elected Senator Sorrentino as Vice Chairperson.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee elected Senator Andersen as Vice Chairperson.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Speaker Arch filed the following motion:
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. Introduced by Storer, 43; at the request of the Governor; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Dover, 19; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to social media; to adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act; to provide an operative date; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 384. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Request Act; to amend section 77-1633, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require a majority of the elected members of the governing bodies of participating political subdivisions to attend joint public hearings; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to deceptive trade practices; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 386. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to mental health; to amend sections 71-904, 71-915, 71-922, 71-924, 71-941, 71-951, 71-952, 71-954, and 71-1208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-901, 71-903, 71-919, 71-920, 71-926, 71-939, 71-958, 71-1203, 71-1204, 71-1206, and 71-1223, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act; to provide for

videoconferencing of hearings and mental health evaluations under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and Sex Offender Commitment Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for detention of certain persons and mental health beds at jails as prescribed; to change provisions relating to hearings and rights of confrontation; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 387. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; Dungan, 26; Hallstrom, 1; McKinney, 11; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judicial nominating commissions; to amend sections 24-802, 24-805, 24-806, 24-808, 24-809, 24-810, and 24-810.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commission member residency requirements, terms of office, powers and duties of commissioners and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, appointments, vacancies, elections, and automatic removals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 389. Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 79-1201 and 79-1225, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate the levy authority of educational service units; to provide state funding to educational service units as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Introduced by Murman, 38; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Give to Enable Scholarship Act; to provide for certain income tax adjustments; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 392. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for appropriations to the Legislative Council; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 393. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cash Reserve Fund; to amend section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 394. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Weights and Measures Act; to amend sections 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions relating to fees; to change provisions relating to establishments that are permanently closed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 395. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend sections 28-1204.05 and 43-2,108.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to unlawful possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender and sealed records; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-516 and 70-623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to proposed budgets of certain districts and agencies and the filing of fiscal audits of certain districts; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 397. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 44-3,158, 48-144.03, and 48-446, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to 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 48-443, 48-444, and 48-445, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-4,144.01 and 60-4,144.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and

sections 18-1737, 60-107, 60-119.01, 60-169, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-3,113.04, 60-3,193.01, 60-462.01, 60-479.01, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,131, 60-4,132, 60-4,134, 60-4,144, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,168, 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265, 60-2705, 60-2909.01, 75-363, 75-364, 75-366, 75-369.03, 75-392, and 75-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law and update certain federal references; to change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits; to redefine terms; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mutual Finance Assistance Act; to amend section 35-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 35-1204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to property tax rates; to change qualifications for certain distributions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 400. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for compensability of certain cancers in firefighters; to create rebuttable presumptions; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 401. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2709, 77-2786, and 77-2796, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2727, 77-2734.01, and 77-2776, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the taxation of partnerships and small business corporations and notices of deficiency determinations, deficiencies, and denials of claims for refunds; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 402. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend section 48-665, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act to include collections related to overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law; to change provisions of the Employment Security Law relating to the statute of limitations for recovery of unemployment overpayment debt; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 403. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to create the Office of Grants; and to provide duties.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 404. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize the court to extend the term of probation on joint application of the probation officer and the probationer as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 405. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to remove redundant language relating to entertainment district licenses; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 406. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend section 2-1201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to remove redundant language; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 407. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend sections 43-252, 43-2,106.03, and 43-424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-1816, 43-246.01, 43-251.01, 43-276, 43-279, 43-286, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for criminal proceedings against certain juveniles charged with felonies following unsuccessful rehabilitation under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to provide for appeals and inadmissibility of certain statements by juveniles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 408. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to adopt the Special Education Forgiveable Loan Program Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 409. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Power Review Board; to amend section 70-1003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to membership of the board; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 410. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage of prosthetics and orthotics as prescribed; and to define terms.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 411. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; to amend section 79-8,114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to eligibility for grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 412. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to paternity; to amend section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to interventions in paternity actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 413. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power districts, public irrigation districts, and public power and irrigation districts; to amend section 70-655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the setting of rates by districts as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a suicide mortality review team; to define terms; to provide for powers and duties; and to require a report as prescribed.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Business and Labor
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
LB229
LB308
LB144
LB100
LB197

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; to amend sections 2, 3, and 4, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to paid sick time; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 416. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to amend section 25-21,185.11, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the effect of releases, covenants not to sue, or similar agreements on joint and several liability; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 417. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-760.03 and 79-760.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide powers and duties to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to administer the Nebraska Promise Program; to adopt the College Promise Act; to change provisions relating to the Quality Education Accountability Act and national assessments; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 418. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; to amend section 38-1424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow a nonlicensed funeral director and embalmer to officiate at a funeral ceremony; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend sections 80-316 and 80-401.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to eligibility for admission to veterans homes and veterans aid; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 420. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 84-1501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Public Employees Retirement Board as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 421. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend section 9-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to authorize an online gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to provide powers and duties to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to change provisions for the distribution of taxes collected from sports wagering; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; to amend sections 76-3401 and 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to required warnings on transfer on death deeds and insurance policies on certain real property; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 423. Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to internships; to amend sections 81-1201.21 and 81-1210.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate a grant program relating to internships; to transfer funds; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-1210.01, 81-1210.02, and 81-1210.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Legislature's Planning Committee elected Senator DeBoer as Chairperson.

The Legislature's Planning Committee elected Senator Strommen as Vice Chairperson.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 424. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to define terms; and to limit increases in property tax bills as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 425. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 426. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-724 and 79-3501, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize an American flag education program as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the distribution of lottery funds used for education; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 427. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to require the State Treasurer to establish an educational savings account for students enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade at an approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school for use on qualified educational expenses as prescribed; to create a fund; to provide powers and duties to the State Treasurer and the State Board of Education; and to provide a penalty for fraud or theft associated with an educational savings account.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 429. Introduced by Murman, 38; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to provide restrictions involving professional employees' organizations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 430. Introduced by Murman, 38; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-265, 79-265.01, and 79-268, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to short-term and long-term suspension; to provide an additional exception to the prohibition on suspending a student in pre-kindergarten through second grade; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 431. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-401 and 28-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit kratom as a controlled substance; to define a term; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 432. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the death penalty; to amend sections 83-964, 83-965, 83-966, 83-967, 83-968, 83-969, 83-970, 83-971, and 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for execution by nitrogen hypoxia; to define terms; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 24:

III-24 (1) Except as provided in this section, the Legislature shall not authorize any game of chance or any lottery or gift enterprise when the consideration for a chance to participate involves the payment of money for the purchase of property, services, or a chance or admission ticket or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time.

(2) The Legislature may authorize and regulate a state lottery pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and other lotteries, raffles, and gift enterprises

which are intended solely as business promotions or the proceeds of which are to be used solely for charitable or community betterment purposes without profit to the promoter of such lotteries, raffles, or gift enterprises.

(3)(a) The Legislature may establish a lottery to be operated and regulated by the State of Nebraska. The proceeds of the lottery shall be appropriated by the Legislature for the costs of establishing and maintaining the lottery and for the following purposes, as directed by the Legislature:

(i) The first five hundred thousand dollars after the payment of prizes and operating expenses shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund;

(ii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund to be used as provided in the Nebraska Environmental Trust Act;

(iii) Forty-four and one-half percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be used for education as the Legislature may direct;

(iv) Ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Nebraska State Fair Board if the most populous city within the county in which the fair is located provides matching funds equivalent to ten percent of the funds available for transfer. Such matching funds may be obtained from the city and any other private or public entity, except that no portion of such matching funds shall be provided by the state. If the Nebraska State Fair ceases operations, ten percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the General Fund; and

(v) One percent of the money remaining after the payment of prizes and operating expenses and the initial transfer to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund shall be transferred to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

(b) No lottery game shall be conducted as part of the lottery unless the type of game has been approved by a majority of the members of the Legislature.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit (a) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of wagering on the results of horseraces, wherever run, either within or outside of the state, by the parimutuel method, when such wagering is conducted by licensees within a licensed racetrack enclosure or (b) the enactment of laws providing for the licensing and regulation of bingo games conducted by nonprofit associations which have been in existence for a period of five years immediately preceding the application for license, except that bingo games cannot be conducted by agents or lessees of such associations on a percentage basis.

(5) This section shall not apply to any law which is enacted contemporaneously with the adoption of this subsection or at any time thereafter and which provides for the licensing, authorization, regulation, or

taxation of all forms of games of chance when such games of chance are conducted by authorized gaming operators within a licensed racetrack enclosure. Any authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure may allow a sports wager to be placed by means of a mobile or electronic platform that is offered by or in partnership with such authorized gaming operator as long as the individual placing the sports wager is located inside the State of Nebraska at the time the sports wager is placed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to permit an authorized gaming operator conducting sports wagering within a licensed racetrack enclosure to allow a sports wager to be placed by an individual located within the State of Nebraska at the time the individual places the sports wager by means of a mobile or electronic platform.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 21. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Ballard, 21; Murman, 38

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

1. That the Legislature hereby makes an application to Congress, as provided by Article V of the Constitution of the United States, to call a convention limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

2. That the Clerk of the Legislature shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, to the Speaker and Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to the chairperson of the United States House Committee on the Judiciary, to each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation, and to the presiding officers of each of the legislative houses in the several states requesting their cooperation.

3. That this application shall be considered as covering the same subject matter as the applications from other states to Congress to call a convention to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate and this application shall be aggregated with the applications from other states for the purpose of attaining the two-thirds of states necessary to require Congress to call a limited convention on this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject.

4. This application constitutes a continuing application in accordance with Article V of the Constitution of the United States until the legislatures

of at least two-thirds of the several states have made applications on the same subject.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Quick name added to LB90.
Senator Raybould name added to LB153.
Senator Raybould name added to LB159.
Senator Conrad name added to LB268.
Senator Conrad name added to LB272.
Senator Spivey name added to LB287.
Senator Conrad name added to LB304.
Senator Conrad name added to LB342.
Senator Conrad name added to LB381.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dale Michels, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:18 p.m., on a motion by Senator McKeon, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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FIRST SESSION

NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 21, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Jacobson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Raybould who was excused and Senators Bostar, Dover, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB312	Health and Human Services
LB313	Business and Labor
LB314	Revenue
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LB380	Health and Human Services
LB381	Health and Human Services
LB382	Health and Human Services
LR17	Natural Resources
LR18CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR19CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 433. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 81-1316 and 84-1307, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt state agency deputy directors and attorneys from the State Personnel System as prescribed; to change provisions relating to retirement system membership under the State Employees Retirement Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; to amend sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01, 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the adoption of fees; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 435. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Conveyance Safety Act; to amend sections 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216, 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the duties of the Conveyance Advisory Committee; to eliminate the granting of variances; to allow the granting of equivalency requests; to change provisions relating to exempted and not exempted

conveyances, alternative inspections, applications for elevator mechanic licenses and elevator contractor licenses, and the method for requesting inspections; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 436. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act; to amend sections 71-6221, 71-6223, 71-6224, and 71-6226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to regulation of unregulated health professions and changes in scope of practice; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 437. Introduced by Riepe, 12; Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act; to amend sections 71-20,103 and 71-20,105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 71-20,113, 71-5801, 71-5803, 71-5803.01, 71-5803.02, 71-5803.03, 71-5803.04, 71-5803.05, 71-5803.06, 71-5803.07, 71-5803.08, 71-5803.09, 71-5803.10, 71-5803.11, 71-5803.12, 71-5803.13, 71-5803.15, 71-5829.03, 71-5829.04, 71-5829.05, 71-5829.06, 71-5830.01, 71-5836, 71-5837, 71-5846, 71-5848, 71-5848.01, 71-5859, 71-5865, 71-5868, 71-5869, and 71-5870, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 438. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to gambling; to amend section 9-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 9-1103 and 9-1110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to authorize an authorized gaming operator to conduct sports wagering by means of an online sports wagering platform under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act as prescribed; to change provisions for the distribution of taxes collected for sports wagering; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 439. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 440. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Education Leave and Support Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 441. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Building Construction Act; to amend section 71-6401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to allow virtual inspection for certain building permits as prescribed; to require certain inspection records be made available to the public; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 442. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child care; to establish a state child care subsidy program.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 443. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the offense of unlawful squatting; to provide duties for law enforcement officers; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 444. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to amend section 75-307, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require certain minimum uninsured and underinsured insurance coverage per occupant for certain certificated intrastate motor carriers, certain motor carriers transporting household goods, and any motor carrier transporting employees of a railroad carrier; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 445. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state buildings; to amend sections 72-803, 73-307, 81-1108.15, 81-1701, 82-316, 85-106, and 85-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State Building Construction Alternatives Act; to change provisions relating to planning, bidding, construction, and procurement for state buildings; to eliminate provisions relating to procurement of art for state buildings; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 82-317, 82-318, 82-319, 82-320, 82-321, 82-322, 82-323, 82-324, 82-325, 82-326, 82-327, 82-328, 82-329, 85-106.01, 85-106.02, 85-106.03, 85-304.01, 85-304.02, and 85-304.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
LB249
LB296
LB335

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Speaker Arch offered his motion to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, found on page 234, to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

The Arch motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
LB378
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(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Urban Affairs
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
LB286
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LB240
LB290

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 446. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to vital statistics; to amend section 71-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements relating to standard forms and release of health data and statistical research information; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 447. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to provide requirements relating to wages and the use of apprentices for certain redevelopment contracts; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 448. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postconviction relief; to amend sections 29-3002, 29-3003, 29-3004, and 29-3915, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Postconviction Relief Act; to provide for postconviction relief for a claim of actual innocence; to provide exceptions for time limitations and procedural defaults; to define terms; to provide for disclosure of certain files by attorneys, law enforcement, and prosecutors; to provide for discovery; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 449. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the state highway system; to amend section 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions related to the priority of projects and requirements of the state highway system plan; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 450. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; to amend sections 13-3202, 13-3203, and 13-3204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change legislative findings; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to requirements for ordinances or resolutions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 451. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to funds; to amend sections 69-1317 and 72-2211, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the transfer of money from the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund; to authorize the transfer of money to the Capitol Restoration Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 452. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 453. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to guardians and conservators; to amend section 30-2630.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-2602.02 and 30-2626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for background checks; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change powers and duties for regional behavioral health authorities; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for confidentiality of and access to certain injury reports; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 456. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-146.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for release of employee medical records as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Department of Education to develop model policies relating to anaphylaxis for use in school districts and licensed child care programs as prescribed; to change provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act; to require school districts to adopt a policy relating to anaphylaxis as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Health and Human Services and the

State Department of Education; to limit the out-of-pocket cost of medically necessary epinephrine injectors to a covered individual as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 458. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 18-3417, 77-1804, 77-1806, 77-1815, 77-1816, 77-1819, 77-1823, 77-1825, 77-1829, 77-1836, 77-1856, 77-1902, and 77-1909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1802, 77-1807, 77-1818, 77-1831, 77-1832, 77-1833, 77-1837, and 77-1838, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Permitting Approval Timeliness Act and the By-Right Housing Development Act; to define terms; to provide criteria and guidelines for zoning regulations; to require certain cities to allow the use of duplex housing and manufactured homes as prescribed; to require and restrict zoning regulations by municipalities relating to accessory dwelling units as prescribed; to change provisions relating to land banks, real property sold for delinquent taxes, and certain tax-related foreclosure actions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 459. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to state legislative intent; to establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse; and to provide duties.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 460. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend section 59-1608.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the Nebraska Council on Economic Education Cash Fund; to state intent regarding appropriations; to provide for a transfer from the State Settlement Cash Fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 461. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to retiring firefighters; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 462. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child abuse and neglect; amend sections 28-711, 28-714, 28-715, 28-729, and 43-292, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-707, 28-710, 28-716, 28-728, 43-247, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change reporting requirements for persons required to report suspected child abuse or neglect; to change requirements for child abuse and

neglect investigation teams, juvenile court jurisdiction, and termination of parental rights; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 463. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-3101, 79-3103, 79-3105, 79-3108, and 79-3109, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the eligible uses of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the state school security director; to change provisions of the School Safety and Security Reporting Act and require school districts to develop a cardiac emergency response plan as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the School Safety and Security Fund; to provide powers and duties to the State Department of Education to provide grants to school for costs associated with a cardiac emergency response plan; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 464. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit organized retail crimes as prescribed; to define terms; to provide for penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 465. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation network companies; to amend sections 75-305 and 75-328, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to annual fees; to change provisions relating to the use of a personal vehicle as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 466. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend section 43-245, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 467. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Utilization Review Act; to amend section 44-5416, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a duty to implement a prior authorization application programming interface; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 33-110, 60-158, 60-3,186, 76-901, 76-903, 77-684, 77-912, 77-1327, 77-1720, 77-1804, and 81-12,146, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-1120, 77-2005, 77-2006, 77-6203, 77-6815, 77-6831, and 77-6833, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to distribute certain funds to counties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to certain fees and the motor vehicle tax; to change the amount and distribution of the documentary stamp tax; to change the distribution of taxes relating to car line companies and insurance premiums; to change fee provisions relating to real estate sold for delinquent taxes; to change provisions relating to inheritance taxes and the nameplate capacity tax; to change provisions of the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to eliminate a sales tax exemption and a definition relating to data centers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.54 and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 469. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend section 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a duty for the State Court Administrator; to require development of a form to be included in eviction notices; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unsworn declarations; to provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn declarations; and to provide declaration language.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 471. Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to prohibit certain restrictions by state agencies, state entities, counties, cities, and villages relating to the energy source of motor vehicles; and to prohibit certain actions of the Department of Environment and Energy relating to vehicle emission standards.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 472. Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government regulations; to adopt the Regulatory Management Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 473. Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Jacobson, 42, Chairperson; Bostar, 29; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Riepe, 12; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; to amend sections 8-2701, 8-2702, 8-2703, 8-2704, 8-2705, 8-2706, 8-2707, 8-2708, 8-2709, 8-2710, 8-2711, 8-2712, 8-2713, 8-2714, 8-2715, 8-2716, 8-2717, 8-2718, 8-2719, 8-2720, 8-2721, 8-2722, 8-2723, 8-2725, 8-2726, 8-2727, 8-2728, 8-2731, 8-2732, 8-2733, 8-2734, 8-2736, 8-2737, 8-2738, 8-2739, 8-2740, 8-2741, 8-2742, and 8-3027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-602, 8-2724, 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, and 8-3025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change provisions relating to licenses, applicability, exemptions, powers and duties of the Director of Banking and Finance, implementation, confidentiality, examination and investigation, multistate supervision, applications, information required by the director, control, required reports, audited financials, records, authorized delegates, prohibited activities, money transmission procedures, refunds, receipts, required disclosures, surety bonds, permissible investments, suspension, cancellation, and revocation of a license or designation, orders to cease and desist, consent orders, violations, fees, charges, and costs; to provide for penalties and fines; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 8-2743, 8-2744, 8-2745, 8-2746, and 8-2747, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. Introduced by Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee: Jacobson, 42, Chairperson; Bostar, 29; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Riepe, 12; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to interest, loans, and debt; to amend sections 8-319, 8-330, 8-601, 8-820.01, 44-1703, 45-101.04, 45-1,110, 45-334, 45-335, 45-336, 45-337, 45-338, 45-339, 45-340, 45-341, 45-342, 45-343, 45-344, 45-345, 45-347, 45-348, 45-350, 45-351, 45-352, 45-353, 45-355, 45-356, 45-702, 45-703, 45-705, 45-729, 45-734, 45-804, and 76-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346, 45-354, and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to rename the Nebraska Installment Sales Act; to transfer the provisions of and eliminate the Nebraska Installment Loan Act; to change and eliminate provisions relating to installment sales and installment loans; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 45-351.01, 45-1001, 45-1004, 45-1007, 45-1008, 45-1009, 45-1010, 45-1011, 45-1012, 45-1013, 45-1014, 45-1015, 45-1016, 45-1017, 45-1019, 45-1020, 45-1021, 45-1022, 45-1023, 45-1024, 45-1025, 45-1026, 45-1027, 45-1028, 45-1029, 45-1030, 45-1031, 45-1032, 45-1033, 45-1033.02, 45-1034, 45-1035, 45-1036, 45-1037, 45-1038, 45-1039, 45-1040, 45-1041, 45-1042, 45-1043, 45-1044, 45-1045, 45-1046, 45-1047, 45-1048, 45-1049, 45-1050, 45-1051, 45-1052, 45-1053, 45-1054, 45-1055, 45-1056, 45-1057, 45-1058, 45-1059, 45-1060, 45-1061, 45-1062, 45-1063, 45-1064, 45-1065, 45-1066, 45-1067, 45-1068, 45-1069, and 45-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-1002, 45-1003, 45-1005, 45-1006, 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 475. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to Uniform controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to classify tianeptine as a controlled substance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 476. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to amend sections 76-3701 and 76-3712, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide exemptions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Speaker Arch offered the following motion to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to allow standing committees which meet on January 27, 2025, to schedule public hearings with six calendar days' notice.

The Arch motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
James S Brummer - State Electrical Board
Nathan Michael Lon Francis - State Electrical Board
LB177
LB357

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
LB362

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, January 27, 2025
Josh Hohensee - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Edward Jarrett - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Robert Knapp - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Aaron Krebs - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
LB23
LB98
LB196
LB337

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
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Thursday, January 30, 2025
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Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025
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LB87

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 28, 2025
LB7
LB372
LB145

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 477. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Workplace Privacy Act; to amend sections 48-3502 and 48-3503, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to prohibit employers from taking certain actions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Introduced by General Affairs Committee: Holdcroft, 36, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.15, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-130, 53-134, 53-162, and 53-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101, 53-131.01, and 53-165.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an auction permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor at auction and for a wholesalers shipping license as prescribed; to change provisions relating to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, the method of notice for local governing body hearings related to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and obligations of the primary source of supply for alcoholic liquor; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 479. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 480. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Water Recreation Enhancement Act; to amend sections 37-1802 and 37-1803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to legislative findings and declarations and purposes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 481. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Foster Child Scholarships Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 482. Introduced by Ballard, 21; Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-359, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to attorney's fees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 483. Introduced by Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, and 77-4303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416 and 28-476, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437; to limit permissible forms of medical cannabis to pills or liquid tinctures; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to the allowed amount of cannabis a qualified patient may possess; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 484. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1359, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine agricultural land and horticultural land; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 485. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to railroads; to provide for confidentiality for train crew members involved with railroad fatalities and access to confidential information of train crew members as prescribed; to exempt train crew members from being required to display operator's licenses to law enforcement; and to define a term.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 486. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health and human services; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services regarding reimbursement for certain service providers.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 487. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the restitution for redlining; to amend sections 77-4310.01 and 77-4310.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Restitution and Redress for Redlining Task Force Act; to change provisions relating to transfers from the Marijuana and Controlled Substances Tax Administration Cash Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 488. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the administration of justice; to amend sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-248 and 43-286.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require a peace officer to assume custody of a probationer or temporary custody of a juvenile upon request by a probation officer as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 489. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend section 70-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit certain entities from operating, maintaining, constructing, or acquiring transmission lines and related facilities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act; to amend section 60-137, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow applications for certificates of title for certain vehicles; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 491. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Museum Construction and Maintenance Fund; to amend section 72-819, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent regarding appropriations for the Chief Standing Bear Museum and visitor center; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 492. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to truancy; to amend sections 79-206 and 79-209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-245, 43-247, and 43-276, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to change provisions relating to juvenile court jurisdiction relating to habitual truancy and provide a defense to adjudication; to change provisions relating to compulsory attendance; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 493. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to civil procedure; to adopt the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act; to eliminate provisions relating to actions involving public petition and participation; to provide severability; to outright repeal sections 25-21,241, 25-21,242, 25-21,243, 25-21,244, 25-21,245, and 25-21,246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 494. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-4602, 77-7304, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain transfers of General Fund net receipts; to change provisions of the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 495. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Property Tax Request Act; to amend sections 77-1632 and 77-1633, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to community colleges; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 496. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain animals being led or driven on highways; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 497. Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-215 and 79-2,136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the admission of students and require each school board to allow certain students that are not residents of the school district to participate in extracurricular activities as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 498. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1006, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to foundation aid and certain certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee; to amend sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership of the committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 500. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school finance; to create the School Financing Review Commission; to provide powers and duties; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1301, 77-1307, 77-1308, 77-1309, and 77-1725.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage; to redefine and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 502. Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Farm Labor Contractors Act; to amend section 48-1714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide a penalty for certain seed corn producers and farm labor contractors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 503. Introduced by Bosn, 25; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities; to amend section 77-6203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize the designation of American energy friendly counties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to privately developed renewable energy generation facilities and the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Introduced by Bosn, 25; at the request of the Governor; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protections; to adopt the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act; to provide an operative date; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 505. Introduced by Prokop, 27; DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations for food assistance; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 506. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to adopt the Landlord and Tenant Radon Awareness Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 507. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to transportation expenses for children with disabilities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 508. Introduced by Hunt, 8; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Military Code; to amend section 55-117, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the ordering of the Nebraska National Guard into active combat; to provide a duty; to require a report; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 509. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39; Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Opportunity Scholarships Act; to provide for tax credits; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 510. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-4405, 77-4406, and 77-4411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 511. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 25-21,302, 28-801.01, 29-4001, 29-4001.01, and 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-830, 28-831, 28-1354, 29-110, 29-3005, 29-3523, 29-4003, 29-4007, 29-4802, and 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the offense of solicitation of prostitution to the offense of commercial sexual exploitation and change the elements of, and penalties for, such offense; to provide for setting aside and expunging convictions for certain first offense violations of such offense; to transfer provisions relating to human trafficking; to define and redefine terms; to create a grant program to provide funding for law enforcement agencies; to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; to require registration under the Sex Offender Registration Act for solicitation of prostitution, certain trafficking offenses, and certain inchoate and related

offenses; to change procedures and requirements relating to registration for certain offenses; to state legislative intent regarding appropriations; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct education, awareness, and outreach campaigns relating to healthy families, pornography, and prostitution; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 512. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act; to redefine a term; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judges' salaries; to amend section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change judges' salaries; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 514. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities of the metropolitan class; to amend section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities of the metropolitan class relating to housing authorities; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 515. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-28,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide requirements for certain prescription refills as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 516. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to eliminate a requirement for counties relating to office space; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to outright repeal sections 68-130 and 81-1139.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 517. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-2,144, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to duties of the state school security director; to require each school district to

provide certain security information to the school security director; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 518. Introduced by Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to treatment and corrections; to amend section 83-1,100.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for a report by the Department of Correctional Services and the Board of Parole; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Introduced by Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-4,114.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require independent confirmatory testing of potential items of contraband drugs; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 520. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bed and breakfast establishments; to amend sections 81-2,242, 81-2,292, and 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term and change provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act relating to bed and breakfast establishments; to require the State Fire Code to include provisions relating to bed and breakfast establishments as prescribed; to provide requirements for bed and breakfast establishments; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-104, 32-239, 32-307, 32-315, 32-401, 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624, 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912, 32-1032, 32-1037, 32-1119, 32-1122, and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-123, 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312, 32-326, 32-405, 32-607, 32-613, 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630, 32-631, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803, 32-809, 32-811, 32-1002, 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1013, 32-1049, 32-1409, 32-1524, 32-1525, and 32-1546, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to voter registration, special elections, petitions, political parties, write-in candidates, ballots, counting watchers and observers, and counting and recounting ballots; to provide forms for petitions; to eliminate provisions relating to voter registration and political party delegates; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 32-309 and 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 522. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend sections 48-119 and 48-122.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and section 48-121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the date when compensation begins; to provide for cost-of-living adjustments to weekly income benefits as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 523. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Student Teacher Compensation Act; to state intent relating to funding; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 524. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-8,112, 79-8,113, 79-8,114, 79-8,115, and 79-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of and authorize paraeducator grants under the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act; to change provisions relating to eligible uses of the Education Future Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 22CA. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 32 to Article I:

I-32 All people have a right to a clean and healthy environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, balanced ecosystems, a safe climate, and diverse and abundant native flora and fauna and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, recreational, and healthful qualities of the environment. The state, and each subdivision thereof, shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of Nebraska and shall conserve, protect, and maintain such resources for the benefit of all the people, including present and future generations. The rights and obligations in this section shall be self-executing.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that people have the right to a clean and healthy natural environment and that the state and political subdivisions shall serve as trustee of the natural resources of Nebraska.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 23CA. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 2:

III-2 The first power reserved by the people is the initiative whereby laws may be enacted and constitutional amendments adopted by the people independently of the Legislature. This power may be invoked by petition wherein the proposed measure shall be set forth at length. If the petition be for the enactment of a law, it shall be signed by seven percent of the registered voters of the state, and if the petition be for the amendment of the Constitution, the petition therefor shall be signed by ten percent of such registered voters. In all cases the registered voters signing such petition shall be so distributed as to include five percent of the registered voters of each of two-fifths of the counties of the state, and when thus signed, the petition shall be filed with the Secretary of State. For petitions filed prior to July 7, 2028, the Secretary of State ~~who~~ shall submit the measure thus proposed to the electors of the state at the first general election held not less than four months after such petition shall have been filed. For petitions filed on or after July 7, 2028, the Secretary of State shall submit the measure at the next general election only if such petition is filed on or before the second Wednesday in July of the calendar year before such general election. The same measure, either in form or in essential substance, shall not be submitted to the people by initiative petition, either affirmatively or negatively, more often than once in three years. If conflicting measures submitted to the people at the same election be approved, the one receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall thereby become law as to all conflicting provisions. The constitutional limitations as to the scope and subject matter of statutes enacted by the Legislature shall apply to those enacted by the initiative. Initiative measures shall contain only one subject. The Legislature shall not amend, repeal, modify, or impair a law enacted by the people by initiative, contemporaneously with the adoption of this initiative measure or at any time thereafter, except upon a vote of at least two-thirds of all the members of the Legislature.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the deadline to file an initiative petition for placement on the general election ballot.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24CA. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To add a new section 7 to Article VI:

VI-7 The presidential electors designated to represent the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who receive the greatest number of votes at the general election in the state shall serve as the presidential electors for the state.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide that the presidential electors designated to represent the presidential and vice-presidential candidates who receive the greatest number of votes at the general election in the state shall serve as the presidential electors for the state.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 7:

III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly established district which they shall represent for the balance of their term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Until January 6, 2027, each~~Each~~ member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her office. Beginning January 6, 2027, each member of the Legislature shall be paid at the rate of the state minimum wage set by law. In addition ~~to his or her salary~~, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature and shall receive health insurance paid by the state with equivalent benefits to those offered by Medicaid in effect at the beginning of the term of office of the most recently elected members. Except as otherwise provided in this section, members~~. Members~~ of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than ~~his or her~~ salary and expenses, and employees of the

Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the compensation of members of the Legislature to an amount based on the state minimum wage and provide for health insurance for the members.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 26. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, Turner syndrome is a noninheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in two thousand female births; and

WHEREAS, a complete cardiac screening is an important diagnostic tool to ensure early diagnosis of Turner syndrome in girls and women; and

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased by more than a hundredfold in young and middle-aged women with Turner syndrome; and

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems, and learning difficulties; and

WHEREAS, individuals with Turner syndrome have an increased risk of a nonverbal learning disorder that can cause problems in mathematics, visual-spatial skills, executive function skills, and job retention; and

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, women with Turner syndrome can live long and healthy lives; and

WHEREAS, the observation of Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in February 2025 provides the opportunity to share experiences and information and raise public awareness about Turner syndrome.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the month of February 2025 as Turner Syndrome Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all girls and women diagnosed with Turner syndrome and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Education Committee elected Senator Hughes as Vice Chairperson.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Clements name added to LB3.
Senator Hardin name added to LB140.
Senator Conrad name added to LB275.
Senator Conrad name added to LB282.
Senator Conrad name added to LB283.
Senator Conrad name added to LB375.
Senator Brandt name added to LB421.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Brett Copley, Syracuse.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:08 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storm, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 22, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

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 Bosn, Bostar, Hansen, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the ninth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendments to LB512:
FA8
Strike Section 1.

FA9
Strike Section 2.

FA10
Strike Section 3.

FA11
Strike Section 1.

FA12
Strike Section 2.

FA13
Strike Section 3.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following motions to LB512:
MO16
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

MO17
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

MO18
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO19
Indefinitely postpone.

MO20
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO21
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	**Committee**
LB383	Judiciary
LB384	Revenue
LB385	Judiciary
LB386	Judiciary
LB387	Judiciary
LB388	Judiciary
LB389	Revenue
LB390	Education
LB391	Revenue
LB392	Appropriations
LB393	Appropriations
LB394	Agriculture
LB395	Judiciary
LB396	Natural Resources
LB397	Business and Labor
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LB401	Revenue
LB402	Business and Labor
LB403	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB404	Judiciary
LB405	General Affairs
LB406	General Affairs
LB407	Judiciary
LB408	Education
LB409	Natural Resources
LB410	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB411	Education
LB412	Judiciary
LB413	Natural Resources
LB414	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB415	Business and Labor
LB416	Judiciary
LB417	Education
LB418	Health and Human Services
LB419	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB420	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB421	General Affairs
LB422	Judiciary
LB423	Business and Labor
LB424	Revenue
LB425	Revenue
LB426	Education
LB427	Education
LB428	Education
LB429	Education
LB430	Education
LB431	Judiciary
LB432	Judiciary
LR20CA	General Affairs
LR21	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025
LB302
LB34

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Rules

The Rules Committee met on January 21, 2025, and advanced the following proposal rule:

Proposed Rule Change 6, found on page 71.

The Rules Committee met on January 21, 2025, and advanced the following amended proposed rule:

Proposed Rule Change 21

Rule 5, Sec. 4. Introducers Signing Bills.

(e) The introducers of all bills must submit a statement of intent for each bill to the appropriate committee chairperson within ~~at least~~ three legislative ~~calendar~~ days after ~~prior to~~ the referencing of the bill is reported by the Reference Committee. If any bill is re-referenced to another committee after the statement of intent was submitted pursuant to this rule, the introducer must resubmit such statement of intent to the committee chairperson of the committee to which the bill was referenced ~~bill's hearing~~. The statement of intent should discuss clearly and completely the purposes and effects of the bill.

*This rule would be effective starting with the 2026 legislative session.

(Signed) Loren Lippincott, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 525. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to adopt the Agricultural Data Privacy Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cryptocurrency mining; to amend section 70-655, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide powers and duties to public power districts; to allow public power districts to require payments or letters of credit from cryptocurrency mining operations for certain infrastructure upgrades; to provide for an excise tax on cryptocurrency mining; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-2702, 44-32,180, and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to redefine a term; to provide for a tax on health maintenance organizations; to change requirements for taxes on prepaid limited health service organizations and direct writing premiums; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 528. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to learning platforms; to amend section 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to grants funded from the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Economic Development relating to grants for learning platforms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Investment Council; to amend section 84-602.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 73-801, 73-806, 73-812, and 73-817, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide certain exemptions for the Nebraska Investment Council under the State Procurement Act and the Taxpayer Transparency Act relating to contracts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 28-306, 28-394, 60-682.01, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide, motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child, speed limit violations, and passing a stopped vehicle; to define a term; to redefine

reckless driving under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to provide a requirement for motor vehicles operators who are approaching or passing vulnerable road users; to provide and change fines and penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 531. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to building codes; to amend section 58-701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide on exception to the requirement that buildings constructed with state funds comply with the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code; to prohibit the Department of Economic Development from requiring certain projects receiving funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund comply with the International Energy Conservation Code as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 532. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to immigration; to amend section 48-2911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require employers to use the E-Verify system; to prohibit knowingly hiring an unauthorized alien; to provide for penalties; to provide for discipline against an employer's license; to provide civil penalties; to provide duties for the Commissioner of Labor and the Department of Labor; to define terms; to eliminate a requirement that public employers and public contractors use the E-Verify system; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; to repeal the original section; and to outright repeal section 4-1114, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 533. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; to amend sections 44-4601 and 44-4603, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to provide requirements relating to clinician-administered drugs; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 535. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 84-941.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101,

28-115, 28-929, 28-929.01, 28-929.02, 28-930, 28-931, 28-934, 28-1351, 28-1354, and 29-2221, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to prohibit assault on a frontline behavioral health provider or health care worker; to change and eliminate provisions and penalties relating to offenses involving assault on an officer, emergency responder, certain employees, or a health care professional; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-931.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 536. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 537. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to amend section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide requirements for workforce development grants; to state intent regarding funding; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 538. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 85-1401 and 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require each school board to adopt a policy relating to discrimination and harassment, including antisemitism, as prescribed; to create the position of Title VI coordinator within the State Department of Education and provide powers and duties; to require each postsecondary educational institution governing board to adopt a policy relating to discrimination and harassment, including antisemitism, as prescribed; to require the Coordinating Commission on Postsecondary Education to employ a Title VI coordinator as prescribed and provide powers and duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 539. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the regulation of handguns; to amend sections 69-2403, 69-2409.01, 69-2410, and 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate provisions relating to handgun purchase requirements; to change provisions relating to criminal history record checks; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 69-2409, 69-2411, 69-2412, 69-2413, 69-2414, 69-2415, 69-2416, 69-2417, 69-2418, 69-2419, and 69-2423, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 540. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Apiary Act; to amend sections 81-2,165.01 and 81-2,166, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to create the Nebraska Apiary Advisory Board and provide objectives and duties for such board; to provide a requirement for the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska to create a full-time educator position as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 541. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend sections 32-306, 32-307, 32-310, 32-311.01, 32-312.05, 32-315, 32-320, 32-321, 32-323, 32-325, 32-806, 32-808, 32-902, 32-938, 32-1118, and 32-1119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-101, 32-103, 32-202, 32-203, 32-206, 32-308, 32-312, 32-941, 32-942, 32-943, 32-947, 32-950.01, 32-960, 32-1002, 32-1041, and 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate online voter registration; to restrict voter registration by mail; to change voter registration provisions; to require watermarks on official ballots; to provide requirements to vote by means of a ballot for early voting; to provide requirements for secure ballot drop-boxes; to provide requirements for hand counts; to change provisions relating to voting and counting methods; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 32-309, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-304 and 32-320.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 542. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 14-2113 and 39-1304.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions relating to utility facilities; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 543. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-3,157, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-392, 60-3,100, 60-3,101, and 60-3,102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the delivery of license plates and authorize fees; to change provisions relating to fees collected for license plates; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 544. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to disqualify certain individuals from receiving benefits as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 545. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to menstrual products; to provide immunity from liability for injury or death resulting from the use of donated menstrual products as prescribed; and to define terms.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 546. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to emergencies; to amend section 81-829.40, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to emergency proclamations made by the Governor; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 547. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 60-3,185, 77-202.23, and 77-202.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a motor vehicle tax exemption and a property tax exemption relating to certain disabled veterans; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 548. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural gas systems; to provide for municipalities to contract with industrial users of natural gas; and to provide requirements for such contracts.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 549. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-804, 79-805, and 79-814.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow a school board to employ a chaplain, including in a volunteer capacity, to perform various duties at a school without a certificate issued by the Commissioner of Education as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 550. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to require school districts to adopt a policy that excuses students to attend a released time course for religious instruction as prescribed; to authorize a civil action for violations; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 551. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend sections 85-106, 85-304, 85-1511, and 85-1530, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit the practice of academic tenure at postsecondary

educational institutions governed by the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, or a community college board of governors for any community college area established by section 85-1504 as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, and any community college board of governors; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 552. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to define terms; and to prohibit public postsecondary educational institutions from having a diversity, equity, and inclusion office and taking certain actions related to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 553. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to students in dietitian nutritionist practice programs and loan repayments for dietitian nutritionists; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 554. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6207, 71-6207.02, 71-6219.01, 71-6223.02, 71-6224, 71-6225, and 71-6226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-6227, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the Nebraska Health Professions Commission; to change powers and duties; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate technical committees; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 555. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; to amend sections 38-1401, 38-1402, 38-1413, and 38-1424, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for assistant funeral directors; to provide for credentialing, scope of practice, collaborative agreements, restrictions on practice, and disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 556. Introduced by Riepe, 12; at the request of the Governor; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juvenile justice; to amend sections 29-1816, 43-245, 43-246.01, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, and 43-260.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions

relating to jurisdiction of adult and juvenile courts; to define detention under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to change provisions relating to detention and a hearing under the code; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 557. Introduced by Armendariz, 18.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-233, 79-234, 79-235, 79-237, 79-238, 79-239, 79-240, 79-241, 79-2,127, 79-2,134, 79-611, 79-769, 79-1009, 79-10,143, 79-2104, 79-2118, and 79-2120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the enrollment option program, student fees, student transportation, focus schools, focus programs, and magnet schools, net option funding under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act, the learning community coordinating council, diversity plans for each learning community, and certification of student qualifying for free or reduced-price lunches; to provide funding to students denied option enrollment as prescribed; to eliminate provisions relating to open enrollment option students and diversity plans; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-235.01 and 79-2110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation infrastructure; to create the Infrastructure Review Task Force; and to provide duties.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-618, 28-1601, and 28-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for offenses relating to skimmer devices and continuing criminal enterprises involving financial offenses; to provide penalties; to define terms; to provide for forfeiture; to clarify and harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tourism; to amend section 81-3725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to innovative tourism grants; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change maximum weight limits for vehicles carrying raw milk as prescribed; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 562. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to game and parks; to amend section 37-440, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438, 37-451, 37-455, and 37-1214, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the issuing of certain permits; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 563. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to amend sections 60-301, 60-302, 60-3,101, and 60-3,104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide for permanent trailer license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 564. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to amend sections 77-7304 and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fund transfers to the School District Property Tax Relief Credit Fund and the amount of tax relief granted; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 565. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide and change requirements for guidance documents; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 566. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate a sunset date relating to an income tax credit for the purchase of certain residential property as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 567. Introduced by Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require the State Board of Education to adopt a model policy relating to community engagement and authorize school districts to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 568. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-327.04, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,104.02, 60-3,129, 60-3,254, 60-495, 80-415,

80-416, 80-417, 81-2517, 82-139, and 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-112, 37-811, 60-301, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,104, 60-3,130.04, and 60-3,253, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to license plates and provide for the issuance of Arbor Day Plates; to create the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund and provide for grants from such fund; to eliminate a fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate provisions relating to certain license plates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 60-3,127, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 60-3,231, 60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 60-3,257, and 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and 60-3,128, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 60-3,241, 60-3,243, 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, 60-3,251, 60-3,259, and 60-3,260, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 569. Introduced by Health and Human Services Committee: Hardin, 48, Chairperson; Ballard, 21; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, 16; Meyer, 17; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act; to amend section 38-1216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for the Board of Emergency Medical Services; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 570. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to nursing scholarships; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; and to state intent regarding appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 571. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power districts; to require cost-of-living adjustments for any public power district that operates a defined benefit plan.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 572. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1028.01 and 79-3404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize a school district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for expenditures for stipends paid to a student teacher or intern as prescribed; to change the applicability of the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 573. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to meat and poultry workers; to adopt the Meat and Poultry Workers and Contractors Protection Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 574. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firefighters; to define terms; to provide rights; and to provide requirements for investigations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 575. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-1633 and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the Property Tax Request Act and property tax levy limits; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 576. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to telecommunications; to amend sections 86-457, 86-458, and 86-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions of the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act relating to surcharges and public hearings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 577. Introduced by Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend section 71-436.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 38-2847, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change licensure requirements for remote dispensing pharmacies; to change verification requirements for pharmacists as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 578. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 29-2414, 29-2415, 29-2708, 33-157, 47-208, 48-1202, 81-1835, 83-183, 83-183.01, 83-184, 83-184.01, 83-187, 83-1,135, and 83-917, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-814, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require city and county jails and the Department of Correctional Services to pay inmates the minimum wage for work by such inmates; to provide for applicability of federal workplace safety laws; to provide that such employees and inmates are subject to the Wage and Hour Act; to define and redefine terms; to provide for bank accounts for inmates; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the distribution of wages earned by inmates; to provide duties for the Jail Standards Board and the department; to require payment of the minimum wage to state and political subdivision employees; to eliminate provisions relating to establishment of industries and farms by the Department of Correctional Services; to

eliminate obsolete and inconsistent provisions relating to inmates of jails; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 47-403, 47-404, and 47-406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 579. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public records; to amend sections 84-712 and 84-712.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to prohibit charging a fee for official requests for public records by members of the Legislature and establish a deadline for fulfilling such requests; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 580. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy; and to declare an emergency.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
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Thursday, January 30, 2025
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LB223
LB235

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025
LR15CA
LB432
LB358
LR5CA
LR6CA

Note: The hearings on LR15CA & LB432 may use the annotated hearing procedures at the discretion of the chair.

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Wednesday, February 5, 2025
Jeff Bucher - Nebraska Board of Parole

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
LB36
LB129
LB377

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 581. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 582. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend section 81-3729, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-3012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the amount of tax imposed on cash devices and how such collected taxes are remitted; to change the revenue submitted to the Nebraska Tourism Commission Promotional Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 583. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 43-2622, 43-2624, 76-901, 76-903, 77-1327, 81-12,114, 81-12,243, and 81-3140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 55-901 and 58-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Child Care Grant Fund, child care grants, the Military Installation Development and Support Fund, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund, and the Health Care Homes for the Medically Underserved Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 584. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-105.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change penalties for certain felonies committed by persons under eighteen years of age; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 585. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Program; to amend section 43-2404.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for distribution of state aid to community-based organizations; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 586. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend section 32-944, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide a duty to ensure the voting rights of individuals who are unable to vote in-person who are housed in certain facilities; to require a plan; to provide a penalty; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 587. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act; to amend sections 76-1425 and 76-1427, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change deadlines for termination of a rental agreement due to noncompliance by a landlord; to provide for and change tenant remedies relating to a landlord's failure to maintain a dwelling unit or essential services; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 588. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 43-512, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for determination of the maximum level of monthly assistance; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 589. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services and require school districts to provide special education staff with professional leave as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 590. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to wildlife management; to amend section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or endangered species; to provide for payment of a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county as prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Transportation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 591. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Installment Loan Act; to amend section 45-1004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 45-1003, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to when licenses are required; to provide powers to certain licensees relating to affiliates; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the achieving a better life experience program; to amend section 77-1407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt accounts from levy, execution, judgment, garnishment, and other judicial enforcement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fuels; to amend section 66-1226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to update references relating to automotive spark ignition engine fuels; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 594. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,179.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the use of handheld wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 595. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to research; to create a fund; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 596. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to legal notices; to amend section 25-2228, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to how legal notices are published; and to repeal the original section.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
LB401
LB272
LB425

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

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

Wednesday, January 29, 2025
LB294
LB373
LB266
LB123

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 597. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1006, 79-1015.01, 79-1016, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to foundation aid, local effort rate yield; adjusted valuations of property, and certain certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 598. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-1007.15, 79-1021, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, 79-1031.01, and 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide funding to school districts to cover extraordinary increases in limited English proficiency student expenditures; to change provisions relating to the elementary site allowance and certification dates under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to change eligible uses of the Education Future Fund; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services and provide additional funding to school districts for costs attributable to students with a 504 plan; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 599. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require the State Board of Education to adopt a policy relating to cybersecurity as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 600. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-696, 60-6,186, 60-6,378, and 60-3203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms, provide immunity from damage resulting from removal of certain vehicles and other objects from highways, change provisions relating to the maximum lawful speed limit, provide for enforcement of the maximum lawful speed limit for school crossing zones and highway work zones by means of a speed control enforcement system, provide duties for drivers who are approaching stopped motor vehicles, and provide for removal of certain motor vehicles or other objects from highways under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to change when an automatic license plate reader system may be used under the Automatic License Plate Reader Privacy Act; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Transportation; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 601. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal procedure; to amend section 29-2101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to clarify provisions; and to repeal the original section.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 602. Introduced by Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Data Elimination and Limiting Extensive Tracking and Exchange Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 603. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to aging services; to amend sections 81-2234 and 81-2235, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to care management units; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 604. Introduced by Storm, 23; DeKay, 40; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to initiative and referendum measures; to amend sections 32-1405 and 32-1412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties; to change provisions relating to suits brought regarding initiative and referendum petitions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 605. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to define terms; to require each school board to adopt a policy relating to student participation as a transgender student in extracurricular activities sponsored by such school or an athletics or activities association to which such school is a member as prescribed; and to state intent.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 606. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend sections 47-624, 47-624.01, 47-627, 47-629, 47-903, 47-908, 47-919, 81-1401, 83-170, 83-171, 83-171.01, 83-173, 83-174.03, 83-174.04, 83-174.05, 83-192, 83-1,100, 83-1,100.02, 83-1,103, 83-1,103.01, 83-1,103.02, 83-1,103.03, 83-1,103.04, 83-1,104, 83-1,107, 83-1,107.01, 83-1,107.02, 83-1,109, 83-1,118, 83-1,119, 83-1,122.02, 83-1,125, 83-1,125.01, and 83-962, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-322, 29-2246, 29-2252, 29-2261, 29-2935, 29-4019, 47-1102, 47-1103, 47-1104, 47-1105, 47-1106, 47-1107, 47-1108, 47-1109, 47-1110, 47-1111, 47-1113, 47-1114, 47-1115, 47-1116, 47-1117, 47-1119, 71-961, 71-3426, and 71-3430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate the Division of Parole Supervision and the position of Director of Supervision and Services; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Correctional Services and the Director of Correctional Services; to change provisions relating to correctional system overcrowding emergencies; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 83-1,101 and 83-1,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 607. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to solid waste; to amend sections 13-2001, 13-2003, 13-2010, 13-2034, 13-2042, 81-1502, and 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Environmental Stewardship of Batteries Act, the Extended Producer Responsibility Data Collection Act, and the Minimum Recycled Content Act; to define and redefine terms and change provisions relating to regulatory authority over manufacturing facilities and disposal fees under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act; to define, redefine, and alphabetize terms under the Environmental Protection Act; to change provisions relating to the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to first responders; to amend sections 85-2601, 85-2602, 85-2603, 85-2603.01, and 85-2605, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 44-314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of firefighter for purposes of certain insurance protections; to include correctional officers, youth detention officers, and children of first responders within the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to require reimbursement by the state; to provide duties for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fraud; to amend sections 28-512, 28-602, 28-603, 28-639, 28-1111, 28-1463.06, 28-1601, and 28-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-416 and 28-813.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to require certain notice to purchasers of gift certificates or gift cards; to define a term; to provide for forfeiture for convictions for certain offenses involving theft by deception, forgery, and identity theft; to provide for forfeiture of controllable electronic records; to clarify and harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 610. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-982, 68-985, 68-986, 68-987, and 68-988, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to supplemental reimbursement for ground emergency medical transport; to change powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 611. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to buildings; to amend sections 81-1608, 81-1611, and 81-1614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 71-6403, 71-6406, 72-804, 72-805, and 72-806, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to building and energy codes; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 612. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county courts; to amend section 24-514, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the state to pay fifty percent of the operational costs of county courts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2711, 77-27,144, and 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the disclosure of tax information to municipalities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 16-901 and 17-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to restate exemptions for farm buildings and structures within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 615. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to prohibit certain distributions of deepfakes and synthetic media; to provide for exceptions and injunctive or equitable relief; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 616. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to traffic violations; to amend sections 29-3606, 60-4,182, and 60-3203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-392 and 60-601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for enforcement of red light violations using automatic license plate reader systems as prescribed; to define terms; to provide for waiver of a fee for a driver safety training program; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 617. Introduced by Kauth, 31; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act; to amend section 48-102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain defenses; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 618. Introduced by Kauth, 31; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to disapprove certain claims.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 619. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation; to provide for cities of the primary class and certain counties to receive grants relating to certain highways; to state legislative intent; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 620. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Neighborhood Revitalization Act; and to provide an operative date.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Kauth filed the following proposed rule change:

Rule 6, Sec. 9. Question on Final Reading. The question after the Final Reading of a bill shall be: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' " If the emergency clause is contained in the bill, the words "with the emergency clause attached" shall be added to the question. A vote of present and not voting on final passage of a bill shall be displayed and recorded in the journal as having voted “nay”.

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Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. (a) At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately.

(b) A two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be for the cloture motion to be successful. On Final Reading, a vote of present and not voting to invoke cloture shall be displayed and recorded in the journal as having voted “nay”.

(c) A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment, following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

(d) A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

(e) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until two additional hours of debate on the bill has occurred. If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.

The Rules Committee offered Proposed Rule Change 6 (Rule 3, Sec. 4), found on page 71.

The Rules Committee motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 6 prevailed with 39 ayes, 7 nays, 2 present not voting, and 1 excused.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 621. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-7611, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state intent regarding transfers from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 622. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to housing assistance; to amend sections 58-701, 58-705, 58-706, 58-707, 58-708, 58-711, 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the Statewide Housing Assistance Program under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to change provisions relating to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, recipients of assistance, and selection of recipients under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act; to change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 623. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to provide for appropriations; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 624. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the State Treasurer; and to state intent regarding future appropriations.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 625. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school districts; to provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all school districts in the state; and to provide duties to the Tax Commissioner and the Department of Revenue.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 626. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-2101.02 and 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize redevelopment projects involving affordable housing as prescribed; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 627. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the University of Nebraska; to provide for design and construction of facilities for the University of Nebraska; to state intent regarding funding and appropriations; and to provide powers and duties for the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 628. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 76-214 and 77-202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act; to change provisions relating to the filing of statements of recorded easements and property tax exemptions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 629. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to adopt the County Initiative and Referendum Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 630. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Occupational Therapy Practice Act; to amend sections 38-2501, 38-2503, 38-2507, 38-2512, 38-2513, 38-2514, 38-2520, 38-2526, 38-2530, and 38-2531, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2516 and 38-2517, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to provide and change scope of practice requirements for occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants as prescribed; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 631. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Emergency Response Mapping Fund; to amend section 79-3111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state intent regarding funding; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unborn children; to require the disposition of the remains of an aborted unborn child as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 633. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications rejected under the enrollment option program; to define terms; to create the Nebraska Option Enrollment Tuition Account Program; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 634. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to adopt the Legislative Sunset Review Act; to eliminate the Legislature's Planning Committee; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to outright repeal sections 50-419.03, 50-435, 50-1401, 50-1402, 50-1403, and 50-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Athletic Commissioner; to amend sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01, 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the regulation of professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, amateur kickboxing, and slap fighting; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 636. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 77-1720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 33-117, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide that counties may seek reimbursement from the state for costs of providing medical services to county jail inmates; to define terms; to provide powers and duties for the Jail Standards Board; to change provisions relating to sheriffs' fees; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 637. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend section 18-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Destination Nebraska Act; to provide for certain taxing authority; to redefine a term under the Community Development Law; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 638. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act; to amend sections 2-414, 2-416, and 2-417, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to eliminate provisions relating to incentive payments and legislative intent; to change provisions of the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Cash Fund; to change a termination date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 639. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require dental plan carriers to meet a minimum dental loss ratio and provide a report to the Department of Insurance as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties to the Department of Insurance.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Introduced by Judiciary Committee: Bosn, 25, Chairperson; DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jails; to amend section 47-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a sentence reduction for good behavior during confinement in a jail; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to medicaid estate recovery by the Department of Health and Human Services; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 642. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to discrimination; to adopt the Artificial Intelligence Consumer Protection Act; and to provide severability.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 643. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to define terms; to prohibit deductions relating to interest or taxes paid on or maintenance of certain properties; and to provide exemptions to prohibited deductions.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Introduced by Bostar, 29; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to foreign entities; to amend sections 49-1480, 49-14,126, and 49-14,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 73-901, 73-903, 73-905, and 73-906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act; to provide requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act for a lobbyist engaged in lobbying activity or a consultant engaged in influencing activity on behalf of a Chinese military company; to provide for payments by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission to persons reporting certain violations; to provide civil penalties; to define terms; to provide duties; to change provisions of the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act relating to certain allowed contracts; to prohibit certain companies from receiving benefits from incentive programs; to provide requirements and restrictions relating to genetic sequencing activities by medical and research facilities; to provide storage requirements for genetic sequencing data and prohibit remote access of such data; to harmonize provisions; to an provide operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Introduced by Ballard, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Retirement Fund; to amend section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change state contributions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Raybould, 28; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171, and 54-1,119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to provide for exempt feedlots; to provide for a fee; to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Brand Committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend section 77-120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to net book value; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 648. Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02 and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the sales and use tax rate; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Introduced by Revenue Committee: von Gillern, 4, Chairperson; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to income taxes; to amend section 77-2715.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to a certain tax rate; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2701.04, 77-2701.16, 77-2703, 77-2704.36, 77-2708, 77-2715.07, 77-2716, 77-2717, 77-2733, 77-2734.03, 77-27,187.02, 77-27,188, 77-27,241, 77-3109, 77-3110, 77-3111, 77-3120, 77-3125, 77-3126, 77-3136, 77-3143, 77-3152, 77-3169, 77-3806, 77-4405, 77-6605, 77-6607, 77-6610, 77-6919, and 77-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide a sunset date for applications involving sports complexes and large public stadiums under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to eliminate sales tax exemptions relating to towers used for furnishing Internet access services, net wrap, and twine; to change sales tax collection fees; to change provisions relating to nonresident income and a food donation tax credit; to change provisions relating to tax credits allowed under the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act, the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, and the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act; to provide and change sunset dates for the approval of applications under the Good Life Transformational Projects Act and the Urban Redevelopment Act; to eliminate the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act and provisions relating to the appointment of purchasing agents; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.56,

77-2706.02, 77-7017, 77-7018, 77-7019, 77-7020, 77-7021, and 77-7022, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 651. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, 77-2701.02, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 1, 2, and 3, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

The Rules Committee offered Proposed Rule Change 21 (Rule 5, Sec. 4), found on page 99 and amended in this day's Journal.

The Rules Committee motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 21 as amended prevailed with 41 ayes, 2 nays, 5 present not voting, and 1 excused.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 652. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school lands; to amend section 72-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to terminate the Board of Educational Lands and Funds; to provide for the sale of school lands as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 653. Introduced by Murman, 38; Conrad, 46; Fredrickson, 20; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-238, 79-239, 79-246, 79-1021, and 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to applications, capacity, and reports, and provide for reimbursement for certain students under the enrollment option program; to change authorized uses of the Education Future Fund; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 654. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Agriculture; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 655. Introduced by Murman, 38; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to provide for medical conscience-based objections as prescribed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 656. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to the work requirements under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 657. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the offense of assault on a sports official; to provide a penalty; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 658. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, and 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to provide labeling and advertising requirements for manufactured-protein food products; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Agriculture; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 659. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Holdcroft, 36; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Election Act; to amend sections 32-101 and 32-1049, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to vote counting devices; to provide for watchers and observers; to provide duties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government procurement; to adopt the Secure Drone Purchasing Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 661. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 72-1246, 72-1254, and 84-602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-1239.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for the Nebraska Investment Council regarding investment of retirement system funds; to provide duties for the state investment officer regarding investment of retirement system funds; to require a report relating to certain investments of retirement system funds; to provide a duty for the State Treasurer; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 662. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to provide for a federal funding inventory from each state agency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 663. Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to counties; to amend section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for required education for members of county planning commissions and county boards; to change provisions relating to conditional use or special exception determinations by county planning commissions and county boards; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 664. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Conrad, 46; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Administrative Procedure Act; to amend sections 84-906.02 and 84-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require agencies to allow for public comment and submissions relating to proposals or adoptions of rules or regulations as prescribed; to provide for venue to challenge rules or regulations; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

PROPOSED RULE CHANGE(S)

Senator Kauth offered her proposed rule change, found in this day's Journal.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 665. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Animal Health and Disease Control Act; to amend sections 54-2901, 54-2902, 54-2939, and 54-2948, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to restate legislative findings and declarations; to prohibit electronic identification devices relating to foreign adversaries as prescribed; to prohibit certain actions by the Department of Agriculture; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 666. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Communications Sustainability Act; to amend section 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to duties of the Public Service Commission; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 667. Introduced by Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to amend section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compensation for diagnostic work and compensation for parts; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 668. Introduced by Storer, 43; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Health and Human Services; to amend sections 28-374.01 and 28-720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-713.01, 28-718, and 68-1212, Revised Statutes

Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and the central registry of child protection cases as prescribed; to change provisions relating to case managers; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 669. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Bosn, 25; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to abortion; to amend sections 28-325, 28-327.03, 28-327.04, 28-327.06, 28-327.11, and 28-327.12, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-326, 28-327, and 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate legislative intent; to eliminate defined terms; to change requirements for voluntary and informed consent; to change requirements relating to civil actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 670. Introduced by Murman, 38; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-308, 79-609, 79-706, 79-2704, and 81-527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-2606, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to required trainings for providers of child care and school-age-care programs, teachers, paraeducators, school resource officers, and security guards; to require each school district and each governing board of a nonpublic school to adopt a safety plan as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the state school security director and the State Fire Marshal; to change provisions relating to transportation of pupils by school bus; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 671. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-239, 79-266, 79-308, 79-528, 79-816, 79-8,114, 79-1035, 79-11,157.01, 79-3407, 79-3703, and 79-3704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to reports and documents required by the State Department of Education, alternative schools, classes, and educational programs, teacher's institutes and conferences, the Nebraska Teacher Apprenticeship Program, grants for teachers, and the College Pathway Program Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate legislative intent relating to the Junior Mathematics Prognosis Examination; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-309.01 and 79-718, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 672. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; to amend section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative

Supplement, 2024; to provide a limit on contributions made to a candidate committee as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 673. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to amend sections 61-302 and 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to transfer money from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 674. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Perkins County Canal Project; to amend sections 61-302 and 61-305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to restate intent regarding the Perkins County Canal Project; to transfer money from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund and the Water Sustainability Fund; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 675. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to school lands; to amend sections 72-212 and 72-253, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 72-232, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide requirements for the purchase, lease, sale, or exchange of school lands located within the boundaries of an Indian reservation; to define terms; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 676. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to certified nurse midwives; to amend sections 38-206, 38-601, 38-603, 38-604, 38-606, 38-607, 38-608, 38-610, 38-611, and 44-2803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to eliminate practice agreements; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the authorized scope of practice; to provide for applicability of the Nebraska Hospital-Medical Liability Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-609, 38-613, and 38-614, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, 77-2701.02, and 77-27,132, Revised

Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 678. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent regarding appropriations to the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 679. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1909, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1802, 77-1807, 77-1818, and 77-1837, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for negotiated sales of multiple parcels of real property for delinquent taxes by a county board; to change notice provisions relating to the issuance of a tax certificate; to change provisions relating to the award of attorney's fees in foreclosure proceedings; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 680. Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to educational service units; to amend section 79-1204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the role and mission of educational service units; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 681. Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 85-931, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the definition of graduate degree programs; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 682. Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Hughes, 24; Juarez, 5; Lonowski 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-770, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to update terminology related to an individualized education program for a student for provisions regarding a certificate of attendance at a school district or participation in high school graduation; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 683. Introduced by Raybould, 28; Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-1315, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-1601, 77-1632, and 77-1776, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to duties of the county assessor regarding notification of real property assessments; to eliminate and change provisions of the Property Tax Request Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 77-1630, 77-1631, 77-1633, and 77-1634, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 684. Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Prokop, 27; Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to probation; to amend sections 25-2407, 29-2248, 29-2252.01, 29-2253, 29-2260.01, 29-2260.02, 29-2270, 29-2271, 29-2272, 29-2273, 43-260, 43-290.01, 43-297.01, 43-412, 43-1304, 43-1309, 43-1503, 43-4101, 43-4102, 43-4304, 43-4314, 43-4316, 43-4319, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4324, 43-4326, 50-1203, 68-1732, 79-303.01, 79-2121, 81-1401, 81-1427, and 83-1216, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-726, 29-2246, 29-2257, 29-2258, 29-2292, 29-4803, 43-247.03, 43-250, 43-254, 43-258, 43-260.01, 43-281, 43-286, 43-286.01, 43-2,108, 43-2,108.05, 43-2,113, 43-425, 43-1302, 43-1303, 43-1311.03, 43-2404.01, 43-2404.02, 43-2411, 43-2412, 43-4203, 43-4206, 43-4318, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, and 43-4703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Juvenile Probation Administration Act; to transfer juvenile probation functions from the Office of Probation Administration in the judicial branch to the Juvenile Probation Agency in the executive branch; to eliminate the following terminated entities: the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, a child welfare practice model work group, and a child welfare strategic leadership group; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-4307.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 43-1306, 43-4411, 43-4412, 43-4413, 43-4414, 43-4415, and 43-4416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 685. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-2,144, 79-3108, 79-3109, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial school to install a secure master key box as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the state school security director; to change provisions relating to a grant program for security-related infrastructure projects and the School Safety and Security Fund; to provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 686. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to firearms; to define terms; to prohibit governmental entities and officials from keeping certain lists relating to the ownership of firearms; to prohibit using merchant category codes to distinguish firearm retailers from other retailers; and to provide a duty, penalty, and defense.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 687. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Holdcroft, 36; Lippincott, 34; Strommen, 47.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government contracting; to adopt the Firearm Industry Nondiscrimination Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 688. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Clouse, 37; Holdcroft, 36; Juarez, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electronic nicotine delivery systems; to prohibit advertising of electronic nicotine delivery systems; and to define a term.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 689. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Guereca, 7; Ibach, 44; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 79-930 and 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms under the School Employees Retirement Act and the Class V School Employees Retirement Act; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 690. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Murman, 38; Quick, 35.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 23-187, 60-103, 60-123, 60-135.01, 60-153, 60-305, 60-339, 60-358.01, 60-3,143, 60-3,187, 60-3,190, 60-471, 60-4,114, 60-4,123, 60-4,123.01, 60-6,252, 60-6,266, 60-6,270, 60-6,355, and 60-6,356, Reissue Revised

Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,100, 60-3,104, 60-3,135.01, 60-3,221, 60-462, 60-463, 60-4,124, 60-501, 60-601, 60-605, 60-6,279, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to authorize county boards to regulate the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles; to provide for registration, fees, and taxes for certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to change certain safety provisions and to authorize the operation of certain all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles on certain highways as prescribed under the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 691. Introduced by Murman, 38; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require school districts and governing boards of certain approved or accredited private, denominational, and parochial schools to display the Ten Commandments in school buildings as prescribed; and to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 692. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to amend sections 79-3403 and 79-3406, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the calculation of property tax request authority and the carrying forward of unused property tax request authority; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 693. Introduced by McKeon, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that it is a deceptive trade practice to receive compensation for engaging in certain conduct relating to veterans benefits matters; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 694. Introduced by Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Rountree, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to discrimination; to amend sections 18-1724, 20-113, 20-132, 20-134, 20-139, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321, 20-322, 20-325, 23-2525, 23-2531, 23-2541, 29-401, 45-1056, 48-215, 48-628.13, 48-1101, 48-1104, 48-1105, 48-1106, 48-1107, 48-1108, 48-1111, 48-1113, 48-1115, 48-1117, 48-1119, 48-1122, 48-1124, 48-1125, 49-801, 51-211, 58-216, 58-808, 58-809, 58-810, 68-1605, 75-325, 76-1495, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-1645, 32-221, 32-230, 39-210, and 45-1303, Revised Statutes Cumulative

Supplement, 2024; to prohibit discrimination based upon military or veteran status as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 695. Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to state findings; and to require the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District to construct a dam, secure funding, and engage in flood control measures.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Landscape Architects Act; to amend sections 81-8,184, 81-8,192, 81-8,196, 81-8,199, 81-8,200, 81-8,206, and 81-8,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to the State Board of Landscape Architects, the complete roster of professional landscape architects, applications for licensure, certificates of registration, certificates of licensure, and disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 697. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend sections 38-2849 and 38-2884, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 38-2867.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for the Board of Pharmacy; to change requirements relating to compounding and delegated dispensing permits; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 698. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; to amend sections 2 and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to enforcement; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 699. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Bosn, 25; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to amend section 77-6831, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to certain sales and use tax incentives; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 700. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to juveniles; to amend sections 28-105.02, 29-401, 43-248.01, and 43-249, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-105.01, 29-2204, 43-245, 43-250, 43-253, and 43-2,129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require confidentiality for criminal prosecutions of minors tried as adults and certain adjudications under the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to change provisions relating to sentences for crimes committed by persons under twenty-two years of age; to extend jurisdiction under the Nebraska Juvenile Code to twenty-six years of age; to provide requirements for custodial interrogations of juveniles and young adults; to define terms; to prohibit the use of certain statements in court proceedings as prescribed; to provide for using and reimbursing day reporting and evening reporting centers for juveniles; to prohibit sending juveniles out-of-state as prescribed; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 701. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to state legislative intent; to provide for reimbursement of doula services as prescribed; to establish a work group; to define a term; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 702. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to adopt the Neighborhood Empowerment Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 703. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for an exchange program; to state intent regarding appropriations; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Introduced by McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child support; to amend section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the review and modification of an incarcerated individual's child support order; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 705. Introduced by McKinney, 11; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cannabis; to amend sections 28-439, 53-105, 53-106, 53-110, 53-111, 60-6,211.08, 77-2701.48, 77-2704.09, 77-4303, 81-2,239, 81-2,263, and 81-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-416, 71-5727, and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, sections 1, 2, and 3, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and sections 1, 3, 4, and 5, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to change provisions of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act; to adopt the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Justice Act and the Cannabis Conviction Clean Slate Act; to change provisions relating to controlled substances and drug paraphernalia and the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission and its commissioners, executive directors, and employees; to define terms; to impose a special sales and use tax rate on sales of medical cannabis; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to prohibit possession of an open container of cannabis in a motor vehicle; to provide for the applicability of the Nebraska Clean Indoor Air Act and the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to remove medical cannabis from the marijuana and controlled substances tax; to provide for unmarked vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, and 28-469, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2 and 6, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 706. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law enforcement; to amend section 81-1403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to require that APS social workers accompany law enforcement officers as prescribed; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and law enforcement agencies; to provide for sanctions; to provide for discipline of law enforcement officers; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Good Life Transformational Projects Act; to amend section 77-4405, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to project eligibility; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 708. Introduced by Ibach, 44.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to community colleges; to amend section 85-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change boundaries of certain community college areas; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 709. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Adoption Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 710. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to increase the earned income tax credit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 711. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend sections 79-1007.11, 79-1007.21, 79-1022, 79-1022.02, 79-1023, 79-1027, and 79-1031.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the new school adjustment and certification dates; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 712. Introduced by Hughes, 24; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to amend section 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the tax rate on sales of electronic nicotine delivery systems; and to repeal the original section.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 713. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School Employees Retirement Act; to amend sections 79-902 and 79-930, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to eliminate the definition of prior service; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 714. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-3,186, 60-3,187, and 60-3,190, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change the percentage of fees retained by county treasurers; to change and provide motor vehicle tax schedules and motor vehicle fees; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 715. Introduced by Hunt, 8; Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require coverage for pre-exposure prophylaxis medication as prescribed.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 27CA. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12:

III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of three~~two~~ consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 28CA. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To repeal Article VII, section 6:

Article VII, section 6, of the Constitution of Nebraska is repealed.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to eliminate provisions creating the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and providing for management of certain land owned by the state.

For

Against.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Hallstrom, 1.

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Services held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new prison facility on August 28, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Service values providing the best possible care for incarcerated individuals and staff within the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Correctional Services promotes connection and engagement with community members and associated stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the new prison facility has yet to be named; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is an important holiday to the history of the state and represents growth and new beginnings which aligns with the goals of the Department of Correctional Services in building the new prison facility; and

WHEREAS, naming the new prison facility after such an important holiday will promote the mission of the Department of Correctional Services and represent the anticipated outcomes for incarcerated individuals.

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

1. That the Legislature hereby names the prison facility being built at 9440 North 70th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, as the Arbor Correctional Center.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR29 was referred to the Reference Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB43:

AM11

1 1. On page 6, line 7, after "that" insert "modifications to"; and in
2 lines 8 and 31 after "or" insert "electronic-related".
3 2. On page 10, line 5, after "or" insert "electronic-related".

MOTION - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB512:

MO22
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO23
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

MO24
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Building and Maintenance Committee will hold an executive session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. under the South Balcony.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB13.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB61.
Senator Dungan name added to LB65.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB115.
Senator Conrad name added to LB400.
Senator Conrad name added to LB408.
Senator Conrad name added to LB417.
Senator Conrad name added to LB421.
Senator Conrad name added to LB424.
Senator Conrad name added to LB425.
Senator McKinney name added to LB448.
Senator Wordekemper name added to LB569.
Senator Brandt name added to LR20CA.
Senator Conrad name added to LR20CA.
Senator Hardin name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Conservation and Environmental Advocates.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:30 p.m., on a motion by Senator Spivey, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 23, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Clint Chiles, Grace Bible Fellowship, Central City.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dorn.

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 Senator Bostar who was excused until he arrived.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the tenth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB433	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB434	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB435	Business and Labor
LB436	Health and Human Services
LB437	Health and Human Services
LB438	General Affairs
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LB521	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB522	Business and Labor
LB523	Education
LB524	Education
LR22CA	Natural Resources
LR23CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR24CA	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR25CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendments to LB295:
AM18
1 1. On page 37, line 5, strike "one hundred twenty", show as
2 stricken, and insert "two hundred seventy".
3 2. On page 51, line 3, strike "creditable", show as stricken, and
4 insert "membership".

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Kauth withdrew her proposed rule change (Rule 6, Sec. 9), found on page 298 and considered on page 308.

Senator Kauth offered the following proposed rule change:

Rule 6, Sec. 9. Question on Final Reading. The question after the Final Reading of a bill shall be: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' " If the emergency clause is contained in the bill, the words "with the emergency clause attached" shall be added to the question. A vote of present and not voting on final passage of a bill shall be both displayed on the voting board and recorded in the Journal as having voted "nay", except that in cases where a member has properly filed a conflict of interest statement indicating that the member will abstain from voting on the proposed legislation, that member may vote present and not voting and both the voting board and the Journal shall indicate the vote as such.

. . .

Rule 7, Sec. 10. Cloture. (a) At any stage of consideration the principal introducer of the bill, resolution, or main motion under consideration, a cointroducer with the consent of the principal introducer, or the chairperson of the committee, or the vice chair of the committee in the absence of the committee chair, if the bill, resolution, or main motion is introduced by that committee, may move for cloture to the presiding officer, except that motions to adopt permanent or temporary rules or amendments to the permanent or temporary rules may not be subject to cloture. The presiding officer may rule a motion for cloture out of order if, in the presiding officer's opinion, a full and fair debate has not been afforded. Such ruling by the presiding officer shall not be subject to challenge. Whenever a motion for cloture is offered, the presiding officer shall immediately recognize such introducer or chairperson and shall then order debate on the pending amendment or motion to cease. A vote on the cloture motion shall be taken immediately.

(b) A two-thirds majority of the elected members shall be required for the cloture motion to be successful. On Final Reading, a vote of present and not voting to invoke cloture shall be both displayed on the voting board and recorded in the Journal as having voted "nay", except that in cases where a member has properly filed a conflict of interest statement indicating that the member will abstain from voting on the proposed legislation, that member may vote present and not voting on the motion to invoke cloture and both the voting board and the Journal shall indicate the vote as such.

(c) A motion for cloture shall be in order except while a member is speaking, and a motion for cloture is not debatable. If the motion for cloture is successful, a vote on the pending matter shall be taken immediately, without debate. If the pending matter is an amendment to an amendment,

following a vote on the amendment to the amendment, a vote shall be taken on the original amendment. If the original amendment has been divided, then the vote shall be on the original undivided amendment being considered. Finally, a vote on the advancement of the bill shall be taken.

(d) A motion for cloture shall have precedence over all other motions except a motion to recess or adjourn.

(e) A motion for cloture which fails for lack of sufficient votes shall result in the debate on the bill ending for the day. When the Speaker chooses to resume debate on the bill, successive motions for cloture shall not be in order until two additional hours of debate on the bill has occurred. If the presiding officer rejects a motion for cloture on a bill due to lack of full and fair debate, successive motions for cloture on the bill may be offered at any time.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 13 present not voting, and 1 excused.

The Kauth motion to adopt her proposed rule change prevailed with 31 ayes, 17 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendments to LB509:
FA14
Strike the enacting clause.

FA15
Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB323:
AM20
1 1. On page 3, line 28, strike the second underscored period and
2 insert an underscored comma; and in line 29 reinstate the stricken
3 "without the consent of the Legislature.".

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB184:
AM21
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 28-1418.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
5 28-1418.01 For purposes of sections 28-1418 to 28-1429.07 and
6 sections 4 and 5 of this act:
7 (1) Alternative nicotine product means any noncombustible product
8 containing nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether
9 chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. Alternative
10 nicotine product does not include any electronic nicotine delivery
11 system, cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco product, or any product
12 regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug

Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

(2) Cigarette means any product that contains nicotine, is intended to be burned or heated under ordinary conditions of use, and consists of or contains (a) any roll of tobacco wrapped in paper or in any substance not containing tobacco, (b) tobacco, in any form, that is functional in the product which, because of its appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or its packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as a cigarette, or (c) any roll of tobacco wrapped in any substance containing tobacco which, because of its appearance, the type of tobacco used in the filler, or its packaging and labeling, is likely to be offered to, or purchased by, consumers as a cigarette described in subdivision (2)(a) of this section;

(3) Delivery sale means to sell, give, or furnish products (a) by mail or delivery service, (b) through the Internet or a computer network, (c) by telephone, or (d) through any other electronic method;

(4)(a) Electronic nicotine delivery system means any product or device containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives that employs a heating element, power source, electronic circuit, or other electronic, chemical, or mechanical means, regardless of shape or size, to simulate smoking by delivering the nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives in vapor, fog, mist, gas, or aerosol form to a person inhaling from the product or device.

(b) Electronic nicotine delivery system includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) Any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives, whether sold separately or sold in combination with a product or device that is intended to deliver to a person nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives in vapor, fog, mist, gas, or aerosol form;

(ii) Any product or device marketed, manufactured, distributed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, electronic cigar, electronic cigarillo, electronic pipe, electronic hookah, or similar products, names, descriptors, or devices; and

(iii) Any component, part, or accessory of such a product or device that is used during operation of the product or device when sold in combination with any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives.

(c) Electronic nicotine delivery system does not include the following:

(i) An alternative nicotine product, cigarette, cigar, or other tobacco product, or any product regulated as a drug or device by the United States Food and Drug Administration under Chapter V of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; or

(ii) Any component, part, or accessory of such a product or device that is used during operation of the product or device when not sold in combination with any substance containing nicotine, tobacco, or tobacco derivatives;

(5) Self-service display means a retail display that contains a tobacco product, a tobacco-derived product, an electronic nicotine delivery system, or an alternative nicotine product and is located in an area openly accessible to a retailer's customers and from which such customers can readily access the product without the assistance of a salesperson. Self-service display does not include a display case that holds tobacco products, tobacco-derived products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or alternative nicotine products behind locked doors; and

(6) Tobacco specialty store means a retail store that (a) derives at least seventy-five percent of its revenue from tobacco products, tobacco-derived products, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or alternative

nicotine products and (b) does not permit persons under the age of twenty-one years to enter the premises unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Sec. 2. Section 28-1425, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-1425 Any licensee who shall sell, give, or furnish in any way to any person under the age of twenty-one years, or who shall willingly allow to be taken from his or her place of business by any person under the age of twenty-one years, any cigars, tobacco, cigarettes, cigarette material, electronic nicotine delivery systems, or alternative nicotine products is guilty of a Class III misdemeanor. Any officer, director, or manager having charge or control, either separately or jointly with others, of the business of any corporation which violates sections 28-1419, 28-1420 to 28-1429, and 28-1429.03 to 28-1429.07 and sections 4 and 5 of this act, if he or she has knowledge of such violation, shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section. In addition to the penalties provided in this section, such licensee shall be subject to the additional penalty of a revocation and forfeiture of his, her, their, or its license, at the discretion of the court before whom the complaint for violation of such sections may be heard. If such license is revoked and forfeited, all rights under such license shall at once cease and terminate and a new license shall not be issued until the expiration of the period provided for in section 28-1429.

Sec. 3. Section 28-1429, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-1429 (1) If a license issued under sections 28-1420 to 28-1429 is revoked and forfeited as provided in section 28-1425 or section 4 of this act for a violation of section 28-1429.04, ~~or~~ 28-1429.05, or section 4 of this act, no new license shall be issued to such licensee until the expiration of five years after the date of such revocation and forfeiture.

(2) If a license issued under sections 28-1420 to 28-1429 is revoked and forfeited as provided in section 28-1425 for any other violation of sections 28-1418 to 28-1429.03, 28-1429.06, and 28-1429.07 and section 5 of this act, no new license shall be issued to such licensee until the expiration of one year after the date of such revocation and forfeiture except as otherwise provided in section 28-1423.

Sec. 4. (1) No tobacco specialty store shall sell, including by delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any consumer in this state any object containing nitrous oxide in any form or willingly allow such an object to be taken from such store by any person. A person holding a license for a tobacco specialty store under sections 28-1420 to 28-1429 who violates this subsection shall:

(a) Be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor for the first offense;

(b) Be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor for any second or subsequent offense; and

(c) Be subject to the additional penalty of revocation and forfeiture of such license, at the discretion of the court before whom the complaint for a violation of this subsection may be heard. If such license is revoked and forfeited, all rights under such license shall at once cease and terminate and a new license shall not be issued until the expiration of the period provided for in section 28-1429.

(2) All objects containing nitrous oxide that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the objects are seized.

(3) Any common carrier that knowingly transports any object containing nitrous oxide in any form for a person who is in violation of subsection (1) of this section is guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

(4) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of such act.

(5) This section does not apply to the following:

(a) The shipment of an object containing nitrous oxide to a foreign trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state, and are not distributed in this state; or

(b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the employee's official duties.

Sec. 5. (1) A person shall not sell, offer for sale, or distribute an object that is specifically designed for inhaling nitrous oxide for recreational purposes or that the person knows will be used to inhale nitrous oxide for recreational purposes.

(2) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section shall:

(a) For the first offense, be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor; and

(b) For the second and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.

(3) All objects containing nitrous oxide that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the objects are seized.

Sec. 6. Section 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

59-1523 (1) The cigarette tax division of the Tax Commissioner may, after notice and hearing, revoke or suspend for any violation of section 59-1520 the:

(a) License or licenses of any person licensed under sections 28-1418 to 28-1429.07 and sections 4 and 5 of this act or sections 77-2601 to 77-2622; or

(b) License or certification of any person licensed or certified under the Tobacco Products Tax Act.

(2) Cigarettes that are acquired, held, owned, possessed, transported, sold, or distributed in or imported into this state in violation of section 59-1520 are declared to be contraband goods and are subject to seizure and forfeiture. Any cigarettes so seized and forfeited shall be destroyed. Such cigarettes shall be declared to be contraband goods whether the violation of section 59-1520 is knowing or otherwise.

Sec. 7. Original sections 28-1418.01, 28-1425, 28-1429, and 59-1523, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025
LB121
LB163

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

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

Thursday, January 30, 2025
LB3
Note: LB3 will be a combined hearing with LR24CA
LR24CA
Note: LR24CA will be a combined hearing with LB3
The hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 30, 2025
LB305
LB391
LB458

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025
LB314
LB117
LB212

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney offered Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB33:
AM23
1 1. On page 2, line 4, strike "alcohol,", show as stricken, and
2 insert "one-half of one percent or more alcohol by volume"; and in line 5
3 strike "spirits, wine, or beer" and show as stricken.

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB432:
AM28
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. For purposes of sections 1 to 11 of this act:
4 (1) Department means the Department of Correctional Services;
5 (2) Director means the Director of Correctional Services;
6 (3) Legislative firing squad means a firing squad composed of all
7 members of the Legislature, who shall use firearms to shoot the convicted
8 person; and

(4) Lethal injection means intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a quantity sufficient to cause death.

Sec. 2. Section 83-964, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-964~~ A sentence of death shall be enforced by either lethal injection or legislative firing squad, with the method to be determined by the department~~the intravenous injection of a substance or substances in a quantity sufficient to cause death~~. The execution shall be carried out~~lethal substance or substances shall be administered~~ in compliance with an execution protocol created and maintained by the department~~Department of Correctional Services~~.

Sec. 3. Section 83-965, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-965~~ (1) A sentence of death shall be enforced by the director~~Director of Correctional Services~~. Upon receipt of an execution warrant, the director shall proceed at the time named in the warrant to enforce the sentence, unless the director is informed that enforcement of the sentence has been stayed by competent judicial authority, the sentence has been commuted, or the conviction has been pardoned.

(2) The director shall create, modify, and maintain a written execution protocol describing the process and procedures by which an execution will be carried out consistent with this section. The director shall (a) select the substance or substances to be employed in an execution by lethal injection, (b) select the equipment, methods, and any nonlegislative personnel to be employed in an execution by legislative firing squad, (c) create a documented process for obtaining the necessary substances or equipment, (d) for executions by lethal injection,~~(c)~~ designate an execution team composed of one or more executioners and any other personnel deemed necessary to effectively and securely conduct an execution, (e)~~(d)~~ describe the respective responsibilities of each member of the execution team, (f)~~(e)~~ describe the training required of each member of the execution team, and (g)~~(f)~~ perform or authorize any other details deemed necessary and appropriate by the director.

(3) For an execution by lethal injection, the~~The~~ execution protocol shall require that the first or only substance injected be capable of rendering the convicted person unconscious and that a determination sufficient to reasonably verify that the convicted person is unconscious be made before the administration of any additional substances, if any.

Sec. 4. Section 83-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-966~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(1) Any prescription, preparation, compounding, dispensing, obtaining, or administration of the substances or equipment deemed necessary to perform an execution by~~a~~ lethal injection shall not constitute the practice of medicine or any other profession relating to health care which is subject by law to regulation, licensure, or certification;

(2) A pharmacist or pharmaceutical supplier may dispense the designated substances, without a prescription, to the director~~Director of Correctional Services~~ or the director's designee upon production of a written request from the director for the designated substances necessary to conduct an execution;

(3) Obtaining, preparing, compounding, dispensing, and administering the substance or substances designated by the execution protocol does not violate the Uniform Controlled Substances Act or sections 71-2501 to 71-2512; and

(4) If a person who is a member of the execution team is licensed by a board or department, the licensing board or department shall not censure, reprimand, suspend, revoke, or take any other disciplinary action against that person's license as a result of that person's participation in a court-ordered execution.

Sec. 5. For an execution by lethal injection, the director may designate any person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol to administer to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply with the execution protocol.

Sec. 6. Section 83-967, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-967 (1) The Director of Correctional Services may designate any person qualified under the terms of the execution protocol to administer to the convicted person the substances necessary to comply with the execution protocol.~~

Except for the members of a legislative firing squad, the~~(2) The~~ identity of all members of the execution team, and any information reasonably calculated to lead to the identity of such members, shall be confidential and exempt from disclosure pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 and shall not be subject to discovery or introduction as evidence in any civil proceeding unless extraordinary good cause is shown and a protective order is issued by a district court limiting dissemination of such information.

Sec. 7. Section 83-968, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-968~~ No death sentence shall be voided or reduced as a result of a determination that a method of execution was declared unconstitutional under the Constitution of Nebraska or the Constitution of the United States. In any case in which an execution method is declared unconstitutional, the death sentence shall remain in force until the sentence can be lawfully executed by any valid method of execution.

Sec. 8. Section 83-969, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-969~~ When any convicted person is sentenced to death, such punishment shall be inflicted at a department~~Department of Correctional Services~~ facility under the supervision of the director~~Director of Correctional Services~~ and in such a manner as to exclude the view of all persons except those permitted to be present as provided in sections 9 and 10 of this act~~83-970 and 83-971~~.

Sec. 9. Section 83-970, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-970~~ Besides the director~~Director of Correctional Services~~ and those persons required to be present under the execution protocol, the following persons, and no others, except as provided in section 10 of this act~~83-971~~, may be present at the execution: (1) The member of the clergy in attendance upon the convicted person; (2) no more than three persons selected by the convicted person; (3) no more than three persons representing the victim or victims of the crime; and (4) such other persons, not exceeding six in number, as the director may designate. At least two persons designated by the director shall be professional members of the Nebraska news media.

Sec. 10. Section 83-971, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-971~~ Whenever the director~~Director of Correctional Services~~ shall deem the presence of a military force necessary to carry into effect the provisions of sections 2 and 8 of this act~~83-964 and 83-969~~, he or she shall make the fact known to the Governor ~~of the state~~, who may~~is hereby authorized to~~ call out so much of the military force of the state as in his or her judgment may be necessary for the purpose.

Sec. 11. Section 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

~~83-972~~ Whenever the director inflicts~~Director of Correctional Services shall inflict~~ the punishment of death upon a convicted person, in obedience to the command of the court, he or she shall make return of his or her proceedings as soon as may be to the clerk of the court where the conviction was had, and the clerk shall subjoin the return to the record of conviction and sentence.

Sec. 12. Original sections 83-964, 83-965, 83-966, 83-967, 83-968, 83-969, 83-970, 83-971, and 83-972, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 30. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

WHEREAS, the Shelton High School girls' volleyball team won the 2024 Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship, giving the team its first state title; and

WHEREAS, Shelton defeated the Leyton High School team to win the championship on November 9, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Shelton girls' volleyball team is coached by Misti Potter; and

WHEREAS, Shelton's victory was a sweep, with Shelton winning each set; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Shelton High School girls' volleyball team on winning the 2024 Class D-2 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Shelton volleyball team and to Coach Misti Potter.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Building and Maintenance Committee elected Senator Wordekemper as Vice Chairperson.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19 and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Hughes offered the following amendment to Proposed Rule Change 1:
Strike the last sentence and replace with "Bills introduced under Rule 5, Sec. 3(a) and Rule 5, Sec. 4(c)(3) shall not be included in the limitation. Bills introduced at the request of the Governor shall be included in the limitation.".

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB3.
Senator Rountree name added to LB12.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB27.
Senator Prokop name added to LB383.
Senator Murman name added to LB550.
Senator Dorn name added to LB550.
Senator McKeon name added to LB550.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB550.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Rountree name withdrawn from LB669.
Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB689.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Cattlemen YCC; Raúl Torrez, New Mexico Attorney General; Nasha Torrez, Dean of Students at University of New Mexico.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWELFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, January 24, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Joshua Jones, Beth-El Community Church, Milford.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

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 Senator Dover who was excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, Dungan, Hunt, and Moser who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eleventh day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB483	General Affairs (rereferred)
LB525	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB526	Revenue
LB527	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB528	Education
LB529	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB530	Judiciary
LB531	Urban Affairs
LB532	Business and Labor

LB533	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB534	Business and Labor
LB535	Judiciary
LB536	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB537	Business and Labor
LB538	Education
LB539	Judiciary
LB540	Agriculture
LB541	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB542	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB543	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB544	Business and Labor
LB545	Judiciary
LB546	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB547	Revenue
LB548	Natural Resources
LB549	Education
LB550	Education
LB551	Education
LB552	Education
LB553	Health and Human Services
LB554	Health and Human Services
LB555	Health and Human Services
LB556	Judiciary
LB557	Education
LB558	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB559	Judiciary
LB560	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB561	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB562	Natural Resources
LB563	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB564	Revenue
LB565	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB566	Revenue
LB567	Education
LB568	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB569	Health and Human Services
LB570	Health and Human Services
LB571	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB572	Education
LB573	Business and Labor
LB574	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB575	Revenue
LB576	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB577	Health and Human Services
LB578	Judiciary
LB579	Executive Board
LB580	Appropriations
LB581	Appropriations

LB582	Revenue
LB583	Revenue
LB584	Judiciary
LB585	Judiciary
LB586	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB587	Judiciary
LB588	Health and Human Services
LB589	Education
LB590	Natural Resources
LB591	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB592	Revenue
LB593	Natural Resources
LB594	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB595	Education
LB596	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB597	Education
LB598	Education
LB599	Education
LB600	Judiciary
LB601	Judiciary
LB602	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB603	Health and Human Services
LB604	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB605	Education
LB606	Judiciary
LB607	Natural Resources
LB608	Revenue
LB609	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB610	Health and Human Services
LB611	Urban Affairs
LB612	Judiciary
LB613	Revenue
LB614	Urban Affairs
LB615	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB616	Judiciary
LB617	Business and Labor
LB618	Business and Labor
LB619	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB620	Judiciary
LB621	Appropriations
LB622	Revenue
LB623	Appropriations
LB624	Appropriations
LB625	Education
LB626	Urban Affairs
LB627	Appropriations
LB628	Revenue
LB629	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB630	Health and Human Services

LB631	Education
LB632	Health and Human Services
LB633	Education
LB634	Executive Board
LB635	General Affairs
LB636	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB637	Revenue
LB638	Agriculture
LB639	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB640	Judiciary
LB641	Judiciary
LB642	Judiciary
LB643	Revenue
LB644	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB645	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB646	Agriculture
LB647	Revenue
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LB651	General Affairs
LB652	Education
LB653	Education
LB654	Appropriations
LB655	Health and Human Services
LB656	Health and Human Services
LB657	Judiciary
LB658	Agriculture
LB659	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB660	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB661	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB662	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB663	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB664	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB665	Agriculture
LB666	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB667	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB668	Health and Human Services
LB669	Judiciary
LB670	Education
LB671	Education
LB672	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB673	Appropriations
LB674	Appropriations
LB675	Education
LB676	Health and Human Services
LB677	General Affairs
LB678	Appropriations
LB679	Revenue

LB680	Education
LB681	Education
LB682	Education
LB683	Revenue
LB684	Judiciary
LB685	Education
LB686	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB687	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB688	General Affairs
LB689	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB690	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB691	Education
LB692	Revenue
LB693	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB694	Judiciary
LB695	Natural Resources
LB696	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB697	Health and Human Services
LB698	Business and Labor
LB699	Revenue
LB700	Judiciary
LB701	Health and Human Services
LB702	Urban Affairs
LB703	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB704	Judiciary
LB705	General Affairs
LB706	Judiciary
LB707	Revenue
LB708	Education
LB709	Revenue
LB710	Revenue
LB711	Education
LB712	Revenue
LB713	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LB714	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB715	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR27CA	Executive Board
LR28CA	Education
LR29	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB258:
AM14
1 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".

AM15
1 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "three".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Friday, January 31, 2025
Patrick Bourne - Public Employees Retirement Board
Jacob Curtiss - Public Employees Retirement Board
LB295

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB94
LB297
LB265
LB353
LB320

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 23, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Amack, Angela K.
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Blomstedt, Matthew L.
University of Nebraska
Davis, Jeffrey N.
Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) Railway Company
DeGarmo, Alexander
Alzheimer's Association
Dodge, Wesley
Represent Us Omaha/Nebraska

Eggers, Crista
NMM
Espinoza, Audra L
Center for Rural Affairs
Hannon, Bryan
Healthcare Distribution Alliance
Kelley Plucker, LLC
American Staffing Association
Kratochvil, Chris
University of Nebraska
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Fantasy Sports Operator Coalition
Melotz, Shawn
Papio Valley Preservation Association, Inc.
Mueller Robak
Millard Roofing and Gutter Company (Withdrawn 01/22/2025)
Sugar Creek Capital
Nebraska Strategies
Philip Morris International
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
American Kratom Association
Nebraska Votes
Rubin, Barry R.
Omaha Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
Omaha Professional Firefighters Association
Simpson, Schmeeka
The Malcolm X Memorial Foundation
Wogsland, Ben
Delta Dental of Nebraska

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19 and considered on pages 331 and 334.

Senator Hughes renewed her amendment to Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 334.

Senator Hughes withdrew her amendment to Proposed Rule Change 1.

Pending.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the following appointments to Special Committees:

State-Tribal Relations Committee
Senator Raybould (Chairperson)
Senator DeKay (Vice Chairperson)
Senator Guereca
Senator Hunt
Senator Rountree
Senator Spivey
Senator Meyer

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Legislative Council, Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 31. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, Joe Thomas Vosoba, retired lawyer, former state senator, and Czech leader, died January 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Joe was a founder of the Nebraska Czechs, which sponsored the Wilber Czech Festival; and

WHEREAS, Joe promoted the Czech language and culture through his efforts; and

WHEREAS, Joe volunteered to help the Czech people convert to democracy and learn English after the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia; and

WHEREAS, Joe earned his Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Science from the University of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Joe volunteered to serve in the Korean War as an infantryman in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Joe was elected to serve as state senator in 1958 and was reelected in 1960; and

WHEREAS, as a state senator, Joe introduced a constitutional amendment to permit industrial development bonds, helped pass the point system to prevent repeated traffic violations, and fought to keep billboards off the interstate highway.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the friends and family of Joe Thomas Vosoba.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Vosoba.

Laid over.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB478
LB33
LB186
LB178
LB113

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
LB274
LB248
LB154
LB374

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025
LB339
LB304
LB46
LB102
LB192

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB104
LB203
LB312
LB257

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

WITHDRAW - Motions to LB213

Senator Holdcroft asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO10, found on page 202, to bracket until June 10, 2025.
MO11, found on page 202, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).
MO12, found on page 202, to recommit to the Education Committee.

MO13, found on page 202, to bracket until June 10, 2025.
MO14, found on page 202, to recommit to the Education Committee.
MO15, found on page 202, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Motions to LB512

Senator Holdcroft asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO16, found on page 276, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.
MO17, found on page 276, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.
MO18, found on page 276, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).
MO19, found on page 276, to indefinitely postpone.
MO20, found on page 276, to bracket until June 10, 2025.
MO21, found on page 276, to bracket until June 10, 2025.

No objections. So ordered.

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator McKinney renewed Proposed Rule Change 1, found on page 19, and considered on pages 331, 334, and in this day's Journal.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 not voting, and 2 excused.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 1.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

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

Voting in the negative, 31:

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

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dover Moser

The McKinney motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 1 failed with 16 ayes, 31 nays, and 2 excused not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

MOTION - Adopt Permanent Rules

Senator Lippincott moved to adopt the permanent rules for the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session and Second Session, and any special sessions held during the 2025-2026 calendar year.

The Lippincott motion to adopt the permanent rules prevailed with 33 ayes, 6 nays, 8 not voting, and 2 excused not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the permanent rules.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider the vote taken on the adoption of the permanent rules failed with 13 ayes, 28 nays, 6 not voting, and 2 excused not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB13:
AM34
1 1. On page 5, line 2, strike "The" and insert "No later than July 1,
2 2026, the".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Agriculture
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
LB245
LB394
LB375

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
Duane Gangwish - Nebraska Brand Committee
LB646
LB665

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Kauth announced the Business and Labor Committee will hold an executive session Monday, January 27, 2025, immediately following the hearing in Room 2102.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Quick name added to LB41.
Senator Quick name added to LB42.
Senator DeKay name added to LB52.
Senator DeKay name added to LB57.
Senator Prokop name added to LB116.
Senator Hunt name added to LB151.
Senator DeKay name added to LB188.
Senator DeKay name added to LB193.
Senator DeBoer name added to LB336.
Senator DeKay name added to LB413.
Senator Andersen name added to LB550.
Senator DeKay name added to LB660.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Lillia Cherkasskiy, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 1:00 p..m., Monday, January 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, January 27, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Jacob Richardson, Citylight Mosaic Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Conrad, Dover, Hunt, Lippincott, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twelfth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM48
1 1. On page 3, line 24, strike "7.4", show as stricken, and insert
2 "791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB538
LB143
LB625
LB390
LB306

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB698

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB97
LB114
LB207
LB398
LB543
LB714

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
LB134
LB279
LB343
LB563
LB568

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB609
LB504

LB525
LB241
LB602

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
LB315
LB293
LB527
LB168

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025
LB77
LB467
LB457
LB109

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
LB482
LB338
LB326
LB325
LB232

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB474
LB473
LB201
LB591

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB19:
AM46
1. On page 2, strike lines 14 through 26 and insert the following new subsection:
"(2)(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any ordinance or home rule charter to the contrary, commencing with the statewide primary election in 2028, and every four years thereafter, candidates for elective office of a city of the metropolitan class shall be nominated at the statewide primary election and elected at the statewide general election. The terms

of office of such elective officers shall commence on the fourth Monday after such election, except that the terms of office of such elective officers elected at the statewide general election in 2028 shall commence on the fourth Monday after the second Monday in May 2029.

(b) The term of any elective officer of a city of the metropolitan class serving a term that commenced on the fourth Monday after the general election held in May 2025 shall end on the fourth Monday after the second Monday in May 2029, except that any such elective officer may file for office as a candidate in 2028 for reelection for the term commencing in 2029 as provided in subdivision (2)(a) of this section.".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lonowski filed the following motion to LB418:
MO25
Withdraw LB418.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 32. Introduced by DeKay, 40; 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; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Jack Hoffman, a native Nebraskan, was a beacon of hope, strength, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, Jack was diagnosed with a cancerous glioma when he was five years old; and

WHEREAS, Jack inspired millions when he ran for a 69-yard touchdown during the University of Nebraska football spring game at Memorial Stadium in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Jack's run helped launch the Team Jack Foundation which has raised more than fourteen million dollars to aid in pediatric brain cancer research; and

WHEREAS, the video of Jack's run has been watched millions of times and won Jack an ESPY for Best Moment in Sports; and

WHEREAS, Jack began his freshman year at the University of Nebraska at Kearney in the pre-law program in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Jack passed away on January 15, 2025, at the age of nineteen, after a long battle with brain cancer.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and honors Jack Hoffman for his perseverance and strength.

2. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family of Jack Hoffman.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Jack Hoffman.

Laid over.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM17
1 1. On page 6, strike lines 16 through 18 and insert the following
2 new subdivision:
3 "(2)(a) Each member shall serve for terms of five years terminating
4 on the last day of February.".
5 2. On page 10, line 9, after "oath" insert "or affirmation".
6 3. On page 29, line 20, after "including" insert ", but not limited
7 to," and strike the fourth comma, show as stricken, and insert an
8 underscored semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM43
1 1. On page 6, line 7, after "that" insert "modifications to"; and in
2 lines 8 and 31 after "or" insert "electronic-related".
3 2. On page 10, line 5, after "or" insert "electronic-related".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Urban Affairs
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
LB324
LB441
LB288
LB291
LB292

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB6.
Senator Andersen name added to LB6.
Senator Brandt name added to LB115.
Senator Dungan name added to LB115.
Senator DeBoer name added to LB136.
Senator Conrad name added to LB411.
Senator Clements name added to LB550.
Senator Dorn name added to LB569.
Senator DeKay name added to LB694.
Senator DeKay name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

Visitor to the Chamber was Eric Storer, Whitman.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:14 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sorrentino, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FOURTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, January 28, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Arin Hess, Chaplain and President of Capitol Studies, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hardin.

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 Senators Bostar, Dover, Hunt, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirteenth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
LB489
LB593
LB413

Room 1023 - 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025

LB459
LB247
LB396

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
LB79
LB132
LB199
LB205
LB341

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025
LB172
LB371
LB383
LB642

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB141
LB368
LB369
LB462

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB150
LB206
LB322
LB535
LB657

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025
LB216
LB387
LB612
LB640

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
LB468
LB608
LB501
LB592

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4, 2025
LB670
LB140
LB567
LB31
LB428

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Moser filed the following motion to LB714:
MO26
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on LB714.

MOTION - Escort Chief Justice

Senator Clouse moved that a committee of five be appointed to escort the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Chamber for the purpose of delivering the State of the Judiciary Address.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Hallstrom, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, and Storm to serve on said committee.

STATE OF THE JUDICIARY

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

Thank you for inviting me here today to report on the current State of the Judicial Branch, to highlight some of our successes, and to identify future opportunities yet to be acted upon. It is an honor to address this legislative body.

I am joined by my fellow members of the Nebraska Supreme Court. May I introduce, in order of seniority as to years of service on the Court, Justice Lindsey Miller-Lerman of Omaha, Justice William Cassel of O'Neill, Justice Stephanie Stacy of Lincoln, Justice Jonathan Papik of Omaha, and Justice John Freudenberg of Rushville. I would also like to acknowledge soon-to-be Supreme Court Justice Jason Bergevin of Columbus.

I appear before you as the newest Chief Justice of the Nebraska Supreme Court. Though the giving of this address is new to me, seeing the excellent work of the men and women of the Judicial Branch is not. The extraordinary efforts of these dedicated professionals ensure that all Nebraskans have a forum to peacefully resolve disputes.

Many of you I have known for years, and some of you I have met for the first time these last few months. When speaking with you, it is abundantly clear that although the Judiciary and the Legislature are separate branches of

government, we share the common goal of serving Nebraskans to the best of our abilities.

Over the years we have collaborated to find new and innovative ways to administer justice. In doing so the Judicial Branch has expanded its core functions, which has proven to be a benefit to our citizens.

The partnerships and cooperation between our branches are vital to maintain a society where the law is applied fairly, and justice is accessible to all. Some of these partnerships include probation, post-release supervision, problem-solving courts, and public guardianships. Our joint efforts have increased public safety and saved taxpayer dollars.

But as I stand here today, we can all agree that there is more work to be done. Our past accomplishments have built a strong foundation for our future successes. And this legislative session marks the next opportunity for our branches to work together to serve the people of Nebraska.

Adult Probation

Back in 2014 and again in 2021, all three branches of Nebraska's government participated in criminal justice reinvestment efforts. The principal goal of these efforts was to reduce the costly utilization of incarceration. Even though our state's crime rate has decreased, the rate of incarceration has increased. We continue to have one of the most overcrowded prison systems in the United States.

These criminal justice reinvestment efforts identified a need to divert less serious felons from prison and place them on probation. As a result, Probation has been tasked with supervising more people with higher risks to recidivate and higher needs to rehabilitate. Despite this increase in more complex cases, the work of our Adult Probation Office continues to provide excellent results. The recidivism rate for those successfully completing probation is an exceptional 19%.

Today, Adult Probation supervises over 14,000 individuals across Nebraska. Our probation officers are educated and trained in evidence-based practices focused on behavioral change. The success of these strategies requires a high degree of involvement with families, service providers, employers, and community members to ensure accountability for offenders and safety for victims and the public.

We currently operate 17 community reporting centers throughout the state, which provide a central location for a continuum of services. Last year, over 7,000 probationers accessed our reporting centers.

In 2022, Nebraska Probation was selected by a national foundation as one of three innovation sites in the country to work with young people aged 18 to 25, referred to as emerging adults. Our work focuses on redefining strategies to improve outcomes for this age group, as data has shown emerging adults to be the group most likely to re-offend.

This past June, the Supreme Court approved the first-ever strategic plan for Probation. The goals outlined in this plan will ensure that Nebraska Probation remains a national model of proven sentencing alternatives for our courts. Furthermore, Nebraska Probation is cost-effective. The average cost of incarceration in Nebraska is $41,000 per person per year. The average cost of adult probation is $3,500 per
person per year.

Post-Release Supervision

As part of the 2014 justice reinvestment effort, research showed that Nebraska's felony sentencing system failed to provide adequate supervision of individuals upon their release from incarceration. Accordingly, when this body enacted LB 605 in 2015, it turned to the Judicial Branch and Nebraska Probation to administer post-release supervision. On a daily average, 1,300 individuals are supervised under this program.

Those on post-release supervision must comply with court-ordered conditions, including maintaining employment, participating in behavioral health services, and refraining from criminal activity, all while being intensely supervised by a probation officer. Less than 10% of those under post-release supervision returned to the Department of Correctional Services because of a probation revocation.

There is no doubt that the administration of this program by Probation has prevented future crime and kept thousands of individuals from returning to our prison system—and has done so at a substantially lower cost to taxpayers.

Problem-Solving Courts

Another partnership between our branches is our state's problem-solving courts. To date, adult drug courts have been established in every judicial district. Additionally, our trial court judges have implemented four veteran's treatment courts, two re-entry courts, one young adult court, a mental health court, and a DUI court. Our juvenile court judges have implemented two family treatment courts and a juvenile drug court. Nebraska judges volunteer to preside over these labor-intensive courts, and their role is vital to the success of these programs.

The recidivism rate for those who successfully graduate from a problem-solving court is 24%. There are over 800 participants in these courts, which is nearly an all-time high. However, more Nebraskans can and should be served. To do so we will need your continued commitment to provide additional resources.

The Strategic Plan for Problem-Solving Courts identified the need for growth and expansion. Following the plan, in 2024, the Supreme Court invited judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, law enforcement, treatment providers, and probation staff to participate in a summit to address these

needs. Summit attendees made recommendations to assist with the expansion and growth of problem-solving courts, and they will continue working on these goals in 2025.

Juvenile Probation

Juvenile Probation is yet another example of the collaborative work between our two branches. In 2013, the Legislature shifted full responsibility of juvenile supervision from the Executive Branch to the Judicial Branch. You did so because Nebraska had the country's highest rate -- more than double the national average -- of children being removed from their homes and made wards of the state. Since taking on this additional responsibility, we have cut the rate of out-of-home placement nearly in half.

On any given day in Nebraska, nearly 2,700 youth are on juvenile probation. In executing its duties, Nebraska's Juvenile Probation has become a nationwide leader in juvenile justice, and our results exceed national standards. Our recidivism rate continues to decrease and is now at an all-time low of 17%.

We have achieved these successes despite supervising an increasing number of youth who again have a higher risk to recidivate and higher needs to rehabilitate.

However, juveniles who are responsible for violent offenses remain an area of priority focus. Though this population comprises only 3% of the total juveniles on probation, it requires our full attention. To address this issue, we continually review supervision techniques and services in connection with subject matter experts, including the National Center for State Courts and various universities.

We have also commenced a joint effort with the Department of Health and Human Services. This effort is aimed at transitioning youth out of our Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers and stabilizing them within the community.

The focus on community safety will continue, but it must involve all of us, including the courts and probation, this Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services, schools, law enforcement, service providers, community leaders, and family members.

Our successes in probation, post-release supervision, and problem-solving courts are reducing crime, rebuilding families, increasing workforces, and improving our communities.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the excellent work of our probation administrator, Deb Minardi. At the end of this month, Ms. Minardi will retire after 44 years of dedicated service to Nebraska Probation. Her legacy of being a servant leader, an unparalleled visionary, and an outstanding person will endure well after her retirement. Deb, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, we thank you.

Office of the Public Guardian

Also in 2014, the Legislature enacted the Public Guardianship Act and created the Office of Public Guardian. In doing so, you placed that Office with the Judicial Branch to make certain there would be well-qualified guardians to serve Nebraskans. The Office acts as a guardian of last resort for vulnerable individuals when no one else is available. From the time of its inception, the Office of Public Guardian has been asked to serve over 1,100 Nebraskans and has a current caseload of nearly 400 individuals.

Since the creation of the Office of Public Guardian, you have approved additional funding to hire more associate public guardians, resulting in reduced numbers of those in need. However, there are still too many individuals on a waitlist. I am confident that with your support, the Office of Public Guardian can continue to serve more Nebraskans.

Personnel

The work of the Judicial Branch cannot be completed without our outstanding judges and workforce. Chief Justice Mike Heavican opened each of the past two State of the Judiciary addresses by discussing the dire but improving staffing challenges faced by the Judiciary. The improvement is due in large part to this body's acknowledgment of the need to increase wages.

Besides wage increases, we have partnered with institutions of higher learning to allow students to obtain college credits for participating in our new probation officer training program. This opportunity will help create a pipeline for probation officers who are ready to work on day one.

Along with the successes I have already mentioned, we have had other accomplishments that I would like to share with you, specifically involving access to justice in Nebraska.

Access to Justice Commission

Our Access to Justice Commission identifies barriers to equal access to the courts so that we can determine effective solutions. For example, anecdotal evidence from judges and court staff suggests that self-represented litigants continue to have difficulty navigating the court system and this, in turn, compromises the efficiencies of the courts.

In response, we have developed a pilot project that will establish an in-person self-help center in Douglas County to assist self-represented litigants in filing and processing their cases. Over time, our goal is to expand in-person and virtual self-help access statewide, especially in our rural communities and for our low-income court users.

Nebraska Court Improvement Project

Another example of improving access to justice is Nebraska's Court Improvement Project, which focuses on the needs of children and families involved in the juvenile court system. In 2024 our Court Improvement Project, in partnership with the National Center for State Courts, hosted community engagement sessions in Red Willow and Cheyenne Counties. These groups identified strategies for prevention and intervention and developed action plans for children and families in need of assistance.

Language Access

Over 50 years ago, this Legislature recognized that those unable to communicate in the English language could not fully participate in the legal process without available court interpreters. You enacted legislation for the appointment of interpreters to guarantee that "[a]ll courts shall be open [for] every person." I am pleased to report that the Judicial Branch continues to be successful in realizing that promise. Our Language Access Program plays a critical role to ensure state and federal mandates are met.

Last year, we used interpretation services for over 60 different languages. In addition, we have recruited, trained, and certified court-specific interpreters and have coordinated the appointment of those interpreters across the state. Recently, we began collaborating with foreign consulates to produce videos in our court users' native languages detailing the court process and the role of the interpreter.

Hearing Assistance

We have also expanded the ability for court users who have hearing loss or difficulty hearing to fully participate in court proceedings. As a result of improvements in technology, nearly every courtroom in the state has been equipped with infrared assistive listening devices at no expense to county governments.

The Judicial Branch remains committed to the principle that every individual can fully participate in and avail themselves of judicial services.

Technology

We continue to make advances in technology. Our emphasis has been on security, electronic exhibits, and remote access to court proceedings.

To protect our systems and operations, the Nebraska Judicial Branch has implemented robust cybersecurity measures to reduce risk. Our new Information Security Officer centralizes oversight and provides consistent application of policies and standards.

In the area of electronic court exhibits, we have built the Nebraska Judicial Electronic Exhibit System. It plays a critical role in modernizing courtroom operations by enabling the digital presentation of evidence. The system will

be instrumental in creating more efficient courtroom workflows and more effective evidence retention.

Regarding remote access, our trial court judges have made significant strides in using technology to enable communication, document sharing, and teamwork between courthouses. Our technology improvements have opened virtual courtrooms and have allowed remote hearings which reduce travel needs and provide greater scheduling flexibility – and this, in turn, improves access to justice.

Current Needs
JUSTICE 2.0

However, even with a well-connected and highly trained staff, the successes of the Judicial Branch are impaired by our inefficient and outdated case management system, referred to as JUSTICE. That system was implemented in 1994 -- the same year Ben Nelson was Nebraska's Governor, and the Cornhuskers won a national championship in football. We can no longer operate in the past.

To address this archaic infrastructure, we have begun a comprehensive review of our current system's architecture, workflows, and user needs. This review is supported by a $1.7 million grant, which will assist us in determining how to design and build JUSTICE 2.0. The modernized system will enable judges, attorneys, and court staff to be more efficient and effective. But to make the plan a reality, we must have the financial support of this legislative branch.

Behavioral Health Funding

Another area of concern, which is largely outside the purview of the Judiciary, is the availability of behavioral health services. Substance use disorders or mental health issues put many Nebraskans in direct contact with the Judicial Branch, particularly by way of criminal charges, guardianships, and the abuse and neglect of children. The lack of treatment options means that our citizens are not getting the care they need, which reduces their chances of stability and recovery.

In 2024, over 6,000 probationers accessed Probation's financial assistance programs for behavioral health services. However, our behavioral health partners continue to report a significant shortage of available providers, and reimbursement rates are not keeping pace with the cost of delivering those services.

These issues negatively impact judges' sentencing options and the work of Probation, post-release supervision, problem-solving courts, and the Office of Public Guardian—the very work you have asked us to do. Our branches must prioritize behavioral health services.

Additional Considerations

Lastly, in 2022, this body supported our efforts to make Nebraska's Judicial Branch a competitive employer in the job market. In doing so, you agreed that salary increases were necessary to recruit and retain quality personnel. However, you asked us to use our existing funds to pay the salary increases, and no new funds were appropriated.

We also sought funding in 2023 to increase the rate of pay for our interpreters, to add an adult drug court for Platte County and a veteran's treatment court for Sarpy County, and to hire three additional IT staff members to improve cybersecurity and cloud-based management. Those efforts were supported by this body by increasing our personnel spending limits. But again, you asked us to implement these efforts using existing funds, and no new funds were appropriated.

We have done what you have asked. The existing funds we relied upon will soon be exhausted, and we will be unable to support these advancements. Therefore, it is essential that the Judicial Branch receive adequate funding for the next biennium to sustain the progress we have made.

Conclusion

In closing, I extend my sincere thanks to you, the members of the Legislature, for your support of the Judicial Branch. Over the years, I have seen the positive impact of the work of this body, from approving funds that enable us to maintain and improve court and probation operations across the state, to passing legislation so that our laws remain responsive to the needs of our citizens.

Your dedication directly strengthens the foundation of our system of justice. I look forward to working together with you.

The committee escorted the Chief Justice from the Chamber.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB645:
MO27
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO28
Recommit to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

MO29
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Josh Hohensee - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Edward Jarrett - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Robert Knapp - Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

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

Thomas Janousek Director - Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

Drew D Gonshorowski Director - Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Health and Human Services Committee will conduct its hearing on January 30, 2025, in Room 1023, and the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members from the Nebraska Bankers Association Leadership Class; Tim Anderson and Laura Tomaka, CSG; Dan Coke, Lincoln; Stephen Gealy and Julie Shipman-Burns from the Nebraska State Bar Foundation; Honorable John Gerrard, Ken Hartman, and Liz Neeley from the Nebraska State Bar Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FIFTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 29, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Jesse Randolph, Indian Hills Community Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

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 Senators Bostar, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fourteenth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025

Brian Christensen - Nebraska Investment Council
LB179
LB461

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
LB164
LB47
LB536
LB278

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
LB198
LB533
LB158

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
LB111
LB40
LB39

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
LB410
LB639
LB715

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025
LB686
LB687
LB204

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

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

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

LB183
LB529
LB345
LB445

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025
LB19
LB74
LB32

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB89

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 33. Introduced by Conrad, 46.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that its approach to biannual time changes is antiquated, and causes disruptions and negative impacts to individual health and business productivity; and

WHEREAS, common-sense reforms to modernize the approach that are sensible, fair, and practical are necessary and desired by a wide majority of Nebraskans and Americans; and

WHEREAS, the present options available to the states under the federal Uniform Time Act of 1966 can create uncertainty and result in a patchwork approach that is confusing and unworkable; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the United States Senate voted unanimously in support of the Sunshine Protection Act, which would have made daylight saving time the permanent standard time; and

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has publicly called for an end to daylight saving time; and

WHEREAS, pending legislation on this topic will be before the United States Congress which would accomplish comprehensive reform.

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

1. That the Legislature recommends that the Nebraska Congressional delegation take affirmative action to reform the present approach to daylight saving time.

2. That such reform should advance Nebraska's commitment to enhancing individual and family health, growing economic productivity, protecting agriculture, advancing Nebraska's public safety goals, and ensuring national uniformity.

3. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and each member of the Nebraska Congressional delegation.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR33 was referred to the Reference Committee.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB418

Senator Lonowski offered MO25, found on page 352, to withdraw LB418.

The Lonowski motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Moser offered MO26, found on page 358, to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee on LB714.

The Moser motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 3, 2025
LB714 (cancel)

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM58
1 1. On page 2, line 5, after "residences" insert "(a)" and after the
2 underscored comma insert "(b)"; in line 6 after the underscored comma
3 insert "(c)"; and in line 8 after "or" insert "(d)".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM12
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 71-7455 (1) A wholesale drug distributor engaged in the wholesale
6 distribution of prescription drugs in this state shall establish and
7 maintain accurate records of all transactions regarding the receipt and
8 distribution or other disposition of prescription drugs as provided in
9 this section.
10 (2) The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations
11 to require that all prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution
12 chain be accompanied by a paper or electronic pedigree as provided in
13 section 71-7456. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted and
14 promulgated no later than July 1, 2007.
15 (3) A wholesale drug distributor engaged in the wholesale
16 distribution of prescription drugs as part of the Prescription Drug
17 Donation Program Act shall not be required to maintain a paper or
18 electronic pedigree pursuant to section 71-7456.
19 (4)~~(3)~~ The department shall develop standards and requirements for
20 electronic pedigrees in order to effectively authenticate, track, and

trace prescription drugs. Prior to the development of such standards and requirements, the department shall consult with the federal Food and Drug Administration, manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, pharmacies, and other interested parties regarding the feasibility and the ways, means, and practicality of requiring that all prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution chain be accompanied by an electronic pedigree. The standards and requirements may prescribe the information required to be included as part of the electronic pedigree. Such standards and requirements shall be developed no later than July 1, 2008. All prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution chain shall not be required to be accompanied solely by an electronic pedigree prior to such date.

(5)~~(4)~~ A retail pharmacy or chain pharmacy warehouse shall comply with the requirements of this section only if the pharmacy or chain pharmacy warehouse engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription drugs in this state.

(6)~~(5)~~ A wholesale drug distributor, other than the original manufacturer of the finished form of the prescription drug, shall verify all transactions listed on the pedigree before attempting to further distribute such drug.

(7)(a) The department may receive prescription drugs and supplies directly under the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act and dispense such prescription drugs and supplies through licensed personnel during, or in preparation for, a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

(b) The department may receive and distribute prescription drugs and supplies to any individual who is impacted as a result of a state of emergency declared by the Governor.

Sec. 2. Original section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 6, 2025
LB509

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

The Legislative Performance Audit Committee has selected Senator Dorn as Chairperson, and Senator Jacobson as Vice Chairperson.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Title read. Considered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM69

1. On page 3, line 2, strike "recovering" and insert "establishing

2 the rates or fees necessary to fully cover"; and after line 3 insert the
3 following new subsection:
4 "(3) An owner-generator shall notify the local distribution utility
5 of such owner-generator's intent to install an agricultural self-
6 generation facility.".

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM48, found on page 349, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Wordekemper name added to LB173.
Senator Conrad name added to LB569.
Senator Raybould name added to LB626.
Senator McKeon name added to LR21.
Senator Lonowski name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Leadership Scotts Bluff, Scottsbluff and Gering.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. James Watson, Papillion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 a.m., on a motion by Senator Lippincott, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 30, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Shawn Kitzing, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Staplehurst.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

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 Conrad who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifteenth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 34. Introduced by Arch, 14; Andersen,49; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Walter "Walt" Horner Radcliffe, lobbyist and political commentator, passed away on December 26, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Walt was born September 11, 1947, to Wesley and Zora Radcliffe in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Walt graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law with a Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Walt was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, Lincoln Bar Association, Nebraska Golf Association, The Nebraska Club Board of Directors, and Hillcrest Country Club Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Walt began service in the Nebraska Legislature as a legislative page in 1969. He later served as Assistant Clerk to the Legislature, Counsel to the Speaker, Counsel to the Judiciary Committee, and Counsel to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walt registered as a lobbyist in 1977 and founded Nebraska's oldest lobbying and governmental relations law firm; and

WHEREAS, Walt represented the interests of countless Nebraskans in the Legislature and made a lasting mark on Nebraska statutes and the Constitution of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the friends and family of Walter Horner Radcliffe.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Walter Radcliffe.

Laid over.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	**Committee**
LB105	Natural Resources (rereferred)
LR33	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Josh Hohensee

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Armendariz McKinney

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar Conrad Dover Hansen Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 5 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 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Edward Jarrett

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 3:

Armendariz McKinney von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar Conrad Dover Hansen Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 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 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee

Robert Knapp

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Armendariz McKinney Raybould von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar Conrad Dover Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services

Thomas Janousek

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Juarez	Riepe
Guereca	McKinney	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad Dover Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 367:

Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services

Drew D Gonshorowski

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Fredrickson	Juarez	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Quick	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Spivey

Present and not voting, 9:

Bostar	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Riepe	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad	Dover	Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM30

1. On page 2, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following new subdivision:

"(2) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, whether chartered by the United States, the department, or a foreign state agency; any other similar organization which is covered by federal deposit insurance; a trust company; or a digital asset depository that is not a digital asset depository institution.".

2. On page 2, lines 5, 20, and 31; page 3, lines 1, 3, 7, 10, 13, 15; page 5, lines 20, 24, 25, 29, and 30; page 6, lines 3, 14, 19, 20, and 24; page 7, lines 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 23, 27, 29, and 30; page 8, lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28; page 9, lines 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, and 26; and page 10, lines 1, 4, and 6, strike each occurrence of "bank" and insert "financial institution".

3. On page 7, line 3; and page 8, line 3, strike "bank's" and insert "financial institution's".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. 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.

James S Brummer - State Electrical Board
Nathan Michael Lon Francis - 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

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM13
1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "automatic" and insert "automated".

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Daryl Bohac Director - Nebraska State Historical Society

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Lee Will Director - Department of Administrative Services

Aye: 7. Andersen, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. Cavanaugh, J..

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LB68
LB64
LB252
LB253

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025
LB280
LB60
LB635

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 35. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Softball Championships were held from October 16 through October 21, 2024, at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings, Nebraska, and at Connie Claussen Field at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Gretna High School Dragons softball team competed in the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons roared to an 8-0 six-inning victory over the Millard North Mustangs to win the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Gretna's Alexis Jensen struck out fifteen batters, walked none, allowed just two singles in six scoreless innings of pitching, and blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field wall, ending the game in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons dug in and endeavored relentlessly to win this championship after finishing as runner-up to Omaha Marian in 2022 and being beat out by Millard North for a spot in the championship game in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this championship is the first Class A State Softball Championship for the Dragons; and

WHEREAS, with the championship victory, the Dragons secured a 38-0 overall record and became the second Class A softball program to post a perfect season and just the third Class A softball team ever to be undefeated in a season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Gretna High School Dragons softball team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A State Softball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Gretna High School Dragons softball team and head coach Bill Heard.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM17, found on page 353, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM43, found on page 353, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay withdraw AM11, found on page 320.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Title read. Considered.

ARCH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

David Nelson - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
Shawn Eatherton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
Candice Batton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB650

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Speaker Arch announced the Revenue Committee will conduct its hearing Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1510.

The Judiciary Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1507.

The Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

The Health and Human Services Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1023.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB81.
Senator Ballard name added to LB108.
Senator Quick name added to LB138.
Senator Conrad name added to LB144.
Senator Andersen name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dan Rosenquist, Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SEVENTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, January 31, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Juan Carlos Huertas, First Plymouth Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ibach.

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 Senators Bosn and Raybould who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixteenth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025
LB112
LB225
LB490
LB191
LB449

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
LB4
LB311
LB347
LB18
LB666

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of January 30, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Amack, Angela K.
  Heartland Strategy Group, LLC
American Communications Group, Inc.
  Lighthouse Autism Center
Baird Holm LLP
  Holistic Alternative Recovery Trust
Christensen, Alicia
  Together Inc. of Metropolitan Omaha
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
  ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE CONSUMER LEGAL FUNDING
  City of Grand Island
  Veteran Benefits Guide
Keener, Chris
  U.S. Term Limits
Kelley Plucker, LLC
  Millard Roofing
Kirk, Melanie
  Nebraska Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
  Nebraska Defense Counsel Association
  Roblox
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
  Intralot
Lyons, Liz

Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC
Mallett, Rochelle
Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC
Mollard, Elizabeth
Nebraska Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives
Mueller Robak
Gainwell Holding Corp.
NAR Solutions, Inc.
Nebraska Strategies
Federation for Responsible Development
Tesla, Inc.
Peetz & Company
Jasper Stone Partners LLC
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
Blackshirt Feeders LP
Southard, Mike
Amplify Education, Inc.
Taylor, Kaitlin
Nebraska Corn Growers Association
Vaughan, Dustin
Husch Blackwell Strategies LLC

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Title read. Considered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to LB144:
AM103
1. On page 3, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section" in line 3 and show as stricken; in line 12 strike "promotion,"; and in line 25 after the period insert "If two or more preference eligibles are being considered for the position, the veterans preference shall be applied equally to all such preference eligibles.".
2. On page 4, strike beginning with "as" in line 27 through "section" in line 28.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB95
LB181
LB668
LB217
LB481

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025
LB512
This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB650 (cancel)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025
LB389
LB709

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

The Education 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.

Connie Edmond - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
Robert Engles - Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Aye: 8. Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 36. Introduced by Spivey, 13; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, February is recognized, acknowledged, and celebrated as Black History Month across the country; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by Black Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in the history of our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was originally established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson as a week-long observation, and later expanded to a month-long celebration in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Black Americans have contributed significantly to the cultural, social, economic, and political fabric of our state by navigating historic and systemic inequities to drive progress and innovation; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month provides an opportunity to reflect on the history for racial equity and justice, honor the resilience of Black communities, and commit to creating a more abundant and equitable future.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes February 2025 as Black History Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time this month to celebrate the history, heritage, and culture of Black Americans and their contributions to the United States of America and Nebraska.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on Monday, February 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1524.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Bosn name added to LB15.
Senator Rountree name added to LB108.
Senator Sanders name added to LB266.
Senator Sanders name added to LB294.
Senator Brandt name added to LB381.
Senator Juarez name added to LB676.
Senator Juarez name added to LR21.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB665.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and parents from Community Home School, Gretna; delegation of Red Cross officials from Iowa and Indonesia; Connie McKeon, Ravenna; Teresa McKeon Hendrickson, Kearney.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

EIGHTEENTH DAY - FEBRUARY 3, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

EIGHTEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, February 3, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Stephen Hilgendorf, St. Barnabas Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, and DeBoer who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventeenth day was approved.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	**Committee**
LB595	Natural Resources (rereferred)

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

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

Patrick Bourne - Public Employees Retirement Board

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Jacob Curtiss - Public Employees Retirement Board

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025
LB303
LB500
LB597
LB498
LB161

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025
LB75
LB45
LB402
LB299
LB363

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Urban Affairs
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
LB90
LB450
LB287
LB514

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Agriculture
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB246
LB658

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
LB540
LB476
LB638
LB502

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Dawn Caldwell - State Fair Board

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 37. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Arch, 14; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Fredrickson, 20; Holdcroft, 36; Hunt, 8; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro announced that the United States Navy's newest Arleigh Burke-class Guided Missile Destroyer has been named the USS Robert Kerrey; and

WHEREAS, Del Toro honors Joseph Robert Kerrey, the former United States Senator, Nebraska Governor, and naval officer, who received the Medal of Honor for heroism displayed during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Robert Kerrey was born August 27, 1943, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey entered the navy in 1966 and was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam as a platoon officer with Delta Platoon, SEAL Team 1 in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey was leading his team on a mission to capture Viet Cong political leaders when a grenade exploded at Kerrey's feet, severely injuring his right leg; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey continued directing his team despite his injuries and secured an enemy camp; and

WHEREAS, Kerrey served as the thirty-fifth Governor of Nebraska and as a United States Senator from Nebraska from 1989 through 2001.

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

1. That the Legislature honors and thanks Joseph Robert Kerrey for his service and dedication to Nebraska and the United States.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph Robert Kerrey.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR32 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR32.

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 383:

State Electrical Board
James S Brummer
Nathan Michael Lon Francis

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Dungan	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Dover McKinney Raybould Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar DeBoer Juarez Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 383:
Nebraska State Historical Society
Daryl Bohac

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dungan	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Dover McKinney Raybould

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar DeBoer Juarez Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 383:
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission
Michael R Gloor

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

McKinney

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
DeBoer	Dungan	Storer

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 384:
Department of Administrative Services
Lee Will

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:
Recommit the nomination of Lee Will to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 12 nays, and 13 not voting.

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 12 ayes, 29 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	von Gillern
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Wordekemper
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	
Bostar	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Raybould	Spivey

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Dungan	Guereca	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Dover	Juarez	Riepe	Storer	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 31 ayes, 6 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 384:

State Personnel Board

Kevin Workman

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bostar	Dungan	Hunt	Moser	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Ibach	Murman	Wordekemper
Clements	Guereca	Jacobson	Prokop	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.	McKinney	Spivey	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 5:

Dover Juarez Riepe Storer Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 26, 30, and 31 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 26, 30, and 31.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB357:
AM120
1 1. On page 24, line 31, strike "2-1208" and insert "2-1208.01".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Executive Board
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB366
LB364

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB298
LB579

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LR7CA
LR25CA

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
LR27CA
LR19CA

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
LB228
LB190

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB634
LB220

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
LB221
LB356

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB272.
Senator Clements name added to LB285.
Senator Prokop name added to LB342.
Senator Dungan name added to LB425.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Hannah, Maria, John, Joseph, Isaac, and Edmund Hilgendorf, Omaha; students representing Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board; youth with the Connected Youth Initiative, Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Strommen, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

NINETEENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 4, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Dale Allder, Cathedral of the Risen Christ, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Kauth.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Dover, Hunt, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighteenth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 11, 2025
LB408
LB598
LB589
LB653
LB507

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB260
LB261
LB262
LB263
LB264

Note: Budget Bills Scheduled at this time for official record purposes. Testimony on the overall budget is appropriate, However testimony on specific issues and/or agencies should be presented at the date scheduled for the relevant agency.

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
Agency 40 - Motor Vehicle Licensing Board, Nebraska
Agency 63 - Public Accountancy, Nebraska Board of
Agency 41 - State Real Estate Commission
Agency 53 - Real Property Appraiser Board
Agency 58 - Board of Engineers and Architects
Agency 59 - Board of Geologists
Agency 66 - Abstracters Board of Examiners
Agency 73 - Landscape Architects, State Board of

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
Agency 7 - Governor
Agency 8 - Lieutenant Governor
Agency 9 - Secretary of State
Agency 10 - Auditor of Public Accounts
Agency 11 - Attorney General
Agency 87 - Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
Agency 18 - Agriculture, Department of
Agency 39 - Brand Committee, Nebraska
Agency 56 - Wheat Board, Nebraska
Agency 60 - Ethanol Board, Nebraska
Agency 61 - Dairy Industry Development Board, Nebraska
Agency 86 - Dry Bean Commission
Agency 88 - Corn Development, Utilization and Marketing Board
Agency 89 - Hemp Commission
Agency 92 - Grain Sorghum Board, Nebraska
Agency 95 - Dry Pea & Lentil Commission

LB654
Agency 52 - State Fair Board

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 23, 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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Tourism Commission:

Rachel Kreikemeier, 1017 Frontier Rd, Beatrice, NE 68310, District 3
Josh Moenning, 1202 W Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, NE 68701, District 6
Paul Younes, 6 21st Avenue Place, Kearney, NE 68845, District 8
David Fudge, 921 Otoe Trail, North Platte, NE 69101, District 9
David Wolf, 40747 CR 26, Scottsbluff, NE 69361, District 11
Courtney Dentlinger, 1309 N 30th Street, Norfolk, NE 68701, Chamber of Commerce

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

January 23, 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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Tourism Commission:

Robert Sabin, 7818 Shirley Street, Omaha, NE 68124, District 1

Roger Kuhn, 28512 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003, District 4

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

January 23, 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 the Nebraska State Fair Board:

Anna Castner Wightman, 5204 Burt Street, Omaha, NE 68132, 2nd District

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

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Considered.

Senator Holdcroft 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 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Quick
DeBoer	Prokop	Raybould

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Juarez

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Juarez

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 12 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER2
1 1. On page 1, line 11, after the first comma insert "certificates of
2 authorization, fees, enrollment of geologist-interns, reciprocity,
3 temporary permits,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER1
1 1. On page 9, line 29, after "repair" insert an underscored comma.
2 2. On page 13, line 24, strike "subdivision", show as stricken, and
3 insert "subdivisions".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB66:
AM52 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB229:
AM112
1 1. On page 12, strike beginning with the period in line 23 through
2 "compensation" in line 26.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB664
LB565
LB29
LB472

Room 2102 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025
LB403
LB560
LB346

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB526

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 38. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Football Championship was held on November 25, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars football team competed for the Class D-1 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars defeated the Stanton Mustangs football team 44 to 42, earning the program its first state football championship; and

WHEREAS, the Sandy Creek Cougars completed a perfect season with a record of 13-0; and

WHEREAS, Sandy Creek quarterback Ethan Shaw was named the Class D-1 Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Sandy Creek Cougars football team and its coach on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 State Football Championship.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Ethan Shaw for being named Class D-1 Player of the Year.

3. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Sandy Creek Cougars football team, Coach Andrew Kuta, and Ethan Shaw.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB468.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB468.
Senator Bosn name added to LB468.
Senator Holdcroft name added to LB468.
Senator Spivey name added to LB701.
Senator Prokop name added to LR20CA.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Dave and Nancy Allder, Lincoln; student officer leaders representing DECA, Educators Rising, FBLA, FCCLA, FFA, HOSA, SkillsUSA; members from American Physical Therapist Association-Nebraska Chapter; Tyler Wright, Omaha; students from Friedel Academy Jewish Day School, Omaha; members of Nebraska Association of County Extension Boards.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:10 p.m., on a motion by Senator Andersen, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 5, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTIETH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Deacon Brian Thomas, Saint Columbkille Catholic Church, Papillion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

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 Juarez and Meyer who were excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Hansen, Hunt, Murman, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the nineteenth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dorn filed the following motion to LB577:

MO30
Withdraw LB577.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025
LB692
LB355
LB384

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
Agency 12 - State Treasurer
LB451
LB624

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Agency 50 - Nebraska State College System
Agency 51 - University of Nebraska System
LB11
LB307
LB460
LB678
LB627

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Agency 19 - Banking, Department of
Agency 22 - Insurance, Department of
Agency 37 - Workers' Compensation Court
Agency 77 - Industrial Relations, Commission of
Agency 74 - Power Review Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
Agency 13 - Education, Department of
Agency 48 - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Agency 83 - Community College Aid
LB173

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
Agency 14 - Public Service Commission
Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal
Agency 30 - Electrical Board, State
Agency 57 - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska
Agency 81 - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
Agency 24 - Motor Vehicles, Department of
Agency 27 - Transportation, Department of
Agency 33 - Game and Parks Commission
LB491

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of
Agency 31 - Military Department
Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska
Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of
LB25
LB62

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
Agency 54 - Historical Society, Nebraska State
Agency 69 - Arts Council, Nebraska
Agency 91 - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Agency 72 - Economic Development, Department of
LB254
LB88

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
Agency 67 - Equal Opportunity Commission
Agency 68 - Latino-American Commission
Agency 76 - Indian Commission, Nebraska
Agency 82 - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Agency 90 - African American Affairs Commission
Agency 97 - Asian-American Affairs, Commission On

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM12, found on page 373, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Title read. Considered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:
AM140
1 1. On page 42, line 1, reinstate the stricken matter.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB504:
FA16
Strike the comma after "Alone" on page 2, line 31.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB38:
AM141
1 1. On page 4, line 30, strike the new matter and insert an
2 underscored period and strike "and" and show as stricken.
3 2. On page 9, line 11, strike "the board for"; and in line 12 after

"roster" insert "from the board".
3. On page 11, strike lines 8 through 10 and show as stricken.
4. On page 16, line 7, strike "sections 81-3539 and", show the old matter as stricken, and insert "section"; in line 8 strike "sections 32 to 40" and insert "section 38"; in line 13, strike the first comma and insert "or" and strike the second comma; in line 24 strike "81-3539 or" and show the old matter as stricken; strike beginning with the second occurrence of "or" in line 24 through "40" in line 25 and insert "section 38"; in line 28 strike "81-3539 or" and show the old matter as stricken; and strike beginning with the second occurrence of "or" in line 28 through "40" in line 29 and insert "section 38".
5. On page 17, line 31, after "charges" insert "and" and strike "with" and show as stricken.
6. On page 18, line 1, after "hearing" insert "to be delivered to the accused"; in line 2 strike "of the charges"; in line 10, strike the first comma, show as stricken, and insert "or" and strike the second comma, show as stricken, and insert "a license"; and in line 16, strike "section 81-3539" and insert "sections 34 to 37 of this act".
7. On page 21, line 31, strike "(1)(a)" and insert "(1)".
8. On page 22, line 2, strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 5 strike "(ii)" and insert "(b)"; and in line 7 strike "(iii)" and insert "(c)".
9. On page 26, line 22, strike "licensure" and insert "a temporary permit".
10. On page 27, strike beginning with "The" in line 22 through line 25 and show the old matter as stricken; and in line 31 strike beginning with "grading" through "the" and insert "examination procedure, grading procedure, acceptable examination grade requirement, or other examination or grading guideline of the".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Business and Labor
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LB477
LB415
LB397
LB573
LB258

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LB9
LB125
LB285
LB688

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 39. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; 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; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, John Cook was born April 19, 1956, in Chula Vista, California; and

WHEREAS, John Cook became the head coach of the University of Nebraska volleyball team in 2000 and led the team to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I championship in his first year. He then led the Nebraska volleyball team to championship titles in 2006, 2015, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Cook was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Coach of the Year in 2000, 2005, and 2023, and conference coach of the year seven times across Nebraska's participation in the Big 12 and Big Ten Conferences, received the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award in 2008, and was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, while John Cook was head coach, Nebraska volleyball produced five Olympians, three American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Players of the Year, seventy-two American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans of the Year, twenty-five Academic All-Americans, and ten conference players of the year; and

WHEREAS, John Cook and the Nebraska Cornhuskers hosted the Omaha Mavericks at Memorial Stadium for Volleyball Day in Nebraska, where the official attendance was 92,003, the highest ever attendance at Memorial Stadium and the world record for attendance at any women's sporting event; and

WHEREAS, John Cook announced his retirement on January 29, 2025, after having served as head coach for twenty-five years.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates John Cook on his many accomplishments over his outstanding career.

2. That the Legislature thanks John Cook for his contributions to the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to John Cook.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM30, found on page 382, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Title read. Considered.

Senator Holdcroft offered AM120, found on page 404.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM13, found on page 383, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM58, found on page 373, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM102
1 1. On page 6, line 30, after "children" insert "six months of age
2 or"; strike beginning with "than" in line 30 through "age" in line 31;
3 and in line 31 strike "or the Children's Health Insurance Program".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM62
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:
5 71-502.03 (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, every~~Every~~
6 physician, or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics, who
7 is attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her
8 pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery shall take, or
9 shall direct an authorized person to take,~~cause to be taken~~ a sample of
10 the blood of such woman at the time of the first examination, third
11 trimester examination, and birth and shall submit such sample to an
12 approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. Every
13 other person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the state, but
14 not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall direct~~cause~~ such a
15 sample of the blood of such pregnant women to be taken by a physician,
16 duly licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or obstetrics, or
17 other person authorized by law to take such sample of blood and have such
18 sample submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard serological
19 test for syphilis.
20 (2) Each pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and
21 understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by
22 law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be
23 declined verbally or in writing.
24 (3) The results of all such laboratory tests shall be reported to
25 the Department of Health and Human Services on standard forms prescribed
26 and furnished by the department. For the purpose of this section, a
27 standard serological test shall be a test for syphilis approved by the
1 department and shall be made at a laboratory approved to make such tests
2 by the department. Such laboratory tests, as are required by this
3 section, shall be made on request at the Department of Health and Human
4 Services Laboratory. A fee may be established by rule and regulation by
5 the department to defray no more than the actual cost of such tests. Such
6 fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Health
7 and Human Services Cash Fund. In reporting every birth and stillbirth,
8 physicians and others required to make such reports shall state on the
9 portion of the certificate entitled For Medical and Health Use Only
10 whether a blood test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen of blood
11 taken from the woman who bore the child for which a birth or stillbirth
12 certificate is filed and the approximate date when the specimen was
13 taken. No birth certificate shall show the result of such test. If no
14 test was made, the reason shall be stated. The department shall provide
15 the necessary clerical, printing, and other expenses in carrying out this
16 section.

(4)(a) Subject to subdivision (4)(b) of this section, every~~(2) Every~~ physician or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics who is attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her pregnancy during the period of gestation shall administer or cause to be administered a test of the pregnant woman's blood for the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus infection~~ unless the pregnant woman has given written informed consent that she does not want to be tested~~.

(b) The pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be declined verbally or in writing.

Sec. 2. Original section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM124
1. On page 2, line 15, strike "third" and insert "fourth".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
LB376
LB516
LB332
LB382
LB281

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
LB554
LB676
LB436
LB569
LB570

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
LB655
LB515

LB555
LB697

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
Agency 25 - Health and Human Services
LB348
LB359

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
LB146
LB54
LB55
LB57
LB188

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Agency 3 - Legislative Council
Agency 16 - Revenue, Department of
Agency 34 - Library Commission, Nebraska
LB130
LB392
LB393
LB623

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
Agency 23 - Labor, Department of
Agency 32 - Educational Lands and Funds, Board of
Agency 62 - Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for
Agency 75 - Investment Council, Nebraska
Agency 85 - Public Employees Retirement Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
Agency 46 - Correctional Services, Department of
Agency 64 - State Patrol, Nebraska
Agency 94 - Public Advocacy, Commission on

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025
Agency 45 - Barber Examiners, Board of
Agency 70 - Foster Care Review Board, State
LB284
LB452
LB505
LB581
LB621

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Agency 29 - Natural Resources, Department of
Agency 84 - Environmental Quality, Department of
LB673
LB674
LB86
LB580

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Agency 5 - Supreme Court
Agency 15 - Parole, Nebraska Board of
Agency 78 - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice
LB15

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Agency 35 - Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska
Agency 36 - Racing Commission, Nebraska State
Agency 93 - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025
LB309
LB590
LB105

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln removed the stop sign at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound traffic; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln changed the flow of traffic on Fourteenth Street between Lincoln Mall and K Street from one-way to two-way; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the stop sign has created an unsafe pedestrian crossing outside of the West entrance to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students visit the State Capitol every year and frequently use the West entrance; and

WHEREAS, the parking spots on Fourteenth Street have caused a blind spot for pedestrians and for drivers on Lincoln Mall who wish to turn either north or south onto Fourteenth Street; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol receives a large number of visitors who are unfamiliar with the dangerous traffic pattern at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission have been unable to reach an agreement to place stop signs on the northbound and southbound corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall.

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

1. That the Legislature calls on the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission to place stop signs on the corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound and southbound traffic.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR40 was referred to the Reference Committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB42.
Senator McKeon name added to LB468.
Senator Kauth name added to LB468.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dungan, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-FIRST DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 6, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor John Schnell, Encounter Life Church, Mead.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twentieth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM148
1 1. On page 7, line 8, strike "director on an annual" and insert
2 "department on a quarterly"; and strike lines 18 and 19 and insert the
3 following new subdivision:
4 "(iii) Confirmation of a stop-loss insurance policy that provides
5 coverage in excess of the health benefit plan's retention of one hundred
6 twenty-five percent of the health benefit plan's expected health claims
7 costs as determined on an aggregate basis listing the professional
8 employer organization as a named insured. A policy issued to satisfy the
9 requirements of this subdivision (8)(b)(iii) shall be evidenced in a
10 binder or policy by an insurer licensed to transact the business of
11 insurance in this state and contain a provision that the coverage shall
12 not be terminated by the insurer unless the professional employer
13 organization and the Commissioner of Labor receive a written notice of
14 termination from the insurer at least thirty days before the effective
15 date of the termination; and".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM137
1 1. Strike original section 8.
2 2. On page 3, line 17, after the period insert "The tax established
3 by this section shall not apply to a premium received during calendar
4 year 2025 that is attributable to an individual contract or policy held
5 by an entity not offering that contract or policy in calendar year
6 2026.".
7 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
8 accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM157
1 1. Strike original sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and
2 22 and insert the following new section:
3 Sec. 13. Section 29-817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 29-817 Sections 29-812 to 29-821 do not modify any act inconsistent
6 with it relating to search warrants, their issuance, and the execution of
7 search warrants and acts relating to disposition of seized property in
8 circumstances for which special provision is made. The term property is
9 used in sections 29-812 to 29-821 to include documents, books, papers,
10 ~~and~~ any other tangible objects, and controllable electronic records as
11 defined in section 8-3003. Nothing in sections 29-812 to 29-821 shall be
12 construed as restricting or in any way affecting the constitutional right
13 of any officer to make reasonable searches and seizures as an incident to
14 a lawful arrest nor to restrict or in any way affect reasonable searches
15 and seizures authorized or consented to by the person being searched or
16 in charge of the premises being searched, or in any other manner or way
17 authorized or permitted to be made under the Constitution of the United
18 States and the Constitution of the State of Nebraska.
19 All search warrants shall be issued with all practicable secrecy and
20 the complaint, affidavit, or testimony upon which it is based shall not
21 be filed with the clerk of the court or made public in any way until the

warrant is executed. Whoever discloses, prior to its execution, that a warrant has been applied for or issued, except so far as may be necessary to its execution, shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor, or he or she may be punished as for a criminal contempt of court.

2. On page 2, strike lines 15 through 18 and insert the following new subdivision:

"(4) Controllable electronic record has the same meaning as in section 8-3003;"; and in line 29 after "person" insert ", or a third party acting on behalf of another person,".

3. On page 3, line 18, strike "thirty" and insert "fourteen"; and in lines 19 and 23 strike "thirty-day" and insert "fourteen-day".

4. On page 4, strike beginning with "pursuant" in line 1 through "Act" in line 2 and insert "under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act pursuant to section 8-2725"; and strike lines 3 through 18 and insert the following new subsections:

"(2) A controllable electronic record kiosk operator shall report each controllable electronic record kiosk as an authorized delegate under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act pursuant to section 8-2730.

(3) In addition to the required reporting of authorized delegates pursuant to section 8-2730, each controllable electronic record kiosk operator shall submit to the department within forty-five days after the end of each calendar quarter a list of all associated controllable electronic record addresses utilized by each controllable electronic record kiosk, on a form as prescribed by the department.".

5. On page 6, line 28; and page 9, line 19, strike "five thousand" and insert "ten thousand five hundred".

6. On page 10, line 7, strike "and regulatory agencies"; and strike lines 25 through 28 and insert the following new subsection:

"(3) The Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General shall release model notice language. Entities listed in subsection (2) of this section may use the model notice or a notice substantially in the same form to comply with such subsection.".

7. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
LB219
LB585
LB327
LB488
LB404

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
LB17
LB469
LB506

LB587
LB267

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
LB412
LB340
LB388
LB513

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
LB601
LB215
LB226
LB704

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
LB493
LB360
LB416
LB137
LB422

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB475
LB684
LB530
LB519

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB443
LB518
LB464
LB559
LB127
LB271

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB641
LB385
LB453
LB499
LB669
LB53

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
LB578
LB103
LB159
LB606
LB511

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
LB556
LB584
LB407
LB694
LB470

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
LB155
LB539
LB448
LB44

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB620
LB56
LB273
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LB545

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

LB73
LB301
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LB277

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
LB329
LB12
LB156
LB236

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025
LB395
LB466
LB492
LB706
LB700

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, March 28, 2025
LB350
LB351
LB386
LB616
LB600

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

January 24, 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 Game and Parks Commission-District 6-Republican:

Kurt Arganbright, 808 Desirae Drive-PO Box 117, Valentine, NE 69201, 6th District

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

January 30, 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 Nebraska Power Review Board:

Chuck Hutchison, 13904 Rahn Blvd, Bellevue, NE 68123, Engineer

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

January 30, 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 Board of Educational Lands and Funds:

Duane Kime, 36323 N Falls Road, Mullen, NE 69152, District 4

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

January 30, 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 Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:

Steve Mattoon, 907 Jackson Street, Sidney, NE 69162, Oil and Gas Production Experience

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

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB118:
AM179

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

Section 1. Section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

38-2866.01 (1) A pharmacist may supervise any combination of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns at any time up to a total of four~~three~~ people.

(2) A pharmacist intern shall be supervised at all times while performing the functions of a pharmacist intern which may include all aspects of the practice of pharmacy unless otherwise restricted. This subsection~~section~~ does not apply to a pharmacist intern who is receiving experiential training directed by the accredited pharmacy program in which he or she is enrolled.

(3) For any pharmacist supervising four pharmacy technicians or pharmacy interns, at least one person shall be a certified pharmacy

technician pursuant to section 38-2890.
Sec. 2. Original section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following motion to LB574:
MO31
Withdraw LB574.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR34 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR34.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 10:19 a.m. until 10:33 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB182:
AM106
1. On page 3, after line 20 insert the following new subdivision:
"(6) Pass-through entity means (a) a partnership, (b) a limited liability company, or (c) a corporation having an election in effect under subchapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;"; in line 21 strike "(6)", show as stricken, and insert "(7)"; and in line 26 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.
2. On page 4, strike beginning with "A" in line 6 through the period in line 8, show as stricken, and insert "An owner shall be allowed a nonrefundable tax credit if the authority determines that (a) the project for which tax credits are sought is a qualified project and (b) tax credits are available."; and strike lines 22 through 31, show as stricken, and insert the following new subsection:
"(3) If the owner of the qualified project is a pass-through entity,

the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit shall be allocated among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders of the owner of the qualified project. Any pass-through entity that receives an allocation of the Nebraska affordable housing tax credit, either from the owner of the qualified project or from another pass-through entity, may (a) further allocate the tax credit among some or all of the partners, members, or shareholders, or (b) transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the tax credit to a taxpayer. A pass-through entity may allocate the tax credit in any manner agreed to by its partners, members, or shareholders. A partner, member, or shareholder allocated a tax credit must have been admitted as a partner or member, or have acquired his or her shares, on or prior to February 15 of the year in which the tax return, or amended return, claiming the tax credit is filed. A partner, member, or shareholder of a pass-through entity may transfer, sell, or assign all or part of his or her ownership interest, including his or her interest in the tax credits authorized in this section. A taxpayer may transfer, sell, or assign all or a portion of the tax credit to another taxpayer. A taxpayer must have received a transfer or assignment of a tax credit prior to the date a tax return, or amended return, claiming the tax credit is filed. For any tax year in which a credit is allocated, transferred, sold, or assigned pursuant to this subsection, the pass-through entity allocating the tax credit, or taxpayer transferring, selling, or assigning the tax credit, as applicable, shall notify the Department of Revenue of the allocation, transfer, sale, or assignment and provide the tax identification number of the allocatee or transferee at least thirty days prior to the taxpayer claiming the tax credit. The notification shall be in the manner prescribed by the department.".

3. On page 5, strike lines 1 through 10 and show the old matter as stricken.

4. On page 6, strike lines 17 through 20 and insert the following new subsection:

"(2) The changes made in sections 77-2502, 77-2503, and 77-2506 by this legislative bill shall apply to taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2024.".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025
LB317
LB344

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on Monday, February 10, 2025, in Room 1524 instead of Room 2102.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were physicians, residents, and student members of the Nebraska Medical Association.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Marlon Weiss, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, February 7, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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TWENTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, February 7, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
Brandon Jones - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Jeffrey D Grady - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Trevor Roth - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
James Saville - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Aaron Krebs - Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Note: Rescheduled from 01-27-25
LB667
LB561

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 6, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Andersen, Matt
Lincoln Electric System
Behrens, Mark A.
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
CP Strategies LLC
Satoshi Action Fund
Edwards Westerhold Moore
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation
Woodsonia Real Estate Inc
Eickholt, Christopher/Spike
Immersed Games
Forbes, Meagan
Institute for Justice
JOSH PRUETT SERVICES, LLC
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOBACCO OUTLETS INC
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
American Legal Finance Association
Independent Payroll Providers Association c/o National Strategies, LLC

Western Union
Mueller Robak
DailyPay, LLC
DirecTV, LLC
Nebraska Strategies
CoinFlip
Hausmann Construction
ShiftKey, LLC
Underdog Fantasy
Pomerantz, Mike
DoorDash, Inc.
Schweska, Patrick
Amazon.com Services LLC (Withdrawn 01/31/2025)
Shellnutt, Tonya
ADF Action
Sitorius, Michelle
Pando PEO
Zulkoski Weber LLC
Black Hills Energy
Economic Development Council of Buffalo County, Inc.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 41. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, the County Official of the Year is awarded to any elected or appointed county official currently holding office that has modeled leadership by example and has contributed to county government and local community activities both personally and professionally; and

WHEREAS, Mark Schoenrock was nominated and received the County Official of the Year at the business meeting on December 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Mark led the effort to establish the Jefferson County Diversion and School Attendance programs, saving Jefferson County taxpayers thousands of dollars yearly in jail and legal costs; and

WHEREAS, Mark showcased his leadership and dedication to his position by spearheading multiple efforts to eradicate methamphetamine from the county, revising the county's personnel policies to retain a quality and connected workforce, improving veteran's services, optimizing county support services, upgrading cybersecurity efforts, and focusing on a new county website; and

WHEREAS, Mark's consistent coordination with the Nebraska Legislature, his focus on the importance of county government, and his dedication to making Jefferson County a better county has earned him well-deserved respect and 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 2023 County Official of the Year Mark Schoenrock for his dedication to Jefferson County.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mark Schoenrock.

Laid over.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB577

Senator Dorn offered MO30, found on page 416, to withdraw LB577.

The Dorn motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB574

Senator Rountree offered MO31, found on page 437, to withdraw LB574.

The Rountree motion to withdraw prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 393:
Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges
Connie Edmond
Robert Engles

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Dungan	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lonowski	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	McKinney
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:
Public Employees Retirement Board
Patrick Bourne

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

DeBoer	McKinney	Raybould	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 398:
Public Employees Retirement Board
Jacob Curtiss

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Holdcroft	McKinney	Raybould	Riepe	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM54
1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "two" and insert "five"; and in line
2 16 strike "five hundred".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB462:
AM74 is available in the Bill Room.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM192
1 1. On page 6, lines 11 and 12, strike the new matter and reinstate
2 the stricken matter.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM197
1 1. Strike sections 4 and 5.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
3 accordingly.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storer
Arch	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Ballard	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Riepe	
Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	
DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Moser

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Clements	Hansen	McKinney
Cavanaugh, J.	Clouse	Hardin	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Jacobson	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. ER2, found on page 412, was offered.

ER2 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered AM141, found on page 418.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 15:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Holdcroft	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Hunt	Raybould	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Senator McKinney requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 12:

Bosn	Conrad	Hansen	Riepe
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Senator von Gillern offered the Bostar amendment, AM106, found on page 437.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Armendariz	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Ballard	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Meyer
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Hunt	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Dover	Juarez	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM169
1 1. On page 3, line 29, strike "or"; in line 30 after the semicolon
2 insert "or"; and after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:
3 "(d) A streaming service that provides only licensed media in a
4 continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user
5 and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder
6 by agreement to its terms of service;".
7 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "(1)" in line 18 through line 31
8 and insert the following new subsection:
9 "(1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section,
10 a covered online service shall exercise reasonable care in the creation
11 and implementation of any covered design feature to prevent and mitigate
12 the following harms to minors:
13 (a) Consistent with evidence-informed medical information, the
14 following mental health disorders: Anxiety, depression, eating disorders,
15 substance use disorders, and suicidal behaviors;
16 (b) Patterns of use that indicate or encourage compulsive usages by
17 minors;
18 (c) Physical violence, cyber bullying, and discriminatory harassment
19 of a minor;
20 (d) Sexual exploitation and abuse of minors;
21 (e) Harms caused by the promotion and marketing of narcotic drugs,
22 tobacco products, gambling, or alcohol; and
23 (f) Financial or other harms caused by predatory, unfair, or
24 deceptive marketing practices.".
25 3. On page 8, strike line 1.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB500:
AM123
1 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "twenty-one" and insert "twenty-three";
2 strike lines 16 through 21 and insert the following new subsections:
3 "(g) One school board member and one school administrator each
4 representing a Class I school district;
5 (h) One school board member and one school administrator each
6 representing a Class II school district;
7 (i) One school board member and one school administrator each
8 representing a Class III school district;"; in line 22 strike "(i)" and
9 insert "(j)"; in line 28 strike "(j)" and insert "(k)"; and in line 30
10 strike "(k)" and insert "(l)".
11 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "(k)" and insert "(l)"; in line 14
12 strike "four" and insert "six"; and strike "and (h)" and insert "through

(i)".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB597:
AM183

1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new section:
Section 1. Section 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
77-3442 (1) Property tax levies for the support of local governments for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 1998, shall be limited to the amounts set forth in this section except as provided in section 77-3444.
(2)(a) Except as provided in subdivisions (2)(b) and (2)(e) of this section, school districts and multiple-district school systems may levy a maximum levy of:
(i) Through fiscal year 2024-25, one dollar and five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy; and.
(ii) For fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter, ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.
(b) For each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, learning communities may levy a maximum levy for the general fund budgets of member school districts of ninety-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The proceeds from the levy pursuant to this subdivision shall be distributed pursuant to section 79-1073.
(c) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(e) of this section, for each fiscal year prior to fiscal year 2017-18, school districts that are members of learning communities may levy for purposes of such districts' general fund budget and special building funds a maximum combined levy of the difference of one dollar and five cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property subject to the levy minus the learning community levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(b) of this section for such learning community.
(d) Excluded from the limitations in subdivisions (2)(a) and (2)(c) of this section are (i) amounts levied to pay for current and future sums agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to September 1, 2017, (ii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for certificated teachers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 79-8,142 that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (iii) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for seventy-five percent of the current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (iv) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for fifty percent of the current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2018, and August 31, 2019, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (v) amounts levied by a school district otherwise at the maximum levy pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section to pay for twenty-five percent of the

current and future sums agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to subdivision (2)(d) of this section, (vi) amounts levied in compliance with sections 79-10,110 and 79-10,110.02, and (vii) amounts levied to pay for special building funds and sinking funds established for projects commenced prior to April 1, 1996, for construction, expansion, or alteration of school district buildings. For purposes of this subsection, commenced means any action taken by the school board on the record which commits the board to expend district funds in planning, constructing, or carrying out the project.

(e) Federal aid school districts may exceed the maximum levy prescribed by subdivision (2)(a) or (2)(c) of this section only to the extent necessary to qualify to receive federal aid pursuant to Title VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001. For purposes of this subdivision, federal aid school district means any school district which receives ten percent or more of the revenue for its general fund budget from federal government sources pursuant to Title VIII of Public Law 103-382, as such title existed on September 1, 2001.

(f) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum levy of one-half cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable property subject to the levy for elementary learning center facility leases, for remodeling of leased elementary learning center facilities, and for up to fifty percent of the estimated cost for focus school or program capital projects approved by the learning community coordinating council pursuant to section 79-2111.

(g) For each fiscal year, learning communities may levy a maximum levy of one and one-half cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable property subject to the levy for early childhood education programs for children in poverty, for elementary learning center employees, for contracts with other entities or individuals who are not employees of the learning community for elementary learning center programs and services, and for pilot projects, except that no more than ten percent of such levy may be used for elementary learning center employees.

(3) For each fiscal year through fiscal year 2023-24, community college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)(a) through (c) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such subdivisions. For fiscal year 2024-25 and each fiscal year thereafter, community college areas may levy the levies provided in subdivisions (2)(a) and (b) of section 85-1517, in accordance with the provisions of such subdivisions. A community college area may exceed the levy provided in subdivision (2)(a) of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to generate sufficient revenue as described in section 85-1543 or 85-2238. A community college area may exceed the levy provided in subdivision (2)(b) of section 85-1517 by the amount necessary to retire general obligation bonds assumed by the community college area or issued pursuant to section 85-1515 according to the terms of such bonds or for any obligation pursuant to section 85-1535 entered into prior to January 1, 1997.

(4)(a) Natural resources districts may levy a maximum levy of four and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.

(b) Natural resources districts shall also have the power and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities for FY2003-04, not to exceed one cent on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation

annually on all of the taxable property within the district.

(c) In addition, natural resources districts located in a river basin, subbasin, or reach that has been determined to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 by the Department of Natural Resources shall also have the power and authority to levy a tax equal to the dollar amount by which their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities under the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act exceed their restricted funds budgeted to administer and implement ground water management activities and integrated management activities for FY2005-06, not to exceed three cents on each one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on all of the taxable property within the district for fiscal year 2006-07 and each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2017-18.

(5) Any educational service unit authorized to levy a property tax pursuant to section 79-1225 may levy a maximum levy of one and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.

(6)(a) Incorporated cities and villages which are not within the boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of forty-five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy plus an additional five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation to provide financing for the municipality's share of revenue required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to section 51-201, museum pursuant to section 51-501, visiting community nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to section 71-1637, or statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.

(b) Incorporated cities and villages which are within the boundaries of a municipal county may levy a maximum levy of ninety cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The maximum levy shall include amounts paid to a municipal county for county services, amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to section 51-201, a museum pursuant to section 51-501, a visiting community nurse, home health nurse, or home health agency pursuant to section 71-1637, or a statue, memorial, or monument pursuant to section 80-202.

(7) Sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for more than five years may levy a maximum levy of forty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy, and sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for five years or less shall not have a maximum levy. Unconsolidated sanitary and improvement districts which have been in existence for more than five years and are located in a municipal county may levy a maximum of eighty-five cents per hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy.

(8) Counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of fifty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy, except that five cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy may only be levied to provide financing for the county's share of revenue required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. The maximum levy shall include amounts levied to pay for sums to support a library pursuant to section 51-201 or museum pursuant to section 51-501. The county may allocate up to fifteen cents of its authority to other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 and not specifically covered in this section to levy taxes as authorized by law

which do not collectively exceed fifteen cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation on any parcel or item of taxable property. The county may allocate to one or more other political subdivisions subject to allocation of property tax authority by the county under subsection (1) of section 77-3443 some or all of the county's five cents per one hundred dollars of valuation authorized for support of an agreement or agreements to be levied by the political subdivision for the purpose of supporting that political subdivision's share of revenue required under an agreement or agreements executed pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act. If an allocation by a county would cause another county to exceed its levy authority under this section, the second county may exceed the levy authority in order to levy the amount allocated.

(9) Municipal counties may levy or authorize a maximum levy of one dollar per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy. The municipal county may allocate levy authority to any political subdivision or entity subject to allocation under section 77-3443.

(10) Beginning July 1, 2016, rural and suburban fire protection districts may levy a maximum levy of ten and one-half cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy if (a) such district is located in a county that had a levy pursuant to subsection (8) of this section in the previous year of at least forty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy or (b) such district had a levy request pursuant to section 77-3443 in any of the three previous years and the county board of the county in which the greatest portion of the valuation of such district is located did not authorize any levy authority to such district in such year.

(11) A regional metropolitan transit authority may levy a maximum levy of ten cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy for each fiscal year that commences on the January 1 that follows the effective date of the conversion of the transit authority established under the Transit Authority Law into the regional metropolitan transit authority.

(12) Property tax levies (a) for judgments, except judgments or orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a political subdivision which require or obligate a political subdivision to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance coverage of a political subdivision, (b) for preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to July 1, 1998, (c) for bonds as defined in section 10-134 approved according to law and secured by a levy on property except as provided in section 44-4317 for bonded indebtedness issued by educational service units and school districts, (d) for payments by a public airport to retire interest-free loans from the Division of Aeronautics of the Department of Transportation in lieu of bonded indebtedness at a lower cost to the public airport, and (e) to pay for cancer benefits provided on or after January 1, 2022, pursuant to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act are not included in the levy limits established by this section.

(13) The limitations on tax levies provided in this section are to include all other general or special levies provided by law. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, the only exceptions to the limits in this section are those provided by or authorized by sections 77-3442 to 77-3444.

(14) Tax levies in excess of the limitations in this section shall be considered unauthorized levies under section 77-1606 unless approved under section 77-3444.

(15) For purposes of sections 77-3442 to 77-3444, political subdivision means a political subdivision of this state and a county agricultural society.

(16) For school districts that file a binding resolution on or before May 9, 2008, with the county assessors, county clerks, and county treasurers for all counties in which the school district has territory pursuant to subsection (7) of section 79-458, if the combined levies, except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of the school district and levies for the refinancing of such bonded indebtedness, are in excess of the greater of (a) one dollar and twenty cents per one hundred dollars of taxable valuation of property subject to the levy or (b) the maximum levy authorized by a vote pursuant to section 77-3444, all school district levies, except levies for bonded indebtedness approved by the voters of the school district and levies for the refinancing of such bonded indebtedness, shall be considered unauthorized levies under section 77-1606.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
LB380
LB381
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Friday, February 28, 2025
LB454
LB255
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LB553

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. Title read. Considered.

Senator Hardin offered AM179, found on page 436.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment to his amendment:
FA17
In AM179, on page 1, line 15, strike "pharmacy" and insert "pharmacist".

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Hardin amendment, AM179, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB160:
AM189

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM124)

1. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
71-216.01 (1) An applicant who fails to pass the barber examination may take the examination a second time when the examination is offered by the board without being required to take any further course of study. If an applicant fails the examination a second time, the applicant shall be required to complete a further course of study in barbering, consisting of five hundred hours with not more than ten hours completed in any one working day in a school of barbering prior to further examination.
(2) An applicant may be given an opportunity to demonstrate proficiency to waive the remainder of the course of study after completion of two hundred fifty hours with the approval of the board. If such applicant fails the examination after being given such opportunity, the applicant shall complete the remaining two hundred fifty hours before such applicant shall be permitted to take the examination a fourth time.
~~A graduate from a school of barbering who fails to pass a satisfactory examination may take the examination next time that the examination is given by the Board of Barber Examiners without being required to take any further course of study. Should the applicant fail the examination a second time, the applicant shall be required to complete a further course of study of not less than five hundred hours to be completed within three months of not more than ten hours in any one working day in a school of barbering approved by the Board of Barber~~

~~Examiners before the applicant may be permitted to take the examination a third time.~~

Sec. 2. Original section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Prokop name added to LB421.
Senator Dorn name added to LB468.
Senator Andersen name added to LB468.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB485.
Senator Murman name added to LB561.
Senator Lonowski name added to LB693.
Senator Clouse name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Sandy Creek High School, Fairfield; Trippe Bracco, Edgar; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; students and teacher from Bryan High School, Omaha; students with Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association; Keston Rubek, Creighton.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Snowleopard Tyler, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, February 10, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Daniel Potts, Christ Lincoln, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Moser.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Guereca, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-second day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM75
1 1. On page 6, line 17, after "time" insert "without the imposition
2 of any conditions or consequences"; strike lines 18 through 19; in line
3 20 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)"; in line 22 strike "(iv)" and insert
4 "(iii)"; and in line 26 strike "(v)" and insert "(iv)".
5 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "that" in line 16 through
6 "consent" in line 17.
7 3. On page 9, strike beginning with "that" in line 10 through
8 "consent" in line 11.
9 4. On page 12, line 8, after "time" insert "without the imposition
10 of any conditions or consequences"; strike lines 9 through 10; in line 11
11 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)"; in line 13 strike "(iv)" and insert

"(iii)"; and in line 17 strike "(v)" and insert "(iv)".
5. On page 13, strike beginning with "that" in line 7 through "consent" in line 8.
6. On page 15, strike beginning with "that" in line 1 through "consent" in line 2.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM135
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
28-470 (1) A health professional who is authorized to prescribe or dispense an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~, if acting with reasonable care, may prescribe, administer, or dispense such medication~~naloxone~~ to any of the following persons without being subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution:
(a) A person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose; or
(b) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose.
(2) A family member, friend, or any other person, including school personnel, who is in a position to assist a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose, other than an emergency responder or peace officer, is not subject to actions under the Uniform Credentialing Act, administrative action, or criminal prosecution if the person, acting in good faith:
(a) Obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~, obtains naloxone~~ from a health professional, pursuant to ~~or~~ a prescription, or over the counter~~; for naloxone from a health professional~~ and
(b) Administers such medication ~~administers the naloxone obtained from the health professional or acquired pursuant to the prescription~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
(3) An emergency responder who, acting in good faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the emergency responder's emergency medical service organization and administers such medication~~the naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
(a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
(b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose, unless the emergency responder caused damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability of such emergency medical service organization for the emergency responder's acts of commission or omission.
(4) A peace officer or law enforcement employee who, acting in good faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the peace officer's or employee's law enforcement agency and administers such medication~~the naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
(a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
(b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical

treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose, unless the peace officer or employee caused damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability of such law enforcement agency for the peace officer's or employee's acts of commission or omission.

(5) For purposes of this section:

(a) Administer has the same meaning as in section 38-2806;

(b) Dispense has the same meaning as in section 38-2817;

(c) Emergency responder means an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act or practicing pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;

(d) Health professional means a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act;

(e) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town marshal, the office of sheriff, or the Nebraska State Patrol;

(f) Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such contractor who regularly, as part of his or her duties, handles, processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or property which may include or contain opioids;

(g) Opioid overdose reversal medication means any lifesaving medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for reversing an opioid overdose, whether obtained by prescription, from a health care practitioner, or over the counter, and includes, but is not limited to, naloxone and nalmefene~~Naloxone means naloxone hydrochloride~~; and

(h) Peace officer has the same meaning as in section 49-801.

Sec. 2. Original section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM176

1. On page 2, line 13, strike "thirty-five" and insert "forty".
2. On page 3, strike beginning with "and" in line 17 through "mail" in line 19.
3. On page 5, strike beginning with "who" in line 2 through "43-2101" in line 3 and insert "under nineteen years of age"; and strike lines 9 through 17.

The Judiciary 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.

Jeff Bucher - Nebraska Board of Parole

Aye: 7. Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm. Nay: 1. McKinney. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM77

1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 2. Section 76-3702, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
76-3702 For purposes of the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act:
(1) Foreign corporation means a corporation incorporated under the laws of a jurisdiction outside of the United States that would be a business corporation if incorporated under the laws of this state. A corporation incorporated in any state, territory, or Indian tribe of the United States is not a foreign corporation;
(2) Foreign government means a government other than the federal government of the United States, the government of any territory or possession of the United States, or the government of any state, political subdivision of a state, or Indian tribe;
(3) Indian tribe means an Indian tribe or band which is located in whole or in part within Nebraska and which is recognized by federal law or formally acknowledged by the state;
(4)~~(1)~~ Nonresident alien means any human being~~person~~ who:
(a) Is not a citizen of the United States;
(b) Is not a national of the United States;
(c) Is not a lawful permanent resident of the United States; and
(d) Has not been physically present in the United States for at least one hundred eighty-three days during a three-year period that includes the current year and the two years immediately preceding the current year;~~ and~~
(5) Person means a human being, corporation, business trust, estate, trust, partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, agency, or instrumentality, or any other legal or commercial entity; and
(6)~~(2)~~ Restricted entity means:
(a) Any person ~~or entity~~ identified on the sanctions lists maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury as such sanctions lists existed on January 1, 2025; or
(b) Any person or foreign government ~~or entity~~ determined by the United States Secretary of Commerce to have engaged in a long-term pattern or serious instances of conduct significantly adverse to the national security of the United States pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.47.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025.
2. On page 2, line 4, after "802.211(b)(3)" insert ", as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025".
3. On page 4, after line 28 insert the following new subsection:
"(3) Any person, nonresident alien, foreign corporation, or foreign government, or agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof, of an excepted real estate foreign state as determined by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States pursuant to 31 C.F.R. 802.1001(a) and 802.214, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2025, is exempt from the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act except for any restricted entity, or agent, trustee, or fiduciary thereof.".
4. On page 10, line 25, after "and" insert "the Clerk of".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM81

1. Strike original sections 1 and 2.
2. On page 2, strike beginning with "2-5501" in line 12 through the first comma in line 13.
3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 42. Introduced by Lonowski, 33.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship was held on November 9, 2024, at the Bob Devaney Sports Center in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Minden High School volleyball team played against the Wahoo High School team in four sets, scoring 25-22, 25-12, 21-25, and 25-12, which led the Minden team to win the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Minden volleyball team finished the 2024 season with a winning record of 37-1; and

WHEREAS, the Minden volleyball team also won the 2023 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship and finished the 2023 season with a winning record of 36-1; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, commitment, passion, and care for fellow members of the Minden volleyball team is the root of their success; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2024 Class C-1 State Championship volleyball team are the seniors, Makenna Betty, Aubree Bules, Meredith Johnson, Mattie Kamery, Kinsie Land, Lydia Petty, Makenna Starkey, and Carmin Gramke; the juniors, Makenna Anderson, Myla Emery, and Rebbeca Lempka; the freshmen, Kaleigh Carr, Aly Cederburg, and Riley Eden; the assistant coaches, Allie Prososki, Jadyn Branson, Buffi Kamery, and Ali Lovin; and the head coach Julie Ratka; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community and is the culmination of years of dedication, determination, and hard work by the members of the Minden volleyball team; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Minden volleyball team on winning the 2024 Class C-1 State Volleyball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Minden volleyball team and to Head Coach Julie Ratka.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 35, 36, and 37 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 35, 36, and 37.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM102, found on page 422, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM62, found on page 422, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM124, found on page 423, was offered.

Senator Riepe offered AM189, found on page 457, to the committee amendment.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER3
1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 6 strike "sections"
2 and insert "section; and to declare an emergency".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Placed on General File.

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

Brian Christensen - Nebraska Investment Council

Aye: 5. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Juarez. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB420:
AM198
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

2024, is amended to read:

24-703 (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (1) of section 24-710 has been earned. It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services in accordance with subsection (7) of this section to make a deduction of four percent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to the fund. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the four percent as shown on the payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

(2)(a) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, each future member who became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who has not elected to make contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. After the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such future member shall make no further contributions to the fund, except that (i) any time the maximum benefit is changed, a future member who has previously earned the maximum benefit as it existed prior to the change shall contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as changed and as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned and (ii) such future member shall continue to make the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection.

(b) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, a judge who became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who first serves as a judge on or after July 1, 2004, or a future member who became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who elects to make contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly eight percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as limited by subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection, after the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such judge or future member shall contribute monthly four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund for the remainder of his or her active service.

(c) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a member or judge described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection shall contribute monthly an additional one percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

(d) Beginning on July 1, 2015, a judge who first serves as a judge on or after such date shall contribute monthly ten percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services to make a deduction on the monthly payroll of each such future member who is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'

Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to the fund. This shall be done each month. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the amount as shown on the payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars through June 30, 2021, eight dollars beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, nine dollars beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, ten dollars beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, eleven dollars beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and twelve dollars beginning July 1, 2025, shall be taxed as costs in each (i) civil cause of action, criminal cause of action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, and city or village ordinance violation filed in the district courts, the county courts, and the separate juvenile courts, (ii) filing in the district court of an order, award, or judgment of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any judge thereof pursuant to section 48-188, (iii) appeal or other proceeding filed in the Court of Appeals, and (iv) original action, appeal, or other proceeding filed in the Supreme Court. In county courts a sum shall be charged which is equal to ten percent of each fee provided by sections 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, rounded to the nearest even dollar. No judges retirement fee shall be charged for filing a report pursuant to sections 33-126.02 and 33-126.06.

(b) The fee increases described in subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not be taxed as a cost in any criminal cause of action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, or city or village ordinance violation filed in the district court or the county court. The fee on such criminal causes of action, traffic misdemeanors or infractions, or city or village ordinance violations shall remain six dollars on and after July 1, 2021.

(c) When collected by the clerk of the district or county court, such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer within ten days after the close of each calendar month for credit to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. In addition, information regarding collection of court fees shall be submitted to the director in charge of the judges retirement system by the State Court Administrator within ten days after the close of each calendar month.

(d) The board may charge a late administrative processing fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars if the information is not timely received or the money is delinquent. In addition, the board may charge a late fee of thirty-eight thousandths of one percent of the amount required to be submitted pursuant to this section for each day such amount has not been received. Such late fees shall be remitted to the director who shall promptly thereafter remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund.

(e) No Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee which is uncollectible for any reason shall be waived by a county judge as provided in section 29-2709.

(4) All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by voucher in the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The fund shall be used for the payment of all annuities and other benefits to members and their beneficiaries and for the expenses of administration.

(5)(a) Prior to July 1, 2021:

(i) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with

the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost under this method shall be determined for each individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed for all members;

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing unfunded liabilities shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period, and during each subsequent actuarial valuation through June 30, 2021, changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a thirty-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;

(iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period as of the actuarial valuation date; and

(iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act, there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter:

(i) The board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under such method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost under such method shall be determined for each individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed for all members;

(ii) Any changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a twenty-five-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;

(iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a twenty-five-year period as of the actuarial valuation date; and

(iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act, there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the act.

(c) Upon the recommendation of the actuary to the board, and after the board notifies the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature, the board may combine or offset certain amortization bases to reduce future volatility of the actuarial contribution rate. Such notification to the committee shall be in writing and include, at a minimum, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or offset were not implemented, the actuary's

projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or offset were implemented, and the actuary's explanation of why the combination or offset is in the best interests of the plan at the proposed time.

(d) For purposes of this subsection, the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act includes (i) member contributions, (ii) state contributions pursuant to subsection (6) of this section which shall be considered as a contribution for the plan year ending the prior June 30, (iii) court fees as provided in subsection (3) of this section, and (iv) all fees pursuant to sections 25-2804, 33-103, 33-103.01, 33-106.02, 33-123, 33-124, 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, as directed to be remitted to the fund.

(6)(a) In addition to the contributions otherwise required by this section, beginning July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the state shall contribute~~or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer from the General Fund to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges~~ an amount equal to five percent of the total annual compensation of all members of the retirement system except as otherwise provided in this subsection and as such rate shall be adjusted or terminated by the Legislature. No adjustment may cause the total contribution rate established in this subsection to exceed five percent. For purposes of this subsection, (i) total annual compensation is based on the total member compensation reported in the most recent annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the board pursuant to section 84-1503 and (ii) the contribution described in this subsection shall be considered as a contribution for the plan year ending the prior June 30.

(b) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is at or above one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the annual actuarial valuation report.

(c) If the state contribution rate has been adjusted to less than five percent and the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is below one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the annual actuarial valuation report.

(d) If an annual actuarial valuation report includes a recommendation from the actuary to adjust the contribution rate as described in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, the board shall provide written notice electronically to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Supreme Court of such recommendation within seven business days after voting to approve an annual actuarial valuation report. The notice shall include the actuary's recommendation and analysis regarding such adjustment.

(e) Following receipt of the actuary's recommendation and analysis pursuant to this subsection, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall determine the amount of any adjustment of the contribution rate and, if necessary, shall propose any such adjustment to the Legislature.

(7) The state or county shall pick up the member contributions

required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as member contributions, shall be paid by the state or county in lieu of member contributions. The state or county shall pay these member contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The state or county shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the Judges Retirement Act in the same manner and to the extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

Sec. 2. Original section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB701

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB275 (cancel)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB417
LB599
LB517
LB685
LB631

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A. Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 296, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Agriculture Committee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in Room 1524 instead of Room 2102.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB296.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator M. Cavanaugh, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Matt Prose, GLOW Church, Ralston.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Murman.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-third day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM55
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 16 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.
Sec. 2. For purposes of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act:
(1) Attractive to children means products:
(a) Manufactured in the shape of humans, cartoons, or animals; or
(b) Manufactured in a form that bears any reasonable resemblance to an existing candy product that is familiar to the public as a widely distributed or a branded food product such that a product could be mistaken for the branded food product, especially by children;

(2) Department means the Department of Revenue;
(3) Kratom extract means the material obtained by extraction of kratom leaves with a solvent consisting of water, ethanol, or food-grade carbon dioxide, or any other solvent allowed by federal or state regulation to be used in manufacturing a food ingredient;
(4) Kratom leaf means any part of the leaf of the mitragyna speciosa plant in a fresh, dehydrated, or dried form that has been subjected to no post-harvest processing other than drying or size reduction, including, but not limited to, cutting, milling, or a similar procedure, and cleaning or sterilization through the application of heat, steam, pressurization, irradiation, or other standard treatments applied to food ingredients;
(5) Kratom product means a food, ingredient, or dietary supplement that:
(a) Consists of or contains kratom leaf or kratom leaf extract;
(b) Does not contain any synthesized kratom alkaloids, other synthesized kratom constituents, or synthesized metabolites of any kratom constituent; and
(c) Does not contain a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid fraction that is greater than two percent of the alkaloid composition of the kratom product;
(6) Processor means a person that manufacturers, packages, labels, or distributes kratom products or advertises, represents, or holds itself out as manufacturing, preparing, packaging, labeling, or distributing kratom products;
(7) Retailer has the same meaning as in section 77-2701.32; and
(8) Synthesized means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created, in full or in part, by directed chemical, physical, or biosynthetic conversion, including, but not limited to, fermentation, recombinant techniques, yeast-derived, or enzymatic techniques, rather than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or extracting.

Sec. 3. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or distribute kratom leaf or a kratom product to a person under twenty-one years of age.
(2) An online retailer or marketplace that sells or offers for sale kratom leaf or a kratom product shall implement an age-verification system to ensure compliance with this section.

Sec. 4. No person shall produce, manufacture, distribute, offer for sale, sell, or introduce into commerce a kratom product in the State of Nebraska if the product is manufactured in a manner that is attractive to children.

Sec. 5. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:
(1) Be manufactured, packaged, labeled, and held in compliance with federal regulations for current good manufacturing practice in manufacturing, packaging, labeling, or holding operations for dietary supplements as codified in 21 C.F.R. Part 111, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2025; and
(2) Be manufactured, processed, packed, or held by a processor who has registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration as a food facility.

Sec. 6. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:
(1) Be labeled in compliance with all applicable federal food or dietary supplement labeling regulations, including, but not limited to, 21 C.F.R. Part 101, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2025;
(2) Be labeled in compliance with all applicable federal retail package labeling requirements for allergen labeling; and
(3) Have a label on each retail package that clearly and

conspicuously provides the following information:
(a) The product is not recommended for use by individuals who are under twenty-one years of age, who are pregnant, or who are breastfeeding;
(b) A health care practitioner should be consulted prior to using the product;
(c) The product may be habit-forming;
(d) The following statements: "These statements have not been evaluated by the federal Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.";
(e) The name and place of business of the processor;
(f) Directions for use that include a recommended amount of the kratom product per serving that is:
(i) Clearly described on the label for product forms such as capsules, gummies, prepackaged, single-serving units, and similar product forms; or
(ii) A clear instruction or a mark on the package or container for beverages or liquids;
(g) A recommended number of servings that can be safely consumed in a twenty-four-hour period;
(h) A listing of the servings per container; and
(i) A listing of kratom alkaloids mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine and other ingredients in the product, including quantitative declarations of the amount per serving of mitragynine.

Sec. 7. (1) The department shall establish, operate, and administer a program to register kratom products. The Tax Commissioner shall designate an implementation date for such program which date is on or before January 1, 2026.

(2) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
(a) No processor may manufacture, package, label, or distribute a kratom product to be offered for sale in the State of Nebraska unless the product has been registered with the department;
(b) Applications for product registration shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department. Each application shall include:
(i) The name, address, and state of organization for the processor of the product;
(ii) A principal point of contact for the processor and contact information for the point of contact;
(iii) The name of the product;
(iv) The product label;
(v) A certificate of analysis for the kratom product that states the kratom product's alkaloid content and certifies that the kratom product has a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine that is less than two percent of the alkaloid composition of the kratom product from an independent laboratory. Such laboratory shall obtain and maintain an International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 17025 accreditation for testing and calibration laboratories from an accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement;
(vi) A valid good manufacturing practice certificate issued by an accredited third-party certification body in compliance with 21 C.F.R. Part 117; and
(vii) A current food facility registration certificate issued by the federal Food and Drug Administration for all facilities where kratom products are manufactured, prepared, packaged, or labeled;
(c) A certificate of registration shall be valid for one calendar year after the date of issue and shall not be transferable; and
(d) The department may charge a fee for product registration

applications and may adjust such fee annually. The fee shall be reasonable and shall not exceed any reasonable or necessary costs to administer the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

(3) If an application is incomplete or deficient, the department shall, in a timely manner, notify the applicant in writing describing the reason or reasons and request additional information. If such application is not corrected or supplemented within thirty days after the department's request, the department shall deny the application.

(4) If any false statement is made in any part of an application, the department shall deny the application.

(5) A person aggrieved by the denial of an application may request a hearing pursuant to section 11 of this act.

(6) A processor or retailer is not prohibited from selling, preparing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, advertising, representing, or holding itself out as selling, preparing, or maintaining kratom products in the State of Nebraska prior to the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, or while the first product registration applications submitted by processors operating in the State of Nebraska as of January 1, 2025, are pending approval or denial by the department.

Sec. 8. Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 7 of this act, the department shall make public a list of all registered kratom products on its website.

Sec. 9. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.

(2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:

(a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom product under section 2 of this act; or

(b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.

(3) Upon receipt of evidence that suggests a product may be an adulterated kratom product, the department may require the person selling, providing, or distributing the product to obtain an independent third-party test of the product by a laboratory of the department's choosing.

Sec. 10. (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.

(2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars. For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.

(3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a period of four consecutive years, any violation shall be treated as a new first violation.

(4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax Commissioner as provided in section 11 of this act if requested by the processor or retailer.

(5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the Kratom

Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation of a processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as defined in section 9 of this act or otherwise conformed to the act.

Sec. 11. (1) Any person aggrieved by a notice of denial of an application issued under section 7 of this act or a notice of violation issued under section 10 of this act may request a hearing on any such notice issued by the Tax Commissioner.

(2) Such request shall be made within twenty days after the receipt of any such notice.

(3) At such hearing the Tax Commissioner, or any officer or employee of the Tax Commissioner designated in writing, may examine any books, papers, memoranda, or other evidence bearing upon the matter at issue and require the attendance of any officer or employee of the processor or retailer or any person having knowledge pertinent to such hearing. The Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee may administer oaths to persons testifying at such hearing.

(4) During the hearing, the Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence, and no informality in any proceeding or in the manner of taking testimony shall invalidate any order or decision made or approved by the Tax Commissioner.

Sec. 12. (1) Within a reasonable time after the hearing pursuant to section 11 of this act, the Tax Commissioner shall make a final decision or final determination and notify the processor or retailer by mail of such decision or determination.

(2) If it is determined that a processor intentionally and materially falsified any information contained in an application under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor shall be ineligible to obtain a certification of registration for a period of twelve months after the date of such determination.

(3) A processor or retailer may appeal the decision of the Tax Commissioner, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 13. The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 14. (1) If a registered processor has been convicted by any court of a violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of the certificate of registration for its kratom products and all money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.

(2) If any false statement is made in any part of an application submitted under section 7 of this act, the applicant shall be subject to prosecution for perjury and if convicted may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of any certificate of registration that was issued for the applicant's kratom products and all money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.

Sec. 15. Except as otherwise provided in the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, no political subdivision shall impose additional restrictions on the manufacturing, packaging, labeling, distribution, or sale of kratom leaves, kratom leaf extracts, or kratom products greater than or in addition to those enumerated in the act.

Sec. 16. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

Sec. 17. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
Sec. 18. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Urban Affairs
Room 2102 2:15 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB447
LB520
LB531
LB611

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
LB76
LB433
LB420

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 43. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

WHEREAS, Ethan Hardin of Malcolm, Nebraska, a member of Lincoln Boy Scout Troop 56 and son of Mike and Alicia Hardin, completed the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, to earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. Throughout their scouting experience, these young men and women have learned, tested, and received recognition for various scouting skills; and

WHEREAS, to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, a Boy Scout is required to earn twenty-one merit badges, fourteen of which are in required areas, and complete an approved community service project; and

WHEREAS, for his community service project, Ethan was inspired to serve the community in Lincoln, Nebraska, by planning and installing a dry creek bed to help solve an erosion problem at the Turpin Outdoor Education Center; and

WHEREAS, Ethan was awarded Eagle rank on August 22, 2024, at the Cornhusker Council; and

WHEREAS, Ethan, through his dedication to excellence, has joined other high achievers who are Eagle Scouts, including astronauts, leaders of government and industry, artists, scientists, and athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ethan Hardin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ethan Hardin.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR38 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR38.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM148, found on page 430, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM137, found on page 430, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM157, found on page 430, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER8
1 1. On page 1, line 13, after the second "to" insert "transfer and";
2 in line 14 strike "and rename"; and in line 15 strike the second "and"
3 and insert a semicolon.
4 2. On page 3, line 30, strike the new matter.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER6
1 1. On page 2, line 30, strike "act", show as stricken, and insert
2 "Real Property Appraiser Act".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER5
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 3 through "bidding"
2 in line 4 and insert "to change requirements relating to public lettings
3 and biddings; to provide an exception for certain contracts under the
4 State Procurement Act".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER4
1 1. On page 2, line 8, strike "in", show as stricken, and insert
2 "on".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	**Committee**
LB558	Revenue (rereferred)
LR40	Executive Board

Arganbright, Kurt - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources
Dentlinger, Courtney - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Fudge, David - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Hutchison, Chuck - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources
Kime, Duane - Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Education
Kreikemeier, Rachel - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Kuhn, Roger - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Mattoon, Steve - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission - Natural Resources
Moenning, Josh - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Sabin, Robert - Nebraska Tourism Commission - General Affairs
Wightman, Anna Castner - Nebraska State Fair Board - Agriculture
Wolf, David - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Younes, Paul - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
LB644
LB193
LB660

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
LB659
LB604
LR23CA
LB521

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
LR29
LB224
LB233

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 44. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Jordon Harms is a fourth-generation corn and soybean farmer; and

WHEREAS, Jordon has taken an active role in Nebraska's farming industry by participating in 4-H, FFA, the Clay County Farm Bureau, the Nebraska Farm Bureau State Legislative Policy Committee, and the Nebraska Farm Bureau Leadership Academy program; and

WHEREAS, young farmers like Jordon represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; and

WHEREAS, Jordon was recognized as the winner of the Nebraska Farm Bureau's 2024 Young Farmers and Ranchers Excellence in Agriculture Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jordon Harms for his achievement and contributions to Nebraska's agricultural economy.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jordon Harms.

Laid over.

SENATOR FREDERICKSON PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Title Read. Considered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM246

1. On page 2, line 4, after "system" insert ". Cybersecurity event includes, but is not limited to, a breach of the security of the system as defined in section 87-802".
2. On page 3, line 1, after the period insert "If the cybersecurity event was a breach of the security of the system as defined in section 87-802, this subsection applies only if the private entity has provided notice as required pursuant to section 87-803 and the Attorney General has issued written certification to the private entity that any investigation pursued by the Attorney General pursuant to section 87-806 has been completed.".

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM203
1. On page 2, lines 10 and 16, after the second "school" insert "instructional"; in line 18 strike "cell phones" and insert "electronic communication devices"; in line 23 after "school" insert "instructional"; and in line 29 strike "a teacher" and insert "the school district".
2. On page 3, line 6, strike "communicating" and insert "communication".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 300. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM168
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 79-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-566 The board of education of a Class IV school district shall at a regular meeting elect from outside its own members a superintendent, an associate superintendent of instruction, an associate superintendent of business affairs, a school district treasurer, and the number of employees the board of education may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the school district at such compensation~~salaries~~ as the board of education may determine, except that the compensation of the superintendent shall comply with the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. The board may contract with them for terms not to exceed three years. The election of all officers of the board of education and all elections for filling vacancies on the board of education shall be by ballot. No person shall be declared elected unless he or she receives the vote of a majority of all the members of the board of education.
Sec. 2. Section 79-567, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-567 The members of the board of education of a Class V school district, at their regular meeting in January each year, shall elect a

president and vice president from their own members, who shall serve for terms of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of the board of education may also select from outside their own members one superintendent of public schools, one secretary, one treasurer, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary for the administration of the affairs of the school district, at such compensation~~salary~~ as the board may deem just, except that the compensation of the superintendent shall comply with the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. The members of the board of education~~and~~ in their discretion ~~they~~ may enter into contracts with such officers for terms of not to exceed three years. The board shall have the power to elect its president and vice president and to select its officers and employees in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

Sec. 3. Section 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-594 The school board in a Class I, II, III, or IV school district may also elect at any regular meeting one superintendent of public instruction with such compensation~~salary~~ as the board deems best, except that such compensation shall comply with the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. The board ~~and~~ may enter into contract with the superintendent~~him or her~~ at its discretion, for a term not to exceed three years.

Sec. 4. Section 79-1219, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1219 Each board of an educational service unit deciding to provide supplementary services shall appoint and fix the ~~compensation and~~ duties of an administrator, who shall be a person experienced in public school administration and who shall hold at least a standard administrative certificate. The board shall fix the compensation of the administrator, and such compensation shall comply with the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act. With the advice of the administrator, the board shall also employ and fix the compensation and duties of such professional and clerical assistants as shall be necessary. No board member of an educational service unit shall be employed by the educational service unit board on which he or she is a board member.

Sec. 5. Section 79-2401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-2401 Sections 79-2401 to 79-2405 and sections 6 and 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act.

Sec. 6. For purposes of the Superintendent Pay Transparency Act:

(1)(a) Benefit means any amount, not included in salary, to be paid during the contract year or to be paid in the future by a school district or educational service unit in exchange for the personal services performed during such contract year resulting in a benefit for the employee or the family of the employee including, but not limited to, (i) employer contributions pursuant to the School Employees Retirement Act or the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, (ii) early retirement inducements as defined in section 79-978 for employees of Class V school districts and as defined in section 79-902 for employees of all other school districts and educational service units, (iii) cash awards paid by the school district or educational service unit, (iv) severance pay, (v) employer contributions made for the purpose of separation payments to be made at retirement, (vi) employer contributions to annuities, (vii) employer contributions to group life, health, or disability insurance premiums, and (viii) payments made to an employee in lieu of employer contributions to insurance premiums; and

(b) Benefit does not include any amount, not included in salary, to be paid during the contract year or to be paid in the future by a school district or educational service unit in exchange for the personal

services performed during such contract year relating to an award or payment for longevity of service to the school district or educational service unit;

(2) Compensation means a reasonable estimate of the total amount of salary and benefits to be paid by a school district or educational service unit in exchange for personal services performed during a contract year;

(3) Compensation for a beginning teacher means compensation expected to be paid by a school district or educational service unit for the first year of teaching by a certificated teacher assuming such certificated teacher receives the maximum benefits generally available to a teacher who does not receive additional compensation for duties beyond the standard teaching contract; and

(4) Salary means gross wages to be paid in exchange for personal services performed during the contract year and includes (a) overtime pay, (b) member contributions pursuant to the School Employees Retirement Act or the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, and (c) amounts contributed to plans under section 125, 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code or any other section of the code which defers or excludes such amounts from income.

Sec. 7. (1) Beginning with school year 2027-28, no school district or educational service unit may enter into any contract with a superintendent for services to be rendered to a school district or an administrator for services to be rendered to an educational service unit if such contract will cause, by the terms of such contract or in combination with existing contracts, such school district or educational service unit to pay compensation for any contract year to or on behalf of such superintendent or administrator that is in conflict with the requirements of section 9 of this act relating to the compensation for a beginning teacher in such school district or educational service unit for the same contract year.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) If a superintendent of a school district also receives compensation from an educational service unit in which such school district is a member, such compensation shall be deemed compensation from such school district; and

(b) If an administrator of an educational service unit receives compensation from a school district which is a member of such educational service unit, such compensation shall be deemed compensation from such educational service unit.

(3) Any contract entered into in violation of this section shall be invalid, and money belonging to a school district or educational service unit shall not be expended on such a contract.

(4) Any compensation received by a superintendent or administrator in violation of the limitations in this section shall be forfeited by such superintendent or administrator and returned to the school district or educational service unit, and a notice regarding such excess compensation shall be filed with the Commissioner of Education within thirty days after the superintendent, administrator, school board, or board of the educational service unit becomes aware of such violation.

(5) This section does not apply to a superintendent or administrator that has been employed as a certified employee by the contracting school district for more than twenty years.

Sec. 8. Section 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-2402 (1) Before the school board of any school district or the board of any educational service unit approves a proposed contract, or any proposed amendment to an existing contract, for future superintendent services to be rendered to such school district by the current superintendent or future administrator services to be rendered to such

educational service unit by the current administrator, the board shall publish a copy of such proposed contract or amendment, ~~and~~ a reasonable estimate and description of all current and future costs to the school district or educational service unit if the proposed contract or amendment were to be approved, and the compensation for a beginning teacher required pursuant to section 9 of this act based on the total compensation for the superintendent or administrator under the proposed contract or amendment, at least three days before the meeting of the board at which such proposed contract or amendment will be considered. Such publication shall also specify the date, time, and place of the public meeting at which the proposed contract or amendment will be considered. Electronic publication on the website of the school district or educational service unit shall satisfy the requirement of this subsection if such electronic publication is prominently displayed and allows public access to the entire proposed contract or amendment and all other information required by this section.

(2) After the school board of any school district or the board of any educational service unit approves a contract for future superintendent services to be rendered to such school district by a new superintendent or future administrator services to be rendered to such educational service unit by a new administrator, the board shall publish a copy of such contract, and a reasonable estimate and description of all current and future costs to the school district or educational service unit that will be incurred as a result of such contract, within two days after the meeting of the board at which such contract was approved. Electronic publication on the website of the school district or educational service unit shall satisfy the requirement of this subsection if such electronic publication is prominently displayed and allows public access to the entire contract.

Sec. 9. (1) For purposes of this section, the definitions found in section 6 of this act apply.

(2) Beginning with school year 2027-28, the school board of any school district or the board of any educational service unit shall pay compensation for a beginning teacher for the first contract year in an amount that is at least twenty percent of the compensation of the superintendent or administrator of such school district or educational service unit for such contract year.

(3) This section does not apply if the superintendent or administrator of the school district has been employed as a certified employee by the contracting school district for more than twenty years.

Sec. 10. Original sections 79-566, 79-567, 79-594, 79-1219, 79-2401, and 79-2402, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM97
1. On page 2, line 7, strike "an online" and insert "a".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM196
1. On page 3, line 1, strike "thirty" and insert "fifteen".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB599 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 18, 2025
LB429

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
LB50
LB503
LB637
LB710

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
LB399
LB575
LB613
LB628

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025
LB328
LB622
LB269
LB583

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to LB300:
FA18
In AM168 Strike Section 1.

FA19
In AM168 Strike Section 2.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB390:
FA20
In AM97 Strike Section 1.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB428:
FA21
In AM196 Strike Section 1.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LB331:
MO32
Withdraw LB331.

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LR11CA:
MO33
Withdraw LR11CA.

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LR10CA:
MO34
Withdraw LR10CA.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB6.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB10.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB25.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB139.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB195.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB198.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB250.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB313.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB424.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB515.
Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB527.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB555.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB559.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB630.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Community Action, Fairbury and Lincoln; Archer Schwartz, Fairbury; Heather Loughman, Lincoln; Shari Weber, Fairbury; Ben Schwartz, Fairbury; students with Nebraska Christian Home Educators Association; students from Paddock Road Elementary and Prairie Lane Elementary, Omaha; participants from Eastern Nebraska Community Action Partnership's Senior Longevity Program, Omaha; students from Immanuel Lutheran School, Columbus.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Pat Hotovy, York.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 12, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 12, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

In recognition of the 216th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, born February 12, 1809, the Colors are being posted by the Nebraska Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Quick.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Jacobson, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-fourth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER9
1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 26. Section 44-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:
4 44-708 (1) Insurers authorized to deliver or issue for delivery life

insurance policies in this state may deliver or issue for delivery one or more funding agreements, but the delivery or issuance for delivery of funding agreements shall not be deemed the business of insurance, life insurance or an annuity or other line of business as set forth in section 44-201, a security as defined in subdivision (14)~~(15)~~ of section 8-1101, or receipt of gross premiums as set forth in section 77-908. The delivery or issuance for delivery of a funding agreement by an admitted life insurer in this state shall constitute a lawful activity of that insurer that is reasonably related to and incidental to its insurance activities as provided in this section. However, this section shall not authorize any insurer to transact, under the guise of funding agreements, any line of insurance not authorized by its certificate of authority.

(2) No amounts shall be guaranteed or credited under any funding agreement except upon reasonable assumptions as to investment income and expenses and on a basis equitable to all holders of funding agreements of a given class.

(3) Amounts paid to the insurer, and proceeds applied under optional modes of settlement, under funding agreements may be allocated by the insurer to one or more separate accounts.

(4) The Director of Insurance may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to implement this section, including rules and regulations setting forth the terms and conditions under which an insurer may issue funding agreements.

(5) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the director shall have sole authority to regulate the issuance and sale of funding agreements, including the persons selling funding agreements on behalf of insurers.

(6) Nothing in this section is intended to affect the order in which allowed claims shall be given preference under section 44-4842. Holders of funding agreements shall retain the priority in allowance of claims described in subdivision (2) of section 44-4842.

(7) For purposes of this section, funding agreement means an agreement that authorizes an admitted life insurer to accept funds and that provides for an accumulation of those funds for the purpose of making one or more payments at future dates in amounts that are not based on mortality or morbidity contingencies. Funding agreement does not include any agreement in connection with the funding of one or more payments that are excludable from the gross income of the recipient under section 104(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Sec. 27. Section 45-101.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

45-101.04 The limitation on the rate of interest provided in section 45-101.03 shall not apply to:

(1) Other rates of interest authorized for loans made by any licensee or permittee operating under a license or permit duly issued by the Department of Banking and Finance pursuant to the Credit Union Act, the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, subsection (4) of section 8-319, or sections 8-815 to 8-829;

(2) Loans made to any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or trust;

(3) The guarantor or surety of any loan to a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or trust;

(4) Loans made when the aggregate principal amount of the indebtedness is twenty-five thousand dollars or more of the borrower to any one financial institution, licensee, or permittee;

(5) Loans insured, guaranteed, sponsored, or participated in, either in whole or part, by any agency, department, or program of the United States or state government;

(6) Loans or advances of money, repayable on demand, which are made solely upon securities, as defined in subdivision (14)~~(15)~~ of section

8-1101, pledged as collateral for such repayment and in which such loans or advances are used by the borrower only for the purchase of securities as so defined. It shall be lawful to contract for and receive any rate of interest on such transaction as the parties thereto may expressly agree;
(7) Interest charges made on open credit accounts by a person who sells goods or services on credit when the interest charges do not exceed one and one-third percent per month for any charges which remain unpaid for more than thirty days following rendition of the statement of account;
(8) A minimum charge of ten dollars per loan which may be charged by the lender in lieu of all interest charges;
(9) Loans described in subsection (4) of section 8-319 made by a state or federal savings and loan association at a rate not to exceed nineteen percent per annum;
(10) Loans made primarily for business or agricultural purposes or secured by real property when such loans are made (a) by a licensee, registrant, or permittee operating under a license, registration, or permit duly issued by the Department of Banking and Finance except for licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act, (b) by any financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration, or (c) by any insurance company organized under the laws of this state and subject to regulation by the Department of Insurance;
(11) Loans secured solely by real property when such loans are (a) made by licensees operating under the Nebraska Installment Loan Act and (b) made to finance or refinance the purchase of the property or construction on or improvements to the property, if the Department of Banking and Finance has the authority to examine such loans for compliance with sections 45-101.02 and 45-101.03. A licensee making a loan pursuant to this subdivision may obtain an interest in any fixtures attached to such real property and any insurance proceeds payable in connection with such real property or the loan;
(12) Loans secured by a reverse mortgage pursuant to section 45-702.01;
(13) Interest charges made on any goods or services sold under an installment contract pursuant to the Nebraska Installment Sales Act. Subject to section 45-338, it shall be lawful to contract for and receive any rate of interest on such contract as the parties may expressly agree to in writing; or
(14) Fees which may be charged by a licensee for services pursuant to the Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act.
Sec. 30. Section 59-1715, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
59-1715 A seller-assisted marketing plan shall not include a security as defined by subdivision (14)~~(15)~~ of section 8-1101.
2. On page 1, line 2, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04,"; in line 3 after "45-724," insert "59-1715,"; and in line 11 after the first comma insert "securities,".
3. On page 29, line 7, after "may" insert "use".
4. On page 63, line 31, after "21-1728," insert "44-708, 45-101.04," and after "45-724," insert "59-1715,".
5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER7
1. On page 1, lines 2 and 3, strike "the composition" and insert "qualifications".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM175
1 1. On page 3, strike beginning with "as" in line 2 through "section"
2 in line 3 and show as stricken; in line 12 strike "promotion,"; and in
3 line 25 after the period insert "If two or more preference eligibles are
4 being considered for the position, the veterans preference shall be
5 applied equally to all such preference eligibles.".
6 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "as" in line 27 through
7 "section" in line 28.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM232
1 1. On page 2, lines 24 and 26; page 3, line 29; page 5, line 5; and
2 page 6, line 30, strike "ten" and insert "eight".
3 2. On page 5, line 28, strike "five", show as stricken, and insert
4 "three", after "thousand" insert "five", and reinstate the stricken
5 "hundred".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM87 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 178. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM199
1 1. On page 3, line 8, strike "programs".
2 2. On page 5, line 2, strike "Beginning" and insert "Except as
3 provided in subsection (4) or (5) of this section, beginning"; in lines 6
4 and 8 strike "a" and after "server" insert "alcohol"; in lines 7 and 9
5 strike "program"; and after line 17 insert the following new subsections:
6 "(4) A special designated license issued by the commission for an
7 event that is staffed primarily by volunteers shall only require the
8 manager on duty to have completed mandatory server alcohol training
9 approved by the commission and have received a certification as provided
10 in section 53-117.03.
11 (5) A peace officer as defined in section 60-646 is exempt from the
12 mandatory server alcohol training and certification requirements of this
13 section.".

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB43:
AM215 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 45. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Football Championship was held on November 26, 2024, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed for the Class C-1 State Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team competed against the Wahoo Warriors and earned the runner-up state title; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison ended their season with an outstanding 11-2 win-loss record; and

WHEREAS, this is the first state football championship appearance for the Bison in school history; and

WHEREAS, the Central City Bison football team members are positive role models of hard work, dedication, perseverance, and discipline for young athletes in their community; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes and congratulates the Central City Bison football team and its coach on earning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 State Football Runner-up Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Central City Bison football team and Coach Troy Huebert.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR39 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR39.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Senator Conrad renewed AM246, found and considered on page 482.

Senator Holdcroft 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 motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 9 nays, and 7 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

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

Voting in the negative, 30:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar Riepe

Excused and not voting, 3:

Clouse Juarez von Gillern

The Conrad amendment lost with 14 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 6 nays, and 18 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hunt	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 5:

Fredrickson	Guereca	Prokop	Quick	Raybould

Excused and not voting, 2:

Clouse Juarez

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 9 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM225
1 1. On page 2, lines 11 and 18, strike "distributor or".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025
LB480
Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
LB548
LB471

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB565:
AM239
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
84-901.03 (1) Upon the issuance of a guidance document, an agency shall make such document available at one public location and on the agency's website. The agency shall also publish on its website an index summarizing the subject matter of all currently applicable rules and regulations and guidance documents. Such agency shall provide the index electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by December 31 of each year.
(2) An agency shall ensure that the first page of each guidance document includes the following notice: This guidance document is advisory in nature but is binding on an agency until amended by such agency. A guidance document does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal operations of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules and regulations made in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this guidance document imposes additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may request a review of the document.
(3) A person may request in writing that an agency revise or repeal a guidance document or convert a guidance document into a rule or regulation. No later than sixty calendar days after the agency receives such a request, the agency shall advise the requestor in writing of its decision to (a) revise or repeal the guidance document, (b) initiate a proceeding to consider a revision or repeal of a guidance document, (c) initiate the rulemaking or regulationmaking process to convert the guidance document into a rule or regulation, or (d) deny the request and state the reason for the denial.
(4) All decisions made by an agency under this section shall be made available at one public location and on the agency's website.
(5) All guidance documents and provider bulletins issued by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services on or after July 1, 2022, and before July 1, 2025, are revoked pending a formal rulemaking process as provided in the Administrative Procedure Act unless explicitly required for federal compliance. The Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services shall not issue guidance documents on or after July 1, 2025, and before July 1, 2027, unless specifically required by amendments to existing federal rules or to become compliant with new federal rules and regulations.
Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
Sec. 3. Original section 84-901.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.
Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB590:
AM214
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
37-335 (1) Commencing January 1, 1977, whenever the commission

acquires title to private lands for wildlife management purposes, the commission shall annually make payments in lieu of taxes to the county treasurer of the county in which the land is located. Commencing January 1, 1997, the payments shall be the same as the real property taxes which would have been paid on the land if it were owned by a private owner. The value of the land shall be determined by the county assessor pursuant to sections 77-201 and 77-1301 to 77-1371 as if it were being used for the use it had immediately before acquisition by the commission excluding any improvements on the land either before or after its acquisition. The commission may protest the valuation of such land to the county board of equalization pursuant to section 77-1502 if the commission believes the land is not properly valued. The county board of equalization shall treat such protest in the same manner as any other protest pursuant to sections 77-1502 to 77-1509. The action of the county board of equalization on such protest may be appealed as provided in section 77-1510. The county treasurer shall allocate such payments to each taxing unit levying taxes on such property in the county in which the land has tax situs in the same proportion that the levy on the property of such taxing unit bears to the total levy on such real property of all the taxing units in which the property is taxed.

(2) The Department of Transportation may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to establish, use, and operate a mitigation bank or an in-lieu-fee program in accordance with applicable state and federal laws.

(3) The purpose of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program is to provide compensatory mitigation for the following when compensatory mitigation is required for any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation:

(a) The taking of threatened or endangered species or such species' habitat;

(b) The dredging or filling of wetlands; and

(c) Restoration, creation, enhancement, or preservation of, or any combination thereof, of habitats, wetlands, or other resources.

(4) State regulatory agencies shall make a good faith effort to use and give priority to the mitigation bank and in-lieu-fee program established by the Department of Transportation when consulting on or reviewing mitigation plans for the impacts of any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation.

(5) If the Department of Transportation establishes a mitigation bank or an in-lieu-fee program pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the Department of Transportation may:

(a) Enter into one or more cooperative agreements with a state or local public agency or private party, including for-profit and not-for-profit entities, for the establishment, use, operation, and maintenance of the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program;

(b) Acquire title to real property through purchase, bequest, donation, or eminent domain for use with the mitigation bank or in-lieu-fee program to mitigate the impacts of any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation;

(c) Establish or restore habitats, wetlands, and natural resources for threatened and endangered species and impacts to the environment and natural resources across Nebraska;

(d) Provide a consistent and simplified approach to address mitigation requirements associated with permits or authorizations issued by federal and state agencies;

(e) Streamline the permitting and consultation process, minimize delays in permit decisions, and decrease the burden of permit applicants of planning and performing compensatory mitigation for the following relating to any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation:

(i) The taking of any threatened or endangered species;

(ii) The loss of any habitat of such species; and
(iii) Any adverse effect on any environmental or natural resources;
(f) Increase the ecological efficiency and effectiveness of compensatory mitigation;
(g) Replace impacted acres of land by providing for the establishment of a net increase in suitable acres, functions, and values for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources by using a fair, reasonable, and practicable ratio of compensatory mitigation acres to offset the impacts of any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation;
(h) Achieve a net increase in conservation land functions and values for threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources impacted by any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation; and
(i) Provide research and educational opportunities to advance the understanding and conservation of threatened and endangered species, habitats, wetlands, and other natural resources impacted by any transportation project administered by the Department of Transportation.
(6) Any state agency, local agency, public party, or private party, including any for-profit or not-for-profit entity, that owns the mitigation bank acquired to restore, enhance, preserve, or create habitat or wetlands shall also pay a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county. This subsection (6) only applies to property acquired after July 1, 2026.

Sec. 2. Original section 37-335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB22:
AM258

1. On page 7, line 2, after "68-996" insert ", and not to use the General Fund,".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Title read. Considered.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM261

1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:
"(4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Board is created. The board shall consist of the following members:

(i) One person representing employers in Nebraska;
(ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;
(iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;
(iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;
(v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and
(vi) One representative of the public.
(b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
(c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and shall approve or deny such applications. The Department of Labor shall not award any workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section unless it has been approved by the board.
(d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the Legislature which includes:
(i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section;
(ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;
(iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and
(iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce development grants.".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM259

1. On page 23, after line 13 insert the following new subsection:
"(4)(a) The Workforce Development Grant Advisory Board is created. The board shall consist of the following members:
(i) One person representing employers in Nebraska;
(ii) One person representing employees in Nebraska. Such person shall have expertise in administering apprenticeship programs;
(iii) One person representing community colleges in Nebraska;
(iv) One representative of the Department of Economic Development;
(v) One representative of the State Department of Education; and
(vi) One representative of the public.
(b) Board members shall be appointed by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Legislature. Board members shall serve for a term of four years and may be reappointed. Board members shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.
(c) The board shall review grant applications submitted for a workforce development grant under subdivision (2)(a) of this section and shall advise the Department of Labor on which grant applications to approve.
(d) The board shall electronically submit an annual report to the Legislature which includes:
(i) The total number of workforce development grants awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year pursuant to subdivision (2)(a) of this section;
(ii) The total dollar amount of such workforce development grants awarded in the most recently completed fiscal year;
(iii) A description of the demand for such workforce development grants from all geographic regions in Nebraska; and
(iv) A description of the economic impact of such workforce development grants.".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
LB562
LB409

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB653.
Senator Hardin name added to LB657.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 13, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Randall Klynsma, Omaha Reformed Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

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 Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, Prokop, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-fifth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LB426
LB213
LB549
LB691
LB122

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 12, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

CP Strategies LLC
  Fortinet, Inc.
Kelley Plucker, LLC
  Regional Metropolitan Transit Authority of Omaha
Reed, Tegan
  Nebraska Diaper Bank
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
  Online Lenders Alliance
Seaward, Ashley
  Redwood Materials, Inc.
Zulkoski Weber LLC
  Audubon Nebraska

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB331

Senator Hardin offered MO32, found on page 488, to withdraw LB331.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR11CA

Senator Hardin offered MO33, found on page 488, to withdraw LR11CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR10CA

Senator Hardin offered MO34, found on page 488, to withdraw LR10CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 461:
Nebraska Board of Parole
Jeff Bucher

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Armendariz	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree	
Brandt	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sanders	
Clements	Hughes	Moser	Sorrentino	
Clouse	Ibach	Murman	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKinney Spivey

Present and not voting, 2:

Dungan Fredrickson

Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hansen	Juarez
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hunt	

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 465:
Nebraska Investment Council
Brian Christensen

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dungan	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Hansen	Juarez
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hunt	

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. ER1, found on page 412, was offered.

ER1 was adopted.

Senator DeKay offered AM215, found on page 494.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Senator Hallstrom offered AM112, found on page 412.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 279. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM249
1 1. On page 5, line 2, strike "The" and insert "No later than July 1,
2 2026, the".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
LB323
LB594
LB542

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
LB106
LB496
LB120

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB298:
AM238 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 46. Introduced by Dorn, 30; 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; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dani Busboom Kelly was announced as the new University of Nebraska women's volleyball head coach on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kelly grew up in Cortland, NE and attended Freeman High School from 1999 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Kelly led Freeman High School to a volleyball state title, two state basketball championships, and a gold medal in 100-meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Kelly continued her athletic career at the University of Nebraska where she played on the women's volleyball team from 2003 to 2006 as a setter and libero; and

WHEREAS, in Kelly's senior year, as captain, she led the Cornhuskers to the 2006 National Championship and was named the Big 12's Co-libero of the Year. She ended her collegiate career with a 124-10 winning record; and

WHEREAS, Kelly proceeded to serve as assistant coach for a number of schools before taking a head coaching job at the University of Louisville. As head coach, Kelly led the team to multiple titles and championships and left Louisville with a winning record of 203-44; and

WHEREAS, Kelly has received several accolades including the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year in 2020, 2021, and 2022, the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2016, and the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2021.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dani Busboom Kelly on her position as the new head coach of the University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball team.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dani Busboom Kelly.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Senator Hallstrom renewed AM112, found on page 412, and considered in this day's Journal.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 2. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 20. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 35. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 58. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST1
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 1, line 2; and page 15, line 29, "13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717," has been struck and "81-3717" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB231:
AM216
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM30)
1. On page 1, line 5, strike "department" and insert "Department of Banking and Finance".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM262
1. On page 23, line 2, after "grants" insert "in accordance with subsection (4) of this section"; in line 4 after "program" insert "described in subsection (4) of this section"; and after line 13 insert the following new subsection:
"(4)(a) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund may be used to provide workforce development grants. Grants shall be disbursed through the Nebraska Workforce Development Board. Grants shall be used for:
(i) Support of public and private job training programs designed to train, retrain, or upgrade work skills of existing Nebraska workers of for-profit and not-for-profit businesses;
(ii) Recruitment of workers to Nebraska;
(iii) Training new employees of expanding Nebraska businesses; and
(iv) Retention of existing employees of Nebraska businesses.
(b) By July 1 of each year, the Nebraska Workforce Development Board

shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal year containing guidelines for the workforce development grant program described in this subsection. The guidelines shall include, but not be limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers, criteria for evaluating workforce development grant requests, and guidelines for requiring employers to provide matching funds. The guidelines shall give priority to training that contributes to the expansion of the Nebraska workforce and increasing the pool of highly skilled workers in Nebraska.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, Nebraska Workforce Development Board means the state workforce development board authorized by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and established in Nebraska.".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM265

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 4. Section 48-626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

48-626 (1) For any benefit year beginning before July 21, 2022, any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a) twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of his or her base period; except that when any individual has been separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total benefit amount based on the employment from which he or she was so separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for each separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.

(2) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit amount shall be reduced by:

(i) Two times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left work voluntarily for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured, permanent, full-time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which offers a reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working conditions, or both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him or her; or

(ii) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left work voluntarily without good cause for any reason other than that described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section; and

(b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit amount.

(3) For any benefit year beginning on or after July 21, 2022, any otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a) twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of his or her base period; except that when any individual has been separated from his or her employment with the most recent insured

employer under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total benefit amount based on the employment from which he or she was so separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for such separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.

(4) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described in subsection (3) of this section:

(a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit amount shall be reduced by thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left work voluntarily without good cause; and

(b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit amount.

(5) For purposes of sections 48-623 to 48-626, wages shall be counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661 with respect to becoming an employer.

(6) In order to determine the benefits due under this section and sections 48-624 and 48-625, each employer shall make reports, in conformity with reasonable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commissioner, of the wages of any claimant. If any employer fails to make such a report within the time prescribed, the commissioner may accept the statement of such claimant as to his or her wages, and any benefit payments based on such statement of earnings, in the absence of fraud or collusion, shall be final as to the amount.

(7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount of benefits to which an eligible individual is entitled shall not be affected by any changes made in this legislative bill.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB362:
AM255

1. On page 37, line 21, reinstate the stricken "and".

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:
AM248

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

Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-958 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation. ~~Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.~~

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:

(i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent, nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation; and

(ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater, seven and twenty-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation.

(c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.

(2)(a) Prior to January 1, 2026, for~~(2) For~~ the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the required contributions of the school employees of each employer.~~ Such deposits shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as such required employee contributions.~~

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund an amount equal to nine and eighty-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation of the school employees of the employer.

(c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as required employee contributions.

(3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as member contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

(4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-966 (1)(a) On the basis of all data in the possession of the retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted by the retirement board, the retirement board shall annually, on or before July 1, determine the state deposit to be made by the state in the School Retirement Fund for that fiscal year. The amount of such state deposit shall be determined pursuant to section 79-966.01. The retirement board shall thereupon certify the amount of such state deposit, and on the warrant of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer shall, as of July 1 of such year, transfer from funds appropriated by the state for that purpose to the School Retirement Fund the amount of such state deposit.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2016, the contingent state transfer described in this subsection shall be calculated as a percent of compensation of all members of the retirement system. For any year in which a deposit is made to the School Retirement Fund under this subsection, if the actuary

for a retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act determines that the actuarially required contribution rate, for the fiscal year of the retirement system that begins before the state deposit, exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, using the amortization period specified in section 79-966.01, the Class V district school board may request a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature to ask the state to transfer to the Class V school district for transfer to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act an amount determined by multiplying the compensation of all members of such retirement system by the lesser of the percent of compensation transferred into the School Retirement Fund under this subsection or the percent of compensation of the members of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act needed to meet the actuarially required contribution rate for such system, using the amortization period specified in section 79-966.01. Any additional amount of transfer so calculated, recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and approved by the Legislature, shall be added to the two percent specified in subsection (2) of this section for the amount required by subsection (2) of section 79-916 to be transferred to the Class V school district, which shall transfer such amount to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

(2)(a)~~(2)~~ For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and prior to July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system.

(b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund the following amounts:

(i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent, an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system;

(ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than one hundred percent, an amount equal to seven-tenths of one percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system; and

(iii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater, the state shall not be required to transfer an amount under this subsection.

(3) In addition to the state deposits and transfers required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter for employees who become members prior to July 1, 2016, the state shall transfer into the Service Annuity Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay the normal cost and amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the service annuity benefit established pursuant to sections 79-933 and 79-952 as accrued through the end of the previous fiscal year of the school employees who are members of the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

Sec. 3. Original sections 79-958 and 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to LB229:
MO35
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Ibach filed the following motion to LB708:
MO36
Withdraw LB708.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47. Introduced by Dover, 19.

WHEREAS, the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament was in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College men's soccer team competed as the fifth-seed; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College Hawks won the National Championships after defeating Neosho County Community College Panthers 2-1 in the championship match; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Adam Potter was named the Region 11 Coach of the Year and the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, guiding the Hawks to a 22-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, Edouard Nys was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II's National Player of the Year, Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, and First Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, this is the first national championship for Northeast Community College; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of faculty, staff, and the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Northeast Community College men's soccer team on winning the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Northeast Community College Men's Soccer Head Coach Adam Potter and Athletic Director Jerrett Mills.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB182.
Senator Sanders name added to LB628.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island; members from Northeast Nebraska Manager's Group with NREA; members of League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matthew Halfar, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Jim Keck, First Plymouth, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sorrentino.

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 Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, DeKay, Guereca, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-sixth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of (cancel)

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 13, 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 Game and Parks Commission-District 3-Independent:

Lisa Roskens, 4359 Far Hills Lane, Omaha, NE 68152, 3rd District

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

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 41, 42, 43, and 44 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 41, 42, 43, and 44.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708

Senator Ibach offered MO36, found on page 514, to withdraw LB708.

Senator Holdcroft 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 17 ayes, 3 nays, and 29 not voting.

The motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, and 7 not voting.

The Ibach motion to withdraw prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM99
1 1. On page 11, strike lines 23 through 30 and insert the following
2 new subdivision:
3 "(b)(i) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (c) of this
4 subsection, the election shall be held:
5 (A) In conjunction with a statewide primary or general election;
6 (B) In an odd-numbered year, in conjunction with a regularly
7 scheduled general election of a political subdivision;
8 (C) In an odd-numbered year, on the first Tuesday after the second
9 Monday in May; or
10 (D) In an odd-numbered year, on the first Tuesday after the first
11 Monday in November.
12 (ii) The school board shall file the order or certify the question
13 for the issue to be on the ballot by March 1 for a statewide primary
14 election, September 1 for a statewide general election, the eighth Friday
15 prior to the general election of a political subdivision, March 1 for an
16 election held in May of an odd-numbered year pursuant to subdivision (b)
17 (i)(C) of this subsection, or September 1 for an election in November of
18 an odd-numbered year."; and in line 31 strike "(ii)" and insert "(iii)".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM27
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 73-803 For purposes of the State Procurement Act:
6 (1) Contract includes any contract for services and contract for
7 personal property;
8 (2) Contract for personal property means any contract entered into
9 by the state with another party for a stated consideration, which
10 provides that the state agency is to receive the personal property or use
11 of such personal property furnished by the other party. Contract for
12 personal property includes leases;
13 (3) Contract for services means any contract that directly engages
14 the time or effort of an independent contractor whose purpose is to
15 perform an identifiable task, study, or report rather than to furnish an
16 end item of supply, goods, equipment, or material;
17 (4) Cooperative agreement means a legal instrument reflecting a
18 relationship between the State of Nebraska and any other entity where (a)
19 the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value

to the entity to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation by law instead of acquiring property or services for the direct benefit of the State of Nebraska and (b) substantial involvement is expected between the State of Nebraska and the entity when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement;

(5) Division means the materiel division of the Department of Administrative Services;

(6) Emergency means necessary to meet an urgent or unexpected requirement or when health and public safety or the conservation of public resources is at risk;

(7) Grant agreement means a legal instrument reflecting a relationship between the State of Nebraska and any other entity where (a) the principal purpose of the relationship is to transfer a thing of value to the entity to carry out a public purpose of support or stimulation by law instead of acquiring property or services for the direct benefit of the State of Nebraska and (b) substantial involvement is not expected between the State of Nebraska and the entity when carrying out the activity contemplated in the agreement;

(8) Occasional means seasonal, irregular, or fluctuating in nature;

(9) Personal property includes all materials, supplies, furniture, equipment, printing, stationery, automotive and road equipment, and other chattels, goods, wares, and merchandise;

(10) Sole source means of such a unique nature that the contractor selected is clearly and justifiably the only practicable source to provide the service or personal property. Determination that the contractor selected is justifiably the sole source is based on either the uniqueness of the service or personal property or sole availability at the location required;

(11) State agency means any agency, board, or commission of this state, except for the University of Nebraska or the Nebraska state colleges. For purposes of procurement of services, state agency does not include the University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, the Nebraska Investment Council, the courts, the Legislature, or any officer or state agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska. Changes made to this subdivision by this legislative bill shall be construed to apply to any action taken on or after July 19, 2024; and

(12) Temporary means a finite period of time with respect to a specific task or result relating to a contract for services.

Sec. 2. Original section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
LB557
LB633
LB427
LB14

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Business and Labor
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
LB532
LB423
LB537
LB544
LB435

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708

Senator Conrad offered the following motion to LB708:
MO38
Reconsider the vote taken on MO36.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST4
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Jacobson amendment, AM141, on page 1, lines 11 and 14, "or" has been inserted before "section".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 52. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 72. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 85. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 91. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST3

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

1. On page 1, line 1, the first occurrence of "relating to" has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST2

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

1. On page 1, line 4, "redefine" has been struck and "define, redefine," inserted; and in line 5 "allocation," has been inserted after "the".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER10

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

38-2866.01 (1) A pharmacist may supervise any combination of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns at any time up to a total of four~~three~~ people.

(2) A pharmacist intern shall be supervised at all times while performing the functions of a pharmacist intern which may include all aspects of the practice of pharmacy unless otherwise restricted. This subsection~~section~~ does not apply to a pharmacist intern who is receiving experiential training directed by the accredited pharmacy program in which he or she is enrolled.

(3) For any pharmacist supervising four pharmacy technicians or pharmacist interns, at least one person shall be a certified pharmacy technician pursuant to section 38-2890.

Sec. 2. Original section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 3 through "pharmacist" in line 4 and insert "provisions relating to supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER11

1. On page 1, line 3, strike "requirements" and insert "provisions".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB229:
AM303
1 1. On page 12, strike beginning with "Marketplace" in line 23
2 through "compensation" in line 26 and insert "Marketplace network
3 contractor does not include a person transporting, for compensation, any
4 of the following to which postage is affixed: Freight, sealed or closed
5 envelopes, boxes, parcels, or other similar sealed or closed containers".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

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

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
LB662
LR14
LR21
LB259

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
LB636
LR18CA
Note: *This will be a combined hearing with LR16CA
LR16CA
Note: *This will be a combined hearing with LR18CA

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB334
LB663

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Urban Affairs
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025
LB321
LB614
LB626
LB702

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
LB81
LB354
LB495
LB679

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Pursuant to Rule 8, Sec. 3, the Appropriations Committee presented its preliminary report on February 18, 2025, summarizing the recommended appropriations for the following biennium.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB42.
Senator Conrad name added to LB108.
Senator Conrad name added to LB117.
Senator Conrad name added to LB140.
Senator Conrad name added to LB174.
Senator Conrad name added to LB192.
Senator Ballard name added to LB193.
Senator Conrad name added to LB303.
Senator Conrad name added to LB319.
Senator Conrad name added to LB547.
Senator Conrad name added to LB710.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator von Gillern, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 19, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Major Scott Shelbourn, Western Division Salvation Army, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Strommen.

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 Bosn, Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Dorn, Dover, Guereca, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

Page 523, line 31, strike "Room 1023" and replace with "Room 2102."
The Journal for the twenty-seventh day was approved as corrected.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB559 (cancel)

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB559

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB708

Senator Conrad renewed MO38, found and considered on page 521, to reconsider the vote taken on MO36.

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 0 ayes, 31 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Senator Hallstrom renewed AM112, found on page 412, and considered on pages 507 and 509.

Senator Conrad offered MO35, found on page 514, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following motion:
MO41
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

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

The Hallstrom motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 14 ayes, 34 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 16 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM292 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 568. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM269 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to LB441:
AM291
1 1. On page 2, line 21, after the semicolon insert "and"; strike
2 lines 22 and 23; and in line 24 strike "(iii)" and insert "(ii)".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to LB513:
MO39
Indefinitely postpone.

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to LB345:
MO40
Indefinitely postpone.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

General Affairs
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
LB651
Note: Joint hearing with LB 677

LB677
Note: Joint hearing with LB 651
LB483
LB705
This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
LR20CA
LB63
LB421
LB438
LB342
LB406
LB405

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
LB424
LB131

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. ER3, found on page 465, was offered.

ER3 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. ER8, found on page 480, was offered.

ER8 was adopted.

Senator DeBoer offered AM255, found on page 511.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. ER6, found on page 480, was offered.

ER6 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Senator Hallstrom offered AM216, found on page 509.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. ER5, found on page 480, was offered.

ER5 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. ER4, found on page 481, was offered.

ER4 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Title read. Considered.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER12
1 1. On page 3, line 23, strike "numbers" and insert "number".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER13
1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be
4 cited as the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.
5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:
6 (1) Wide discrepancies between medicaid reimbursement rates and
7 rates of other payers have created challenges to health care access for
8 Nebraska residents covered by medicaid;
9 (2) Approximately one-third of pregnant women, newborns, and
10 children are covered by medicaid and access to health care services is
11 critical for them. Access to labor and delivery services is critical to
12 fostering healthy mothers and babies;
13 (3) Access to primary care is vital to the health of Nebraska
14 communities. Investment in preventative care will help reduce future
15 health care costs to the state and its residents. Improved health
16 outcomes are more likely when patients have access to, and positive
17 relationships with, their primary care provider;
18 (4) Health care access challenges in rural areas have reached a
19 critical point, which requires bold investment and leadership from the
20 state to maintain the health of our rural citizens and communities; and
21 (5) Investment in physical health care access and quality in the
22 medicaid program is an investment in bolstering Nebraska's health care
23 landscape as a whole, addressing health care deserts across the state,
24 and improving the health and prosperity of Nebraska communities.
25 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act:
26 (1) Nonhospital provider means a provider of physical health
27 services that does not hold a license as a hospital under the Health Care
1 Facility Licensure Act;
2 (2) Physical health services means services billed under the
3 medicaid practitioner fee schedule to meet the physical health needs of a
4 patient; and
5 (3) Rural means any county in Nebraska having a population of less
6 than one hundred thousand residents.
7 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of
8 Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of six
9 percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums
10 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority
11 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal
12 law, during the preceding calendar year for business done in the state.
13 The director shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State
14 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the
15 tax remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.
16 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human
17 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal
18 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial
19 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

(3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received the previous calendar year for all contractual obligations that remain in force by continuing obligation, renewal, or new issuance on or after January 1, 2026. The tax established by this section shall not apply to a premium received during calendar year 2025 that is attributable to an individual contract or policy held by an entity not offering that contract or policy in calendar year 2026.

Sec. 5. The Medicaid Access and Quality Fund is created. Interest earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 6. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund for the following purposes:

(1) Beginning January 1, 2026, forty million dollars annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation for the purpose of enhancing rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health services, as published in the medicaid practitioner fee schedule. This funding shall not be used to replace or offset existing state funds paid to providers for providing services under the medical assistance program:

(a) In calculating a rate enhancement under subdivision (1)(a) of this section, the department shall work with a statewide association exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that primarily represents health care providers in multiple specialties who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the Uniform Credentialing Act; and

(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that a rate enhancement provided by subdivision (1) of this section should aim to improve access to care through increasing rates across a broad range of physical health services provided by nonhospital providers, with an emphasis on evaluation and management services, labor and delivery services, and rural services;

(2) Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, five million dollars annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation to pay a monthly per-member fee of not less than seventy-five dollars to qualified primary care providers who meet criteria established by the Department of Health and Human Services to serve as a primary care medical home for target populations;

(3) Any remaining funds shall be transferred to the medical assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program; and

(4) Use of the funds described in this section are subject to all required federal approvals including any approvals necessary for the use of the funds to obtain federal financial participation.

Sec. 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the medicaid practitioner fee schedule rates and the General Fund appropriations for rates established in the fee schedule shall not be reduced in amounts lower than the rates published as of July 1, 2024.

Sec. 8. Section 44-32,180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

44-32,180 (1) Any health maintenance organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act shall also be subject to (a) the premium taxation provisions of Chapter 77, article 9, to the extent that the direct writing premiums are not otherwise subject to taxation under such article, ~~and~~ (b) the retaliatory taxation provisions of section 44-150, and (c) the tax levied by section 4 of this act.

(2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation imposed by subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 9. Section 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:

44-4726 ~~(1)~~ The same taxes provided for in section 44-32,180 shall be imposed upon each prepaid limited health service organization, and such organizations also shall be entitled to the same tax deductions, reductions, abatements, and credits that health maintenance organizations are entitled to receive.

~~(2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation imposed by subsection (1) of this section.~~

Sec. 10. Section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-908 (1) Every insurance company organized under the stock, mutual, assessment, or reciprocal plan, except fraternal benefit societies, which is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each year, pay a tax to the director of one percent of the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by it during the preceding calendar year for business done in this state, except that (a) ~~(1)~~ for group sickness and accident insurance the rate of such tax shall be five-tenths of one percent, (b) ~~and (2)~~ for property and casualty insurance, excluding individual sickness and accident insurance, the rate of such tax shall be one percent, and (c) in addition to the tax paid under this section, for health maintenance organizations subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the tax levied by section 4 of this act.

(2) A captive insurer authorized under the Captive Insurers Act that is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each year, pay to the director a tax of one-fourth of one percent of the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by such insurer during the preceding calendar year for business transacted in the state.

(3) The taxable premiums shall include premiums paid on the lives of persons residing in this state and premiums paid for risks located in this state whether the insurance was written in this state or not, including that portion of a group premium paid which represents the premium for insurance on Nebraska residents or risks located in Nebraska included within the group when the number of lives in the group exceeds five hundred. The tax shall also apply to premiums received by domestic companies for insurance written on individuals residing outside this state or risks located outside this state if no comparable tax is paid by the direct writing domestic company to any other appropriate taxing authority. Companies whose scheme of operation contemplates the return of a portion of premiums to policyholders, without such policyholders being claimants under the terms of their policies, may deduct such return premiums or dividends from their gross premiums for the purpose of tax calculations. Any such insurance company shall receive a credit on the tax imposed, except the tax paid under subdivision (1)(c) of this section, as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, and the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.

Sec. 11. Original sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 12. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

2. On page 1, strike beginning with "44-2702" in line 1 through line 8 and insert "44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to change provisions

16 relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited
17 health service organizations, and insurance companies; to repeal the
18 original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER14 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER15
1 1. On page 2, lines 6 and 13, strike "Spark Ignition", show as
2 stricken, and insert "Spark-Ignition".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 83. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture

The Agriculture 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.

Duane Gangwish - Nebraska Brand Committee

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
Randy L Gard - Nebraska Ethanol Board
Stephen D Mossman - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Kurt Arganbright - Game and Parks Commission
LB695
LR22CA

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025
LB607
LR17

Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB349
LB595

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LB661
LB571

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Title read. Considered.

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR45 was adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR45.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB76.
Senator Conrad name added to LB173.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Leadership Beatrice; members of Leadership York; members of Nebraskans for the Arts; Kearney High School Clarinet Choir and String Quartet.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dover, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 20, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 20, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jim Haack, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, La Vista.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, DeKay, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, Ibach, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-eighth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Appropriations
Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of
Note: OCIO ONLY

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB345:
AM337
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
84-721 There~~Until January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there~~ shall be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; ~~Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;~~ State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments. Until January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of XX thousand dollars per year.
Sec. 2. Original section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Senator Conrad offered AM261, found on page 500.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM259, found on page 501.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM262, found on page 509.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM265, found on page 510.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 10 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM308
1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:
2 Section 1. Section 69-1311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:
4 69-1311 (a) The~~Between March 1 and March 10 of each year the~~ State
5 Treasurer shall annually cause notice to be published once in an English
6 language legal newspaper of general circulation in each~~the~~ county in this
7 state in which is located the last-known address of any person to be
8 named in the notice. If no address is known, then the notice shall be
9 published in a legal newspaper having statewide circulation.
10 (b) The published notice shall be entitled Notice to Owners of
11 Abandoned Property~~,~~ and shall contain:
12 (1) The names in alphabetical order and counties of last-known
13 addresses, if any, of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice
14 as provided in subsection (a) of this section.
15 (2) A statement that information concerning the amount or
16 description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be
17 obtained by any person possessing an interest in the property by
18 addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer.

(c) The State Treasurer is not required to publish in such notice any item of less than fifty dollars unless he or she deems such publication to be in the public interest.
(d) Within one hundred twenty days from the receipt of the report required by section 69-1310, the State Treasurer shall mail a notice to each person having an address listed therein who appears to be entitled to property of the value of fifty dollars or more presumed abandoned under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.
(e) The mailed notice shall contain:
(1) A statement that, according to a report filed with the State Treasurer, property is being held to which the addressee appears entitled.
(2) The name and address of the person holding the property and any necessary information regarding changes of name and address of the holder.
(3) A statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is presented by the owner to the State Treasurer, arrangements will be made to transfer the property to the owner as provided by law.
(f) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's checks or money orders presumed abandoned under section 69-1302.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
LB645

Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 28, 2025
LB713
LB689

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
LR12CA
LB479
LB439
LB712

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
LB227
LB444
LB465
LB176

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025
LB619
LB714 (reschedule)
LB576
LB690

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following motion to LB695:
MO42
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow the cancellation of the public hearing.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB7:
AM310 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB321:
AM29

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 2. Section 31-752, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
31-752 (1) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not assess real property that is (a) not assessable or (b) not included within the corporate boundaries of the district for any of the improvements that are constructed or installed outside of the corporate boundaries of the district, except as provided in subsection (3) of this section.
(2) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not assess real property that has not been specially benefited by any public improvements constructed or installed by the district that are located outside of the corporate boundaries of the district.
(3) In cases where real property located outside the corporate boundaries of the district has been specially benefited by the improvements constructed or installed by the district outside of the corporate boundaries of the district~~cause to be assessed for any of the improvements herein provided, property by law not assessable, or property not included within the district defined in the preliminary resolution, and shall not assess property not benefited; Provided, in cases when such exempt property has been specially benefited by the improvements~~, the owner of such property shall pay the district a sum equivalent to the amount the property has been specially benefited, which amount may be recovered by the district in an action against the property owner. If the parties do not agree as to the amount of the special benefits, the amount

may be determined by the district court in an action brought by the district for such purpose.

(4) The board of trustees or the administrator may determine~~find~~ that any part or all of such public improvements made are of general benefit to the district, in which case the board or administrator shall have the power to ~~except that the board or administrator shall~~ levy special assessments on all lots, parcels, or pieces of real estate specially benefited to the extent that any such public improvements constructed or installed by the district confer~~of the~~ special benefits to such real property. The cost of such improvements installed or constructed outside of the corporate boundaries of the district may~~shall~~ be paid from the taxes~~assessments~~ levied against all the real property within the corporate boundaries of~~in~~ the district, in the manner provided by section 31-755, ~~or~~ may be paid from unappropriated money in its general fund, or may be paid from the collection of special assessments levied against all lots, parcels, or pieces of real property located outside of the corporate boundaries of the district to the extent of the special benefit conferred. The cost of the improvements shall draw interest and shall be payable in the same manner as special assessments levied against all real property located within the corporate boundaries of the district in accordance with section 31-753~~at the rate of six percent per annum from the date of acceptance thereof by the board or administrator until warrants are issued in payment of the contract price~~.

2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Title read. Considered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 104. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Agriculture
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
Anna Castner Wightman - Nebraska State Fair Board

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LB333:
MO43
Withdraw LB333.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB193.
Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB660.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members the Midlands African Chamber, Inc, Omaha; members of Leadership Nebraska; members of the American Council of Engineering Companies; members of the Nebraska Nurses Association.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clements, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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THIRTIETH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, February 21, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Marcus Kramer, Faith, Hope & Love Fellowship, Creighton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator von Gillern.

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 Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Ballard, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-ninth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 292. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM257
1 1. On page 2, line 30, strike "five hundred" and insert "two hundred
2 fifty".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, 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.

Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

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

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 20, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Gay, Mary Margaret
  U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Husch Blackwell Strategies
  Cargill
  National Association of Theatre Owners
Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
  Reset Tech Action
Kelley Plucker, LLC
  Bitcoin Depot
Lindahl, Leah
  Healthcare Distribution Alliance
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
  Siena Francis House
Nebraska Strategies
  Ford Motor Company
  Hims & Hers Health, Inc.
Neilan Strategy Group
  FBG Enterprises Opco, LLC
Peetz & Company

KMRO Group Corp.
Sanchez, Sarah
ALS Association (Withdrawn 02/20/2025)

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 533:
Nebraska Brand Committee
Duane Gangwish

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Andersen DeBoer Hunt Spivey Storer

Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, M. Dungan McKinney

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB333

Senator Hardin offered MO43, found on page 543, to withdraw LB333.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Brandt offered MO42, found on page 541, to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow the cancellation of the public hearing on LB695.

The Brandt motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
LB695 (cancel)

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 609, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 344. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 480. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 1. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to medical cannabis; to amend section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 437, and section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 438; to eliminate an incorrect subdivision reference in provisions adopted by the voters at the statewide general election; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to repeal terminated provisions relating to the Children and Juveniles Data Feasibility Study Advisory Group, the Crimes Against Children Fund, the Industrial Recovery Fund, the Medical Cannabidiol Pilot Study, the Municipal Natural Gas System Emergency Assistance Act, and the Nebraska Economic Development Task Force; and to outright repeal sections 19-5601, 19-5602, 19-5603, 19-5604, 19-5605, 19-5606, 19-5607, 19-5608, 28-463, 28-464, 28-465, 28-466, 28-467, 28-468, 28-469, 50-435, 81-1213, and 81-1429.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to renewable energy; to define terms; and to provide for electric service between a local distribution system and an agricultural self-generation facility as prescribed.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB38 with 45 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Geologists Regulation Act; to amend sections 81-3501, 81-3502, 81-3503, 81-3507, 81-3508, 81-3509, 81-3509.01, 81-3511, 81-3512, 81-3514, 81-3515, 81-3517, 81-3518, 81-3519, 81-3520, 81-3521, 81-3522, 81-3525, 81-3526, 81-3527, 81-3528, 81-3529, 81-3530, 81-3531, 81-3534, 81-3535, 81-3536, 81-3537, 81-3539, 81-3540, and 81-3541, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to prohibited acts, the Board of Geologists, the roster of professional geologists, the code of practice, licensure, certificates of licensure, certificates of authority, certificates of authorization, fees, enrollment of geologist-interns, reciprocity, temporary permits, seals, the practice of geology, violations of the act, examinations, and exempt activities; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 81-3505 and 81-3513, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB43 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to electricity; to amend sections 70-1001.01, 70-1012, 70-1014.02, and 70-1015, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to notice and certification requirements for electric generation facilities, transmission lines, and privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located near military installations; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to criminal history record information; to adopt the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact; and to provide powers and duties for the Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety and the Nebraska State Patrol.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB52 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to victims; to amend section 81-1850, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change offenses included within certain victim notification requirements; to change provisions relating to disclosure of certain information; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 58.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to liens; to eliminate provisions relating to jeweler's liens; and to outright repeal sections 52-301, 52-302, 52-303, and 52-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB72 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend sections 28-405 and 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to controlled substances schedules; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Hunt*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to decedents' estates; to amend section 30-24,125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for collection of personal property by affidavit as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to amend section 70-650.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the conveyance of electric distribution systems by public power districts or public power and irrigation districts to cities or villages; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act; to amend sections 16-1024 and 16-1025, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to contributions to the retirement system; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 10-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the redemption of certain bonds; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 167. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Act; to amend section 81-1566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a termination date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M. *

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB182 with 45 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2506 and 81-523, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-2502, 77-2503, 77-2508, 77-3806, 77-7202, and 77-7204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms and change provisions relating to the allocation, transfer, sale, and assignment of tax credits under the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act; to authorize additional uses of the tax credits granted under the Child Care Tax Credit Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Juarez Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 194.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the documentary stamp tax; to amend section 76-902, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to certain exemptions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB208 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2712.03 and 77-27,143, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2708, 77-2711, 77-2715.07, 77-27,241, 77-7012, and 77-7203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to sales tax collection fees, confidentiality of sales tax information, the streamlined sales and use tax agreement, a database for sales tax zip code information, annual limits for certain tax credits, and certain tax credits for parents and legal guardians; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
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Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB209 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-202 and 77-3506, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to homestead exemptions for certain veterans and surviving spouses and a property tax exemption for certain skilled nursing facilities, nursing facilities, and assisted-living facilities; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM54, found on page 446, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Title read. Considered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM358
1. On page 2, line 6, strike "serious concerns about" and insert "awareness of issues relating to"; in line 11 strike "Numerous" and insert "Some"; in like 17 strike "may" and insert "can"; in line 23 strike "ensure" and insert "expect" and strike "are" and insert "to be"; in line 25 strike "for" and insert "in"; strike beginning with "under" in line 28 through "advancing" in line 29 and insert "to advance"; and strike beginning with "not" in line 29 through "evade" in line 30 and insert "be balanced against personal liberty rights and".
2. On page 3, strike beginning with "considered" in line 5 through "or" in line 6; in line 8 strike the second comma; in line 9 after "each" insert "student"; in line 16 after "tracking" insert "technology"; in lines 17 and 20 after "surveillance" insert an underscored comma; in line 21 strike "proper" and insert "reasonable"; in line 24 strike beginning with the first comma through "with" and insert "or shared with or sold by"; in line 27 after "for" insert "alleged" and after "such" insert "student"; and strike beginning with the second comma in line 28 through "79-2,104" in line 30.
3. On page 4, line 11, strike the comma; and strike beginning with "to" in line 12 through "act" in line 13.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Pending.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on February 21, 2025, at 10:35 a.m. were the following: LBs 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 473. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM217
1 1. On page 49, line 23, strike "The" and insert "If not available on
2 the licensee's website or mobile application, the".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 482. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM243
1 1. On page 2, line 19, strike "of rights or benefits".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB239
LB268
LB319
LB202

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB214
LB630
LB210
LB632

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Wednesday, March 12, 2025
LB437
LB147
LB48
LB275 (reschedule)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
LB318
LB96
LB283
LB588

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
LB67
LB153
LB442

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB367

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB695 (reschedule)

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB160:
AM264

(Amendments to AM189)

1. On page 1, line 7, strike "a second time" and insert "up to two additional times"; in line 9 strike "second" and insert "third"; and in line 18 strike "fourth" and insert "fifth".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB195:
AM240

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM135)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
28-470 (1) A health professional who is authorized to prescribe or dispense an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~, if acting with reasonable care, may prescribe, administer, or dispense such medication~~naloxone~~ to any of the following persons without being subject

to administrative action or criminal prosecution:
(a) A person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose; or
(b) A family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose.
(2) A family member, friend, or any other person, including school personnel, who is in a position to assist a person who is apparently experiencing or who is likely to experience an opioid-related overdose, other than an emergency responder or peace officer, is not subject to actions under the Uniform Credentialing Act, administrative action, or criminal prosecution if the person, acting in good faith:
(a) Obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~, obtains naloxone~~ from a health professional, pursuant to ~~or~~ a prescription, or over the counter; ~~for naloxone from a health professional~~ and
(b) Administers such medication ~~administers the naloxone obtained from the health professional or acquired pursuant to the prescription~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose.
(3) An emergency responder who, acting in good faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the emergency responder's emergency medical service organization and administers such medication~~the naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
(a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
(b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose, unless the emergency responder caused damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability of such emergency medical service organization for the emergency responder's acts of commission or omission.
(4) A peace officer or law enforcement employee who, acting in good faith, obtains an opioid overdose reversal medication~~naloxone~~ from the peace officer's or employee's law enforcement agency and administers such medication~~the naloxone~~ to a person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose shall not be:
(a) Subject to administrative action or criminal prosecution; or
(b) Personally liable in any civil action to respond in damages as a result of his or her acts of commission or omission arising out of and in the course of his or her rendering such care or services or arising out of his or her failure to act to provide or arrange for further medical treatment or care for the person who is apparently experiencing an opioid-related overdose, unless the peace officer or employee caused damage or injury by his or her willful, wanton, or grossly negligent act of commission or omission. This subdivision shall not affect the liability of such law enforcement agency for the peace officer's or employee's acts of commission or omission.
(5) For purposes of this section:
(a) Administer has the same meaning as in section 38-2806;
(b) Dispense has the same meaning as in section 38-2817;
(c) Emergency responder means an emergency medical responder, an emergency medical technician, an advanced emergency medical technician, or a paramedic licensed under the Emergency Medical Services Practice Act or practicing pursuant to the EMS Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact;
(d) Health professional means a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or pharmacist licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act;

(e) Law enforcement agency means a police department, a town marshal, the office of sheriff, or the Nebraska State Patrol;
(f) Law enforcement employee means an employee of a law enforcement agency, a contractor of a law enforcement agency, or an employee of such contractor who regularly, as part of his or her duties, handles, processes, or is likely to come into contact with any evidence or property which may include or contain opioids;
(g) Opioid overdose reversal medication means any lifesaving medication approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for reversing an opioid overdose, whether obtained by prescription, from a health professional, or over the counter, and includes, but is not limited to, naloxone and nalmefene~~Naloxone means naloxone hydrochloride~~; and
(h) Peace officer has the same meaning as in section 49-801.
Sec. 2. Original section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB250:
AM256
1. On page 2, line 5, before "residences" insert "primary".

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB357:
AM320
1. On page 8, strike beginning with "An" in line 28 through "license" in line 29 and insert "Such license may be renewed".
2. On page 9, after line 4 insert the following new subsection:
"(4) A licensee holding a license to conduct horseracing meets at a designated place within the state pursuant to section 2-1204 prior to the effective date of this act shall be deemed to hold a racetrack enclosure license for such designated place within the state for purposes of this section and the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act until the commission acts upon the licensee's application for a racetrack enclosure license under this section.".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB31:
AM345
1. On page 2, line 6, strike "serious concerns about" and insert "awareness of issues relating to"; in line 11 strike "Numerous" and insert "Some"; strike beginning with "with" in line 15 through "funds" in line 16; in line 17 strike "may" and insert "can"; in line 20 strike "have" through "control" and insert "should play an active role in"; in line 23 strike "ensure" and insert "expect" and strike "are" and insert "to be"; in line 25 strike "for" and insert "in"; strike beginning with "under" in line 28 through "advancing" in line 29 and insert "to advance"; and strike beginning with "not" in line 29 through "transparency" in line 30 and insert "be balanced against personal liberty rights and citizenship transparency".
2. On page 3, strike beginning with "At" in line 3 through line 6 and insert "Such policy may encourage school districts to specifically identify and inventory the type of surveillance tools or student surveys which gather personal information actually used in the school district, including:"; in line 7 strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 9 strike "(ii)" and insert "(b)"; in line 11 strike "(iii)" and insert "(c)"; strike lines 15 and 16; in line 17 strike "(v)" and insert "(d)"; in line 20 strike "(vi)" and insert "(e)"; in line 21 strike "proper" and insert "reasonable"; in line 23 strike "(vii)" and insert "(f)"; in line 26 strike "(viii)" and insert "(g)"; in line 27 after "for" insert "alleged"; strike beginning with the second comma in line 28 through line

23 30 and insert an underscored period; and strike line 31.
24 3. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 4; in lines 5 and 8 strike
25 "shall" and insert "may"; in line 9 strike "minimum"; in line 11 strike
26 the comma; and strike beginning with "to" in line 12 through "act" in
27 line 13.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 48. Introduced by Kauth, 31; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Kyle McAcy, badge number 302, was an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Kyle graduated West High School and Metro Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a member of the Omaha Police Department's Police Explorer Program from 2009 to 2013, attended the Nebraska State Patrol's Junior Law Cadet program in 2010 after his junior year of high school, and graduated from Nebraska State Patrol Camp 56 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a ten-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol, served in Carrier Enforcement and the Patrol Division, served as a range officer and a Crisis Negotiator, volunteered with the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) in Omaha, and represented the Nebraska State Patrol at community events to connect with the public; and

WHEREAS, Kyle passed away at the age of 31 on February 17, 2025, after a traffic incident; and

WHEREAS, because of Kyle's dedication to the Nebraska State Patrol and protecting the community, the Nebraska State Patrol will retire his badge number allowing him to forever hold badge number 302.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Kyle McAcy.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Kyle McAcy.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Conrad name added to LB61.
Senator Sanders name added to LB193.
Senator Conrad name added to LB253.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB338.
Senator Hansen name added to LB468.
Senator Dungan name added to LB628.
Senator Sanders name added to LB644.
Senator Sanders name added to LB660.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Annie Kramer, Creighton; members of Nebraska School Counselor Association; Nicki Hanseling and Mattie Trejo Amen, Lincoln; students from Spirit and Grace Academy, Elkhorn.

The Doctors of the Day were Jayashree Paknikar and Subhash Paknikar, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Armendariz, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ryan Lewis, St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

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 Senators Bostar, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirtieth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 562. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the 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 Jerry and Bill Adams at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Jerry and Bill Adams grew up in Broken Bow, Nebraska, and were born with a love of agriculture, especially cattle, and developed their work ethic by milking cows, feeding calves, and farming; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, they returned home to help their father with his growing cattle-feeding and farming operation. Jerry and Bill grew the operation into Adams Land and Cattle with a finishing capacity of one hundred twenty-five thousand head of cattle, a backgrounding network of up to one hundred twenty-five thousand head of cattle in over eighty-five locations, and six thousand acres of farmland; and

WHEREAS, Adams Land and Cattle has been using data, technology, and innovation, since 1951, and more recently artificial intelligence, and has changed the dynamics of cattle feeding utilizing sustainable practices and partnerships with Climate Smart Beef and its software, Revoro; and

WHEREAS, Jerry volunteered and served on the boards of CattleFax Board, Beef Alliance, Kansas City Federal Reserve Agricultural Board, Bellevue University, and Custer Economic Development; formed the Nebraska Beef Producers; co-organized the Beef Alliance; co-founded Full Value Agriculture, a Nebraska Agriculture Sustainability Initiative through Aksarben; and is a Governor of Aksarben; and

WHEREAS, Bill has volunteered his time at Custer Economic Development, the Broken Bow City Council, and Broken Bow Golf Club, and is an engineering mentor both inside and outside Adams Land and Cattle; and

WHEREAS, Bill and Jerry's dedication to agriculture and voluntary leadership with statewide impact earns them well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jerry and Bill Adams as recipients of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jerry and Bill Adams.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the 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 Kenneth E. Stinson at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, Ken Stinson is the Chairman Emeritus of Peter Kiewit Sons' Inc., one of North America's largest and most respected construction and engineering organizations, dating back to 1884, the employee-owned organization operates a network of subsidiaries in the United States, Canada, and Mexico with 2024 revenues of sixteen billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a 1964 civil engineering graduate of the University of Notre Dame, served two and a half tours in Vietnam as an officer in the U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps serving as Company Commander in a Seabee Mobile Construction Battalion, and after his military service, he earned his master's in civil engineering from Stanford University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Ken joined Kiewit in 1969 as a field engineer on a Bay Area Rapid Transit project, and was subsequently assigned to some of Kiewit's more notable projects. He then moved to Omaha, Nebraska, in 1982 to establish a new private client business development initiative to complement Kiewit's traditional public sector contracting and in subsequent years was later named President and CEO of Kiewit's construction and mining division in 1992 and in 1998, he was named Chairman, President, and CEO of the parent company and retired as CEO in 2005 and chairman in 2013; and

WHEREAS, while working for Kiewit, Ken began taking on leadership roles in a variety of community projects, including chairing the non-profit organization overseeing the transformation of the Aksarben race track to what is now the vibrant Aksarben Village; the planning and designing of the CHI Arena and Convention Center, Lasting Hope Mental Health Recovery Center, and in collaboration with Rhonda Hawks, Charles Schwab College World Series Baseball Stadium, RiverFront Park in partnership with fellow Civic Leader, Mogens Bay, and currently a new comprehensive mental health center for children and adolescents at Children's Nebraska in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Ken is a trustee emeritus of the University of Notre Dame and civic leader emeritus for the U.S. Air Force Civic Leaders Program, and in the construction industry, he is a member of the National Academy of

Engineering, the National Academy of Construction, and is former chairman of the Construction Industry Round Table; and

WHEREAS, Ken's dedication to innovation in public service and voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns him well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Kenneth E. Stinson as a recipient of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Kenneth E. Stinson.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2025, the NEBRASKAland Foundation will present the 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 Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem at the annual Statehood Day Dinner held in the Nebraska State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman is Nebraska's longest serving Governor from January 2005 to January 2015, was elected to his first full term on November 7, 2006, and re-elected on November 2, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Dave worked with the Nebraska Legislature to pass two of the largest tax relief packages in Nebraska history, was a strong supporter of education, helped open Nebraska's first international trade office in Tokyo, Japan, and secured several trade agreements for Nebraska agriculture products; and

WHEREAS, Dave is currently the Chair of the Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority and serves on the Advisory Board of the Hunt-Kean Leadership Fellows, which provides political leaders from across the country with the knowledge they need to cultivate smart and effective education agendas; and

WHEREAS, Dave is a native Nebraskan, graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, served five years in the United States Army, rose to the rank of captain, and graduated from the Army's Airborne and Ranger schools; and

WHEREAS, Former First Lady Sally Ganem was an elementary school teacher and principal for over thirty years in the Fremont and Gretna public schools; and

WHEREAS, Sally received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and received their Outstanding UNO Alumni Award in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Sally currently serves on the Fremont City Council, the Uniquely Yours Board of Directors, the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District as the treasurer, the Keene Memorial Library Board of Directors as the Fremont City Council liaison, Keep Fremont Beautiful board, and Ridge Cemetery Board and has been active in many local, state, and national organizations, including MADD, Serve Nebraska, United Way, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, former Governor Dave Heineman and former First Lady Sally Ganem's dedication to their community and their voluntary leadership with a statewide impact earns them well-deserved respect and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem as recipients of the distinguished NEBRASKAlander Award and extends its appreciation for their service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dave Heineman and Sally Ganem.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 46 and 47 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 46 and 47.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 31. Senator Conrad renewed AM358, found and considered on page 563.

Senator von Gillern moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Conrad amendment lost with 16 ayes, 27 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM345, found on page 567.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 625. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM108
1 1. On page 2, line 1, strike "Revenue" and insert "Administrative
2 Services"; and strike beginning with "Tax" in line 6 through
3 "Commissioner" in line 7 and insert "budget administrator of the budget
4 division of the Department of Administrative Services".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB289:
AM309
1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 3. (1) Pursuant to petitions filed or a vote of the village
3 board of trustees under subsection (2) of this section, the registered
4 voters in any village may vote at any statewide general election as to
5 whether the village board of trustees shall consist of three or five
6 members. Upon the completion of the canvass by the county canvassing
7 board, the proposition shall be decided and, if the number of members is:
8 (a) Increased from three to five members, vacancies shall be deemed
9 to exist and the procedures set forth in sections 32-568 and 32-569 shall
10 be followed; or
11 (b) Decreased from five to three members, the procedures set forth
12 in section 17-202 shall be followed.
13 (2)(a) A registered voter of a village may file a petition or
14 petitions for the submission of the question regarding the number of
15 members on the village board of trustees. The petition or petitions shall
16 be signed by registered voters equal in number to at least five percent
17 of the electors registered to vote in the village at the preceding
18 statewide general election. The petitions shall conform with the
19 requirements of section 32-628 and be procured from the village clerk
20 with assistance from the election commissioner or county clerk. The
21 petitions shall be filed with the election commissioner or county clerk
22 not less than seventy days prior to the date of the general election. No
23 signatures shall be added or removed from the petitions after they have
24 been filed. Petitions shall be verified as provided in section 32-631.
25 (b) A village board of trustees may, by majority vote of all
26 members, adopt a resolution for the submission of the question regarding
27 the number of members on the village board. The resolution shall be filed
1 with the election commissioner or county clerk not less than seventy days
2 prior to the date of the general election.
3 (3) If the resolution is so filed or the petition or petitions are
4 found to contain the required number of valid signatures, the election
5 commissioner or county clerk shall cause the question to be submitted to

the voters of the village at such statewide general election and give notice thereof in the general notice of such election. The form of the ballot shall be respectively: For three members of the village board of trustees or for five members of the village board; and the same shall be printed upon the regular ballots cast for officers voted for at such election and shall be counted and canvassed in the same manner.

(4) If a majority of votes cast at the election favor the proposition for three members of the village board of trustees, thereafter the village shall have three members, and if a majority of the ballots cast at the election favor the proposition for five members of the village board, thereafter the village shall have five members.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB14:
AM321

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 6. The department may grant a waiver of the requirement under subdivision (3) of section 4 of this act to a qualified school if (1) the school lacks facilities, equipment, or staff to offer a school breakfast program and acquisition of such facilities, equipment, or staff would cause extreme hardship to the school or (2) the number of participants in the school breakfast program is so small that the program is not cost-effective or would create substantial scheduling difficulties. The waiver may be permanent or for a specified length of time as determined by the department.

2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025
LB528
LB550
LB497
LB142
LB572

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

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

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB586
LB541

This hearing will operate under annotated committee guidelines.

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB414
LB696
LB434

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Business and Labor
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
LB361
LB522
LB400
LB455
LB456
LB313
LB617

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025
LB189
LB370
LB336
LB534
LB618

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Roskens, Lisa - Game and Parks Commission - Natural Resources

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 52. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Academic Decathlon State Championship was held on February 15, 2025, at Bellevue University in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Academic Decathlon is a series of online and in-person tests in economics, literature, math, language arts and social science, additionally, the students were required to present a speech, have a personal interview, and write an essay including the State Championship's special theme "Our Changing Climate"; and

WHEREAS, Seward High School competed in the Medium School Division and won the State Championship, beating six other schools; and

WHEREAS, the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team includes Nathan Shafer, Abigayil Wunderlich, Elizabeth Pracheil, Lukas Howe, Liam

Krahulik, David Shiner, Jack Schulz, Connor Sveeggen, Lincoln Stockwell, Dylan Hochstein, Kyla Novak, and Nathan Weber; and

WHEREAS, Seward High School received twenty-two medals total, including one for Jack Schulz for being the top team scorer; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team on earning the State Championship in the Medium School Division.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Seward High School Academic Decathlon team and Coach Noelle Baker.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB143.
Senator Hansen name added to LB512.
Senator McKinney name added to LR48.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Angela Dye, Washington; Tanya Christensen, Elkhorn; Tracy Zahn, Syracuse; Shari Anderson, Lincoln; members of Groundwork with the Nebraska Cooperative Council; Leadership Hastings; Robert Navarro, Atlanta, GA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Jeremy Hazuka, St. Michaels Catholic Church, Hastings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

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, M. Cavanaugh, Hughes, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 709. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB307:

AM346
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated (1) $XXX from the General Fund
3 for FY2025-26 and (2) $XXX from the General Fund for FY2026-27 as aid to
4 community colleges, for Agency 83, Program 151, to provide state aid to
5 community colleges for tuition waivers.
6 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26
7 $XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the First Responder
8 Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty Dependent
9 Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only be used
10 for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program
11 for FY2026-27 $XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the
12 First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty
13 Dependent Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only
14 be used for such purpose.
15 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to LR48:
MO44
Withdraw LR48.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the appointment of the following members of the Legislature to the following special committee:

Economic Recovery Special Committee
Speaker Arch
Senator Armendariz
Senator Guereca
Senator Juarez
Senator McKinney (Chair)
Senator Prokop (Appropriations designee)
Senator Spivey

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Legislative Council, Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49. Read. Considered.

LR49 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50. Read. Considered.

LR50 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51. Read. Considered.

LR51 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 49, 50, and 51.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Senator Holdcroft offered AM320, found on page 567.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. ER9, found on page 491, was offered.

ER9 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. ER7, found on page 493, was offered.

ER7 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered AM256, found on page 567.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. ER10, found on page 522, was offered.

ER10 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Senator Rountree offered the following amendment:
AM391 is available in the Bill Room.

The Rountree amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. ER11, found on page 522, was offered.

ER11 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Senator Riepe offered AM264, found on page 565.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. ER14, found on page 533, was offered.

ER14 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:
AM352

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER14)

1 1. On page 7, line 31; and page 8, line 8, strike "ninety" and
2 insert "thirty".

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. 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 504. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM169, found on page 451, was offered.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 32 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar Hughes Sanders

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 14 nays, 1 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	McKinney	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Hunt	Meyer	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Sanders

The committee amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO45
Reconsider the vote taken on AM169.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB22:
AM348
1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be
3 cited as the Family Home Visitation Act.
4 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Family Home Visitation Act:
5 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;
6 and

(2) Home visitation program means a voluntary program carried out in relevant settings, primarily in the homes of families with one or more children, five years of age or younger, or pregnant persons.

Sec. 3. (1) The department shall only fund a home visitation program that includes periodic home visits to improve the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children.

(2) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall provide visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers.

(3) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall accomplish one or more of the following:

(a) Improve maternal, infant, or child health outcomes including reducing preterm births;

(b) Promote positive parenting practices;

(c) Build healthy parent and child relationships;

(d) Enhance social and emotional development;

(e) Support cognitive development;

(f) Improve the health and well-being of the family;

(g) Empower families toward economic self-sufficiency;

(h) Reduce child maltreatment and injury; and

(i) Increase school readiness.

Sec. 4. The department shall only fund an evidence-based home visitation program. An evidenced-based home visitation program:

(1) Is founded on a clear, consistent program model;

(2) Is associated with, or certified by, a national organization, an institution of higher education, or a national or state public health institute;

(3) Has comprehensive home visitation standards that ensure high quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement;

(4) Follows a program manual or design that specifies the purpose, outcomes, duration, and frequency of service;

(5) Employs well-trained and culturally competent staff;

(6) Provides continual professional development relevant to the specific program model being delivered;

(7) Demonstrates strong links to other community-based services;

(8) Operates within an organization that ensures compliance with home visitation standards; and

(9) Operates with fidelity to the program model.

Sec. 5. Home visitation program funds may be used for workforce purposes and to assist the programs and individuals in receiving and maintaining certification for home visitation providers.

Sec. 6. The Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program that provides a single home visit or infrequent home visits.

Sec. 7. Families may decline home visitation program services at any time.

Sec. 8. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Family Home Visitation Act.

Sec. 9. (1) No later than February 15, 2026, and through February 15, 2028, the department shall submit an electronic report to the Clerk of the Legislature. Such report shall be made available on the department's website and shall include the following information, if available:

(a) The type and location of home visitation programs;

(b) The goals and achieved outcomes of home visitation programs;

(c) The number of families served by each home visitation program;

(d) Demographic data on the families served;

(e) The total amount of funds expended for home visitation programs;

(f) Program model descriptions and model-specific outcomes;

(g) The training and professional credentials required for each program model;

(h) Eligibility criteria for each program model;
(i) Target populations for each program model;
(j) Wait list information, if applicable; and
(k) Referral sources.
(2) The department shall only include outcomes from federally funded or state-funded home visitation programs.
2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Underground Excavation Safety Committee:
Jeffrey D Grady
Brandon Jones
Aaron Krebs
Trevor Roth
James Saville

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Brad Sherman and Brett Kerkman, Sidney; Paula Petersen, Waverly; Jana Soldevila Alcoverro, Catalonia; Juli Wiese, Germany; students from Trinity Lutheran School, Lincoln; members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; students from Sunset Hills Elementary, Omaha; Rockbrook Elementary, Omaha; Hattie Brotzel, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 26, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Tom Barnes, Minden Evangelical Free Church, Minden.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-second day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

February 25, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 1e, 2, 20, 38, 43e, 51, 52, 58, 72, 85, 91, 108e, 126, 167e, 182, 194, 208, and 209e were received in my office on February 21, 2025, and signed on February 25, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on February 25, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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 546:

Bradley Dunbar - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
Chuck Hutchison - Nebraska Power Review Board
Matt Smallcomb - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Dover	Hansen	Raybould

The appointments were confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 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 588:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee
Jeffrey D Grady
Brandon Jones
Aaron Krebs
Trevor Roth
James Saville

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

McKinney

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Dover	Hansen	Raybould

The appointments were confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Senator Dungan renewed MO45, found and considered on page 586.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 0 ayes, 29 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
FA22
On Page 13, Line 7, strike beginning with "The" through Line 9 "act.".

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER17
1 1. On page 1, line 3, after "48-622.02," insert "48-626,"; and in
2 line 7 after the semicolon insert "to state intent;".
3 2. On page 24, line 29, after "48-622.02," insert "48-626,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER16
1 1. On page 3, line 5, strike "of" and insert "on".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER18
1 1. On page 3, line 24, after "central" insert "time".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 60. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 186. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 191. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM394
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:
5 76-2325.01 Any person who willfully and maliciously breaks, injures,
6 destroys, or otherwise interferes with the poles, wires, or other
7 facilities of any telecommunications, broadband, communications, wireless
8 infrastructure, or railroad company or electric light and power company

in this state or who willfully and purposely interrupts or interferes with the transmission of telecommunications, broadband, communications, ~~messages or the transmission of~~ light, heat, or ~~and~~ power in this state shall be subject to the action and penalty prescribed in section 28-519.
Sec. 2. Original section 76-2325.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM316 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
Steve Mattoon - Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

General Affairs
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025
Julie J Jacobson - Nebraska Arts Council
Clark Kolterman - Nebraska Arts Council
Jeanne Salerno - Nebraska Arts Council
Karen Harris - Nebraska Arts Council

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025
LB211
LB242
LB699

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB230:
AM381

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM55)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 15 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act:
(1) Attractive to children means products:
(a) Manufactured in the shape of humans, cartoons, or animals; or
(b) Manufactured in a form that bears any reasonable resemblance to an existing candy product that is familiar to the public as a widely distributed or a branded food product such that a product could be mistaken for the branded food product, especially by children;
(2) Department means the Department of Revenue;
(3) Kratom means the plant mitragyna speciosa or any part of that plant, including, but not limited to, all components present in the natural plant;
(4) Kratom extract means the material obtained by extraction of kratom leaves with a solvent consisting of water, ethanol, or food-grade carbon dioxide, or any other solvent allowed by federal or state regulation to be used in manufacturing a food ingredient;
(5) Kratom product means a food, ingredient, or dietary supplement that:
(a) Consists of or contains kratom or kratom extract;
(b) Does not contain any synthesized kratom alkaloids, other synthesized kratom constituents, or synthesized metabolites of any kratom constituent;
(c) Does not contain a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the alkaloid fraction that is greater than two percent of the alkaloid composition of the kratom product; and
(d) Does not include any kratom product in any form that is combustible, intended to be used for vaporization, or is injectable;
(6) Processor means a person that manufacturers, packages, labels, or distributes kratom products or advertises, represents, or holds itself out as manufacturing, preparing, packaging, labeling, or distributing kratom products;
(7) Retailer has the same meaning as in section 77-2701.32; and
(8) Synthesized means an alkaloid or alkaloid derivative that has been created, in full or in part, by directed chemical, physical, or biosynthetic conversion, including, but not limited to, fermentation, recombinant techniques, yeast-derived, or enzymatic techniques, rather than traditional food preparation techniques, such as heating or extracting.
Sec. 3. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or distribute a kratom product to a person under twenty-one years of age.
(2) An online retailer or marketplace that sells or offers for sale a kratom product shall implement an age-verification system to ensure compliance with this section.
Sec. 4. No person shall produce, manufacture, distribute, offer for sale, sell, or introduce into commerce a kratom product in the State of Nebraska if the product is manufactured in a manner that is attractive to children.
Sec. 5. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into commerce in the State of Nebraska shall:
(1) Be manufactured, packaged, labeled, or held in a facility that meets the requirements of 21 C.F.R. Part 111, as such regulations existed on January 1, 2025; and
(2) Be manufactured, processed, packed, or held by a processor who has registered with the federal Food and Drug Administration as a food facility.
Sec. 6. A kratom product sold, offered for sale, or introduced into commerce in the State of Nebraska shall have a label on each retail package that clearly and conspicuously provides the following information:
(1) The product is not recommended for use by individuals who are under twenty-one years of age, who are pregnant, or who are

breastfeeding;
(2) A health care practitioner should be consulted prior to using the product;
(3) The product may be habit-forming;
(4) The following statements: "These statements have not been evaluated by the Food and Drug Administration. This product is not intended to diagnose, treat, cure, or prevent any disease.";
(5) The name and place of business of the processor;
(6) Directions for use that include a recommended amount of the kratom product per serving that is:
(a) Clearly described on the label for product forms such as capsules, gummies, prepackaged, single-serving units, and similar product forms; or
(b) A clear instruction or a mark on the package or container for beverages or liquids;
(7) A recommended number of servings that can be safely consumed in a twenty-four-hour period;
(8) A listing of the servings per container; and
(9) A listing of kratom alkaloids mitragynine and 7-hydroxymitragynine and other ingredients in the product, including quantitative declarations of the amount per serving of mitragynine.

Sec. 7. (1) The department shall establish, operate, and administer a program to register kratom products. The Tax Commissioner shall designate an implementation date for such program which date is on or before January 1, 2026.
(2) Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section:
(a) No processor may manufacture, package, label, or distribute a kratom product to be offered for sale in the State of Nebraska unless the product has been registered with the department;
(b) Applications for product registration shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the department. Each application shall include:
(i) The name, address, and state of organization for the processor of the product;
(ii) A principal point of contact for the processor and contact information for the point of contact;
(iii) The name of the product;
(iv) The product label;
(v) A certificate of analysis for the kratom product that states the kratom product's alkaloid content and certifies that the kratom product has a level of 7-hydroxymitragynine that is less than two percent of the alkaloid composition of the kratom product from an independent laboratory. Such laboratory shall obtain and maintain an International Organization for Standardization and International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) 17025 accreditation for testing and calibration laboratories from an accreditation body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation Mutual Recognition Arrangement;
(vi) A valid good manufacturing practice certificate issued by an accredited third-party certification body in compliance with 21 C.F.R. Part 111; and
(vii) A current food facility registration certificate issued by the federal Food and Drug Administration for all facilities where kratom products are manufactured, prepared, packaged, or labeled;
(c) A certificate of registration shall be valid for one calendar year after the date of issue and shall not be transferable; and
(d) The department may charge a fee for product registration applications and may adjust such fee annually. The fee shall be reasonable and shall not exceed any reasonable or necessary costs to administer the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

(e) A product that contains the same kratom ingredients in the same kratom delivery form, but is packaged, sold, or offered for sale in a different container, package, or volume shall be included in a single registration.

(3) If an application is incomplete or deficient, the department shall, in a timely manner, notify the applicant in writing describing the reason or reasons and request additional information. If such application is not corrected or supplemented within thirty days after the department's request, the department shall deny the application.

(4) If any false statement is made in any part of an application, the department shall deny the application.

(5) A person aggrieved by the denial of an application may request a hearing pursuant to section 11 of this act.

(6) A processor or retailer is not prohibited from selling, preparing, manufacturing, distributing, maintaining, advertising, representing, or holding itself out as selling, preparing, or maintaining kratom products in the State of Nebraska prior to the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, or while the first product registration applications submitted by processors operating in the State of Nebraska as of January 1, 2025, are pending approval or denial by the department.

Sec. 8. Beginning on the implementation date designated by the Tax Commissioner pursuant to subsection (1) of section 7 of this act, the department shall make public a list of all registered kratom products on its website.

Sec. 9. (1) No person shall sell, offer for sale, provide, or distribute an adulterated kratom product in the State of Nebraska.

(2) A product shall be deemed adulterated if:

(a) It contains any kratom alkaloid or metabolite, including 7-hydroxymitragynine, and does not meet the definition of a kratom product under section 2 of this act; or

(b) The kratom product is combined with a dangerous nonkratom substance that contains a poisonous or otherwise deleterious nonkratom ingredient, including, but not limited to, any substance listed as a controlled substance under the laws of this state or federal law.

(3) Upon receipt of evidence that suggests a product may be an adulterated kratom product, the department may require the person selling, providing, or distributing the product to obtain an independent third-party test of the product by a laboratory of the department's choosing.

Sec. 10. (1) Any processor or retailer that violates any section of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, including those related to the application or registration, or any of the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department that apply to processors or kratom products shall be subject to the penalties provided in this section.

(2) For the first violation, the department shall impose a civil penalty of up to one thousand dollars. For the second violation, the department shall impose a civil penalty of up to five thousand dollars. For a third violation and any subsequent violations, the department shall impose a civil penalty of at least five thousand dollars and no more than twenty thousand dollars and, if the violator is a processor, the department shall prohibit the sale of any kratom products of such processor within the State of Nebraska for a period of three years.

(3) For any processor or retailer that has no violation for a period of four consecutive years, a new violation shall be treated as a first violation.

(4) No determination that a violation has occurred shall be made until notice has been given and a hearing has been held by the Tax Commissioner as provided in section 11 of this act if requested by the processor or retailer.

(5) A retailer shall not be found to be in violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act if it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the retailer relied in good faith upon the representation of a processor that a product is not an adulterated kratom product as defined in section 9 of this act or otherwise conformed to the act.

Sec. 11. (1) A processor or retailer aggrieved by a notice of denial of an application issued under section 7 of this act or a notice of violation issued under section 10 of this act may request a hearing.

(2) Such request shall be made within twenty days after the receipt of any such notice.

(3) At such hearing the Tax Commissioner, or any officer or employee of the Tax Commissioner designated in writing, may examine any books, papers, memoranda, or other evidence bearing upon the matter at issue and require the attendance of any officer or employee of the processor or retailer or any person having knowledge pertinent to such hearing. The Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee may administer oaths to persons testifying at such hearing.

(4) During the hearing, the Tax Commissioner or the Tax Commissioner's designee shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence, and no informality in any proceeding or in the manner of taking testimony shall invalidate any order or decision made or approved by the Tax Commissioner.

(5) Within a reasonable time after the hearing the Tax Commissioner shall make a final decision or final determination and notify the processor or retailer by mail of such decision or determination.

(6) If it is determined that a processor intentionally and materially falsified any information contained in an application under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor shall be ineligible to obtain a certification of registration for a period of twelve months after the date of such determination.

(7) A processor or retailer may appeal the decision of the Tax Commissioner, and the appeal shall be in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 12. The Attorney General shall have authority to enforce the Kratom Consumer Protection Act pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. This section shall not be construed to allow for a private right of action under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act even though such action is authorized under the Consumer Protection Act and the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Sec. 13. (1) If a registered processor has been convicted by any court of a violation of the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, the processor may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of the certificate of registration for its kratom products and all money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.

(2) If any materially false statement is made in any part of an application submitted under section 7 of this act, the applicant shall be subject to prosecution for perjury and if convicted may, in addition to the penalties for such offense, incur a forfeiture of any certificate of registration that was issued for the applicant's kratom products and all money that had been paid for such certificate of registration.

Sec. 14. Except as otherwise provided in the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, no political subdivision shall impose additional restrictions on the manufacturing, packaging, labeling, distribution, or sale of kratom products greater than or in addition to those enumerated in the act.

Sec. 15. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Kratom Consumer Protection Act.

Sec. 16. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

Sec. 17. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to LB675:
MO46
Withdraw LB675.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 53. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis has retired after more than fifty years of devoted service to the Sarpy County community; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis began his service at eighteen as a dispatcher for the Sarpy County Emergency 911 Operations Center; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis obtained his law enforcement officer certification and rose through the ranks to be sworn in as Sarpy County Sheriff in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis adopted the Project Lifesaver program which provides tracking bracelets for people with Autism, Alzheimer's, and Down Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis brought the Standard Response Protocol and Active Shooter Training to the school districts and law enforcement departments in Sarpy County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Davis's career and years of personal service to the Sarpy County community are worthy of recognition and admiration and have earned him several well-deserved awards and titles.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates retired Sarpy County Sheriff Jeff Davis on a successful and impactful career of public service.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Sheriff Jeff Davis and to the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB185.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM135, found on page 460, was offered.

Senator Bosn offered AM240, found on page 565, to the committee amendment.

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM176, found on page 461, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 54. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, in his final days as president, former President Joe Biden posthumously pardoned Marcus Garvey, the leader of the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), on January 19, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Marcus formed UNIA in 1914 in Jamaica with an intentional focus on Black self-reliance and a back-to-Africa movement; and

WHEREAS, Marcus moved to Harlem, New York, in 1916, where Marcus organized the International Conference for the Negro Peoples of the World and created the Black Star Line; and

WHEREAS, the Black Star Line eventually failed due to the company being heavily affected by the Great Depression and due to J. Edgar Hoover's sabotage by using the Federal Bureau of Investigation to infiltrate the shipping company; and

WHEREAS, Marcus lost his credibility after the collapse, was prosecuted for mail fraud, and was eventually deported, and in 1940, Marcus suffered a stroke causing the media to prematurely publish obituaries focused on his mail fraud conviction. The action caused Marcus so much distress that he suffered a second stroke and passed away; and

WHEREAS, Marcus was posthumously pardoned to undo the hate garnered towards his ideas and to restore respect to his name and ideas.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the hard work of the people fighting continuously to provide evidence for Marcus Garvey's posthumous pardon.

2. That the Legislature congratulates Marcus Garvey, his family, and his descendents on his posthumous pardon.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 55. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the Black wrestling community and the longstanding commitment to inspiring, connecting, and empowering Black wrestlers through attitude, words, and actions; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edmondson posthumously earned the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Joe broke his neck in a trampoline accident making him a quadriplegic and was told he would only live for ten more years, but, in 1968, Joe started his own wrestling program while earning his master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Joe also developed the nationally respected Exploradories and ran the Edmondson Youth Outreach Center of the YMCA to provide opportunities for inner-city youth to be mentored and to learn about wrestling; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Joe earned many awards and recognition, including reaching the Gold level certification in the National Coaches Education Program, being named USA Wrestling's 1985 Kids Person of the Year, being named a Point of Light by George H. W. Bush in 1991, and being named to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Joe's impact on wrestling and his community is not forgotten and has been revived through posthumously earning the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Joe Edmondson and the family of Joe Edmondson on posthumously earning the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Edmondson.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Nebraska Health Care LEAD Class; Leadership Wayne; members of the Nebraska Community College Association; Kurt, Kase, and Kade Arganbright, Valentine; students from Bruning Davenport, Davenport.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
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Thursday, February 27, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Brenda Peters, Unity of Omaha, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Raybould.

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, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-third day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB123:
AM407

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 2. Section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
13-3407 (1) The auditor shall prepare forms to be used by political subdivisions for the purpose of calculating property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority. Each political subdivision shall calculate such amounts and submit the forms to the auditor on or before September 30, 2025, and on or before September 30 of each year thereafter. If a political subdivision fails to submit such forms to the auditor or if the auditor determines from such forms that a political subdivision is not complying with the limits provided in the

Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, the auditor shall notify the political subdivision and the State Treasurer of the noncompliance.

(2)(a) Upon receiving notice from the auditor, the ~~The~~ State Treasurer shall then suspend distribution of state aid allocated to the political subdivision until the political subdivision complies. The funds shall be held for six months. If the political subdivision complies within the six-month period, it shall receive the suspended funds. If the political subdivision fails to comply within the six-month period, the suspended funds shall be forfeited and shall be (i) redistributed to other recipients of the state aid in the county where such noncompliant political subdivision is located or returned to the Highway Allocation Fund if there is no eligible recipient or (ii) ~~,~~ in the case of a homestead exemption reimbursement, returned to the General Fund.

(b) The political subdivision shall continue to forfeit state aid until the political subdivision reaches compliance and the State Treasurer has received notification of such compliance from the auditor. All state aid that was forfeited shall remain forfeited and redistributed according to subdivision (a)(i) of this subsection.

(3) If any political subdivision fails to reach compliance within twelve months after the time of the order and notice of delinquency given by the auditor to the State Treasurer, such political subdivision shall be ineligible for future distributions of state aid. Upon reaching compliance, the political subdivision shall be eligible for future distributions of state aid.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB567:
AM128
1. On page 2, line 2, strike "may" and insert "shall"; and strike beginning with "if" in line 26 through "Education" in line 27.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025
LB494
LB564
LB270

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motion to LR55:
MO48
Withdraw LR55.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB675

Senator Raybould offered MO46, found on page 598, to withdraw LB675.

The Raybould motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM75, found on page 459, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM77, found on page 461, was offered.

Senator DeKay offered AM310, found on page 541, to the committee amendment.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM81, found on page 462, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM399

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

Section 1. Section 81-8,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,129 The State Athletic Commissioner shall have sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, and professional sparring matches and exhibitions, ~~and~~ all amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, and amateur kickboxing matches and exhibitions to be held within the state, except such as are conducted by universities, colleges, high schools, the military, and recognized amateur associations for contestants under sixteen years of age. No professional boxers, professional mixed martial arts contestants, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestants, professional mixed martial arts on ice contestants, professional muay thai contestants, professional kickboxers, professional bare-knuckle boxers, ~~or~~ amateur mixed martial arts contestants, amateur muay thai contestants, or amateur kickboxing contestants who have attained the age of sixteen, shall participate in a match or exhibition for a prize or purse, or at which an admission fee is charged, either directly or indirectly, in the form of dues or otherwise, in this state except by a club, association, organization, or person licensed by the commissioner, as provided in section 81-8,130, and in pursuance of a license granted by the commissioner for such match or exhibition under section 81-8,130.01.

Sec. 2. Section 81-8,130, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,130 The State Athletic Commissioner may issue an annual license for conducting amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing matches or exhibitions to any club, association, or organization. Each application for a license shall be accompanied by a fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.

Sec. 3. Section 81-8,130.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,130.01 Licenses and permits may be issued to professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing promoters, whether persons, clubs, or associations, for the sole purpose of conducting professional matches under such rules and regulations as the

State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt. Each application for such license shall be accompanied by a fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than one hundred dollars and not more than three hundred dollars. If the promoter is an individual, the application shall include his or her social security number.

Sec. 4. Section 81-8,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,132 No license shall be granted unless the licensee has executed a bond in the sum of not less than one thousand dollars in the case of amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing nor less than five thousand dollars in the case of professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing. The license shall be approved by the State Athletic Commissioner, conditioned on the faithful compliance by the licensee with the provisions of sections 81-8,129 to 81-8,142.01, the rules and regulations of the commissioner, and such other laws of the state as may be applicable to anything done by the licensee in pursuance of the license.

Sec. 5. Section 81-8,133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,133 The State Athletic Commissioner is authorized to grant licenses to competent referees, upon an application and the payment of a fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than ten dollars and not more than forty dollars per annum. The commissioner may revoke any license so granted for such cause as may be deemed sufficient. At every professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition, there shall be in attendance a duly licensed referee, who shall direct and control the match. The referee shall stop the match whenever he or she deems it advisable, (1) because of the physical condition of the contestants or one of them, (2) when one of the contestants is clearly outclassed by his or her opponent, or (3) for any other sufficient reason. The referee shall, at the termination of every professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition, indicate a winner. The fees of the referee and other licensed officials may be fixed by the commissioner and shall be paid by the licensed organization.

Sec. 6. Section 81-8,133.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,133.01 The State Athletic Commissioner may grant licenses to qualified physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition judges upon an application and payment of an annual fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee for matchmakers shall be not less than ten dollars and not more than one hundred dollars. Such fee for physicians, managers, and professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition judges shall be not

less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The commissioner may also grant licenses to qualified timekeepers, contestants, and seconds upon an application and payment of an annual fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The application shall include the applicant's social security number. No person shall serve as physician, manager, matchmaker, or judge at any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition who is not licensed as such. No person shall serve as timekeeper or contestant at any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match who is not licensed as such. The commissioner shall have summary authority to stop any match at which any person is serving in violation of the provisions of this section. Any license granted under the provisions of this section may be revoked for cause.

Sec. 7. Section 81-8,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,134 (1) Any professional boxing match, professional mixed martial arts match, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts match, professional mixed martial arts on ice match, professional muay thai match, professional kickboxing match, professional bare-knuckle boxing match, ~~or~~ amateur mixed martial arts match, amateur muay thai match, or amateur kickboxing match conducted in this state which is labeled or promoted as a championship match shall have regional or national significance and the approval of a nationally recognized professional boxing, mixed martial arts, bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, mixed martial arts on ice, muay thai, kickboxing, ~~or~~ bare-knuckle boxing, or kickboxing association.

(2) Professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring matches or exhibitions shall not exceed ten rounds in length, except in a championship match, which shall not exceed fifteen rounds. No round shall be longer than three minutes. At least one minute shall intervene between rounds. Except for professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing matches, the contestants shall wear during the contest gloves weighing at least eight ounces each.

(3) Professional mixed martial arts, professional muay thai, and professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts matches or exhibitions shall not exceed three rounds in length, except in a championship match, which shall not exceed five rounds in length. No round shall be longer than five minutes. At least one minute shall intervene between rounds.

(4) No professional boxing contestant, professional mixed martial arts contestant, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestant, professional mixed martial arts on ice contestant, professional muay thai contestant, professional kickboxing contestant, professional bare-knuckle boxing contestant, ~~or~~ amateur mixed martial arts contestant, amateur muay thai contestant, or amateur kickboxing contestant shall be allowed to participate or take part in any contest in this state unless a duly licensed physician shall certify in writing that such contestant has taken a physical examination the day of the contest and is physically fit to engage in the proposed contest.

Sec. 8. Section 81-8,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,135 Every licensee conducting or holding any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial

arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match shall furnish to the State Athletic Commissioner a written report showing the articles of agreement between the contestants, the number of tickets sold for each contest, the amount of the gross receipts thereof, the gross receipts from sale of any television rights, and such other matters as the commissioner shall prescribe. Within such time the licensee shall pay to the commissioner a tax of five percent of the total gross receipts of any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes, except the gross receipts from sale of television rights, and five percent of such rights, and five percent of the total gross receipts of any amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes, except that if such match or exhibition is conducted as an incidental feature in any event or entertainment of a different character, such portion of the total receipts shall be paid to the state as the commissioner may determine, or as may be fixed by rule adopted under section 81-8,139.

Sec. 9. Section 81-8,138, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,138 No contestant in any match or exhibition shall be paid for services until the same are rendered, and should it be determined by the State Athletic Commissioner that a contestant did not give an honest exhibition of his or her skill, he or she shall not be paid. Any contestant who shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, ~~or~~ amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or exhibition shall be disqualified and shall not thereafter be permitted to contend in any match or exhibition in this state, and any contestant who shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, ~~or~~ amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or exhibition shall be guilty of a violation of sections 81-8,128 to 81-8,142.01.

Sec. 10. Section 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-8,139 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations for the administration and enforcement of sections 81-8,128 to 81-8,142.01 as he or she may deem necessary. Such rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of written criteria for the granting and revoking of licenses, the setting of license fees, and the qualification requirements for those to be licensed as referees, physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition judges. He or she shall have the power and may control and limit the number of professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or professional sparring matches or exhibitions given, or to be held, each

year, or within one week, in any city or town, or by any organization. He or she may fine any licensee, except amateur contestants, an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars and may suspend for a period, not to exceed one year, any licensee's right to participate in or conduct any match or exhibition for unsportsmanlike conduct while engaged in or arising directly from any match or exhibition, failure to compete in good faith, engaging in any sham match or exhibition, or the use of threatening and abusive language toward officials, other contestants, or spectators.

(2) The State Athletic Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to identify a list of substances banned for use by any amateur or professional contestant and may require any contestant to submit to a test for banned substances as a condition for allowing the contestant's participation in a match or exhibition.

(3) The State Athletic Commissioner may suspend an amateur or professional contestant from competition for a period not to exceed one year and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed one thousand five hundred dollars or forty percent of the prize or purse, whichever is greater, for a first offense of failing a test for a banned substance on the list developed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section or for refusing to submit to such a test. He or she may suspend an amateur or professional contestant from competition for a period not to exceed three years and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed three thousand dollars or seventy percent of the prize or purse, whichever is greater, for any second such offense. He or she may suspend an amateur or professional contestant from competition for life and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the prize or purse, whichever is greater, for any third or subsequent such offense. For purposes of determining if an offense under this subsection is a first, second, third, or subsequent offense, failing a test for banned substances and refusing to submit to such a test shall be considered the same offense.

(4) Before levying an administrative fine pursuant to this section, the State Athletic Commissioner shall set the matter for hearing. Proceedings to levy an administrative fine shall be contested cases prosecuted and appealable pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. At least ten days before the hearing, the State Athletic Commissioner shall serve notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing upon the licensee or other violator by personal or certified mail service.

(5) The State Athletic Commissioner shall remit any administrative fines collected under this section to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.

Sec. 11. Original sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01, 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB698:

MO49
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO50
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO51
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Dungan filed the following motions to LB509:
MO52
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO53
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO54
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB527:
AM373

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER13)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) Wide discrepancies between medicaid reimbursement rates and rates of other payers have created challenges to health care access for Nebraska residents covered by medicaid;

(2) Approximately one-third of pregnant women, newborns, and children are covered by medicaid and access to health care services is critical for them. Access to labor and delivery services is critical to fostering healthy mothers and babies;

(3) Access to primary care is vital to the health of Nebraska communities. Investment in preventative care will help reduce future health care costs to the state and its residents. Improved health outcomes are more likely when patients have access to, and positive relationships with, their primary care provider;

(4) Health care access challenges in rural areas have reached a critical point, which requires bold investment and leadership from the state to maintain the health of our rural citizens and communities; and

(5) Investment in physical health care access and quality in the medicaid program is an investment in bolstering Nebraska's health care landscape as a whole, addressing health care deserts across the state, and improving the health and prosperity of Nebraska communities.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act:

(1) Nonhospital provider means a provider of physical health services that does not hold a license as a hospital under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act;

(2) Physical health services means services billed under the medicaid practitioner fee schedule to meet the physical health needs of a patient; and

(3) Rural means any county in Nebraska having a population of less than one hundred thousand residents.

Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of six percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal

law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.

(2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

(3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar year and each year thereafter.

Sec. 5. The Medicaid Access and Quality Fund is created. Interest earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 6. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall use the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund for the following purposes:

(a) Beginning January 1, 2026, forty million dollars annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation for the purpose of enhancing rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health services, as published in the medicaid practitioner fee schedule. This funding shall not be used to replace or offset existing state funds paid to providers for providing services under the medical assistance program. In calculating a rate enhancement under this subdivision, the department shall work with a statewide association exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that primarily represents health care providers in multiple specialties who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery under the Uniform Credentialing Act. It is the intent of the Legislature that a rate enhancement provided by this subdivision should aim to improve access to care through increasing rates across a broad range of physical health services provided by nonhospital providers, with an emphasis on evaluation and management services, labor and delivery services, and rural services;

(b) Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, five million dollars annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation to pay a monthly per-member fee of not less than seventy-five dollars to qualified primary care providers who meet criteria established by the Department of Health and Human Services to serve as a primary care medical home for target populations; and

(c) Any remaining funds shall be transferred to the medical assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program.

(2) Use of the funds described in this section is subject to all required federal approvals including any approvals necessary for use of such funds to obtain federal financial participation.

Sec. 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the medicaid practitioner fee schedule rates and the General Fund appropriations for rates established in the fee schedule shall not be reduced in amounts lower than the rates published as of July 1, 2024.

Sec. 8. The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

Sec. 9. Section 44-32,180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

44-32,180 (1) Any health maintenance organization subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act shall also be subject to (a) the premium taxation provisions of Chapter 77, article 9, to the extent that the direct writing premiums are not otherwise subject to taxation under such article, ~~and~~ (b) the retaliatory taxation provisions of section 44-150, and (c) the tax levied by section 4 of this act.

(2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation imposed by subsection (1) of this section.

Sec. 10. Section 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

44-4726 ~~(1)~~ The same taxes provided for in section 44-32,180 shall be imposed upon each prepaid limited health service organization, and such organizations also shall be entitled to the same tax deductions, reductions, abatements, and credits that health maintenance organizations are entitled to receive.

~~(2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation imposed by subsection (1) of this section.~~

Sec. 11. Section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-908 (1) Every insurance company organized under the stock, mutual, assessment, or reciprocal plan, except fraternal benefit societies, which is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each year, pay a tax to the director of one percent of the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by it during the preceding calendar year for business done in this state, except that (a) ~~(1)~~ for group sickness and accident insurance the rate of such tax shall be five-tenths of one percent, (b) ~~and (2)~~ for property and casualty insurance, excluding individual sickness and accident insurance, the rate of such tax shall be one percent, and (c) for health maintenance organizations subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the tax levied by section 4 of this act shall be in addition to the tax paid under this section.

(2) A captive insurer authorized under the Captive Insurers Act that is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each year, pay to the director a tax of one-fourth of one percent of the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by such insurer during the preceding calendar year for business transacted in the state.

(3) The taxable premiums shall include premiums paid on the lives of persons residing in this state and premiums paid for risks located in this state whether the insurance was written in this state or not, including that portion of a group premium paid which represents the premium for insurance on Nebraska residents or risks located in Nebraska included within the group when the number of lives in the group exceeds five hundred. The tax shall also apply to premiums received by domestic companies for insurance written on individuals residing outside this state or risks located outside this state if no comparable tax is paid by the direct writing domestic company to any other appropriate taxing authority. Companies whose scheme of operation contemplates the return of a portion of premiums to policyholders, without such policyholders being claimants under the terms of their policies, may deduct such return premiums or dividends from their gross premiums for the purpose of tax calculations. Any such insurance company shall receive a credit on the tax imposed, except the tax paid under subdivision (1)(c) of this section, as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act, the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, and the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.

Sec. 12. Original sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 13. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
LB37
LB128
LB175
LB256
LB485

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 56. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; 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; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) 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 MS research, including more than twenty disease modifying treatments to slow the progression of MS, there is still no known cause or cure; and

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

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Month is recognized annually in March to unite people in Nebraska, the United States, and the world in the fight to end MS, to create connections stronger than the ones MS destroys, and to educate people about MS 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, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2025 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Nebraska.

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.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 57. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; 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; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Daniel "Danny" Woodhead became the first Chadron State College player inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead was born in North Platte, Nebraska, on January 25, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played multiple varsity sports for North Platte High School where he set records in track and field, soccer, basketball, and football; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football for Chadron State College where he finished his college career with 9,259 all-purpose yards and 109 touchdowns, and was twice awarded the Harlon Hill trophy; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football in the National Football League, including for the New York Jets, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, and Baltimore Ravens, where he finished his professional career with thirty-two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead scored a touchdown during Super Bowl XLVI while playing for the New England Patriots.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Danny Woodhead for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Danny Woodhead and to President Ron K. Patterson of Chadron State College.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing on March 5, 2025, in Room 2102, instead of Room 1023, at 1:30 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM55, found on page 473, was offered.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM381, found on page 593, to the committee amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. 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.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 300. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Committee AM168, found on page 483, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew FA18, found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Senator Murman withdrew FA19, found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 124. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM251
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 28-1008 For purposes of sections 28-1008 to 28-1017, 28-1019, and
6 28-1020:

(1) Abandon means to leave any animal in one's care, whether as owner or custodian, for any length of time without making effective provision for its food, water, or other care as is reasonably necessary for the animal's health;

(2) Animal means any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom. Animal does not include an uncaptured wild creature or a livestock animal as defined in section 54-902;

(3) Animal control officer means a person authorized by a city, village, or county to enforce any state or local animal control law, rule, regulation, resolution, or ordinance concerning animal welfare;

(4)~~(3)~~ Cruelly mistreat means to knowingly and intentionally kill, maim, disfigure, torture, beat, kick, hit, strike in any manner, mutilate, burn, scald, or otherwise inflict harm upon any animal;

(5)~~(4)~~ Cruelly neglect means to fail to provide any animal in one's care, whether as owner or custodian, with food, water, or other care as is reasonably necessary for the animal's health;

(6)~~(5)~~ Humane killing means the destruction of an animal by a method which causes the animal a minimum of pain and suffering;

(7)~~(6)~~ Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska State Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police force of any city or village, or any other public official authorized by a city or village to enforce state or local animal control laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances. Law enforcement officer also includes a special investigator appointed as a deputy state sheriff as authorized pursuant to section 81-201 while acting within the authority of the Director of Agriculture under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act;

(8)~~(7)~~ Mutilation means intentionally causing permanent injury, disfigurement, degradation of function, incapacitation, or imperfection to an animal. Mutilation does not include conduct performed by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices;

(9)~~(8)~~ Owner or custodian means any person owning, keeping, possessing, harboring, or knowingly permitting an animal to remain on or about any premises owned or occupied by such person;

(10)~~(9)~~ Police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by the State of Nebraska or any county, city, or village for the purpose of assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her official enforcement duties;

(11)~~(10)~~ Repeated beating means intentional successive strikes to an animal by a person resulting in serious injury or illness or death to the animal;

(12)~~(11)~~ Serious injury or illness includes any injury or illness to any animal which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes broken bones, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ; and

(13)~~(12)~~ Torture means intentionally subjecting an animal to extreme pain, suffering, or agony. Torture does not include conduct performed by a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices.

Sec. 2. Section 28-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-1012 (1) Any~~A~~ law enforcement officer or animal control officer who has reason to believe that an animal has been abandoned or is being cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated may seek a warrant authorizing entry by a law enforcement officer or an animal control officer who is accompanied by a law enforcement officer upon private property to inspect, care for, or impound the animal.

(2) It shall be the duty of any~~a~~ law enforcement officer or animal control officer who has reason to believe that an animal has been

abandoned or is being cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated to make prompt investigation of such violation. Any~~A~~ law enforcement officer or animal control officer may, in lieu of making an arrest, issue a citation to the owner or custodian as prescribed in sections 29-422 to 29-429.

(3) Any equipment, device, or other property or things involved in a violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010 shall be subject to seizure, and distribution or disposition may be made in such manner as the court may direct. Any animal involved in a violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010 shall be subject to seizure. Distribution or disposition shall be made under section 28-1012.01 as the court may direct.

(4) Any law enforcement officer or animal control officer acting under this section shall not be liable for damage to property if such damage is not the result of the law enforcement officer's or animal control officer's negligence.

Sec. 3. Section 28-1012.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-1012.01 (1) Any animal seized under a search warrant or validly seized without a warrant may be kept on the property of the owner or custodian by the law enforcement officer or animal control officer seizing the animal. When a criminal complaint has been filed in connection with a seized animal, the court in which such complaint was filed shall have exclusive jurisdiction for disposition of the animal and to determine any rights therein, including questions respecting the title, possession, control, and disposition thereof as provided in this section.

(2) Within ten business days after the date an animal has been seized pursuant to section 28-1006 or 28-1012, the county attorney of the county where the animal was seized shall file an application with the court having appropriate jurisdiction for a hearing to determine the disposition and the cost for the care of the animal. Notice of such hearing shall be given to the owner or custodian from whom such animal was seized and to any holder of a lien or security interest of record in such animal specifying the date, time, and place of such hearing. Such notice shall be served by personal or residential service or by certified mail. If such notice cannot be served by such methods, service may be made by publication in the county where such animal was seized. Such publication shall be made after application and order of the court. The hearing shall be held as soon as practicable and not more than ten business days after the date of application for the hearing unless otherwise determined and ordered by the court.

(3) If the court finds that probable cause exists that an animal has been abandoned or cruelly neglected or mistreated, the court may:

(a) Order immediate forfeiture of the animal to the agency that took custody of the animal and authorize appropriate disposition of the animal including adoption, donation to a suitable shelter, humane destruction, or any other manner of disposition approved by the court. The court may consider adoption alternatives through humane societies or comparable institutions and the protection of such animal's welfare. For a humane society or comparable institution to be considered as an adoption alternative under this subsection, it must first be licensed by the Department of Agriculture as having passed the inspection requirements in the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act and paid the fee for inspection under the act. The court may prohibit an adopting or purchasing party from selling such animal for a period not to exceed one year;

(b) Issue an order to the owner or custodian setting forth the conditions under which custody of the animal shall be returned to the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized or to any other person claiming an interest in the animal. Such order may include any management actions deemed necessary and prudent by the court, including reducing the

number of animals harbored or owned by the owner or custodian by humane destruction or forfeiture and securing necessary care, including veterinary care, sufficient for the maintenance of any remaining animals; or

(c) Order the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized to post a bond or other security or to otherwise order payment in an amount that is sufficient to reimburse all reasonable expenses, as determined by the court, for the care of the animal including veterinary care incurred by the agency from the date of seizure and necessitated by the possession of the animal. Payments shall be for a succeeding thirty-day period with the first payment due on or before the tenth day following the hearing. Payments for each subsequent thirty-day period, if any, shall be due on or before the tenth day of such period. The bond or security shall be placed with, or payments ordered under this subdivision shall be paid to, the agency that took custody of the animal. The agency shall provide an accounting of expenses to the court when the animal is no longer in the custody of the agency or upon request by the court. The county attorney of the county where the animal was seized may apply to the court for a subsequent hearing under this section at any time. The hearing shall be held as soon as practicable and not more than ten business days after the date of application for the hearing unless otherwise determined and ordered by the court. When all expenses covered by the bond or security are exhausted and subsequent bond or security has not been posted, or if a person becomes delinquent in his or her payments for the expenses of the animal, the animal shall be forfeited to the agency.

(4) If custody of an animal is returned to the owner or custodian prior to seizure, any proceeds of a bond or security or any payment or portion of payment ordered under this section not used for the care of the animal during the time the animal was held by the agency shall be returned to the owner or custodian.

(5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the humane destruction of a seized animal at any time as determined necessary by a licensed veterinarian or as authorized by court order.

(6) An appeal may be filed within ten days after a hearing held under this section. Any person filing an appeal shall post a bond or security sufficient to pay reasonable costs of care of the animal for thirty days. Such bond or surety shall be required for each succeeding thirty-day period until the appeal is final.

(7) If the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized is found not guilty in an associated criminal proceeding, all funds paid for the expenses of the animal remaining after the actual expenses incurred by the agency have been paid shall be returned to the owner or custodian.

(8) This section shall not preempt any ordinance of a city of the metropolitan or primary class.

Sec. 4. Section 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-1019 (1)(a) If a person is convicted of a felony under section 28-1005 or 28-1009, the sentencing court shall order such person not to own, possess, or reside with any animal for at least five years after the date of conviction, but such time restriction shall not exceed fifteen years. Any person violating such court order shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

(b) If a person is convicted of a Class I misdemeanor under section 28-1005.01 or 28-1009 or a Class III misdemeanor under section 28-1010, the sentencing court may order such person not to own, possess, or reside with any animal after the date of conviction, but such time restriction, if any, shall not exceed five years. Any person violating such court order shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

(c) Any animal involved in a violation of a court order under subdivision (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be subject to seizure by

any law enforcement officer or animal control officer. Distribution or disposition shall be made under section 28-1012.01.

(2) This section shall not apply to any person convicted under section 28-1005, 28-1005.01, or 28-1009 if a licensed physician confirms in writing that ownership or possession of or residence with an animal is essential to the health of such person.

Sec. 5. Original sections 28-1008, 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 136. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM283

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

Section 1. Section 25-1030.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

25-1030.01 (1) Upon filing an application for determination of liability of the garnishee, the plaintiff shall give the garnishee and the defendant in the original action notice of the filing thereof and of the time and place of trial thereon. Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the~~The~~ notice shall be given within such time and in such manner as the court shall direct.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska; and

(b) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution as described in subsection (6) of section 25-1056.

(3)(a) If the garnishee is a corporate entity, notice under subsection (1) of this section shall be served upon the location of the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state.

(b) If service is unable to be accomplished as provided in subdivision (3)(a) of this section, such notice shall be served in accordance with section 25-509.01.

(4) In a case involving a garnishment served upon a corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor, the corporate entity shall not be liable as a garnishee under this section unless the plaintiff shows:

(a) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(a) of this section; or

(b) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(b) of this section and:

(i) That a copy of the notice described in subsection (1) of this section was sent to the location of the corporate entity's registered agent;

(ii) That the garnishee requested no such copy be sent to such location; or

(iii) That the corporate entity does not have a registered agent in this state.

Sec. 2. Section 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

25-1056 (1) In all cases when a judgment has been entered by any court of record and the judgment creditor or his or her agent or attorney has filed an affidavit setting forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs in the office of the clerk of the court where the judgment has been entered and that he or she has good reason to and does believe that any person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, naming him, her, or it, has property of and is indebted to

the judgment debtor, the clerk shall issue a summons which shall set forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs as shown in the affidavit and require such person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, as garnishee, to answer written interrogatories to be furnished by the plaintiff and to be attached to such summons respecting the matters set forth in section 25-1026. The summons shall be returnable within ten days from the date of its issuance and shall require the garnishee to answer within ten days from the date of service upon him or her. Except when wages are involved, the garnishee shall hold the property of every description and the credits of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories until the further order of the court. If the only property in the possession or under the control of the garnishee at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories is credits of the defendant and the amount of such credits is not in dispute by the garnishee, then such garnishee shall only hold the credits of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories to the extent of the amount of the judgment, interest, and costs set forth in the summons until further order of the court. When wages are involved, the garnishee shall pay to the employee all disposable earnings exempted from garnishment by statute, and any disposable earnings remaining after such payment shall be retained by the garnishee until further order of the court. Thereafter, the service of the summons and interrogatories and all further proceedings shall be in all respects the same as is provided for in sections 25-1011 and 25-1026 to 25-1031.01 unless inconsistent with this section.

(2) If it appears from the answer of the garnishee that the judgment debtor was an employee of the garnishee, that the garnishee otherwise owed earnings to the judgment debtor when the garnishment order was served, or that earnings would be owed within sixty days thereafter and there is not a successful written objection to the order or the answer of the garnishee filed, on application by the judgment creditor, the court shall order that the nonexempt earnings, if any, withheld by the garnishee after service of the order be transferred to the court for delivery to the judgment creditor who is entitled to such earnings. Except for garnishments in support of a person, the payments may be made payable to the judgment creditor or assignee and shall be forwarded to the issuing court to record the judgment payment prior to the court delivering the payment to the judgment creditor or assignee. The court shall, upon application of the judgment creditor, further order that the garnishment is a continuing lien against the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor. An order of continuing lien on nonexempt earnings entered pursuant to this section shall require the garnishee to continue to withhold the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor for as long as the continuing lien remains in effect.

Beginning with the pay period during which the writ was served and while the continuing lien remains in effect, the garnishee shall deliver the nonexempt earnings to the court from which the garnishment was issued for each pay period or on a monthly basis if the garnishee so desires and shall deliver to the judgment debtor his or her exempt earnings for each pay period.

(3) A continuing lien ordered pursuant to this section shall be invalid and shall have no force and effect upon the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) The underlying judgment is satisfied in full or vacated or expires;

(b) The judgment debtor leaves the garnishee's employ for more than sixty days;

(c) The judgment creditor releases the garnishment;

(d) The proceedings are stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, including the United States Bankruptcy Court;
(e) The judgment debtor has not earned any nonexempt earnings for at least sixty days;
(f) The court orders that the garnishment be quashed; or
(g) Ninety days have expired since service of the writ. The judgment creditor may extend the lien for a second ninety-day period by filing with the court a notice of extension during the fifteen days immediately prior to the expiration of the initial lien, and the continuing lien in favor of the initial judgment creditor shall continue for a second ninety-day period.
(4)(a) To determine priority, garnishments and liens shall rank according to time of service.
(b) Garnishments, liens, and wage assignments which are not for the support of a person shall be inferior to wage assignments for the support of a person. Garnishments which are not for the support of a person and liens shall be inferior to garnishments for the support of a person.
(5) Only one order of continuing lien against earnings due the judgment debtor shall be in effect at one time. If an employee's wages are already being garnished pursuant to a continuing lien at the time of service of a garnishment upon an employer, the answer to garnishment interrogatories shall include such information along with the date of termination of such continuing lien and the title of the case from which such garnishment is issued. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a continuing lien obtained pursuant to this section shall have priority over any subsequent garnishment or wage assignment.
(6)(a) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a financial institution where deposits are received within this state, the financial institution shall (i) if its main chartered office is located in this state, designate its main chartered office for the service of summons or (ii) if its main chartered office is located in another state, designate any one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of process in this state for service of summons. The designation of a main chartered office or an office or branch or the agent for service of process under this subdivision shall be made by filing a notice of designation with the Department of Banking and Finance, shall contain the physical address of the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated, and shall be effective upon placement on the department website. The department shall post the list of such designated main chartered offices and offices or branches or agents for service of process on its website for access by the public. A financial institution may modify or revoke a designation made under this subdivision by filing the modification or revocation with the department. The modification or revocation shall be effective when the department's website has been updated to reflect the modification or revocation, except that the judgment creditor may rely upon the designation that was modified or revoked during the thirty-day period following the effective date of the modification or revocation if the summons is timely served upon the financial institution. The department shall update its website to reflect a filing by a financial institution pursuant to this subdivision or a modification or revocation filed by a financial institution pursuant to this subdivision within ten business days following the filing by the financial institution. The department website shall reflect the date its online records for each financial institution have most recently been updated.
(b) If a financial institution where deposits are received has designated its main chartered office or one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of process for the service of summons, service made on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process so designated shall be valid and effective as to any

property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or branches located within this state. If service of summons is not made on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated by the financial institution, but instead is made at another office or branch of the financial institution located in Nebraska, the financial institution, in its discretion, and without violating any obligation to its customer, may elect to treat the service of summons as valid and effective as to any property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or branches located within this state. In the absence of such an election, the financial institution shall file a statement with the interrogatories that the summons was not served at the financial institution's designated location for receiving service of summons and, therefore, was not processed, and shall provide the address at which the financial institution is to receive service of summons.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union whether chartered by the United States, the Department of Banking and Finance, or a foreign state agency.

(d) The notice of designation, modification, or revocation shall be made by a financial institution on forms prescribed by the Department of Banking and Finance~~department~~.

(e) The Department of Banking and Finance, any employee of the department, or any person acting on behalf of the department shall be immune from civil and criminal liability for any acts or omissions which occur as a result of the requirements of this subsection.

(7)(a) For purposes of this section:

(i) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska; and

(ii) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution described in subsection (6) of this section.

(b) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor from the corporate entity, service shall be made upon the corporate entity in accordance with section 25-509.01 or in a manner mutually agreed upon by the garnishee and judgment creditor.

(c) If service is not made upon the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state, the judgment creditor shall send a copy of such summons to the location of the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state unless the corporate entity has requested that no such copy be sent or no such registered agent exists. Proof of compliance with this subdivision (7)(c) is not required for a garnishment to continue.

Sec. 3. Original sections 25-1030.01 and 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 404. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM372

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

Section 1. Section 29-2262.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-2262.06 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, whenever a district court or county court sentences an adult offender to

probation, the court shall require the probationer to pay a one-time administrative enrollment fee and thereafter a monthly probation programming fee.

(2) Participants in non-probation-based programs or services in which probation personnel or probation resources are utilized pursuant to an interlocal agreement authorized by subdivision (16) of section 29-2252 and in which all or a portion of the costs of such probation personnel or such probation resources are covered by funds provided pursuant to section 29-2262.07 shall pay the one-time administrative enrollment fee described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section and the monthly probation programming fee described in subdivision (3)(c) of this section. In addition, the provisions of subsections (4), (7), and (11)~~(10)~~ of this section applicable to probationers apply to participants in non-probation-based programs or services. Any participant in a non-probation-based program or service who defaults on the payment of any such fees may, at the discretion of the court, be subject to removal from such non-probation-based program or service. This subdivision does not preclude a court or other governmental entity from charging additional local fees for participation in such non-probation-based programs and services or other similar non-probation-based programs and services.

(3) The court shall establish the administrative enrollment fee and monthly probation programming fees as follows:

(a) Adult probationers placed on either probation or intensive supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a one-time administrative enrollment fee of thirty dollars. The fee shall be paid in a lump sum upon the beginning of probation supervision or participation in a non-probation-based program or service;

(b) Adult probationers placed on probation shall pay a monthly probation programming fee of twenty-five dollars, not later than the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation; and

(c) Adult probationers placed on intensive supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a monthly probation programming fee of thirty-five dollars, not later than the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation or participation in a non-probation-based program or service.

(4) The court shall waive payment of the monthly probation programming fees in whole or in part if after a hearing a determination is made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the offender due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical or mental handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period of time that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation programming fee.

(5) If a probationer defaults in the payment of monthly probation programming fees or any installment thereof, the court may revoke his or her probation for nonpayment, except that probation shall not be revoked nor shall the offender be imprisoned for such nonpayment if the probationer is financially unable to make the payment, if he or she so states to the court in writing under oath, and if the court so finds after a hearing.

(6) If the court determines that the default in payment described in subsection (5) of this section was not attributable to a deliberate refusal to obey the order of the court or to failure on the probationer's part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for payment, the court may enter an order allowing the probationer additional time for payment, reducing the amount of each installment, or revoking the fees or the unpaid portion in whole or in part.

(7) No probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or service shall be required to pay more than one monthly probation

programming fee per month. This subsection does not preclude local fees as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(8) The imposition of monthly probation programming fees in this section shall be considered separate and apart from the fees described in subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262.

(9) The court may waive payment of the fees described in subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262 in whole or in part if the offender has been previously found to be indigent in the case for which he or she is placed on probation or if after a hearing a determination is made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the offender due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical or mental handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period of time that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation programming fee.

(10)~~(9)~~ Any adult probationer received for supervision pursuant to section 29-2637 or the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision shall be assessed both a one-time administrative enrollment fee and monthly probation programming fees during the period of time the probationer is actively supervised by Nebraska probation authorities.

(11)~~(10)~~ The probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or service shall pay the fees described in this section to the clerk of the court. The clerk of the court shall remit all fees so collected to the State Treasurer for credit to the Probation Program Cash Fund.

Sec. 2. Section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

29-2263 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, when a court has sentenced an offender to probation, the court shall specify the term of such probation which shall be not more than five years upon conviction of a felony or second offense misdemeanor and two years upon conviction of a first offense misdemeanor.

(b) At sentencing, the court shall provide notice to the offender that the offender may be eligible to have the conviction set aside as provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264 and shall provide information on how to file such a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to carry out this subdivision.

(c) The court, on application of a probation officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may discharge a probationer at any time.

(2) When a court has sentenced an offender to post-release supervision, the court shall specify the term of such post-release supervision as provided in section 28-105. The court, on application of a probation officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may discharge a probationer at any time.

(3) During the term of probation, the court on application of a probation officer or of the probationer, or its own motion, may modify or eliminate any of the conditions imposed on the probationer or add further conditions authorized by section 29-2262. The court on joint application of the probation officer and the probationer may extend the term of probation within the limits authorized by subdivision (1)(a) of this section. This subsection does not preclude a probation officer from imposing administrative sanctions with the probationer's full knowledge and consent as authorized by sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02.

(4)(a) Upon completion of the term of probation, or the earlier discharge of the probationer, the probationer shall be relieved of any obligations imposed by the order of the court and shall have satisfied the sentence for his or her crime.

(b) Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the conditions of probation for the entire period or after discharge from probation prior to the

termination of the period of probation, a probation officer shall notify the probationer that the probationer may be eligible to have the conviction set aside as provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264. The notice shall include an explanation of the requirements for a conviction to be set aside, how to file a petition for a conviction to be set aside, and the effect of and limitations of having a conviction set aside and an advisement that the probationer consult with an attorney prior to filing a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to carry out this subdivision.

(5) Whenever a probationer disappears or leaves the jurisdiction of the court without permission, the time during which he or she keeps his or her whereabouts hidden or remains away from the jurisdiction of the court shall be added to the original term of probation.

Sec. 3. Section 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

29-2267 (1) Whenever a motion or information to revoke probation is filed, the probationer shall be entitled to a prompt consideration of such charge by the sentencing court. The court shall not revoke probation or increase the probation requirements imposed on the probationer, except after a hearing upon proper notice where the violation of probation is established by clear and convincing evidence.

(2) The probationer shall have the right to receive, prior to the hearing, a copy of the information or written notice of the grounds on which the information is based. The probationer shall have the right to hear and controvert the evidence against him or her, to offer evidence in his or her defense, and to be represented by counsel.

(3) For a probationer convicted of a felony, revocation proceedings may only be instituted in response to a substance abuse or noncriminal violation if the probationer has served ninety days of cumulative custodial sanctions during the current probation term.

(4) When a motion or information to revoke probation is filed, the probation term may be extended at the joint request of the probationer and prosecutor until final resolution of the motion or information to revoke probation or until the expiration of the statutorily defined maximum period of probation for the offense for which the probationer has been placed on probation. A court shall accept such request to extend a term of probation so long as the probationer is represented by counsel or the court finds, in open court, that the probationer makes the request freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently.

Sec. 4. Original sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM254

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

Section 1. Section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

49-1474.01 (1) Except for an individual or individuals acting independently utilizing their own personal resources or as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the~~The~~ person~~, except an individual or individuals acting independently utilizing their own personal resources,~~ who pays for the production, distribution, or posting of a billboard,

placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter relating to a candidate or ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name and street address of the person to appear on such matter. The person who pays for a radio or television advertisement relating to a candidate or ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such person to be included in the advertisement, and the radio or television station shall, for a period of at least six months, keep the street address of such person on file and divulge it to any person upon request. (2) If a candidate pays for the production, distribution, or posting of a billboard, placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed material relating to such candidate, then the candidate shall cause a disclaimer containing the name and street address or post office box number of such candidate to appear on such matter. If a candidate pays for a radio or television advertisement relating to such candidate, then the candidate shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such candidate to be included in the advertisement, and the radio or television station shall, for a period of at least six months, keep the street address or post office box number of such candidate on file and divulge it to any person upon request.

(3)~~(2)~~ The size and placement of the disclaimer shall be determined by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. The rules and regulations shall exempt from the disclaimer required by this section windshield stickers, yard signs, bumper stickers, campaign buttons, and balloons and may also exempt other items relating to a candidate or committee which are printed or reproduced at the request of such candidate or committee.

(4)~~(3)~~ Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. Original section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM333

1. On page 2, strike lines 27 through 31 and insert the following new subdivision:

"(b) When awarding innovative tourism grants under the program, the commission shall award up to five hundred thousand dollars in innovative tourism grants to any such city or village each fiscal year.".

2. On page 3, strike line 1.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, 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.

Game and Parks Commission:
Kurt Arganbright
Stephen D Mossman

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

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 Ethanol Board:
Randy L Gard

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 Ballard filed the following amendments to LB415:
FA23
On Page 5, Line 13, strike "Any employer" and insert "Employers".

FA24
On Page 3, Line 23 strike "any right" and insert "rights".

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on March 3, 2025, in Room 1023, and the General Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB404.
Senator Sanders name added to LB530.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Naasir Spivey, Omaha; Hyrum Duggar, Lincoln; students from St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo; nursing students of the Nebraska Nurses Association – College of St. Mary, Nebraska Methodist

College, UNMC-Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha; students from Faith Christian School, Kearney; students from Woodland Park Elementary, Norfolk.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Jacobson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, February 28, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Doug Collins, Laurel Faith Community Church, Laurel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

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 Raybould and Rountree who were excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-fourth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 590. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM289 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of February 27, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Behrens, Mark A.
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
CP Strategies LLC
3M COMPANY
Hems, Harrison
Heritage Action for America
Horn, Melissa
Arthritis Foundation
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
Self Storage Association (Withdrawn 02/21/2025)
Meares, Katherin
TikTok Inc.
Meckler, Mark
Convention of States Action
Mueller Robak
Metrc, LLC
Nebraska Strategies
National Shooting Sports Foundation, Inc.
Veterans Guardian VA Claim Consulting LLC
Neilan Strategy Group
PENN Entertainment
Schwartz, Matt
Consumer Reports, Inc.
Zulkoski Weber LLC
Plant Based Foods Association

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 626:

Game and Parks Commission
Kurt Arganbright
Stephen D Mossman

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Guereca	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Dungan	McKinney	Sorrentino	Storer

Excused and not voting, 7:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Raybould	

The appointments were confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 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 626:

Nebraska Ethanol Board
Randy L Gard

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 7:

Clements	Dover	McKinney	Storer
DeBoer	Hardin	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar Cavanaugh, M. Hunt Raybould Rountree

The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. ER12, found on page 530, was offered.

ER12 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered AM309, found on page 576.

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. ER13, found on page 530, was offered.

ER13 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered AM373, found on page 609.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 347. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 666. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 397. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM272
1 1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(5)" and insert "(5)(a)"; in line 13

2 strike "(a)" and insert "(i)"; in line 15 strike "(b)" and insert "(ii)";
3 after line 15 insert the following new subdivision:
4 "(b) Beginning on January 1, 2030, and on January 1 of every fifth
5 year thereafter, the youth minimum wage shall increase by one and one-
6 half percent, rounded to the nearest cent."; and in line 19, strike
7 "younger than eighteen" and reinstate the stricken "younger than twenty
8 years".
9 2. On page 4, strike beginning with "A" in line 3 through the period
10 in line 5 and insert "Beginning on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of
11 each year thereafter, the training wage rate shall increase by one and
12 one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent.".

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB320:
AM170
1 1. On page 6, strike beginning with "task" in line 15 through
2 "establishments" in line 17 and insert "Attorney General, the Department
3 of Labor, and hotels and similar public lodging establishments may work
4 together"; in line 30 strike "National" and insert "Nebraska"; and in
5 line 31 strike "Resource Center".
6 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "within" in line 22 through
7 "establishment" in line 23; and in line 25 strike "National" and insert
8 "Nebraska" and strike "Resource Center".

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 292A. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 292, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM474
1 1. On page 3, after line 1 insert the following new subsection:
2 "(3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit a
3 consumer's rights under the Data Privacy Act.".

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

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 9 ayes, 26 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO55
Reconsider the vote taken on AM474.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 7 ayes, 28 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Hardin	Lippincott	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Fredrickson	McKinney	

Present and not voting, 3:

Bosn	Dover	Guereca

Excused and not voting, 8:

Bostar	Dorn	Prokop	Rountree
Clements	Hunt	Raybould	von Gillern

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 9 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. ER15, found on page 533, was offered.

ER15 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 184. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM229
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new section:
Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
(a) Delivery sale has the same meaning as in section 28-1418.01;
(b) Flavored nitrous oxide product means a nitrous oxide product:
(i) Having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or during consumption or use of the product;
(ii) That is marketed as having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice; or
(iii) Regarding which the manufacturer, seller, or any person authorized by, or acting with the consent of, the manufacturer or seller, has made a public statement or claim, whether express or implied, that such product has the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice; and
(c) Nitrous oxide product means a cartridge, cylinder, or tank containing nitrous oxide.
(2) A business entity or corporation shall not sell, including by delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any consumer in this state a nitrous oxide product or flavored nitrous oxide product or willingly allow such products to be taken from such business entity or corporation by any person. This subsection does not apply to a nitrous oxide product, other than a flavored nitrous oxide product, that:
(a) Has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human consumption for use;
(b) Is intended for use by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing process or industrial operation;
(c) Is intended for use for automotive purposes;
(d) Is prescribed as part of the care or treatment of a disease, condition, or injury by a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or
(e) Is a propellant in food or in food preparation for restaurant, food service, or houseware products.
(3) A business entity or corporation that violates subsection (2) of this section shall be subject to:
(a) A Class II misdemeanor for a first offense;
(b) A Class I misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense; and
(c) A civil penalty of $2,500 for a first or a subsequent offense.
(4) All nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the products are seized.
(5) Any common carrier that knowingly transports nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products for a business entity or corporation that is in violation of subsection (2) of this section is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.
(6) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section

shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of such act.

(7) This section does not apply to the following:

(a) The shipment of nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products to a foreign-trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state, and are not distributed in this state; or

(b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the employee's official duties.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB258:
FA25
In AM272, Strike Section 1.

FA26
In AM272, Strike Section 2.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to LB102:
MO56
Place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Sec. 20(b).

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Executive Board
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
LR40

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Title read. Considered.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM196, found on page 486, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew FA21, found on page 488, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 667. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM395
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
60-1438 (1) Each new motor vehicle manufacturer or distributor shall specify in writing to each of its new motor vehicle dealers licensed in this state the dealer's obligations for preparation, delivery, and warranty service on its products. The manufacturer or distributor shall compensate the new motor vehicle dealer for warranty service which such manufacturer or distributor requires the dealer to provide, including warranty and recall obligations related to repairing and servicing motor vehicles and all parts and components included in or manufactured for installation in the motor vehicles of the manufacturer or distributor. The manufacturer or distributor shall provide the new motor vehicle dealer with the schedule of compensation to be paid to the dealer for parts, work, and service and the time allowance for the performance of the work and service.
(2)(a) The schedule of compensation shall include ~~reasonable~~ compensation for diagnostic work, as well as repair service, parts, and labor. Time allowances for the diagnosis and performance of warranty work and service shall be adequate for a qualified technician to perform the work or service. A franchisor shall not unreasonably deny a written request submitted by a franchisee for modification of a franchisor's uniform time allowance for a specific warranty repair or unreasonably deny a request submitted by a franchisee for an additional time allowance for diagnostic or repair work on a specific vehicle covered under warranty. Any such request shall include information and documentation reasonably necessary for the franchisor to assess the merits of the franchisee's request~~reasonable and adequate for the work to be performed~~.
In the determination of ~~what constitutes reasonable~~ compensation under this section, the principal factors to be given consideration shall be the prevailing wage rates being paid by dealers in the community in which the dealer is doing business, and in no event shall the compensation of the dealer for warranty parts and labor be less than the rates charged by the dealer for like parts and service to retail or fleet customers~~, as long as such rates are reasonable~~. In determining prevailing wage rates, the rate of compensation for labor for that portion of repair orders for all recommended maintenance services shall not be used, including maintenance services relating to the following: Oil, filters, any fluids,

brake pads, brake discs, brake drums, spark plugs, wiper blades, tire repair, or tire replacement~~for routine maintenance, such as tire repair or replacement and oil and fluid changes, shall not be used~~.

(b)(i)~~(b)~~ For purposes of this section, compensation for parts may be determined by calculating the price paid by the dealer for parts, including all shipping and other charges, multiplied by the sum of one and the dealer's average percentage markup over the price paid by the dealer for parts purchased by the dealer from the manufacturer and sold at retail. The dealer may establish average percentage markup by submitting to the manufacturer one hundred sequential customer-paid service repair orders or ninety days of customer-paid service repair orders, whichever is less, covering repairs made no more than one hundred eighty days before the submission and declaring what the average percentage markup is. Within thirty days after receipt of the repair orders, the manufacturer may audit the submitted repair orders and approve or deny approval of the average percentage markup based on the audit. The average percentage markup shall go into effect forty-five days after the approval based on that audit. If the manufacturer denies approval of the average percentage markup declared by the dealer, the dealer may file a complaint with the board. The manufacturer shall have the burden to prove that the denial was made pursuant to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act~~establish that the denial was reasonable~~. If the board determines that the denial was not reasonable, the denial shall be deemed a violation of the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act subject to the enforcement procedures of the act. When determining compensation for parts, only retail sales that do not involve warranty repairs shall be used and the rate of markup for all parts supplied on repair orders for recommended maintenance services shall not be used, including maintenance services relating to the following: Oil, filters, any fluids, brake pads, brake discs, brake drums, spark plugs, wiper blades, tire repair, or tire replacement~~Only retail sales not involving warranty repairs or parts supplied for routine vehicle maintenance shall be considered in calculating average percentage markup~~. No manufacturer shall require a dealer to establish average percentage markup by a methodology, or by requiring information, that is unduly burdensome or time consuming to provide, including, but not limited to, part-by-part or transaction-by-transaction calculations. A dealer shall not request a change in the average percentage markup more than twice in one calendar year.

(ii)(A) If a franchisor furnishes, or causes to be furnished, a part to a dealer at no cost or at a reduced cost for use in performing warranty work, the franchisor shall compensate the dealer for the dealer's cost of the part, if any, plus an amount equal to the markup on the dealer's part. Such amount shall be multiplied by the fair wholesale value of the part.

(B) For purposes of subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection, fair wholesale value of the part means the greatest of the following:

(I) The amount the dealer paid for the part;

(II) The cost of the part, at the time the part was furnished, in a price schedule of the franchisor; and

(III) The cost of a substantially identical part, at the time the part was furnished, in a price schedule of the franchisor.

(c)(i) A manufacturer or distributor may request up to one hundred additional repair orders different from those provided under subdivision (2)(b) of this section from a dealer of the manufacturer or distributor to determine if such dealer's average percentage markup rate, retail labor rate, or both are materially different than the rates such dealer has declared with the manufacturer or distributor.

(ii) The manufacturer or distributor may adjust the subsequent rates paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer if the

manufacturer or distributor determines that such dealer's rates charged to customers for nonwarranty work are less than the rates currently being paid by the manufacturer or distributor to such dealer for warranty work. The manufacturer or distributor shall have thirty days from receiving all requested additional repair orders to rebut the new vehicle dealer's labor rate, average percentage markup rate, or both.

(iii) The additional repair orders specified in subdivision (2)(c) (i) of this section shall be:

(A) From a ninety-day period selected by the manufacturer or distributor within the most recent previous twelve-month period; and

(B) Repair orders selected by the dealer.

(iv) A request for repair orders under this subdivision (c) shall not be made within twelve months after any prior request under this subdivision (c).

(d) Nothing in this section prohibits a dealer and manufacturer or distributor from reaching an agreement on a mutually acceptable retail labor rate or average percentage markup rate.

(3) A manufacturer or distributor shall not do any of the following:

(a) Fail to perform any warranty obligation;

(b) Fail to include in written notices of factory recalls to new motor vehicle owners and dealers the expected date by which necessary parts and equipment will be available to dealers for the correction of the defects; or

(c) Fail to compensate any of the new motor vehicle dealers licensed in this state for repairs effected by the recall.

(4) A dealer's claim for warranty compensation may be denied only if:

(a) The dealer's claim is based on a nonwarranty repair;

(b) The dealer lacks documentation for the claim;

(c) The dealer fails to comply with specific substantive terms and conditions of the franchisor's warranty compensation program; or

(d) The manufacturer has a bona fide belief based on competent evidence that the dealer's claim is intentionally false, fraudulent, or misrepresented.

(5) All claims made by a new motor vehicle dealer pursuant to this section for labor and parts shall be made within six months after completing the work and shall be paid within thirty days after their approval. All claims shall be either approved or disapproved by the manufacturer or distributor within thirty days after their receipt on a proper form generally used by the manufacturer or distributor and containing the usually required information therein. Any claim not specifically disapproved in writing within thirty days after the receipt of the form shall be considered to be approved and payment shall be made within thirty days. The manufacturer has the right to audit the claims for one year after payment, except that if the manufacturer has reasonable cause to believe that a claim submitted by a dealer is intentionally false or fraudulent, the manufacturer has the right to audit the claims for four years after payment. For purposes of this subsection, reasonable cause means a bona fide belief based upon evidence that the issues of fact are such that a person of ordinary caution, prudence, and judgment could believe that a claim was intentionally false or fraudulent. As a result of an audit authorized under this subsection, the manufacturer has the right to charge back to the new motor vehicle dealer the amount of any previously paid claim after the new motor vehicle dealer has had notice and an opportunity to participate in all franchisor internal appeal processes as well as all available legal processes. The requirement to approve and pay the claim within thirty days after receipt of the claim does not preclude chargebacks for any fraudulent claim previously paid. A manufacturer may not deny a claim based solely on a dealer's incidental failure to comply with a specific

claim processing requirement, such as a clerical error that does not put into question the legitimacy of the claim. If a claim is rejected for a clerical error, the dealer may resubmit a corrected claim in a timely manner.

(6) The warranty obligations set forth in this section shall also apply to any manufacturer of a new motor vehicle transmission, engine, or rear axle that separately warrants its components to customers.

(7) This section does not apply to recreational vehicles.

Sec. 2. Original section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM411
1. On page 76, line 6, after "81-6,119," insert "81-1139.01,".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB677:
AM297 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 58. Introduced by Kauth, 31; 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; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Kyle McAcy, badge number 302, was an officer of the Nebraska State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Kyle graduated from Millard West High School and Metro Community College; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a member of the Omaha Police Department's Police Explorer Program from 2009 to 2013, attended the Nebraska State Patrol's Junior Law Cadet program in 2010 after his junior year of high school, and graduated from Nebraska State Patrol Camp 56 in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Kyle was a ten-year veteran of the Nebraska State Patrol, served in Carrier Enforcement and the Patrol Division, served as a range officer and a Crisis Negotiator, volunteered with Police Athletics for

Community Engagement (PACE) in Omaha, and represented the Nebraska State Patrol at community events to connect with the public; and

WHEREAS, Kyle passed away at the age of 31 on February 17, 2025, after a traffic incident; and

WHEREAS, because of Kyle's dedication to the Nebraska State Patrol and protecting the community, the Nebraska State Patrol will retire his badge number allowing him to forever hold badge number 302.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Kyle McAcy.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Kyle McAcy.

Laid over.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB300.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from North American Martyrs Catholic School, Lincoln; LuRae Hallstrom, Syracuse; Lori Broady, Johnson; students from Christ Lutheran School, Juniata.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator Conrad, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Nathan Kroll, Christ Place Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

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 Meyer who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Guereca, Hunt, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-fifth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 441. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM427
1 1. On page 2, line 14, after "entity" insert ", architecture scope,
2 engineered scope, or warranty requirements"; in line 20 after "a" insert
3 "single-family or two-family"; and in line 23 after "who" insert "are
4 licensed or registered by the state, city, or village and who" and strike
5 "onsite" and insert "to be virtually inspected".
6 2. On page 3, line 2, after "inspection" insert ", other than any
7 list of personnel required pursuant to subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this
8 section,".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., in Room 2022.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM203, found on page 483, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM175, found on page 494, was offered.

Senator Rountree withdrew AM103, found on page 392.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM232, found on page 494, was offered.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST6
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 63, line 4, the stricken comma has been reinstated.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
LB546
LB508
LB693

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
LB596
LB238
LB419

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
LB69
LB703
LB487

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
LB440
LB411
LB652
Note: LB652 and LR28CA will have a combined hearing.
LR28CA
LB49

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB168:
MO57
Recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

MO58
Bracket until May 1, 2025.

MO59
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 59. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

WHEREAS, United States National Marching Band Day is on March 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band started in 1985 with ninety members and that membership has grown to over two hundred; and

WHEREAS, the youngest member of the band is eighteen years old and the oldest member is June Kucera at eighty-five years old; and

WHEREAS, the band promotes Czech heritage through polka music and wearing Kroj and Czech vests and the band has played at events in Nebraska, South Dakota, and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band marches in parades, presents concerts, and plays for the enjoyment of preserving Czech heritage and music.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the dedication of the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band on United States National Marching Band Day.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Wilber-Clatonia Alumni Band.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB144.
Senator Fredrickson name added to LB253.
Senator Dungan name added to LB256.
Senator Andersen name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Joe Miller, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bosn, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY - MARCH 4, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-SEVENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 4, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Bosn.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dungan, Hansen, Hunt, Ibach, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-sixth day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Kauth - LB89

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senators Hallstrom, Raybould, and Sanders have filed Potential Conflict of Interest Statements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statements are on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR52 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR52.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Committee AM232, found on page 494, and considered on page 645, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 3 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment:
FA27
Strike "ten" and replace it with "six" on page 2, lines 24 and 28, and strike "five" and replace it with "one" on page 5, line 28 so that it reads "one thousand gallons".

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

The Raybould amendment lost with 12 ayes, 30 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO60
Reconsider the vote taken on FA27.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Raybould amendment, FA27, found in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The Raybould amendment lost with 10 ayes, 33 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST5
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 "public health; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require certain criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to change requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST7
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 4, line 5, "(5)(b)" has been struck and "(5)(c)(i)" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
LB599 (reschedule)
LB523
LB524
LB711

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 504, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 60. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

WHEREAS, March 4, 2025, is recognized as Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Day; and

WHEREAS, Theatre education and the Nebraska Thespians organization are both active in more than forty-four junior and senior high schools in the state of Nebraska and serve over eight hundred Nebraska students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Thespians is a nationally recognized theatre program that has awarded over ten thousand dollars in college scholarships to Nebraska theatre students; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska theatre students and teachers of Nebraska high schools have been nationally recognized for their excellence in theatre education, performance, advocacy, and production; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska high school theatre productions contribute positively to the Nebraska economy, creating tens of thousands of dollars in ticket sales and other theatrical purchases; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the effort it takes for students, parents, and teachers to organize such great productions.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes March 4, 2025, as Celebrate Theatre in Our Schools Day in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature encourages all people to take time to celebrate the history, educational value, and impact of theatre and its contributions to our students, parents, teachers, and the State of Nebraska.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM87, found on page 494, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 178. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM199, found on page 494, was offered.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 6 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 1 nay, and 19 not voting.

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial with 9 ayes, 26 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER19
1 1. On page 1, line 4, after "require" insert "that".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER21 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB135:
AM477
1 1. On page 11, line 18, after "election" insert "unless the school
2 district's student enrollment as defined in section 79-3402 has grown by
3 an average of at least three percent and by at least one hundred fifty
4 students over the preceding three years".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB13:
AM516

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM249)
1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike "July" and insert "August".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
LB582
LR13CA
LB566
LB152

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Rountree name added to LR58.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Andersen name withdrawn from LB285.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nebraska Thespians; students from Emerson Elementary, Columbus; members of American Foundation of Suicide Prevention-Nebraska Chapter; students from Howard Elementary, Fremont; NSEA-Retired members; members of the Wilber-Claytonia Alumni Marching Band; members of Cause Collective.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Christi Keim, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 5, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Andersen, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Hansen, Hughes, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-seventh day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
LB169
LB170
LB171
LB151
Note: LB169 and LB170 will be heard in a combined hearing.

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
LB547
LB107
LB28
LB30

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Health and Human Services - LB376

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR53 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR53.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Senator Conrad offered the M. Cavanaugh motion, MO59, found on page 646, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f) .

Senator Hardin opened on his bill, LB168.

Senator Conrad opened on the M. Cavanaugh motion, MO59.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 0 ayes, 37 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM225, found on page 497, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 61. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4.

WHEREAS, the Adams Central Cheer Team won the 2025 Class C-1 Traditional Performance Championship at the Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Adams Central Patriots scored seventy-seven points on their performance; and

WHEREAS, Coach Jessica Hallett and Assistant Coach Mya Engel provided the team leadership and guidance to excel at the state competition; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of the Adams Central Cheer Team, which includes Hannah Fiala, Kennedy Montague, Brooke Baker, Alivia Gerloff, Brianna Loya, Ryann King, Kiera Kort, Catherine Lehn, Yarethzi Lom, Allison Saathoff, Kayden Sipp, Emilia Uhrmacher, Hadley Hallett, Alyssa Janzen, Sarah Lauder, Kingzlee Osborne, Addysen Simmons, Aubrey Vontz, and Juliana Lehn for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Adams Central Cheer Team and Coach Jessica Hallett.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM249, found on page 507, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered AM516, found on page 654, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Arch - LB298
Raybould - LB258

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER23
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "notices" in line 4 through
2 "tenants" in line 5 and insert "delivery of notices and documents".
3 2. On page 4, line 21, strike "Such person" and insert "From".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER22
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 11
2 and insert "real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703,
3 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised
4 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to
5 affidavits for covered real estate; to define and redefine terms under
6 the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to change provisions
7 of such act relating to foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases,
8 railroads, public utilities, common carriers, municipalities,
9 manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and
10 violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to harmonize provisions; to
11 provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER20
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "amend" in line 1 through line
2 10 and insert "eliminate provisions relating to grain inspections, the
3 Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, and labeling
4 requirements for honey; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814,
5 and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Committee AM249, found on page 507 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed AM516, found on page 654, and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 35 ayes, 11 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 40 ayes, 5 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered AM34, found on page 347.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick
Ballard	Clouse	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Brandt	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Meyer	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 14:

Andersen	Hardin	Lonowski	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Kauth	McKeon	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Hansen	Lippincott	Moser	Storm	

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Jacobson	Sanders
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Riepe	Storer

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 14 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB630:

AM529 is available in the Bill Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Executive Board - LR25CA

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Drew D Gonshorowski - Health Information Technology Board
Kay Crabtree - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
John Culver - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Valerie Hitz - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Richard McCowin - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Julie Ann Mruz - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
LB367 (Notice of Hearing for LB367 can be found on page 565.)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Brett Lindau - State Board of Health
Kenneth Tusha - State Board of Health
Patricia Kucera - State Board of Health
Kimberly Stuhmer - State Board of Health
Staci Hubert - State Board of Health
J Paul Cook - State Board of Health
Mark Bertch - State Board of Health
Jeffrey D Harrison - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Cherlyn Hunt - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Rebecca Schroeder - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Roger Wells - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Diva Wilson - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 62. Introduced by Sanders, 45; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Holdcroft, 36; Rountree, 3.

WHEREAS, Herman Colvin was born November 10, 1949, enlisted in the United States Air Force, and moved to Nebraska where he served with the 544th Intelligence Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Colvin served honorably for four years in the United States Air Force and went on to earn a degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Colvin started his career in public education and in 2014, he became a dean at Bellevue West High School; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, Colvin expanded his community service by joining the Offutt Advisory Council and served as co-commander of the 557th Weather Wing; and

WHEREAS, Colvin made a significant impact on the Omaha Metro area by serving on the Bellevue Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Colvin aided in the creation of the annual Bellevue Rocks, Olde Towne Trick or Treat, and Christmas Drive events; and

WHEREAS, Colvin also served on the boards of the Nebraska Greats Foundation, Omaha Home for Boys, Omaha Public Schools Foundation, and Westside State Bank; and

WHEREAS, Colvin was a dedicated advocate for improving the quality of life for the military, fostering stronger ties between the military and local community, and making the Bellevue community a more inviting place for years to come; and

WHEREAS, Herman Colvin passed away on February 24, 2025, at the age of seventy-five.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and community of Herman Colvin.

2. That the Legislature sends a copy of this resolution to the family of Herman Colvin.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 63. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

WHEREAS, the Summit League basketball program is composed of nine schools with organization membership spread around the central United States; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team ended the regular Summit League season with a triumph over the Oral Roberts University Golden Eagles on March 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the 80-57 victory cemented the Mavericks's place as regular season champions of the Summit League and secured the number one seed heading into the conference championship; and

WHEREAS, the head coach of the Mavericks is Chris Crutchfield and the captains are Marquel Sutton, Tony Osburn, and Lance Waddles; and

WHEREAS, the hard work, dedication, commitment, passion, and care for their fellow teammates is the root of the Mavericks's success; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team on their Summit League success.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mavericks and Head Coach Chris Crutchfield.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dungan name added to LB215.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:51 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

THIRTY-NINTH DAY - MARCH 6, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 6, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Richard Snow, Nebraska District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Seward.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clements.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-eighth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Cherlyn Hunt - Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 293, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Lippincott - LB3
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB295

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 5, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Edwards Westerhold Moore
  Vapor Technology Association
Gutierrez, Carlos I.
  Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Kurtenbach, James M
  American Free Enterprise Chamber of Commerce
Levy, David C.
  Baird Holm LLP
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
  Cheer Athletics Omaha
Reid, Willis
  Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Richters, Rebecca S.
  ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/02/2025)
Silke, Vanessa
  Baird Holm LLP
Synhorst, Robert
  Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
Wilkinson, Stuart
  SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks
Winchell, Andrew

Betr Holdings, Inc.
Zetzsche, Hannes
Baird Holm LLP

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 420. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM386
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 24-703 (1) Each original member shall contribute monthly four
6 percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum
7 benefit as limited in subsection (1) of section 24-710 has been earned.
8 It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services in
9 accordance with subsection (7) of this section to make a deduction of
10 four percent on the monthly payroll of each original member who is a
11 judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of
12 the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the
13 county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate
14 county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her
15 appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers'
16 Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to
17 the fund. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer
18 shall credit the four percent as shown on the payroll and the amounts
19 received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the
20 director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an
21 accurate record of the contributions of each judge.
22 (2)(a) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision
23 (c) of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, each future member who
24 became a member prior to July 1, 2015, and who has not elected to make
25 contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall
26 contribute monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the
27 fund until the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section
1 24-710 has been earned. After the maximum benefit as limited in
2 subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such future member
3 shall make no further contributions to the fund, except that (i) any time
4 the maximum benefit is changed, a future member who has previously earned
5 the maximum benefit as it existed prior to the change shall contribute
6 monthly six percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until
7 the maximum benefit as changed and as limited in subsection (2) of
8 section 24-710 has been earned and (ii) such future member shall continue
9 to make the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this
10 subsection.
11 (b) In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c)
12 of this subsection, beginning on July 1, 2004, a judge who became a
13 member prior to July 1, 2015, and who first serves as a judge on or after
14 July 1, 2004, or a future member who became a member prior to July 1,

2015, and who elects to make contributions and receive benefits as provided in section 24-703.03 shall contribute monthly eight percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund until the maximum benefit as limited by subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned. In addition to the contribution required under subdivision (c) of this subsection, after the maximum benefit as limited in subsection (2) of section 24-710 has been earned, such judge or future member shall contribute monthly four percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund for the remainder of his or her active service.

(c) Beginning on July 1, 2009, a member or judge described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection shall contribute monthly an additional one percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

(d) Beginning on July 1, 2015, a judge who first serves as a judge on or after such date shall contribute monthly ten percent of his or her monthly compensation to the fund.

(e) It shall be the duty of the Director of Administrative Services to make a deduction on the monthly payroll of each such future member who is a judge of the Supreme Court, a judge of the Court of Appeals, a judge of the district court, a judge of a separate juvenile court, a judge of the county court, a clerk magistrate of the county court who was an associate county judge and a member of the fund at the time of his or her appointment as a clerk magistrate, or a judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court showing the amount to be deducted and its credit to the fund. This shall be done each month. The Director of Administrative Services and the State Treasurer shall credit the amount as shown on the payroll and the amounts received from the various counties to the fund and remit the same to the director in charge of the judges retirement system who shall keep an accurate record of the contributions of each judge.

(3)(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee of six dollars through June 30, 2021, eight dollars beginning July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, nine dollars beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, ten dollars beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, eleven dollars beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and twelve dollars beginning July 1, 2025, shall be taxed as costs in each (i) civil cause of action, criminal cause of action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, and city or village ordinance violation filed in the district courts, the county courts, and the separate juvenile courts, (ii) filing in the district court of an order, award, or judgment of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court or any judge thereof pursuant to section 48-188, (iii) appeal or other proceeding filed in the Court of Appeals, and (iv) original action, appeal, or other proceeding filed in the Supreme Court. In county courts a sum shall be charged which is equal to ten percent of each fee provided by sections 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, rounded to the nearest even dollar. No judges retirement fee shall be charged for filing a report pursuant to sections 33-126.02 and 33-126.06.

(b) The fee increases described in subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not be taxed as a cost in any criminal cause of action, traffic misdemeanor or infraction, or city or village ordinance violation filed in the district court or the county court. The fee on such criminal causes of action, traffic misdemeanors or infractions, or city or village ordinance violations shall remain six dollars on and after July 1, 2021.

(c) When collected by the clerk of the district or county court, such fees shall be remitted to the State Treasurer within ten days after the close of each calendar month for credit to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges. In addition, information regarding collection of court fees shall be submitted to the director in charge of the judges retirement system by the State Court Administrator within ten days after the close of each calendar month.

(d) The board may charge a late administrative processing fee not to exceed twenty-five dollars if the information is not timely received or the money is delinquent. In addition, the board may charge a late fee of thirty-eight thousandths of one percent of the amount required to be submitted pursuant to this section for each day such amount has not been received. Such late fees shall be remitted to the director who shall promptly thereafter remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the fund.

(e) No Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges fee which is uncollectible for any reason shall be waived by a county judge as provided in section 29-2709.

(4) All expenditures from the fund shall be authorized by voucher in the manner prescribed in section 24-713. The fund shall be used for the payment of all annuities and other benefits to members and their beneficiaries and for the expenses of administration.

(5)(a) Prior to July 1, 2021:

(i) Beginning July 1, 2013, and each fiscal year thereafter, the board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost under this method shall be determined for each individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed for all members;

(ii) Beginning July 1, 2006, any existing unfunded liabilities shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period, and during each subsequent actuarial valuation through June 30, 2021, changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a thirty-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;

(iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a thirty-year period as of the actuarial valuation date; and

(iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act, there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2021, and each fiscal year thereafter:

(i) The board shall cause an annual actuarial valuation to be performed that will value the plan assets for the year and ascertain the contributions required for such fiscal year. The actuary for the board shall perform an actuarial valuation of the system on the basis of actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary, approved by the board, and kept on file with the board using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under such method, the actuarially required funding rate is equal to the normal cost rate, plus the contribution rate necessary to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost under such method shall be determined for each individual member on a level percentage of salary basis. The normal cost amount is then summed for all members;

(ii) Any changes in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability due to changes in benefits, actuarial assumptions, the asset valuation method, or actuarial gains or losses shall be measured and amortized over a twenty-five-year period beginning on the valuation date of such change;
(iii) If the unfunded actuarial accrued liability under the entry age actuarial cost method is zero or less than zero on an actuarial valuation date, then all prior unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities shall be considered fully funded and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability shall be reinitialized and amortized over a twenty-five-year period as of the actuarial valuation date; and
(iv) If the actuarially required contribution rate exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act, there shall be a supplemental appropriation sufficient to pay for the differences between the actuarially required contribution rate and the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the act.
(c) Upon the recommendation of the actuary to the board, and after the board notifies the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature, the board may combine or offset certain amortization bases to reduce future volatility of the actuarial contribution rate. Such notification to the committee shall be in writing and include, at a minimum, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or offset were not implemented, the actuary's projection of the contributions to fund the plan if the combination or offset were implemented, and the actuary's explanation of why the combination or offset is in the best interests of the plan at the proposed time.
(d) For purposes of this subsection, the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Judges Retirement Act includes (i) member contributions, (ii) state contributions pursuant to subsection (6) of this section which shall be considered as a contribution for the plan year ending the prior June 30, (iii) court fees as provided in subsection (3) of this section, and (iv) all fees pursuant to sections 25-2804, 33-103, 33-103.01, 33-106.02, 33-123, 33-124, 33-125, 33-126.02, 33-126.03, and 33-126.06, as directed to be remitted to the fund.
(6)(a) In addition to the contributions otherwise required by this section, beginning July 1, 2023, and on July 1 of each year thereafter, the state shall contribute~~or as soon thereafter as administratively possible, the State Treasurer shall transfer~~ from the General Fund to the Nebraska Retirement Fund for Judges an amount equal to five percent of the total annual compensation of all members of the retirement system except as otherwise provided in this subsection and as such rate shall be adjusted or terminated by the Legislature. No adjustment may cause the total contribution rate established in this subsection to exceed five percent. For purposes of this subsection, (i) total annual compensation is based on the total member compensation reported in the most recent annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the board pursuant to section 84-1503 and (ii) the contribution described in this subsection shall be considered as a contribution for the plan year ending the prior June 30.
(b) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is at or above one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the annual actuarial valuation report.
(c) If the state contribution rate has been adjusted to less than five percent and the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets is

below one hundred percent for two consecutive years as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report, the actuary shall assess whether the percentage of the state contribution rate should be adjusted based on projected annual actuarial valuation report results including the funded ratio, actuarial contribution, and expected revenue sources using several assumed investment return scenarios that the actuary deems to be reasonable, and shall make a recommendation to the board as part of the annual actuarial valuation report.

(d) If an annual actuarial valuation report includes a recommendation from the actuary to adjust the contribution rate as described in subdivision (b) or (c) of this subsection, the board shall provide written notice electronically to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature, to the Governor, and to the Supreme Court of such recommendation within seven business days after voting to approve an annual actuarial valuation report. The notice shall include the actuary's recommendation and analysis regarding such adjustment.

(e) Following receipt of the actuary's recommendation and analysis pursuant to this subsection, the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall determine the amount of any adjustment of the contribution rate and, if necessary, shall propose any such adjustment to the Legislature.

(7) The state or county shall pick up the member contributions required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1985, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as member contributions, shall be paid by the state or county in lieu of member contributions. The state or county shall pay these member contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The state or county shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the Judges Retirement Act in the same manner and to the extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

Sec. 2. Original section 24-703, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 461. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM426

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

2. On page 2, strike beginning with "annual" in line 18 through "value" in line 19, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "permitting such firefighter, upon retirement, to receive a payment of his or her retirement value in the form of a single lump-sum payment or in the form of one or more partial payments of such retirement value in an amount and frequency elected by the firefighter".

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Prokop filed the following amendment to LB349:

AM412 is available in the Bill Room.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to prescription drugs; to amend section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a records requirement for wholesale drug distributors; to provide for dispensing of prescription drugs through the prescription drug donation program in a state of emergency; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Guereca	Hunt	McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB21 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to adopt the Uniform Unlawful Restrictions in Land Records Act.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-6038 and 71-6039, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for employment of nurse aides in intellectual and developmental disability facilities; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources districts; to amend section 2-3224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the disbursement of funds of a district by electronic payment systems; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 60-103, 60-135.01, 60-305, 60-358.01, and 60-6,355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine the definitions of all-terrain vehicle and utility-type vehicle in the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act, the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, and the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2866.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to supervision of pharmacy technicians and pharmacist interns; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB139 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2239, 76-3207, and 76-3216, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to disciplinary actions against credential holders under the Real Property Appraiser Act and restrictions on ownership of appraisal management companies and violations by appraisal management companies under the Nebraska Appraisal Management Company Registration Act; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the practice of barbering; to amend section 71-216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change requirements for applicants taking the barber examination; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Natural Resources; to amend sections 73-101 and 73-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements relating to public lettings and biddings; to provide an exception for certain contracts under the State Procurement Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB187 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2422, 81-885.02, 81-885.13, and 81-885.24, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to written agency agreements for brokerage services and restricted acts, issuance of licenses, and unfair trade practices under the Nebraska Real Estate License Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,356, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the operation of all-terrain vehicles and utility-type vehicles between the hours of sunset and sunrise if used for snow removal as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend sections 48-628.09, 48-630, and 48-631, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a disqualification for benefits due to a labor dispute, claim determinations, and claim redeterminations; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Guereca*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB231 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to adopt the Uniform Special Deposits Act.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Law; to amend section 18-2147, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change notice provisions relating to the division of taxes; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking; to amend section 8-126, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications of the board of directors of a bank; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Lonowski*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB251 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to banking and finance; to amend sections 8-113, 8-157, 8-226, 8-305, 8-1506, 21-1725.01, 21-1728, 44-708, 45-101.04, 45-190, 45-724, 59-1715, and 76-710.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-135, 8-141, 8-143.01, 8-157.01, 8-183.04, 8-1,140, 8-318, 8-355, 8-1101, 8-1101.01, 8-1704, 8-1707, 8-2724, 8-2903, 8-3005, 8-3007, 21-17,102, 21-17,115, 59-1722, 69-2103, 69-2104, and 69-2112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and section 4A-108, Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law; to change provisions related to the use of certain words, loan limits, branch banking, securities, failing financial institutions, credit union branches, surety bonds, and interest rates for damages payable to irrigation districts; to define, redefine,

and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB296 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-303.01, 79-729, and 79-1054, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require the State Department of Education to create a centralized education records system for students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and employ registrars as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Commissioner

of Education related to issuing high school diplomas to students under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court as prescribed; to change provisions related to graduation requirements; to change provisions relating to the improvement grant program established by the State Board of Education and the authorized uses of the State Department of Education Improvement Grant Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 296, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the In the Line of Duty Dependent Education Act; to amend section 85-2303, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB357 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Racing and Gaming Commission; to amend sections 2-1203, 2-1203.01, 2-1203.02, 2-1204, 2-1223, 2-1225, 2-1244, 2-1245, 9-1101, 9-1108, 9-1203, 9-1205, 9-1206, 9-1207, 9-1208, 9-1209, and 25-21,252, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-1201, 2-1202, 2-1205, 9-1103, 9-1106, and 9-1107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the State Racing and Gaming Commission and licenses issued by the commission; to require licensure of a racetrack enclosure as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act; to rename and change provisions relating to the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racetrack Gaming Fund; to transfer funds; to eliminate the Racing and Gaming Commission's Racing Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 2-1222 and 9-1202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB362 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to 911 services; to amend sections 75-132.01, 86-124, 86-125, 86-163, 86-313, 86-429, 86-429.01, 86-432, 86-433, 86-435, 86-436, 86-437, 86-438, 86-439, 86-440, 86-440.01, 86-441, 86-441.01, 86-449.01, 86-456, 86-456.01, 86-457, 86-458, 86-459, 86-460, 86-466, 86-467, 86-468, 86-470, 86-472, 86-802, 86-903, 86-905, 86-1001, 86-1002, 86-1003, 86-1004, 86-1006, 86-1006.01, 86-1007, 86-1011, 86-1012, 86-1013, 86-1014, 86-1015, 86-1017, 86-1018, 86-1019, 86-1020, 86-1021, 86-1022, 86-1023, 86-1024, 86-1024.01, 86-1025, 86-1025.01, 86-1026, 86-1028, 86-1029, 86-1029.01, 86-1029.02, 86-1029.03, 86-1029.04, and 86-1031, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01, 75-126, 75-156, and 77-2703.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to transfer and eliminate provisions of the Emergency Telephone Communications Systems Act and the Enhanced Wireless 911 Services Act; to change provisions of the 911 Service System Act; to change provisions relating to powers and duties of the Public Service Commission, the 911 Service System Advisory Committee, the 911 Service System Fund, 911 service surcharges, duties and compensation of wireless carriers, public safety answering points, and county implementation of next-generation 911 service; to eliminate the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 86-420, 86-421, 86-422, 86-423, 86-424, 86-425, 86-426, 86-428, 86-430, 86-431, 86-434, 86-442, 86-443, 86-444, 86-445, 86-446, 86-447, 86-448, 86-449, 86-450, 86-450.01, 86-450.03, 86-451, 86-452, 86-453, 86-454, 86-455, 86-461, 86-462, 86-464, 86-465, 86-466.01, 86-469, 86-1005, 86-1008, 86-1009, 86-1010, 86-1016, and 86-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB609 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to financial transactions; to amend section 29-817, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Controllable Electronic Record Fraud Prevention Act; to require notice of potential fraud for purchasers of gift certificates and gift cards; to change provisions relating to search warrants; to provide severability; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 609, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB229

Senator Hallstrom withdrew AM303, found on page 523.

MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File

Senator Conrad moved to return LB229 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA28
Strike the enacting clause

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 54, 56, and 57 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 54, 56, and 57.

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File

Senator Conrad renewed her motion, found and considered in this day's Journal, to return LB229 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA28, found in this day's Journal.

Pending.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 6, 2025, at 11:09 a.m. were the following: LBs 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 289. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM404 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 353. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 299. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM464
1 1. On page 2, line 28, strike "or" and insert "and".
2 2. On page 3, line 22, strike "any"; in line 28 after the semicolon
3 insert "and"; in line 29, strike the semicolon and insert an underscored
4 period; and strike lines 30 and 31.
5 3. On page 4, strike lines 1 through 7; in line 8 strike "(d)" and
6 insert "(c)"; and in line 10, strike "(e)" and insert "(d)".

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM526
1 1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following
4 proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to
5 the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
6 To amend Article III, section 7:
7 III-7 At the general election to be held in November 1964, one-half
8 the members of the Legislature, or as nearly thereto as may be
9 practicable, shall be elected for a term of four years and the remainder
10 for a term of two years, and thereafter all members shall be elected for
11 a term of four years, with the manner of such election to be determined
12 by the Legislature. When the Legislature is redistricted, the members
13 elected prior to the redistricting shall continue in office, and the law
14 providing for such redistricting shall where necessary specify the newly
15 established district which they shall represent for the balance of their
16 term. Each member shall be nominated and elected in a nonpartisan manner
17 and without any indication on the ballot that he or she is affiliated

with or endorsed by any political party or organization. Until January 3, 2029, eachEach member of the Legislature shall receive a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her office. Beginning January 3, 2029, the compensation of the members of the Legislature shall be established by a nonpartisan, independent legislative compensation commission established by law. The members of the commission shall not include any current or former member of the Legislature, the spouse of any current or former member of the Legislature, any current or former employee of the Legislature, any current or former lobbyist who was registered as a lobbyist in Nebraska, any current or former judge of any court in Nebraska, any current or former statewide elected official of Nebraska, or any current or former state employee of Nebraska. In addition to such compensationhis or her salary, each member shall receive an amount equal to his or her actual expenses in traveling by the most usual route once to and returning from each regular or special session of the Legislature. Members of the Legislature shall receive no pay nor perquisites other than such compensationhis or her salary and expenses, and employees of the Legislature shall receive no compensation other than their salary or per diem.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide for a nonpartisan, independent legislative compensation commission to establish the compensation of members of the Legislature.

For

Against.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Agriculture

The Agriculture 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.

State Fair Board:
Dawn Caldwell

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 253. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 232. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM470

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

Section 1. Section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

44-502 No policy of life or endowment insurance, except policies of industrial insurance, shall be issued or delivered in this state unless it contains in substance the following provisions:

(1) A provision that all premiums shall be payable in advance either at the home office of the company or to any agent of the company upon delivery of a receipt signed by one or more of the officers who shall be named in the policy.

(2) A provision that the insured is entitled to a grace of one month within which the payment of any premium, after the first year, may be made, subject, at the option of the company, to an interest charge not in excess of six percent per annum for the number of days of grace elapsing before the payment of the premium, during which period of grace the policy shall continue in force; but in case the policy becomes a claim during the said period of grace before the overdue premium or the deferred premiums of the current policy year, if any, are paid, the amount of such premiums, with interest on any overdue premium, may be deducted from any amount payable under the policy in settlement.

(3) A provision that the policy shall constitute the entire contract between the parties; but if the company desires to make the application a part of the contract, it may do so; Provided, a copy of such application shall be endorsed upon or attached to the policy when issued, and in such case, the policy shall contain a provision that the policy and the application therefor shall constitute the entire contract between the parties.

(4) A provision that all statements made by the insured shall, in the absence of fraud, be deemed representations and not warranties, and that no such statement shall avoid the policy unless it is contained in a written application, and a copy of such application shall be endorsed upon or attached to the policy when issued.

(5) A provision that the policy shall be incontestable after it shall have been in force during the lifetime of the insured for two years from its date, except for nonpayment of premiums and except with respect to limitations of liability which may be contained in the policy relating to (a) death resulting from war or acts of war, declared or undeclared, where such limitations shall have been found by the Director of Insurance to be in keeping with the interests of the policyholders of the company and to be not unfairly discriminatory, and (b) aeronautics other than as a fare-paying passenger of a commercial airline, and flying on a regularly scheduled route between definitely established airports; and in any such cases the liability of the company may be limited by the terms of the policy to a sum not less than the reserve on the face of the policy and the reserve on any paid-up additions thereto and any dividends standing to the credit of the policy, less any indebtedness to the company on the policy; and, at the option of the company, provisions relative to benefits in the event of total and permanent disability, and provisions which grant additional insurance specifically against death by accident may be excepted from the incontestable clause; Provided, limitations with reference to aeronautics shall not be included in any policy where an extra premium is charged to cover the aeronautic risk, nor shall any such limitations extending beyond the contestable period be included in or attached to any policy where the applicant for insurance has not elected in writing to accept a policy with such limitations, and by such election has agreed to a reduced coverage for the aviation risk.

(6) A provision that if the age of the insured has been misstated, the amount payable under the policy shall be such as the premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

(7) A provision that the policy shall participate in the surplus of the company, and that, beginning not later than the end of the third policy year, the company shall annually ascertain and apportion the amount of divisible surplus to which all such policies, as a separate

class, are entitled, which amount shall be carried as a distinct and separate liability in favor of such policies. The insured, under any annual dividend policy, shall have the right each year to have the dividend arising from such participation paid in cash, and if the policy shall provide other dividend options, it shall further provide that, if the insured shall not elect any such other options, one of such dividend options provided shall become effective as provided in the policy; but such participation and its distribution may, by contract, be deferred to a fixed or specified time, not exceeding twenty years. Upon written request of the insured the company shall furnish him or her with a statement of the amount of the surplus provisionally ascertained or set aside on such policy and held awaiting distribution at the expiration of the deferred dividend period.

(8) A provision that after three full years' premiums have been paid, the company at any time, while the policy is in force, will advance, on proper assignment or pledge of the policy, and on the sole security thereof, at a specified rate of interest determined pursuant to section 44-502.03 a sum equal to, or, at the option of the owner of the policy, less than the amount required by section 44-405, under the conditions specified thereby, and that the company will deduct from such loan value any existing indebtedness on the policy, which has not otherwise entered into the computation of such loan value, together with any unpaid balance of the premium for the current policy year, and may collect interest in advance on the loan to the end of the current policy year. Interest if payable annually in advance shall not exceed an effective rate equivalent to the specified rate of interest determined pursuant to section 44-502.03. It shall be further stipulated in the policy that failure to repay any such advance, or to pay interest, shall not avoid the policy unless the total indebtedness thereon to the company shall equal or exceed such loan value at the time of such failure, nor until one month after notice shall have been mailed by the company to the last-known address of the insured and of the assignee, if any. No condition other than as provided herein, or in section 44-405, shall be exacted as prerequisite to any such advance.

(9) A provision for nonforfeiture benefits and cash surrender values in accordance with the requirements of sections 44-406 to 44-407.09.

(10) A table showing in figures the loan values, if any, and the options available under the policies each year upon default in premium payments, during at least the first twenty years of the policy.

(11) A provision that if, in the event of default in premium payments, the value of the policy shall be applied to the purchase of other insurance, and if such insurance shall be in force and the original policy shall not have been surrendered to the company and canceled, the policy may be reinstated within three years from such default, upon evidence of insurability satisfactory to the company and payment of arrears of premiums with interest and the payment or reinstatement of any other indebtedness to the company upon such policy.

(12) A provision that when a policy shall become a claim by the death of the insured, settlement shall be made upon receipt of due proof of death, or not later than two months after receipt of such proof.

(13) In case the proceeds of a policy are payable in installments, or as an annuity, a table showing the amounts of the installments or annuity payments.

(14) A title on the face of the policy correctly describing the same. Any of the foregoing provisions or portions of this section not applicable by reason of the plan of insurance may, to the extent of inapplicability, be omitted from the policy. Any such policy may be issued or delivered in this state which in the opinion of the Department of Insurance contains provisions on any one or more of the several foregoing requirements more favorable to the policyholder than

hereinbefore required.
(15)(a) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after January 1, 2026, a provision that, at least fifteen days prior to termination or lapse by reason of default in payment of any premium due on such policy, a notice will be sent electronically or mailed to the last-known address of the owner and any assignee on record with the company.
(b) For policies issued or delivered in this state on or after January 1, 2026, an assignee shall have the same legal standing as the owner with respect to subdivision (15)(a) of this section.
Sec. 2. Original section 44-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB599:
AM484
1. Strike the original section and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.
Sec. 2. For purposes of the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act:
(1) Consortium means a group of schools joined together for purposes of receiving funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act for use in purchasing and providing cybersecurity products and services for such schools that is facilitated by an educational service unit;
(2) Coordinating council means the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council;
(3) Cybersecurity framework means a structured set of guidelines or standards that are used by governing boards to identify, assess, and manage such governing board's readiness for cybersecurity threats;
(4) Cybersecurity implementation team means a dedicated team of individuals that assists participating governing boards with the identification of cybersecurity needs and implementation of cybersecurity tools and that acts as a resource for cybersecurity-related issues;
(5) Department means the State Department of Education;
(6) Digital citizenship means the ability to use technology responsibly, safely, and respectfully;
(7) Governing board means the school board of a school district, the governing board of a private, denominational, or parochial school, or the board of directors of an educational service unit; and
(8) School means a school district or an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades.
Sec. 3. (1) The department shall, in coordination with the coordinating council, develop a program to provide funding for the purchase of cybersecurity products and services for use in schools and educational service units. Such program shall include:
(a) The process of application by and requirements for governing boards to obtain funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act and deadlines for meeting the requirements to receive funding under the act;
(b) The creation of distribution methods and requirements relating to the process by which the department distributes funding under the act,

including (i) the calculation of funding for each school and educational service unit pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(i) of this section and (ii) how a school or educational service unit receives or has access to funding under the act, which may include via a consortium as provided in subdivision (1)(c) of this section or otherwise, as provided in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination with the coordinating council;

(c) The creation of consortiums for access to funding under the act, including, but not limited to, the eligibility for a governing board to join a consortium and the process required for a governing board to join a consortium. The program created pursuant to this section shall allow for the creation of as many consortiums as are necessary to facilitate compliance with the act;

(d) The requirement that governing boards complete an annual cybersecurity readiness assessment as provided in section 4 of this act; and

(e) The creation, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Information Officer, of a list of approved cybersecurity products and services in a tiered system that may be purchased with funding provided pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

(2)(a) A governing board shall be eligible for funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act for use on approved cybersecurity products and services in an amount calculated by the department pursuant to subdivision (b) of this subsection if such governing board (i) submits evidence that such governing board has completed the annual cybersecurity readiness assessment as provided in section 4 of this act, (ii) submits evidence that such governing board has adopted a cybersecurity policy and cybersecurity framework consistent with the model policy and framework developed by the State Board of Education pursuant to section 4 of this act, and (iii) provides any other additional information that the department may require.

(b)(i) The department, in coordination with the coordinating council, shall annually calculate the amount of funding each governing board that meets the eligibility requirements of subdivision (2)(a) of this section may receive or have access to pursuant to the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department in coordination with the coordinating council.

(ii) It is the intent of the Legislature to provide funding pursuant to this section from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund. The funding available pursuant to this section shall not exceed four million four hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 4. (1)(a) The State Board of Education shall, in consultation with the coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information Officer, develop a model cybersecurity policy and cybersecurity framework based on best practices for cybersecurity in schools.

(b) Each governing board shall adopt a policy consistent with the model policy and framework developed pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection in order to be eligible to receive funding pursuant to the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

(2) The coordinating council shall purchase or develop a cybersecurity readiness assessment for use by schools and educational service units to determine the school's tier placement in the cybersecurity framework and eligibility for funding under the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

(3) Each governing board shall annually complete the cybersecurity readiness assessment to be eligible for funding under the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act. Such assessment shall be provided at no cost to each school.

Sec. 5. (1) The coordinating council shall establish and employ a cybersecurity implementation team to prepare schools on cybersecurity matters and assist educational service units and schools with cybersecurity needs. Such team shall consist of ten individuals and shall include:

(a) One director to oversee statewide operations for kindergarten though twelfth grade cybersecurity issues; and

(b) Nine regional cybersecurity specialists geographically located to support educational service units and schools with cybersecurity needs.

(2) The coordinating council shall assign specialists based on the need of schools.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that two million dollars from the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund be used to pay for the employment and work of the cybersecurity implementation team.

Sec. 6. (1) The State Board of Education shall adopt digital citizenship standards for schools and include such standards within relevant content area standards as appropriate and applicable.

(2) The State Board of Education, in consultation with the coordinating council, shall develop and maintain a digital citizenship curriculum for students and training materials for teachers and parents. Such curriculum and training materials may be provided to each school at no cost.

(3) Educational service units shall annually create digital citizenship training for teachers. Each school shall provide an opportunity for parents of students in attendance at such school to have access to or take such training annually.

Sec. 7. (1) The department shall, in consultation with the coordinating council and the Office of the Chief Information Officer, develop a pipeline for technology careers program. Such program shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Creating academic pathways beginning in high school to encourage students to continue to pursue (i) technology education in postsecondary educational institutions and (ii) technology careers;

(b) Providing for internships with companies or schools in Nebraska to allow students in the pipeline for technology careers program to gain cybersecurity industry experience;

(c) Providing financial incentives for students enrolled in the pipeline for technology careers program to commit to work in Nebraska, particularly rural areas of the state, for a set number of years following graduation from a postsecondary educational institution with a degree in the cybersecurity field; and

(d) The development of a method to evaluate the success of the pipeline for technology careers program, including, but not limited to, examining graduation rates of individuals in the program and technology job creation in Nebraska.

(2) The State Board of Education shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the pipeline for technology careers program, including, but not limited to, (a) academic requirements for participation in the program and (b) a prioritization metric for students who commit to serve in rural Nebraska upon completion of the program.

Sec. 8. (1) The Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the department and shall be used to carry out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act. Any money in the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer ten million dollars for fiscal year 2025-26, and each fiscal year thereafter, from

the General Fund to the Cybersecurity Education Resources Fund to carry out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

Sec. 9. The State Board of Education and the coordinating council may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

Sec. 10. Section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:

(1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education courses;

(2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating educational entities;

(3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education courses;

(4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be purchased by educational entities;

(5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of distance education services;

(6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by the State Department of Education related to distance education;

(7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology available or the course provider;

(8) Administration of learning management systems, either through the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational entity, with the funding for such systems provided by participating educational entities; ~~and~~

(9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the offering of graduate credit courses in distance education; and~~.~~

(10) Coordination with the State Board of Education, State Department of Education, Office of the Chief Information Officer, and educational service units in implementing the Holistic Approach to Cybersecurity for K-12 Education Resources Act.

Sec. 11. Original section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB434:

AM494

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

Section 1. Section 28-1239.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1239.01 (1) No person shall conduct a public exhibition or display of display fireworks without first procuring a display permit from the State Fire Marshal. Such application for a display permit shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred~~ten~~ dollars to be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~deposited in~~ the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.

(2) No display fireworks shall be sold or delivered by a licensed distributor to any person who is not in possession of an approved display permit. Sales of display fireworks to persons without an approved display permit shall be subject to sections 28-1213 to 28-1239.

Sec. 2. Section 28-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1246 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hold for sale, or offer for sale as a distributor, jobber, or retailer any fireworks in this state unless such person has first obtained a license as a distributor, jobber, or retailer. Application for each such license shall be made to the State Fire Marshal on forms prescribed by him or her. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall be one thousand~~five hundred~~ dollars for a distributor's license, four~~two~~ hundred dollars for a jobber's license, and one hundred~~twenty-five~~ dollars for a retailer's license. Each application for a retailer's license shall be received by the State Fire Marshal at least ten business days prior to the sales period, as set forth in section 28-1249, in which the retailer wishes to sell consumer fireworks. A retailer's license shall be good only for the specific sales period listed on the application and within the calendar year in which issued. The retailer's license shall at all times be displayed at the place of business of the holder thereof.

(2) The funds received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.

Sec. 3. Section 28-1251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1251 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, association, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to conduct fire alarm tests and fire alarm inspections without prior written certification by the State Fire Marshal as to the qualifications of such persons conducting such tests and inspections.

(2) The State Fire Marshal shall formulate reasonable guidelines to determine qualifications for fire alarm inspectors and shall administer an examination pursuant to such guidelines prior to certification of applicants.

(3) The State Fire Marshal may charge a fee of no more than two~~one~~ hundred dollars to cover costs of administering such examinations and issuing certifications.

(4) Unlawful testing or inspection of fire alarms is a Class III misdemeanor.

Sec. 4. Section 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-503.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations constituting a State Fire Code. At a minimum, the State Fire Code shall cover:

(a) The prevention of fires;

(b) The storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles, and fireworks;

(c) Electrical wiring and heating, protection equipment devices, materials, furnishings, and other safeguards within structures necessary to promote safety and reduce loss by fire;

(d) The means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, in assembly, educational, institutional, residential, mercantile, office, storage, and industrial-type occupancies as such structures are defined in the State Fire Code;

(e) All other buildings, structures, and enclosures in which numbers of persons congregate from time to time for any purpose, whether privately or publicly owned;

(f) Design, construction, location, installation, and operation of equipment for storing, handling, and utilization of liquefied petroleum gases, specifying the odorization of such gases and the degree thereof;

(g) Chemicals, prozylin plastics, X-ray nitrocellulose films, or any other hazardous material that may now or hereafter exist;

(h) Tanks used for the storage of regulated substances pursuant to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act; and

(i) Accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to section 81-5,147.

(2) Not later than July 1, 2019, the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall conform generally to the standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 1, known as the Fire Code, 2012 edition, the National Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 101, known as the Life Safety Code, 2012 edition, and associated pamphlets, but not when doing so would impose an unduly severe or costly burden without substantially contributing to the safety of persons or property.

(3) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the State Fire Code through inspections, code compliance, and orders. Plans for compliance with the State Fire Code shall be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Plans submitted after remodeling or construction has begun shall be accompanied by a late submittal penalty of an amount equal to an additional fifty percent of the~~fifty dollars in addition to the~~ plan review fee established pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-505.01.

(4) Rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall apply to sites or structures in public ownership listed on the National Register of Historic Places but without destroying the historic quality thereof.

Sec. 5. Section 81-505.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-505.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and assess fees not to exceed the actual costs for the performance of services by the State Fire Marshal or by qualified local fire prevention personnel to whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated authority to perform such services. Prior to establishing or altering such fees, the State Fire Marshal shall hold a public hearing on the question of the adoption of or change in fees. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least thirty days prior thereto (a) by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the state and (b) by notifying in writing the head of any agency or department having jurisdiction over facilities that would be subject to the fees. Fees for services performed by the State Fire Marshal shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal and shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund. Fees for services performed by local fire prevention personnel shall be paid directly to the office of the local fire prevention personnel.

(2) The fee for inspection for fire safety of any premises or facility pursuant to section 81-502 or 81-503.01 shall be not less than fifty~~twenty-five~~ nor more than three hundred~~one hundred fifty~~ dollars and shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fee for inspection for fire safety of the same premises or facility made within twelve months after the last prior inspection shall be not less than fifty~~twenty-five~~ nor more than three~~one~~ hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars and shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fees for inspection for fire safety of foster family homes as defined in section 71-1901 may be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(3) The fee for providing investigation reports to insurance companies shall not exceed three dollars for each report provided. The State Fire Marshal may charge an amount not to exceed the actual cost of preparation for any other approved information release.

(4)(a) The State Fire Marshal shall charge a fee for reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to section 81-503.01 or 81-5,147. The State Fire Marshal shall establish such fee in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated to be effective on September 1, 2025~~January 1, 2022~~. Such fee shall meet the costs of administering the plan review requirement and other agency duties found in sections 81-502, 81-503.01, and 81-5,147 but shall not exceed ten thousand~~five hundred~~

dollars. The fee schedule as it existed prior to September 1, 2025~~August 28, 2021~~, shall be used through August 31, 2025~~December 31, 2021~~.

(b) The fees established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not be assessed or collected by any political subdivision to which the State Fire Marshal has delegated the authority to conduct such review and which reviews plans, blueprints, or shop drawings to determine compliance with such political subdivision's own fire safety regulations. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit such political subdivision from assessing or collecting a fee set by its governing board for such review.

(c) An additional fee equal to fifty percent of the fee charged pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be assessed for reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with the accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to section 81-5,147, except that the additional fee assessed pursuant to this subdivision shall not exceed five thousand~~two hundred fifty~~ dollars.

Sec. 6. Section 81-5,159, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-5,159 (1) Any water-based fire protection system contractor who installs, repairs, alters, adds to, maintains, or inspects water-based fire protection systems in this state shall first obtain a contractor certificate.

(2) A water-based fire protection system contractor may apply to the State Fire Marshal for a contractor certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall include a certificate fee of up to two~~one~~ hundred dollars. Each applicant must designate a responsible managing employee on the application, and such individual's name shall appear on the certificate with that of the water-based fire protection system contractor upon issuance. Proof of insurance required by section 81-5,160 shall also accompany the application.

(3) Upon receipt of a complete application, proof of insurance, and certificate fee, the State Fire Marshal shall schedule a time for an examination of the responsible managing employee to demonstrate that he or she is familiar with the procedures and rules of the State Fire Marshal relating to water-based fire protection systems. If the responsible managing employee passes the examination, the State Fire Marshal shall issue the certificate to the water-based fire protection system contractor within thirty days.

(4) A certificate shall expire on September 30 of the year following issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed at least ten days prior to expiration and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of up to two~~one~~ hundred dollars and a sworn affidavit that the responsible managing employee is currently employed by the water-based fire protection system contractor. A water-based fire protection system contractor who fails to apply for renewal within the time stated in this subsection must make a new application for a certificate.

(5) A responsible managing employee may only act as such for one water-based fire protection system contractor at a time. When a responsible managing employee terminates his or her association with a water-based fire protection system contractor, the water-based fire protection system contractor shall notify the State Fire Marshal within thirty days after termination. The responsible managing employee shall not be designated as the responsible managing employee for more than two water-based fire protection system contractors in any twelve-month period. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke the certificate of a water-based fire protection system contractor whose responsible managing employee has terminated his or her association with the water-based fire protection system contractor unless an application designating a new responsible managing employee is filed within six months after termination or prior to expiration of the current certificate, whichever

is earlier.

Sec. 7. Section 81-15,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ten~~five~~ dollars and shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank so registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall specify the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank to be registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Environment and Energy to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the provision of matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions otherwise authorized by the act. Any money in such fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 8. Section 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-15,121 (1) A person shall not (a) maintain or use any tank for the storage of regulated substances, (b) install any new tank, or (c) permanently close a tank without first securing a permit from the State Fire Marshal.

(2) A fee shall not be charged for a permit under subdivision (1)(a) or (c) of this section. The fee for a permit for installation shall be seventy-five~~fifty~~ dollars. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.

(3) All owners of operating tanks, except those provided for in subsection (4) of this section, shall annually register each tank. All registration permits shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the permit was issued. The registration fee shall be no more than sixty~~thirty~~ dollars per tank. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund. Such permits shall contain the information specified in subsection (5) of this section.

(4) In the case of tanks permanently abandoned on or after January 1, 1974, an annual permit shall not be required and an initial registration permit shall be sufficient.

(5) The application for a registration permit shall be provided by and filed with the State Fire Marshal's office and shall require, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) The date the tank was placed in or taken out of operation;

(b) The age of the tank;

(c) The size, type, and location of the tank; and

(d) The type of substances stored in the tank and the quantity of such substances remaining in the tank if the tank has been permanently closed.

(6) The registration permit fee collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~deposited in~~ the Underground Storage Tank Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the state. The fund shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the

Underground Storage Tank Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 9. Original sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01, 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Clouse - LB322

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 64. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Burwell High School boys wrestling team secured the Class D Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's victory was secured by medalists Brody Jensen at 113 pounds, Drew Dawe at 132 pounds, Austin Mayfield at 138 pounds, Trentin Brown at 157 pounds, and Cale Buss at 190 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Burwell's community welcomed their champions home by having the Burwell Fire Department escort the team to the town square to celebrate; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of Burwell's wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class D State Wrestling Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Burwell Public Schools.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 65. Introduced by Conrad, 46; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was editor of the Lincoln Journal Star newspaper for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also spent time as a reporter, copy editor, or editor with newspapers in Ashland, Ohio; Ottumwa, Iowa; Decatur, Illinois; Bismarck, North Dakota; and St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy also served several terms as president of Media of Nebraska; advocated for the First Amendment rights of freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and press access during committee hearings of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy used his platform to inform and entertain readers about his journey with cancer, using his characteristic wit and humility; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was recognized by Lee Enterprises "for his remarkable courage and uplifting positive attitude while battling not one, but two, cancer diagnoses" during his lifetime and received the Lee President's Award for Exceptional Spirit by maintaining his sense of humor and steadfast commitment to the newsroom in Lincoln during his eight-year battle with bile duct cancer; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy passed away on February 23, 2025, at the age of fifty-seven; and

WHEREAS, Dave Bundy was a devoted husband and loving father of four, and a cherished friend whose wisdom, patience, laughter, and grace will be dearly missed.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Dave Bundy for his service to Nebraska journalism.

2. That the Legislature expresses and extends its sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Dave Bundy.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Dave Bundy.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Sanders name added to LB198.
Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR63.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Lori Broady, Johnson; Daniel Gossman, Johnson; Jeremy Hubel, Fullerton; members of Nebraska State AFL-CIO; students from Lincoln Christian School, Lincoln; Renee Pickerel, Lincoln; Barb Bratt, Lincoln; students from Twin Ridge Elementary, Bellevue.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jeffrey Wallman, Geneva.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Tom Starkjohn, Louisville Evangelical Free Church, Louisville.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Fredrickson, Guereca, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-ninth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
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 Oil and Gas Conservation Commission:
Steve Mattoon

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

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 58 and 59 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 58 and 59.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Agriculture - LB245

MOTION(S) - Return LB229 to Select File

Senator Conrad renewed her motion, found and considered on page 689, to return LB229 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA28, found on page 689.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following motion:
MO61
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Hallstrom motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 15 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Conrad motion to return to Select File failed with 11 ayes, 34 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Conrad amendment, FA28, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB229 with 45 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide that employment does not include service by a marketplace network contractor for a marketplace network platform; to define terms; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 377. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 396. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST9

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

1. On page 1, line 2, "update references" has been struck and "adopt updated standards" inserted; and in line 3 "spark ignition engine fuels" has been struck and "spark-ignition engine fuel" inserted.

2. On page 2, lines 10 and 17, "spark ignition" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "spark-ignition" inserted; and in lines 10 and 18 "fuels" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "fuel" inserted.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM549 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 212. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM319

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

Section 1. Section 77-4004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-4004 (1) First owner shall mean any person:

(a)~~(1)~~ Engaged in the business of selling tobacco products in this state who brings or causes to be brought into this state from outside this state any tobacco products for sale in this state, including a retailer who purchases directly from suppliers outside this state who are not licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 77-4009;

(b)~~(2)~~ Who makes, manufactures, or fabricates tobacco products in this state for sale in this state; ~~or~~

(c)~~(3)~~ Engaged in business outside this state who ships or transports tobacco products to retailers in this state and who becomes licensed pursuant to subsection (2) of section 77-4009; or~~.~~

(d) Who is a remote retail seller.

(2) For purposes of this section, remote retail seller means a

retail seller that:
(a) Is located outside this state;
(b) Sells cigars, cheroots, or stogies directly to consumers within this state; and
(c) For purposes of sales and use taxes imposed under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967, is engaged in business in this state as defined in section 77-2701.13.

Sec. 2. Original section 77-4004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM501 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM307

1. On page 21, after line 20 insert the following new subsection:
"(6) Loans made by financial institutions that are serviced by or purchased by a licensee shall not be subject to the interest rate limitations of the Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act.".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB237
LB218
LB672
LB615

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
LR33
LB243

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
Duane Kime - Board of Educational Lands and Funds
LB605
LB671
LB681
LB680

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
Lisa Roskens - Game and Parks Commission

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB682:
AM566
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 49-1493, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
49-1493 The individuals listed in subdivisions (1) through (14)~~(13)~~ of this section shall file with the commission a statement of financial interests as provided in sections 49-1496 and 49-1497 for the preceding calendar year on or before March 1 of each year in which such individual holds such a position. An individual who leaves office shall, within thirty days after leaving office, file a statement covering the period since the previous statement was filed. Disclosure of the interest named in sections 49-1496 to 49-1498 shall be made by:
(1) An individual holding a state executive office as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of Nebraska, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Tax Commissioner, and heads of such other executive departments as set forth in the Constitution or as may be established by law;
(2) An individual holding the office of Commissioner of Education, member of the State Board of Education, member of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska with the exception of student members, or member of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education;
(3) A member of the Board of Parole;
(4) A member of the Public Service Commission;
(5) A member of the Legislature;
(6) A member of the board of directors or an officer of a district organized under the provisions of Chapter 70;
(7) A member of any board or commission of the state or any county which examines or licenses a business or which determines rates for or otherwise regulates a business;
(8) A member of a land-use planning commission, zoning commission, or authority of the state or any county with a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants;
(9) An elected official of a city of the primary or metropolitan class;

(10) An elected county official;
(11) A member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board;
(12) An individual employed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the position of Head Football Coach, Men's Basketball Coach, or Women's Basketball Coach; ~~and~~
(13) An official or employee of the state designated by rules and regulations of the commission who is responsible for taking or recommending official action of a nonministerial nature with regard to:
(a) Contracting or procurement;
(b) Administering or monitoring grants or subsidies;
(c) Land-use planning or zoning;
(d) Inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing any person; or
(e) Any similar action; and~~.~~
(14) An individual employed by a school board as a superintendent for a school district.

Sec. 2. (1) Any contract for employment as a superintendent of a school district entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall include a provision prohibiting the superintendent from receiving employment income other than such individual's employment income from the school district for employment as the superintendent and any income specifically stipulated in the contract during such contract term.
(2) For purposes of this section:
(a) Employment income means income paid or otherwise provided to an employee by an employer in the education field resulting from the employer-employee relationship or income resulting from a contract as an independent contractor for certain contracted education-related work, such as (i) work on any education-related foundation, board, commission, or similar entity or (ii) consulting or advising on education-related matters; and
(b) Employment income does not include income arising from (i) an employer-employee relationship if such employer is not engaged in the education field, (ii) a contract as an independent contractor for non-education-related work, (iii) a farming and ranching operation, (iv) leasing real estate, (v) stocks, bonds, or other investments, or (vi) any other source as specifically stipulated in the contract for employment as a superintendent.

Sec. 3. Section 79-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-566 The board of education of a Class IV school district shall at a regular meeting elect from outside its own members a superintendent, an associate superintendent of instruction, an associate superintendent of business affairs, a school district treasurer, and the number of employees the board of education may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the school district at such salaries as the board of education may determine. The board may contract with them for terms not to exceed three years. A contract for employment as a superintendent shall comply with section 2 of this act. The election of all officers of the board of education and all elections for filling vacancies on the board of education shall be by ballot. No person shall be declared elected unless he or she receives the vote of a majority of all the members of the board of education.

Sec. 4. Section 79-567, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-567 The members of the board of education of a Class V school district, at their regular meeting in January each year, shall elect a president and vice president from their own members, who shall serve for terms of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of the board of education may also select from outside their own members one superintendent of public schools, one secretary, one treasurer, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary for the administration of the affairs of the school district, at such salary

as the board may deem just, and in their discretion they may enter into contracts with such officers for terms of not to exceed three years. A contract for employment as a superintendent shall comply with section 2 of this act. The board shall have the power to elect its president and vice president and to select its officers and employees in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

Sec. 5. Section 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-594 The school board in a Class I, II, III, or IV school district may also elect at any regular meeting one superintendent of public instruction with such salary as the board deems best and may enter into contract with him or her at its discretion, for a term not to exceed three years. Such contract shall comply with section 2 of this act.

Sec. 6. Original sections 49-1493, 79-566, 79-567, and 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Rountree - LB319

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB229.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 5 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 10, 2025, at 11:35 a.m. was the following: LB229.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman

Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER24
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "cash" in line 1 through line 7
2 and insert "the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend sections
3 77-3001, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3003.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to
5 certain licenses; and to repeal the original sections.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB652:
AM149
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 section:
3 Section 1. (1) If a constitutional amendment is adopted by the
4 voters at the general election in November 2026 to require the sale of
5 school lands and the investment of the funds received from such sales for
6 the support of the common schools, then the following shall apply:
7 (a) The Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall terminate on July
8 1, 2027;
9 (b) On July 1, 2027, the Department of Administrative Services shall
10 assume control of all school lands that had been under the general
11 management and control of the board immediately prior to the board's
12 termination. The department shall sell such lands as the leases for the
13 lands expire. The person who was leasing the land most recently shall
14 have the right of first refusal to purchase the land. If such person does
15 not purchase the land, the department shall sell the land at public
16 auction. The proceeds of the sales of such lands shall be remitted to the
17 State Treasurer for credit to the permanent school fund; and
18 (c) Any funds placed into the temporary school fund by the board
19 that remain in such fund on July 1, 2027, shall be distributed to the
20 school districts of the state in accordance with section 79-1035.02.
21 (2) For purposes of this section:
22 (a) Permanent school fund means the fund described in section
23 79-1035.01;
24 (b) School lands means those lands owned or acquired by the state in
25 trust for the support of its common schools; and
26 (c) Temporary school fund means the fund described in section
27 79-1035.02.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LR28CA:

AM295 is available in the Bill Room.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025
LB551
LB552
LB149
Note: LBs 149 and 430 will have a combined hearing.
LB430
LB682
AM566 Amending LB682
Note: LB 682 and AM566 will have a combined hearing.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 66. Introduced by Bostar, 29; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, Patrica "Pat" Lopez, public health director, advocate, wife, mother, and nana passed away on March 2, 2025, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born on May 8, 1952, in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Pat graduated from Marian High School in Omaha, received a nursing degree from Mount Marty University in Yankton, South Dakota, and earned a master's degree in public health nursing and administration from the University of Nebraska Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, Pat joined the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department in 1975 as a public health nurse, dedicating nearly fifty years to improving the health and well-being of our state, city, and county residents, with a special emphasis on those most vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, Pat used her vast public health knowledge and experience to enhance the quality of local health departments across the country by guiding them through the national accreditation process; and

WHEREAS, Pat worked tirelessly with Senator Jim Jensen and Senator Dennis Byars in 2001 to create a statewide local health department system that remains today; and

WHEREAS, Pat was a fierce advocate and supporter of public health, local public health departments, public health staff, and public health infrastructure in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature offers its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Pat Lopez.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Pat Lopez.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Bostar name added to LB256.
Senator Clements name added to LR21.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Lindsay Academy, Lindsay; providers of Child Welfare from across the state; students and teachers from Heartland Community School.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Kauth, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Gregg Gahan, Craig-Alder Grove Parish, Craig.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeBoer.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fortieth day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Juarez - LB299
Spivey - LB440
Holdcroft - LB215

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR60 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR60.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 691:
State Fair Board
Dawn Caldwell

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Armendariz	Dorn	Hughes	McKeon	Storer
Ballard	Dungan	Hunt	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Guereca	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	
Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 0

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	DeBoer	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Riepe	Sorrentino

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Conrad	Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 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 705:
Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
Steve Mattoon

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Dover	Lonowski	Riepe
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKeon	Sorrentino
DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Conrad Spivey

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

The Judiciary 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.

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee:
Candice Batton
Shawn Eatherton
David Nelson

Aye: 7. Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB169:
AM589
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

sections:

Section 1. Section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-382 (1) The department shall prepare a tax expenditure report describing (a) the basic provisions of the Nebraska tax laws, (b) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by the exemptions, deductions, exclusions, deferrals, credits, and preferential rates in effect on July 1 of each year and allowed under Nebraska's tax structure and in the property tax, (c) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by failure to impose sales and use tax on services purchased for nonbusiness use, and (d) the elements which make up the tax base for state and local income, including income, sales and use, property, and miscellaneous taxes.

(2) The department shall review the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. The report shall indicate an estimate of the amount of the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax expenditures. The report shall list each tax expenditure relating to sales and use tax under the following categories:

(a) Agriculture, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Agricultural machinery; agricultural chemicals; seeds sold to commercial producers; water for irrigation and manufacturing; commercial artificial insemination; mineral oil as dust suppressant; animal specialty services and animal grooming services performed on livestock as defined in section 54-183~~grooming~~; oxygen for use in aquaculture; animal life whose products constitute food for human consumption; and grains;

(b) Business across state lines, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Property shipped out-of-state; fabrication labor for items to be shipped out-of-state; property to be transported out-of-state; property purchased in other states to be used in Nebraska; aircraft delivery to an out-of-state resident or business; state reciprocal agreements for industrial machinery; and property taxed in another state;

(c) Common carrier and logistics, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Railroad rolling stock and repair parts and services; common or contract carriers and repair parts and services; common or contract carrier accessories; and common or contract carrier safety equipment;

(d) Consumer goods, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Motor vehicles and motorboat trade-ins; merchandise trade-ins; certain medical equipment and medicine; newspapers; laundromats; ~~telefloral deliveries;~~ motor vehicle discounts for the disabled; and political campaign fundraisers;

(e) Energy, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Motor fuels; energy used in industry; energy used in agriculture; aviation fuel; and minerals, oil, and gas severed from real property;

(f) Food, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Food for home consumption; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; school lunches; meals sold by hospitals; meals sold by institutions at a flat rate; food for the elderly, handicapped, and Supplemental Security Income recipients; and meals sold by churches;

(g) General business, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Component and ingredient parts; manufacturing machinery; containers; ~~film rentals;~~ molds and dies; syndicated programming; intercompany sales; intercompany leases; sale of a business or farm machinery; and transfer of property in a change of business ownership;

(h) Lodging and shelter, which shall include a separate listing for the following item: Room rentals by certain institutions;

(i) Miscellaneous, which shall include a separate listing for the

following items: Cash discounts and coupons; separately stated finance charges; casual sales; lease-to-purchase agreements; and separately stated taxes;

(j) Nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Purchases by political subdivisions of the state; purchases by churches and nonprofit colleges and medical facilities; purchasing agents for public real estate construction improvements; contractor as purchasing agent for public agencies; Nebraska lottery; admissions to school events; sales on Native American Indian reservations; school-supporting fundraisers; fine art purchases by a museum; purchases by the Nebraska State Fair Board; purchases by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and licensees of the State Racing and Gaming Commission; purchases by the United States Government; public records; and sales by religious organizations;

(k) Recent sales tax expenditures, which shall include a separate listing for each sales tax expenditure created by statute or rule and regulation after July 19, 2012;

(l) Services purchased for nonbusiness use, which shall include a separate listing for each such service, including, but not limited to, the following items: Motor vehicle cleaning, maintenance, and repair services; ~~cleaning and repair of clothing;~~ cleaning, maintenance, and repair of other tangible personal property; maintenance, painting, and repair of real property; entertainment admissions; hair care and hair removal~~personal care~~ services; lawn care, gardening, and landscaping services; veterinary~~pet-related~~ services; storage and moving services; household utilities; other personal services; ~~taxi, limousine, and other transportation services;~~ legal services; accounting services; other professional services; and other real estate services; and

(m) Telecommunications, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Telecommunications access charges; prepaid calling arrangements; conference bridging services; and nonvoice data services.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in the Tax Expenditure Reporting Act shall cause the valuation or assessment of any property exempt from taxation on the basis of its use exclusively for religious, educational, or charitable purposes.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2701.16 (1) Gross receipts means the total amount of the sale or lease or rental price, as the case may be, of the retail sales of retailers.

(2) Gross receipts of every person engaged as a public utility specified in this subsection, as a community antenna television service operator, or as a satellite service operator or any person involved in connecting and installing services defined in subdivision (2)(a), (b), or (d) of this section means:

(a)(i) In the furnishing of telephone communication service, other than mobile telecommunications service as described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing ancillary services, except for conference bridging services, and intrastate telecommunications services, except for value-added, nonvoice data service.

(ii) In the furnishing of mobile telecommunications service as described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing mobile telecommunications service that originates and terminates in the same state to a customer with a place of primary use in Nebraska;

(b) In the furnishing of telegraph service, the gross income received from the furnishing of intrastate telegraph services;

(c)(i) In the furnishing of gas, sewer, water, and electricity service, other than electricity service to a customer-generator as

defined in section 70-2002, the gross income received from the furnishing of such services upon billings or statements rendered to consumers for such utility services.

(ii) In the furnishing of electricity service to a customer-generator as defined in section 70-2002, the net energy use upon billings or statements rendered to customer-generators for such electricity service;

(d) In the furnishing of community antenna television service or satellite service, the gross income received from the furnishing of such community antenna television service as regulated under sections 18-2201 to 18-2205 or 23-383 to 23-388 or satellite service; and

(e) The gross income received from the provision, installation, construction, servicing, or removal of property used in conjunction with the furnishing, installing, or connecting of any public utility services specified in subdivision (2)(a) or (b) of this section or community antenna television service or satellite service specified in subdivision (2)(d) of this section, except when acting as a subcontractor for a public utility, this subdivision does not apply to the gross income received by a contractor electing to be treated as a consumer of building materials under subdivision (2) or (3) of section 77-2701.10 for any such services performed on the customer's side of the utility demarcation point. This subdivision also does not apply to:

(i) The gross income received by a political subdivision of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association for the lease or use of, or by a contractor for the construction of or services provided on, electric generation, transmission, distribution, or street lighting structures or facilities owned by a political subdivision of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association; or

(ii) The gross income received for the lease or use of towers or other structures primarily used in conjunction with the furnishing of (A) Internet access services, (B) agricultural global positioning system locating services, or (C) over-the-air radio and television broadcasting licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, including antennas and studio transmitter link systems. For purposes of this subdivision, studio transmitter link system means a system which serves as a conduit to deliver audio from its origin in a studio to a broadcast transmitter.

(3) Gross receipts of every person engaged in selling, leasing, or otherwise providing intellectual or entertainment property means:

(a) In the furnishing of computer software, the gross income received, including the charges for coding, punching, or otherwise producing any computer software and the charges for the tapes, disks, punched cards, or other properties furnished by the seller; and

(b) In the furnishing of videotapes, movie film, satellite programming, satellite programming service, and satellite television signal descrambling or decoding devices, the gross income received from the license, franchise, or other method establishing the charge.

(4) Gross receipts for providing a service means:

(a) The gross income received for building cleaning and maintenance, pest control, and security;

(b) The gross income received for motor vehicle washing, waxing, towing, and painting;

(c) The gross income received for computer software training;

(d) The gross income received for installing and applying tangible personal property if the sale of the property is subject to tax. If any or all of the charge for installation is free to the customer and is paid by a third-party service provider to the installer, any tax due on that part of the activation commission, finder's fee, installation charge, or similar payment made by the third-party service provider shall be paid and remitted by the third-party service provider;

(e) The gross income received for services of recreational vehicle parks;

(f) The gross income received for labor for repair or maintenance services performed with regard to tangible personal property the sale of which would be subject to sales and use taxes, excluding motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in section 77-2704.26 or 77-2704.50;

(g) The gross income received for animal specialty services and animal grooming services except for (i) veterinary services~~,~~ and (ii) animal specialty services or animal grooming services performed on livestock as defined in section 54-183;~~, and (iii) animal grooming performed by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician in conjunction with medical treatment; and~~

(h) The gross income received for detective services;~~.~~

(i) The gross income received for providing chartered flights;

(j) The gross income received for the cleaning of clothing, excluding any amounts exempt pursuant to section 77-2704.14;

(k) The gross income received for dating services;

(l) The gross income received for interior design and decorating services;

(m) The gross income received for lobbying services;

(n) The gross income received for local passenger transportation by chartered road vehicles, including limousines and similar luxury vehicles;

(o) The gross income received for marketing and telemarketing services;

(p) The gross income received for massage services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment or are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed massage therapist and in a licensed massage therapy establishment or other location specifically permitted in the Massage Therapy Practice Act;

(q) The gross income received for nail care services;

(r) The gross income received for personal instruction services for dance, golf, or tennis;

(s) The gross income received for sightseeing services by ground vehicles;

(t) The gross income received for skin care services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;

(u) The gross income received for swimming pool cleaning and maintenance services;

(v) The gross income received for tattoo and body modification services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;

(w) The gross income received for telefloral delivery services, defined as amounts received by florists in this state who make deliveries in this state pursuant to instructions received from florists in other states;

(x) The gross income received for travel agency services; and

(y) The gross income received for weight loss services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility.

(5) Gross receipts includes the sale of admissions. When an admission to an activity or a membership constituting an admission is combined with the solicitation of a contribution, the portion or the amount charged representing the fair market price of the admission shall be considered a retail sale subject to the tax imposed by section

77-2703. The organization conducting the activity shall determine the amount properly attributable to the purchase of the privilege, benefit, or other consideration in advance, and such amount shall be clearly indicated on any ticket, receipt, or other evidence issued in connection with the payment.

(6) Gross receipts includes the sale of live plants incorporated into real estate except when such incorporation is incidental to the transfer of an improvement upon real estate or the real estate.

(7) Gross receipts includes the sale of any building materials annexed to real estate by a person electing to be taxed as a retailer pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10.

(8) Gross receipts includes the sale of and recharge of prepaid calling service and prepaid wireless calling service.

(9) Gross receipts includes the retail sale of digital audio works, digital audiovisual works, digital codes, and digital books delivered electronically if the products are taxable when delivered on tangible storage media. A sale includes the transfer of a permanent right of use, the transfer of a right of use that terminates on some condition, and the transfer of a right of use conditioned upon the receipt of continued payments.

(10) Gross receipts includes any receipts from sales of tangible personal property made over a multivendor marketplace platform that acts as the intermediary by facilitating sales between a seller and the purchaser and that, either directly or indirectly through agreements or arrangements with third parties, collects payment from the purchaser and transmits payment to the seller.

(11) Gross receipts does not include:

(a) The amount of any rebate granted by a motor vehicle or motorboat manufacturer or dealer at the time of sale of the motor vehicle or motorboat, which rebate functions as a discount from the sales price of the motor vehicle or motorboat; or

(b) The price of property or services returned or rejected by customers when the full sales price is refunded either in cash or credit.

Sec. 3. Section 77-2704.53, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-2704.53 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state from the sale or rental of ~~videotape and film rentals,~~ satellite programming~~,~~ and satellite programming service when the sales tax or the admission tax is charged under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and except as provided in section 77-2704.39.

Sec. 4. Section 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

77-2704.67 Sales and use taxes shall not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of any sale of a membership in or ~~an admission to or~~ any purchase by a nationally accredited zoo or aquarium operated by a public agency or nonprofit corporation primarily for educational, scientific, or tourism purposes.

Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

Sec. 6. Original sections 77-2704.53 and 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB14:
AM483

1. Strike original sections 3 to 5 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Hunger-Free Schools Act:

(1) Reduced-price breakfast means a breakfast served by a school

district participating in the school breakfast program under the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2025, to a student eligible for such program; and

(2) Reduced-price lunch means a lunch served by a school district participating in the national school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act, 42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2025, to a student eligible for such program.

Sec. 4. Except as provided in section 5 of this act, a public school participating in the national school lunch program or the school breakfast program shall provide to each student who is eligible, a reduced-price breakfast or reduced-price lunch at no cost to the student. The State Department of Education shall reimburse each school district the amount that the school district would otherwise have charged for each meal provided at no cost to the student for each student who is eligible for a reduced-price breakfast or reduced-price lunch.

Sec. 5. The Hunger-Free Schools Act does not apply to any school receiving reimbursement under 42 U.S.C. 1759a, as such section existed on January 1, 2025.

2. On page 5, line 19, after "to" insert "the State Department of Education to".

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Senator Dungan offered AM258, found on page 500.

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

Senator Raybould offered AM348, found on page 586.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. ER16, found on page 592, was offered.

ER16 was adopted.

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

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 27 ayes, 18 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 278. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM545 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB316:
MO62
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO63
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO64
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Storm - LB316

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. ER18, found on page 592, was offered.

ER18 was adopted.

Senator Clements 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, 4 nays, and 16 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Armendariz	Dungan	Kauth	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Hughes	Lonowski	Rountree	Wordekemper
Clouse	Ibach	McKeon	Sanders	
Conrad	Jacobson	Meyer	Spivey	
DeKay	Juarez	Moser	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	Clements	Hallstrom	Prokop
Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Hunt	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	McKinney	

Present and not voting, 7:

Ballard	Fredrickson	Riepe
Bostar	Hardin	
DeBoer	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 0

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 27 ayes, 15 nays, 7 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Senator Sanders offered AM407, found on page 601.

The Sanders amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, and 20 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. ER19, found on page 653, was offered.

ER19 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. ER22, found on page 658, was offered.

ER22 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. ER20, found on page 658, was offered.

ER20 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Senator Riepe offered the following amendment:
AM591
1 1. On page 2, line 9, strike "or" and show as stricken; after line 9
2 insert the following new subdivision:
3 "(d) Dietitian nutritionist program; or"; in line 10 strike "(d)"
4 and insert "(e)"; after line 26 insert the following new subdivision:
5 "(x) A dietitian nutritionist licensed under section 38-1813;"; in
6 line 27 strike "(x)" and insert "(xi)"; and in line 28 strike "(xi)" and
7 insert "(xii)".
8 2. On page 3, line 26, after the third comma insert "dietitian
9 nutritionists,".
10 3. On page 5, line 2, after the underscored comma insert "dietitian
11 nutritionist practice,"; and in line 25 after the underscored comma
12 insert "dietitian nutritionist,".
13 4. On page 6, line 6, after the second comma insert "dietitian
14 nutritionists,".

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Senator Juarez offered the following amendment:
AM592
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

sections:

Section 1. Section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16-1005 (1)(a)(i) Prior to October 1, 2025~~(1) Until October 1, 2013, each police officer shall contribute to the retirement system a sum equal to six percent of his or her salary. Beginning October 1, 2013, until October 1, 2015, each police officer shall contribute to the retirement system a sum equal to six and one-half percent of his or her salary. Beginning October 1, 2015~~, each police officer shall contribute to the retirement system a sum equal to seven percent of his or her salary.

(ii) Beginning October 1, 2025, each police officer shall contribute to the retirement system a sum equal to nine percent of his or her salary.

(b) Such payment under subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be made by regular payroll deductions from the police officer's periodic salary and shall be credited to his or her employee account on a monthly basis.

(c) Each such account shall also be credited with regular interest.

(2) Each city of the first class shall pick up the police officers' contributions required by subsection (1) of this section, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in determining federal tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code, except that the city shall continue to withhold federal income taxes based upon these contributions until the Internal Revenue Service or the federal courts rule that, pursuant to section 414(h) of the Internal Revenue Code, these contributions shall not be included as gross income of the employee until such time as they are distributed from the retirement system. The city shall pay these employee contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the employee. The city shall pick up these contributions by a salary deduction either through a reduction in the cash salary of the employee or a combination of a reduction in salary and offset against a future salary increase. A police officer shall not be given an option to choose to receive the amount of the required contribution in lieu of having such contribution paid directly to the retirement system.

(3) Each police officer shall be entitled to make voluntary cash contributions to the retirement system in an amount not to exceed the contribution limitations established by the Internal Revenue Code. Voluntary contributions shall be credited to the police officer's employee account and shall thereafter be credited with regular interest. A police officer's voluntary contribution shall become a part of the Police Officers Retirement System Fund and shall be held, administered, invested, and distributed in the same manner as any other employee contribution to the retirement system.

Sec. 2. Section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

16-1027 (1) At any time before the retirement date, the retiring firefighter may elect to receive his or her pension benefit at retirement either in the form of a straight life annuity or any optional form of annuity benefit established by the retirement committee and provided under a purchased annuity contract. Such optional annuity benefit shall be specified in the funding medium for the retirement system and shall include a straight life annuity with a guarantee of at least sixty monthly payments or an annuity payable for the life of the retiring firefighter and, after the death of the retiree, monthly payments, as elected by the retiring firefighter, of one hundred percent, seventy-five percent, or fifty percent of the amount of annuity payable to the retiring firefighter during his or her life, to the beneficiary selected by the retiring firefighter at the time of the original application for an annuity. For any firefighter whose retirement date is on or after

January 1, 1997, the optional benefit forms for the retirement system shall include permitting such firefighter, upon retirement, to receive a payment of his or her retirement value in the form of a single lump-sum payment or in the form of one or more partial payments of such retirement value in an amount and frequency elected by the firefighter~~a single lump-sum payment of the firefighter's retirement value~~. For firefighters whose retirement date is prior to January 1, 1997, a single lump-sum payment shall be available only if the city has adopted such distribution option in the funding medium established for the retirement system. The retiring firefighter may further elect to defer the date of the first payment or lump-sum distribution to the first day of any specified month prior to age seventy. In the event the retiring firefighter elects to receive his or her pension benefit in the form of an annuity, the amount of such annuity benefit shall be the amount provided by the annuity contract purchased or otherwise provided by the firefighter's retirement value as of the date of the first payment. Any such annuity contract purchased by the retirement system may be distributed to the retiring firefighter. Upon the payment of a lump sum or the distribution of a paid-up annuity contract, all obligations of the retirement system to pay retirement benefits to the firefighter and his or her beneficiaries shall terminate, without exception.

(2) For all firefighters employed on January 1, 1984, the amount of the pension benefit at the retirement date shall not be less than the following amounts:

(a) If retirement from the city occurs following age fifty-five with twenty-one years of service with the city, fifty percent of regular pay;

(b) If retirement from the city occurs following age fifty but before age fifty-five with at least twenty-one years of service with the city, such firefighter shall receive the actuarial equivalent of the benefit which would otherwise be provided at age fifty-five;

(c) If retirement from the city occurs on or after age fifty-five with less than twenty-one years of service with the city, such firefighter shall receive a pension of at least fifty percent of the salary he or she was receiving at the time of retirement multiplied by the ratio of the years of service to twenty-one;

(d) For terminations of employment from the city on or after September 9, 1993, if such termination of employment as a firefighter occurs before age fifty-five but after completion of twenty-one years of service with the city, such firefighter shall receive upon the attainment of age fifty-five a pension benefit of fifty percent of regular pay;

(e) Unless an optional annuity benefit is selected by the retired firefighter, at the death of any such retired firefighter the same rate of pension as is provided for in this section shall be paid to the surviving spouse of such deceased firefighter during such time as the surviving spouse remains unmarried and, in case there is no surviving spouse, then the minor children, if any, of such deceased firefighter shall equally share such pension benefit during their minority, except that as soon as a child of such deceased firefighter ceases to be a minor, such pension as to such child shall cease; or

(f) In the event a retired firefighter or his or her surviving beneficiaries die before the aggregate amount of pension payments received by the firefighter and his or her survivor beneficiaries, if any, equals the total amount in the firefighter's employee account, at the time of the first benefit payment the difference between the total amount in the employee's account and the aggregate amount of pension payments received by the retired firefighter and his or her surviving beneficiaries, if any, shall be paid in a single sum to the firefighter's estate.

A firefighter entitled to a minimum pension benefit under this subsection may elect to receive such pension benefit in any form

permitted by subsection (1) of this section, including a single lump-sum payment, if the firefighter retires on or after January 1, 1997, or if the city has adopted a lump-sum distribution option for firefighters retiring before January 1, 1997, in the funding medium for the retirement system. If the minimum pension benefit is paid in the form of an optional annuity benefit or a single lump-sum payment, such benefit or payment shall be the actuarial equivalent of the annuity that would otherwise be paid to the firefighter pursuant to this subsection.

If the firefighter chooses the single lump-sum payment option, the firefighter may request that the actuarial equivalent be equal to the average of the cost of two annuity contracts based on products available for purchase in Nebraska, if the difference between the cost of the two annuity contracts does not exceed five percent. Of the two annuity contracts used for comparison, one shall be chosen by the firefighter and one shall be chosen by the city. If the difference between the two annuity contracts exceeds five percent, the retirement committee shall review the costs of the two annuity contracts and make a recommendation to the city council as to the amount of the lump-sum payment to be made to the firefighter. The city council shall, after a hearing, determine the amount of the single lump-sum payment due the firefighter. The annuity contracts used for comparison shall all use the same type of sex-neutral basis benefit calculation.

(3) If the retirement value of a firefighter entitled to a minimum pension benefit under subsection (2) of this section is not sufficient at the time of the first payment to purchase or provide the required pension benefit, the city shall utilize such funds as may be necessary from the unallocated employer account of the retirement system to purchase or provide for the required pension benefit.

(4) Any retiring firefighter whose pension benefit is less than twenty-five dollars per month on the straight life annuity option shall be paid a lump-sum settlement equal to the retirement value in lieu of annuity and shall not be entitled to elect to receive annuity benefits.

Sec. 3. Sections 2 and 4 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 4. Original section 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 5. Original section 16-1005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

The Juarez amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 0 nays, and 19 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER25
1 1. On page 3, line 2, strike "(a)" and insert "(A)"; and in line 4
2 strike "(b)" and insert "(B)".
3 2. On page 4, line 12, after "association" insert an underscored
4 comma.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 193. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 18CA. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 24CA. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM565
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. (1) The suicide mortality review team is established in
4 the Department of Veterans' Affairs.
5 (2) For purposes of sections 1 to 6 of this act:
6 (a) Department means the Department of Veterans' Affairs;
7 (b) Director means the Director of the Department of Veterans'
8 Affairs or the director's designee; and
9 (c) Review team means the suicide mortality review team established
10 in subsection (1) of this section.
11 Sec. 2. (1) The suicide mortality review team shall consist of the
12 following members: (a) The director; (b) a representative of the Nebraska
13 Violent Death Reporting System; (c) a representative of Nebraska Local
14 Outreach to Suicide Loss Survivors; (d) a representative of Division of
15 Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.
16 (2) The director shall appoint the following individuals to be
17 additional members of the suicide mortality review team: (a) An education
18 administrator; (b) a hospital representative; (c) an emergency medical
19 services representative; (d) a member of law enforcement; (e) a mental
20 health professional or a licensed clinical social worker; (f) a veteran
21 representative; and (g) additional members as needed.
22 (3) The department shall provide professional and administrative
23 support to the review team.
24 Sec. 3. The suicide mortality review team shall:
25 (1) Develop a suicide mortalities data collection system;
26 (2) Conduct an annual analysis of the incidences and causes of
27 suicides in this state during the preceding fiscal year;
1 (3) Develop protocols for suicide investigations, including
2 protocols for law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, medical examiners,
3 health care facilities, and social service agencies;
4 (4) Study the adequacy of statutes, ordinances, rules, training, and
5 services to determine the changes required to decrease the incidence of

preventable suicides and, as appropriate, take steps to implement these changes;

(5) Educate the public regarding the incidences and causes of suicide and the public's role in preventing these deaths; and

(6) Designate a member of the suicide mortality review team to serve as chairperson.

Sec. 4. The review team shall establish a cooperative agreement with the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System to allow for the sharing and storing of all information relevant to the review team's review process, including, but not limited to, data collection and reporting within the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System.

Sec. 5. (1) Upon request by the director, a county attorney or the Attorney General may issue a subpoena to compel the production of any records or information specified in this section. Any subpoenaed information shall be entered into the Nebraska Violent Death Reporting System and provided to the review team using an aggregate narrative only. Such sources include, but are not limited to, (a) death investigation reports from a coroner, (b) forensic autopsy reports, (c) subject to subsection (3) of this section, law enforcement reports, including probation and corrections reports, (d) medical records and discharge notes, including hospital, primary care, outpatient, and specialist records, (e) mental health therapy notes, (f) substance use or treatment reports, (g) school records, (h) emergency medical services data, (i) prescription drug monitoring program data, (j) toxicology findings, (k) interviews with next of kin when available and willing to participate, and (l) employment records.

(2) A review team shall have access to information and records relating to a suicide under review by the review team. Within five business days of a review team's request, it shall be provided with access to the information requested.

(3) A law enforcement agency, with the approval of the prosecuting attorney, may withhold from a review team investigative records that may interfere with a pending criminal investigation or prosecution.

(4) All information and records acquired by a review team are confidential and are not subject to subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence in any civil or criminal proceeding, except that information, documents, and records that are otherwise available from other sources are not immune from subpoena, discovery, or introduction into evidence through those sources solely because they were presented to, or reviewed by, a review team.

(5) Members of a review team, individuals attending a review team meeting, and individuals who present information to a review team shall not be questioned in any civil or criminal proceeding regarding information presented in a meeting or opinions formed as a result of a meeting. This subsection does not prevent an individual from testifying to information that is obtained independently of a review conducted by a review team or that is public information.

(6) A member of a review team may contact, interview, or request information from a family member of an individual who died by suicide. The review team shall approve any contact, interview, or request before the review team member contacts, interviews, or requests information from such family member.

Sec. 6. (1)(a) No later than April 1, 2026, and each April 1 thereafter, the review team shall prepare and submit electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature, the Department of Health and Human Services, and other nonprofit organizations, a report that summarizes the following information for each individual who died by suicide reviewed by the review team in the previous calendar year: (i) Cause of death; (ii) factors contributing to the death; (iii) age; (iv) sex; (v) race; (vi) geographic location at the time of death; and (vii) date of death.

(b) The report shall also include the number of suicide deaths that were not reviewed in the previous calendar year.
(2) The report may include recommendations for actions that may prevent additional suicide deaths and any other information, as determined by the review team.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM499
1. On page 4, lines 14 and 16, strike "board" and insert "State Board of Landscape Architects"; in line 27 strike "successor"; in line 28 reinstate the stricken matter; and in line 29 strike "successor" and insert "equivalent as determined by the State Board of Landscape Architects".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025
LB605 (cancel)

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to LB605:
MO65
Withdraw LB605.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM97, found on page 486, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew FA20, found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 present and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
FA30
After "school" on line 10, strike "district"

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Lonowski
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	McKeon
Clouse	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 18:

Andersen	Hardin	Kauth	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Moser	Storm	
Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Brandt	Riepe
Ballard	Hallstrom	
Bosn	Quick	

Absent and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	DeKay	Dungan	Hughes	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Hansen	Raybould	

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKinney	Prokop	Sanders

The M. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 12 ayes, 18 nays, 7 present and not voting, 9 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 453. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM438
1 1. On page 2, lines 19 and 25, after "28-319" insert ", 28-319.01,".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 305. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 628. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM187 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 401. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM284
1 1. Strike original sections 1, 2, 6, and 7.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
3 accordingly.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 119. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB230:
AM597

(Amendments to AM381)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 16. Section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:
4 77-5601 (1) From August 1, 2004, through October 31, 2004, there
5 shall be conducted a tax amnesty program with regard to taxes due and
6 owing that have not been reported to the Department of Revenue. Any
7 person applying for tax amnesty shall pay all unreported taxes that were
8 due on or before April 1, 2004. Any person that applies for tax amnesty
9 and is accepted by the Tax Commissioner shall have any penalties and
10 interest waived on unreported and delinquent taxes notwithstanding any
11 other provisions of law to the contrary.
12 (2) To be eligible for the tax amnesty provided by this section, the
13 person shall apply for amnesty within the amnesty period, file a return
14 for each taxable period for which the amnesty is requested by December
15 31, 2004, if no return has been filed, and pay in full all taxes for
16 which amnesty is sought with the return or within thirty days after the
17 application if a return was filed prior to the amnesty period. Tax
18 amnesty shall not be available for any person that is under civil or
19 criminal audit, investigation, or prosecution for unreported or
20 delinquent taxes by this state or the United States Government on or
21 before April 16, 2004.
22 (3) The department shall not seek civil or criminal prosecution
23 against any person for any taxable period for which amnesty has been
24 granted. The Tax Commissioner shall develop forms for applying for the
25 tax amnesty program, develop procedures for qualification for tax
26 amnesty, and conduct a public awareness campaign publicizing the program.
1 (4) If a person elects to participate in the amnesty program, the

election shall constitute an express and irrevocable relinquishment of all administrative and judicial rights to challenge the imposition of the tax or its amount. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the department from adjusting a return as a result of any state or federal audit.

(5)(a) Except for any local option sales tax collected and returned to the appropriate municipality and any motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel, and compressed fuel taxes, which shall be deposited in the Highway Trust Fund or Highway Allocation Fund as provided by law, no less than eighty percent of all revenue received pursuant to the tax amnesty program shall be deposited in the General Fund and ten percent, not to exceed five hundred thousand dollars, shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund. Any amount that would otherwise be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund that is in excess of the five-hundred-thousand-dollar limitation shall be deposited in the General Fund.

(b) For fiscal year 2005-06, all proceeds in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund shall be appropriated to the department for purposes of employing investigators, agents, and auditors and otherwise increasing personnel for enforcement of the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967.

(c) For fiscal years after fiscal year 2005-06, twenty percent of all proceeds received during the previous calendar year due to the efforts of auditors and investigators hired pursuant to subdivision (5)(b) of this section, not to exceed seven hundred fifty thousand dollars, shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for purposes of employing investigators and auditors or continuing such employment for purposes of increasing enforcement of the act.

(d) Ten percent of all proceeds received during each calendar year due to the contracts entered into pursuant to section 77-367 shall be deposited in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for purposes of identifying nonfilers of returns, underreporters, nonpayers of taxes, and improper or fraudulent payments.

(6)(a) The department shall prepare a report by April 1, 2005, and by February 1 of each year thereafter detailing the results of the tax amnesty program and the subsequent enforcement efforts. For the report due April 1, 2005, the report shall include (i) the amount of revenue obtained as a result of the tax amnesty program broken down by tax program, (ii) the amount obtained from instate taxpayers and from out-of-state taxpayers, and (iii) the amount obtained from individual taxpayers and from business enterprises.

(b) For reports due in subsequent years, the report shall include (i) the number of personnel hired for purposes of subdivision (5)(b) of this section and their duties, (ii) a description of lists, software, programming, computer equipment, and other technological methods acquired and the purposes of each, and (iii) the amount of new revenue obtained as a result of the new personnel and acquisitions during the prior calendar year, broken down into the same categories as described in subdivision (6)(a) of this section.

(7) The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund is created. Transfers may be made from the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund may receive transfers from the Civic and Community Center Financing Fund at the direction of the Legislature for the purpose of administering the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act. The Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund shall include any money credited to the fund (a) under section 77-2703, and such money shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to implement Laws 2019, LB237, (b) under the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act, and such money shall be used by the department to defray the costs incurred to implement and enforce Laws 2019, LB538, and any rules and regulations adopted and promulgated to carry out Laws 2019, LB538,

(c) under section 77-2906, and such money shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to implement Laws 2020, LB310, (d) under the Kratom Consumer Protection Act, and such money shall be used by the Department of Revenue to defray the costs incurred to administer the act, and (e)~~(d)~~ under section 77-3,124. Any money in the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

(8) For purposes of this section, taxes mean any taxes collected by the department, including, but not limited to state and local sales and use taxes, individual and corporate income taxes, financial institutions deposit taxes, motor vehicle fuel, diesel fuel, and compressed fuel taxes, cigarette taxes, transfer taxes, and charitable gaming taxes.

Sec. 18. Original section 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

2. On page 5, line 1, strike the second occurrence of "and"; and in line 5 after the period insert "The department shall remit such fees to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund; and".

3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB650 (reschedule)
LB707
LB510
LB157

Note: LB707 and LB510 will be a combined hearing.

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025
LB484
LB330
LB234
LB683

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

State-Tribal Relations - LB78
Business and Labor - LB415

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nitya Haridas, Lincoln; students from Superior Elementary, Superior; former Senator Tom Brewer; AmeriCorps members with International Council for Refugees and Immigrants, Omaha; students and teachers from College of St. Mary; Cole Porter, Katie Porter and Ruth Ecker, Papillion; members of Seward County Rising Stars; students from Arbor View Elementary, Elkhorn; Sarpy County Leadership group; members from the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce; students from Jefferson Elementary, Norfolk.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Patrick Hotovy, York.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:06 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FORTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Kaitlin Reece, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Arch, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-first day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 11, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A were received in my office on March 6, 2025, and signed March 11, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

March 11, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 229 was received in my office on March 10, 2025, and signed on March 11, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Urban Affairs - LB287
Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB198

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Tyson Terry competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Terry won the Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Roberto Macias-Sidzyik of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Terry is the first wrestler in Nebraska state history to win four state wrestling championships at the heavyweight division going 169-0; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Omaha North High School wrestler Tyson Terry on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Tyson Terry.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 68. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Dortch competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Dortch won the Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Myles Sanchez of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Dortch maintained an undefeated 49-0 season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Omaha North High School wrestler Jermaine Dortch on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Jermaine Dortch.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 61, 62, and 63 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 61, 62, and 63.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 719:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
- Candice Batton
- Shawn Eatherton
- David Nelson

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hughes	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Arch	Dover	Hunt	Raybould

The appointments were confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

General Affairs - LB9 and LB677
Quick - LB257

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 148, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(4)(a)
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(3)

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 69. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Riepe, 12.

WHEREAS, the American Legion was founded in Paris, France, on March 15, 1919, and March 15, 2025, marks the one-hundred-sixth anniversary of the founding of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, as one of the largest nonprofit United States veteran organizations in the world, the American Legion provides support to the United States military and veterans and their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America" and the American Legion has been a stalwart advocate for the well-being of Nebraskan veterans for one hundred six years; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion posts in Nebraska help promote the four pillars of the American Legion: children and youth, Americanism, national security, and veterans affairs and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska American Legion has over twenty-two thousand Legionnaires and three hundred forty-seven posts statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the American Legion for one hundred six years of service and appreciates its continued support for the military and veterans across Nebraska and all of the United States.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the American Legion on one hundred six years of service to the military and veterans.

2. That the Legislature expresses appreciation to all Nebraska Legionnaires for their contributions to the state and to the nation.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Legion Department of Nebraska.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM99, found on page 519, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft offered AM477, found on page 653.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 3 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 9 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 610. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM267

1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike "equal", show as stricken, and insert
2 "not exceed"; and in line 14 after "The" insert "department may
3 distribute" and strike "shall be distributed exclusively" and show as
4 stricken.
5 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "shall", show as stricken, and insert

6 "may".
7 3. On page 4, lines 2 and 6, strike "shall", show as stricken, and
8 insert "may"; and in line 23 strike "2025" and insert "2026".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA31
On page 2, line 20 strike "total" and insert "delta-9".

FA32
On page 2, line 18 strike "viable".

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB568:
AM508

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM269)
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:
4 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor
5 vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license
6 plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number
7 consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or
8 trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than
9 three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered
10 so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated
11 by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the
12 license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the
13 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the
14 State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed
15 vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half
16 the size of those required in this section.
17 (2)(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.
18 (b)~~(2)(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two
19 license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.
20 (c)~~(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable
21 vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles,
22 other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the
23 special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued
24 under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.
25 (d)(i)~~(c)(i)~~ One license plate shall be issued, upon request and
26 compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not
1 manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to
2 display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license
3 plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be
4 displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a
5 single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional
6 annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of
7 the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All
8 fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State
9 Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.
10 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county
11 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a
12 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county
13 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the
14 plate.

(e)~~(d)~~ When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.

(3)(a) This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.

(b) One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor vehicle or trailer.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

(d) When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or truck-tractor.

2. On page 1, lines 8, 17, and 19; page 2, lines 5 and 22; page 3, lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page 8, line 4; page 35, lines 1, 6, 13, and 28; page 36, lines 6 and 28; page 37, line 10; page 38, line 30; page 39, line 6; page 44, lines 6 and 20; page 45, lines 3, 11, 21, and 31; page 46, line 13; and page 47, line 5, strike "25" and insert "26".

3. On page 3, line 2; page 8, line 3; and page 39, line 10, strike "23" and insert "24".

4. On page 3, lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page 8, line 3; page 35, line 13; and page 39, line 10, strike "24" and insert "25".

5. On page 47, line 18, after "60-396," insert "60-3,100,".

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB170:
AM603

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

Section 1. Section 53-160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

53-160 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ For the purpose of raising revenue, a tax is imposed upon the privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer or a wholesaler at a rate of:

(i) Thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business;

(ii) Ninety-five cents per gallon for wine manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business, except for wines produced and released from bond in farm wineries;

(iii) Six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond in farm wineries and manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business;

(iv) Two dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures and sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the course of such business, one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or spirits or less within such calendar year; and

(v) Four dollars and fifty cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures and sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the course of such business, more than one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or spirits within such calendar year.

~~thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer; ninety-five cents per~~

~~gallon for wine, except for wines produced and released from bond in farm wineries; six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond in farm wineries; and three dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business.~~

(b) The gallonage tax imposed by this subsection shall be imposed only on alcoholic liquor upon which a federal excise tax is imposed.

(2) Manufacturers or wholesalers of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt from the payment of the gallonage tax on such alcoholic liquor upon satisfactory proof, including bills of lading furnished to the commission by affidavit or otherwise as the commission may require, that such alcoholic liquor was manufactured in this state but shipped out of the state for sale and consumption outside this state.

(3) Dry wines or fortified wines manufactured or shipped into this state solely and exclusively for sacramental purposes and uses shall not be subject to the gallonage tax.

(4) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon any alcoholic liquor, whether manufactured in or shipped into this state, when sold to a licensed nonbeverage user for use in the manufacture of any of the following when such products are unfit for beverage purposes: Patent and proprietary medicines and medicinal, antiseptic, and toilet preparations; flavoring extracts, syrups, food products, and confections or candy; scientific, industrial, and chemical products, except denatured alcohol; or products for scientific, chemical, experimental, or mechanical purposes.

(5) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon the privilege of engaging in any business in interstate commerce or otherwise, which business may not, under the Constitution and statutes of the United States, be made the subject of taxation by this state.

(6) The gallonage tax shall be in addition to all other occupation or privilege taxes imposed by this state or by any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof.

(7) The commission shall collect the gallonage tax and shall account for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each week all money collected pursuant to this section. If any alcoholic liquor manufactured in or shipped into this state is sold to a licensed manufacturer or wholesaler of this state to be used solely as an ingredient in the manufacture of any beverage for human consumption, the tax imposed upon such manufacturer or wholesaler shall be reduced by the amount of the taxes which have been paid as to such alcoholic liquor so used under the Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The net proceeds of all revenue arising under this section shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift, or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows:

(a) On each package of cigarettes intended to be burned which contains~~containing~~ not more than twenty cigarettes, one dollar and thirty-six~~sixty-four~~ cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package; or~~.~~

(b) On each package of cigarettes intended to be heated which contains not more than twenty cigarettes, thirty-two cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as

provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2025~~October 1, 2004~~, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one dollar and twenty-one~~forty-nine~~ cents of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section in the General Fund. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified number of cents of the tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

(3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section as follows:

(a) Beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(b) Beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this subdivision; and

(e) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this subdivision.

(4) If, after distributing the proceeds of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.

(5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the

construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section that are made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount dedicated to the General Fund from such cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section for projects or programs other than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d) the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (e) the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any of the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (f) of this subsection.

(6) Beginning July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer shall place all of the cigarette tax revenue received pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this section in the General Fund.

Sec. 4. Section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-638 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the department an amount derived from one cent of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of~~by~~ section 77-2602, less any amount appropriated from the fund specifically to the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases. The department shall, after deducting expenses incurred in the administration of such funds, distribute such funds exclusively for grants and contracts for research of cancer and smoking diseases, for funding the cancer registry prescribed in sections 81-642 to 81-650, and for associated expenses due to the establishment and maintenance of such cancer registry. Not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be appropriated for funding the cancer registry and associated expenses. The University of Nebraska may receive such grants and contracts, and other postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in the State of Nebraska may receive such contracts.

(2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the department for cancer research an amount derived from two cents of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of~~by~~ section 77-2602 to be used exclusively for grants and contracts for research on cancer and smoking diseases. No amount shall be appropriated or used pursuant to this subsection for the operation and associated expenses of the cancer registry. Not more than one-half of the funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for research in cancer and allied diseases and the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases. The remaining funds available pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed for contracts with other postsecondary educational institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska which have cancer research programs for the purpose of conducting research in cancer and allied diseases.

(3) Any contract between the department and another postsecondary educational institution for cancer research under subsection (2) of this section shall provide that:

(a) Any money appropriated for such contract shall only be used for cancer research and shall not be used to support any other program in the institution;

(b) Full and detailed reporting of the expenditure of all funds under the contract is required. The report shall include, but not be

limited to, separate accounting for personal services, equipment purchases or leases, and supplies. Such reports shall be made available electronically to the Legislature; and

(c) No money appropriated for such contract shall be spent for travel, building construction, or any other purpose not directly related to the research that is the subject of the contract.

(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to the Cancer Research subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund which were in excess of appropriations established in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

Sec. 7. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB230:
AM577 is available in the Bill Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

J. Cavanaugh - LB192
Hardin - LB168
Bosn - LB559
Clements - LB468
Natural Resources - LB36 and LB317

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
LB643
LB558
LB649
LB647
LB648

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Dungan filed the following proposed rule change:

Amend Rule 5, Sec. 4(d) to add "Bills introduced under Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) will not be included in the limitation.", and to remove language, "Starting with the 2025 legislative session,".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM27, found on page 519, was offered.

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 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Youth Leadership Kearney; members of the Girl Scouts, Lincoln; students from David City Elementary, Bellwood; Sally Grandgenett, Joanna Lindberg, Kathy Knowlton, and Denise Jardine, Ashland; Mark Daly, Chair of the Irish Senate; students from Joslyn Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Angela McLaughlin, Wayne.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FORTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 13, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FORTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 13, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Michael Eckelkamp, Christ Lincoln, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

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 J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dorn, and Guereca, who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-second day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 6. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 93. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM362
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 29-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 29-1912 (1) When a defendant is charged with a felony or when a
6 defendant is charged with a misdemeanor or a violation of a city or
7 village ordinance for which imprisonment is a possible penalty, he or she
8 may request the court where the case is to be tried, at any time after

the filing of the indictment, information, or complaint, to order the prosecuting attorney to permit the defendant to inspect and copy or photograph:

(a) The defendant's statement, if any. For purposes of this subdivision, statement includes any of the following which relate to the investigation of the underlying charge or charges in the case and which were developed or received by law enforcement agencies:

(i) Written or recorded statements;

(ii) Written summaries of oral statements; and

(iii) The substance of oral statements;

(b) The defendant's prior criminal record, if any;

(c) The defendant's recorded testimony before a grand jury;

(d) The names and addresses of witnesses on whose evidence the charge is based;

(e) The results and reports, in any form, of physical or mental examinations, and of scientific tests, or experiments made in connection with the particular case, or copies thereof;

(f) Documents, papers, books, accounts, letters, photographs, objects, or other tangible things of whatsoever kind or nature which could be used as evidence by the prosecuting authority; and

(g) Reports developed or received by law enforcement agencies when such reports directly relate to the investigation of the underlying charge or charges in the case.

(2) The court may issue such an order pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this section. In the exercise of its judicial discretion, the court shall consider, among other things, whether:

(a) The request is material to the preparation of the defense;

(b) The request is not made primarily for the purpose of harassing the prosecution or its witnesses;

(c) The request, if granted, would not unreasonably delay the trial of the offense and an earlier request by the defendant could not have reasonably been made;

(d) There is no substantial likelihood that the request, if granted, would preclude a just determination of the issues at the trial of the offense; or

(e) The request, if granted, would not result in the possibility of bodily harm to, or coercion of, witnesses.

(3) Whenever the court refuses to grant an order pursuant to the provisions of this section, it shall render its findings in writing together with the facts upon which the findings are based.

(4) Whenever the prosecuting attorney believes that the granting of an order under the provisions of this section will result in the possibility of bodily harm to witnesses or that witnesses will be coerced, the court may permit him or her to make such a showing in the form of a written statement to be inspected by the court alone. The statement shall be sealed and preserved in the records of the court to be made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal by the defendant.

(5) This section is subject to the continuing duty of disclosure under section 29-1918.

(6)~~(5)~~ This section does not apply to jailhouse informants as defined in section 29-4701. Sections 29-4701 to 29-4706 govern jailhouse informants.

Sec. 2. Section 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

29-1918 A party who discovers additional evidence or material before or during trial must promptly disclose its existence to the other party or the court if:

(1) The evidence or material is subject to discovery or inspection under sections 29-1912 to 29-1921; and

(2) The other party previously requested, or the court ordered, the production of such evidence or material.~~If, subsequent to compliance with an order for discovery under the provisions of sections 29-1912 to 29-1921, and prior to or during trial, a party discovers additional material which the party would have been under a duty to disclose or produce at the time of such previous compliance, the party shall promptly notify the other party or the other party's attorney and the court of the existence of the additional material. Such notice shall be given at the time of the discovery of such additional material.~~
Sec. 3. Original sections 29-1912 and 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 475. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM572
1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.
2. On page 24, line 8, strike "or" and show as stricken; in line 10 strike the period, show as stricken, and insert "; or"; and after line 10 insert the following new subdivision:
"(4) Tianeptine, its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.".
3. On page 33, lines 28 through 30, strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.
4. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM538
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
68-919 (1) The recipient of medical assistance under the medical assistance program shall be indebted to the department for the total amount paid for medical assistance on behalf of the recipient if:
(a) The recipient was fifty-five years of age or older at the time the medical assistance was provided; or
(b) The recipient resided in a medical institution and, at the time of institutionalization or application for medical assistance, whichever is later, the department determines that the recipient could not have reasonably been expected to be discharged and resume living at home. For purposes of this section, medical institution means a nursing facility, an intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities, an assisted living facility, or an inpatient hospital.
(2)(a)~~(2)~~ The debt accruing under subsection (1) of this section arises during the life of the recipient but shall be held in abeyance until the death of the recipient. Any such debt to the department that exists when the recipient dies shall be recovered only after the death of the recipient's spouse, if any, and only after the recipient is not survived by a child who either is under twenty-one years of age or is blind or totally and permanently disabled as defined by the Supplemental Security Income criteria. In recovering such debt, the department shall not foreclose on a lien on the home of the recipient (i)~~(a)~~ if a sibling of the recipient with an equity interest in the home has lawfully resided in the home for at least one year before the recipient's admission and has lived there continuously since the date of the recipient's admission or (ii)~~(b)~~ while the home is the residence of an adult child who has

lived in the recipient's home for at least two years immediately before the recipient was institutionalized, has lived there continuously since that time, and can establish to the satisfaction of the department that he or she provided care that delayed the recipient's admission.

(b) A written attestation by a physician stating that a sibling or an adult child of a recipient provided care that delayed the recipient's admission to a medical institution shall be sufficient documentation for the department to avoid foreclosure on the lien described in this subsection.

(3) The debt shall include the total amount of medical assistance provided when the recipient was fifty-five years of age or older or during a period of institutionalization as described in subsection (1) of this section and shall not include interest.

(4)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that the debt specified in subsection (1) of this section be collected by the department before any portion of the estate of a recipient of medical assistance is enjoyed by or transferred to a person not specified in subsection (2) of this section as a result of the death of such recipient. The debt may be recovered from the estate of a recipient of medical assistance. The department shall undertake all reasonable and cost-effective measures to enforce recovery under the Medical Assistance Act. All persons specified in subsections (2) and (4) of this section shall cooperate with the department in the enforcement of recovery under the act.

(b) For purposes of this section:

(i) Estate of a recipient of medical assistance means any real estate, personal property, or other asset in which the recipient had any legal title or interest at or immediately preceding the time of the recipient's death, to the extent of such interests. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, the estate of a recipient of medical assistance also includes:

(A) Assets to be transferred to a beneficiary described in section 77-2004 or 77-2005 in relation to the recipient through a revocable trust or other similar arrangement which has become irrevocable by reason of the recipient's death; and

(B) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subdivision (3) or (4) of section 68-923, assets conveyed or otherwise transferred to a survivor, an heir, an assignee, a beneficiary, or a devisee of the recipient of medical assistance through joint tenancy, tenancy in common, transfer on death deed, survivorship, conveyance of a remainder interest, retention of a life estate or of an estate for a period of time, living trust, or other arrangement by which value or possession is transferred to or realized by the beneficiary of the conveyance or transfer at or as a result of the recipient's death. Such other arrangements include insurance policies or annuities in which the recipient of medical assistance had at the time of death any incidents of ownership of the policy or annuity or the power to designate beneficiaries and any pension rights or completed retirement plans or accounts of the recipient. A completed retirement plan or account is one which because of the death of the recipient of medical assistance ceases to have elements of retirement relating to such recipient and under which one or more beneficiaries exist after such recipient's death; and

(ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in subdivision (4)(b) of this section, estate of a recipient of medical assistance does not include:

(A) Insurance proceeds, any trust account subject to the Burial Pre-Need Sale Act, or any limited lines funeral insurance policy to the extent used to pay for funeral, burial, or cremation expenses of the recipient of medical assistance;

(B) Conveyances of real estate made prior to August 24, 2017, that are subject to the grantor's retention of a life estate or an estate for

a period of time;

(C) Life estate interests in real estate after sixty months from the date of recording a deed with retention of a life estate by the recipient of medical assistance; ~~and~~

(D) Any pension rights or completed retirement plans to the extent that such rights or plans are exempt from claims for reimbursement of medical assistance under federal law; and~~.~~

(E) Life estate interests in real estate after twelve months from the recording of a deed with retention of a life estate by the recipient of medical assistance if a relative resides solely and continuously with the recipient and establishes to the satisfaction of the department that the relative provided care that delayed the recipient's admission to a medical institution. A written attestation by a physician stating that the relative of the recipient provided care that delayed the recipient's admission to a medical institution shall be sufficient documentation to exclude the life estate interest from the recipient's estate under this subdivision.

(c) The department, upon application of the personal representative of an estate, any person or entity otherwise authorized under the Nebraska Probate Code to act on behalf of a decedent, any person or entity having an interest in assets of the decedent which are subject to this subsection, a successor trustee of a revocable trust or other similar arrangement which has become irrevocable by reason of the decedent's death, or any other person or entity holding assets of the decedent described in this subsection, shall timely certify to the applicant, that as of a designated date, whether medical assistance reimbursement is due or an application for medical assistance was pending that may result in medical assistance reimbursement due. An application for a certificate under this subdivision shall be provided to the department in a delivery manner and at an address designated by the department, which manner may include email. The department shall post the acceptable manner of delivery on its website. Any application that fails to conform with such manner is void. Notwithstanding the lack of an order by a court designating the applicant as a person or entity who may receive information protected by applicable privacy laws, the applicant shall have the authority of a personal representative for the limited purpose of seeking and obtaining from the department this certification. If, in response to a certification request, the department certifies that reimbursement for medical assistance is due, the department may release some or all of the property of a decedent from the provisions of this subsection.

(d) An action for recovery of the debt created under subsection (1) of this section may be brought by the department against the estate of a recipient of medical assistance as defined in subdivision (4)(b) of this section at any time before five years after the last of the following events:

(i) The death of the recipient of medical assistance;

(ii) The death of the recipient's spouse, if applicable;

(iii) The attainment of the age of twenty-one years by the youngest of the recipient's minor children, if applicable; or

(iv) A determination that any adult child of the recipient is no longer blind or totally and permanently disabled as defined by the Supplemental Security Income criteria, if applicable.

(5) In any probate proceedings in which the department has filed a claim under this section, no additional evidence of foundation shall be required for the admission of the department's payment record supporting its claim if the payment record bears the seal of the department, is certified as a true copy, and bears the signature of an authorized representative of the department.

(6) The department may waive or compromise its claim, in whole or in

part, if the department determines that enforcement of the claim would not be in the best interests of the state or would result in undue hardship as provided in rules and regulations of the department.

(7)(a) Whenever the department has provided medical assistance because of sickness or injury to any person resulting from a third party's wrongful act or negligence and the person has recovered damages from such third party, the department shall have the right to recover the medical assistance it paid from any amounts that the person has received as follows:

(i) In those cases in which the person is fully compensated by the recovery, the department shall be fully reimbursed subject to its contribution to attorney's fees and costs as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection; or

(ii) In those cases in which the person is not fully compensated by the recovery, the department shall be reimbursed that portion of the recovery that represents the same proportionate reduction of medical expenses paid that the recovery amount bears to full compensation of the person subject to its contributions to attorney's fees and costs as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection.

(b) When an action or claim is brought by the person and the person incurs or will incur a personal liability to pay attorney's fees and costs of litigation or costs incurred in pursuit of a claim, the department's claim for reimbursement of the medical assistance provided to the person shall be reduced by an amount that represents the department's reasonable pro rata share of attorney's fees and costs of litigation or the costs incurred in pursuit of a claim.

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

(9) The changes made to this section by Laws 2019, LB593, shall apply retroactively to August 30, 2015.

Sec. 2. Original section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM575

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

Section 1. Section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

43-512.12 (1) Child support orders in cases in which a party has applied for services under Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, shall be reviewed by the Department of Health and Human Services to determine whether to refer such orders to the county attorney or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification. An order shall be reviewed by the department upon its own initiative or at the request of either parent when such review is required by Title IV-D of the federal Social Security Act, as amended. After review the department shall refer an order to a county attorney or authorized attorney when the verifiable financial information available to the department indicates:

(a) The present child support obligation varies from the Supreme Court child support guidelines pursuant to section 42-364.16 by more than the percentage, amount, or other criteria established by Supreme Court rule, and the variation is due to financial circumstances which have lasted at least three months and can reasonably be expected to last for an additional six months; or

(b) Health care coverage meeting the requirements of subsection (2) of section 42-369 is available to either party and the children do not have health care coverage other than the medical assistance program under the Medical Assistance Act.

Health care coverage cases may be modified within three years of entry of the order.

(2) Orders that are not addressed under subsection (1) of this section shall not be reviewed by the department if it has not been three years since the present child support obligation was ordered unless the requesting party demonstrates a substantial change in circumstances that is expected to last for the applicable time period established by subdivision (1)(a) of this section. Such substantial change in circumstances may include, but is not limited to, change in employment, earning capacity, or income or receipt of an ongoing source of income from a pension, gift, lottery winnings, casino winnings, parimutuel winnings, sports wagering winnings, or cash device winnings. An order may be reviewed after one year if the department's determination after the previous review was not to refer to the county attorney or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification because financial circumstances had not lasted or were not expected to last for the time periods established by subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(3)(a)~~(3)~~ Notwithstanding the time periods set forth in subdivision (1)(a) of this section, within fifteen business days of learning that a noncustodial parent will be incarcerated for more than one hundred eighty calendar days, the department shall initiate a review of the noncustodial parent's child support order. The~~the~~ department shall send notice by first-class mail to both parents informing them of such review and require the parties to submit financial information as provided in sections 43-512.14 and 43-512.17 within thirty days after the date of the notice~~the right to request the state to review and, if appropriate, adjust the order~~. Such notice shall be sent to the incarcerated parent at the address of the facility at which the parent is incarcerated and to the administrator of such facility as defined in section 47-1003.

(b) The department shall, within one hundred twenty calendar days after the date the department learned the noncustodial parent was to be incarcerated:

(i) Complete such review; and

(ii) Notify the parties of its determination pursuant to section 43-512.13.

Sec. 2. Section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-512.13 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ When review of a child support order pursuant to subsection (1) or (2) of section 43-512.12 has been requested by one of the parents or initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the department shall send notice of the pending review to each parent affected by the order at the parent's last-known mailing address thirty days before the review is conducted. Such review shall require the parties to submit financial information as provided in sections 43-512.14 and 43-512.17.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, after~~(2) After~~ the department completes the review of the child support order in accordance with section 43-512.12, it shall send notice to each parent of the determination to refer or not refer the order to the county attorney or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification of the order in the district court.

(c) Each parent shall be allowed thirty days to submit to the department a written request for a review of such determination. The parent requesting review shall submit the request in writing to the department, stating the reasons for the request and providing written evidence to support the request.

(d) The department shall review the available verifiable financial information and make a final determination whether or not to refer the order to the county attorney or authorized attorney for filing of an application for modification of the child support order. Written notice

of such final determination shall be sent to each parent affected by the order at the parent's last-known mailing address.

(e) A final determination under this subsection shall not be considered a contested case for purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act.

(2)(a) If, upon the completion of a review initiated pursuant to subsection (3) of section 43-512.12, the department finds a decrease in the amount of the present child support obligation is not warranted because it does not meet the criteria in subsection (1) or (2) of section 43-512.12, the department shall grant the incarcerated parent a conference to review the department's findings. Such conference shall be scheduled within thirty days after the completion of the department's review and may be conducted in person or by means of virtual conferencing. The department shall send notice of such conference by first-class mail to both parents. The notice shall include the following:

(i) The department's findings;

(ii) Whether the conference will be conducted in person or virtually;

(iii) The date, time, and location of the conference;

(iv) That the parties may submit any additional written evidence to the department at least ten business days prior to the conference;

(v) That the incarcerated parent may waive the conference and that such request shall be filed at least five business days prior to the conference date; and

(vi) Any other information the department deems necessary.

(b) The department shall review all available verifiable financial information and, within thirty days after the conference, make a final determination whether or not a decrease in the present child support obligation is warranted in accordance with the criteria in subsection (1) or (2) of section 43-512.12 and whether or not to refer the order to the county attorney or authorized attorney. Written notice of such final determination shall be sent to each parent by first-class mail.

(c) If the incarcerated parent waives the conference under this subsection, the department shall make a final determination and send written notice of such final determination to each parent by first-class mail.

(d) Notices required to be sent to an incarcerated parent under this section shall be sent to the address of the facility at which the parent is incarcerated and to the administrator of such facility as defined in section 47-1003.

(e) A final determination under this subsection shall not be considered a contested case for purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 43-512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Agriculture

The Agriculture 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 State Fair Board:
Anna Castner Wightman

Aye: 8. DeKay, Hansen, Holdcroft, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Storm. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 5, 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 State Racing and Gaming Commission - District 3 - Independent - horse racing experience:

J Chris Stinson, 1715 Columbia Circle, Grand Island, NE 68801

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

March 7, 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:

I hereby respectfully request you withdraw Cherlyn Hunt from consideration for confirmation to the Rural Health Advisory Board. The appointee has resigned from her current position on the Board.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1510 12:00 PM

Monday, March 31, 2025
Presentation of Nebraska Investment Council Annual Reports to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee pursuant to section 72-1243
Note: Invited Testifiers Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Transportation and Telecommunications - LB398 and LB311
Meyer - LB382
Hughes - LB303
Sanders - LB649

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB605

Senator Raybould offered MO65, found on page 734, to withdraw LB605.

The Raybould motion to withdraw prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

BILL ON FINAL READING

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 241.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to data privacy; to define terms; and to provide exemption from liability for certain private entities as prescribed.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

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

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB247 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB247 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA34
Strike the enacting clause

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

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 45:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Spivey
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 1:

M. Cavanaugh.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Dorn Guereca Ibach

The M. Cavanaugh motion to return failed with 0 ayes, 45 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA34, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB247 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 247. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Environment and Energy; to amend section 13-2042, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 66-1519, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to fees and distribution of proceeds under the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and uses of and transfers from the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Spivey
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Juarez*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

*Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 286.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,110 and 81-12,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide an application deadline under the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to change an application deadline under the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB289 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 289.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 17-201, 17-202, and 19-911, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 18-2709, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the incorporation of a village and the number, election, and term of members on a village board of trustees; to provide a procedure for changing the number of members on a village board of trustees; to allow certain city councils to constitute a board of adjustment; to redefine qualifying business under the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Dorn Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB377 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB377 to Select File for the following specific amendment:

FA36
Strike the enacting clause

The M. Cavanaugh motion to return failed with 0 ayes, 44 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA36, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 377.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game and Parks Commission; to amend section 37-101, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to term limits; to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	McKinney	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Hallstrom	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hansen	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Meyer	Storer
Clements	Murman	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Guereca

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB396 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB396 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA37
Strike the enacting clause

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return to Select File.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA37, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 396.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-516 and 70-623, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to proposed budgets of certain districts and agencies and the filing of fiscal audits of certain districts; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 593.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fuels; to amend section 66-1226, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt updated standards relating to automotive spark-ignition engine fuel; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Guereca

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Riepe - LB556
Lonowski - LB632
Wordekemper - LB608
Health and Human Services - LB332
Revenue - LB 650 and LB647
Urban Affairs - LB288
DeBoer - LB235
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs - LB521 and LB660
Legislature's Planning Committee - LR27CA

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

Attorney General's Opinion 25-001 is on file in the Clerk's Office and available digitally.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Title read. Considered.

Pending.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Committee AM292, found on page 527, was offered.

Senator Dover offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
FA33
In AM292 in Sec. 22, Page 23, Line 2 strike "four" and insert "eight" and on Line 3, strike "and twenty-five cents.".

The Dover amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
AM507
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM292)
1. Strike section 20 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 20. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half the size of those required in this section.
(2)(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.

(b)~~(2)(a)~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.
(c)~~(b)~~ One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles, other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.
(d)(i)~~(c)(i)~~ One license plate shall be issued, upon request and compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.
(ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the plate.
(e)~~(d)~~ When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.
(3)(a) This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.
(b) One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor vehicle or trailer.
(c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.
(d) When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or truck-tractor.
(4)(a) The director shall designate an implementation date for this subsection that is on or before January 1, 2029. Beginning on such implementation date, the department may deliver any license plate or registration certificate to the applicant or to the county treasurer of the county in which the motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer is registered by United States mail or through an alternative shipping service. The delivery of such license plate or registration certificate shall be made through a secure process.
(b) If delivery of any license plate or registration certificate is made by the department to the applicant, the department may charge a postage and handling fee in an amount not more than necessary to recover the cost of postage and handling for the specific items mailed to the applicant. The department shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.
(5) Any person who presents proof of registration shall be permitted to operate the registered motor vehicle or tow the registered trailer for a period of thirty days without a mailed license plate displayed.

The von Gillern amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 30 ayes, 5 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM501, found on page 709, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO72
Bracket until March 19, 2025.

Pending.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 13, 2025, at 11:14 a.m. were the following: LBs 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Prokop - LR20CA
Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB474

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB230:
AM600

(Amendments to AM381)

1. Strike section 16 and insert the following new sections:
Sec. 16. Section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
28-416 (1) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally: (a) To manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance; or (b) to create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a counterfeit controlled substance.
(2) Except as provided in subsections (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to: (a) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 which is an exceptionally hazardous drug shall be guilty of a Class II felony; (b) any other controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section

28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV or V of section 28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIIA felony.

(3) A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405, unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a medical order issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by the act, shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. A person shall not be in violation of this subsection if section 28-472 or 28-1701 applies.

(4)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, any person eighteen years of age or older who knowingly or intentionally manufactures, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or possesses with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance (i) to a person under the age of eighteen years, (ii) in, on, or within one thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a community college, a public or private college, junior college, or university, or a playground, or (iii) within one hundred feet of a public or private youth center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

(b) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Playground means any outdoor facility, including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility, intended for recreation, open to the public, and with any portion containing three or more apparatus intended for the recreation of children, including sliding boards, swingsets, and teeterboards;

(ii) Video arcade facility means any facility legally accessible to persons under eighteen years of age, intended primarily for the use of pinball and video machines for amusement, and containing a minimum of ten pinball or video machines; and

(iii) Youth center means any recreational facility or gymnasium, including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility or gymnasium, intended primarily for use by persons under eighteen years of age which regularly provides athletic, civic, or cultural activities.

(5)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen years to manufacture, transport, distribute, carry, deliver, dispense, prepare for delivery, offer for delivery, or possess with intent to do the same a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

(b) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen years to aid and abet any person in the manufacture, transportation, distribution, carrying, delivery, dispensing, preparation for delivery, offering for delivery, or possession with intent to do the same of a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

(c) Any person who violates subdivision (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

(6) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for violation of subsection (4) or (5) of this section that the defendant did not know the age of the person through whom the defendant violated such subsection.

(7) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to cocaine or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(8) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to base cocaine (crack) or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of base cocaine in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(9) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(10) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its isomers, or with respect to methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its isomers, in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(11) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than one ounce but not more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(12) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

(13) Except as provided in section 28-1701, any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing one ounce or less or any substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405 shall:

(a) For the first offense, be guilty of an infraction, receive a citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be assigned to attend a

course as prescribed in section 29-433 if the judge determines that attending such course is in the best interest of the individual defendant;

(b) For the second offense, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, receive a citation, and be fined four hundred dollars and may be imprisoned not to exceed five days; and

(c) For the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class IIIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.

(14) Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and complete appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or other licensed drug treatment facility.

(15) Any person convicted of violating this section, if sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse.

(16)(a) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section if:

(i) The~~(16) Any~~ person knowingly or intentionally possessed~~possessing~~ a firearm while in violation of subsection (1) of this section; or

(ii) Such violation resulted in the use of the controlled substance and directly and proximately caused the death of, or serious bodily injury to, another person. ~~shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, but in no event shall such person be punished by~~

(b) A penalty enhanced under this subsection shall in no event result in a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

(17) A person knowingly or intentionally in possession of money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

(18) In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, a sentencing court may order that any money, securities, negotiable instruments, firearms, conveyances, or electronic communication devices as defined in section 28-833 or any equipment, components, peripherals, software, hardware, or accessories related to electronic communication devices be forfeited as a part of the sentence imposed if it finds by clear and convincing evidence adduced at a separate hearing in the same prosecution, following conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, and conducted pursuant to section 28-1601, that any or all such property was derived from, used, or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of this section.

(19) In addition to the penalties provided in this section:

(a) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and has one or more licenses or permits issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:

(i) For the first offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for thirty days and (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;

(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a

drug education class; and
(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for twelve months and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; and
(b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:
(i) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until thirty days after the date of such order and (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;
(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until ninety days after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty hours and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education class; and
(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until twelve months after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.
A copy of an abstract of the court's conviction or adjudication shall be transmitted to the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to sections 60-497.01 to 60-497.04 if a license or permit is impounded or a juvenile is prohibited from obtaining a license or permit under this subsection.
Sec. 17. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 19 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.
Sec. 18. Original section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining section.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LR25CA:
MO67
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO73
Recommit to the Executive Board.

MO74
Bracket until April 30, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB376:
MO68
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO75
Bracket until April 30, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB299:
MO69
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB245:
MO66
Indefinitely postpone.

MO71
Recommit to the Agriculture Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator von Gillern announced the Revenue Committee will hold an executive session Friday, March 14, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., in Room 2102.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator McKinney name added to LB215.
Senator Andersen name added to LB694.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Ibach name withdrawn from LB299.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nemaha County Leadership and Leadership Nebraska City; Reagan McIntosh, Syracuse; students from St. Thomas More, Omaha; Beatriz Polo Diz; Keith County Leadership; Sean, Kelsie, Ryan and Remi O'Neill, North Platte; students and teacher from Southwest High School, Bartley; Ambie Custard, Bartley; students from Peter Sarpy Elementary, Bellevue.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matthew Halfar, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator J. Cavanaugh the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Gary Eller, First Presbyterian Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dover.

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, Conrad, DeBoer, Dungan, Guereca, Hunt, Raybould, Sanders, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-third day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

McKeon - LB693
Storer - LB383
Ibach - LB646
Hallstrom - LB455
Education - LB306 and LB653
Jacobson - LB526
Dover - LR19CA
Nebraska Retirement Systems - LB645

Dorn - LB712
Judiciary - LB150

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 11, 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 Commissioner of the Department of Labor:

Katie Thurber, 550 South 16th Street, Lincoln, NE 68506-4600

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

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 13, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Bromm & Associates
Springfield Platteview Community Schools
Hasley, Madeline
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Husch Blackwell Strategies
Bamboo Health
Linehan, Lou Ann

Linehan, Lou Ann
Orr, Scott
FMR LLC
Reigle, Jeanne
Nebraska Republican Party
Roque, Matthew
ProRail Nebraska, Inc.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:
FA38
On Page 6, Line 6, strike the comma after "board".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB150:
FA39
Strike the enacting clause

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Senator Holdcroft announced the General Affairs Committee will meet March 17, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 1023 instead of Room 1510.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Title read. Considered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Judiciary - LB530
McKinney - LB48

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 70. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award is given in recognition of significant contributions to the Black wrestling community and the longstanding commitment to inspiring, connecting, and empowering Black wrestlers through attitude, words, and actions; and

WHEREAS, Joe Edmonson posthumously earned the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award; and

WHEREAS, in 1964, Joe broke his neck in a trampoline accident making him a quadriplegic and was told he would only live for ten more years, but, in 1968, Joe started his own wrestling program while earning his master's degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Joe also developed the nationally respected Exploradories and ran the Edmonson Youth Outreach Center of the YMCA to provide opportunities for inner-city youth to be mentored and to learn about wrestling; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Joe earned many awards and recognition, including reaching the Gold level certification in the National Coaches Education Program, being named USA Wrestling's 1985 Kids Person of the Year, being named a Point of Light by George H. W. Bush in 1991, and being named to the Nebraska Scholastic Wrestling Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Joe's impact on wrestling and his community is not forgotten and has been revived through posthumously earning the Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Joe Edmonson and the family of Joe Edmonson on posthumously earning the 2024 Bobby Douglas Legacy Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Joe Edmonson.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 71. Introduced by Meyer, 17; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; McKeon, 41; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the Pender High School Girls basketball team entered the 2024-2025 season as the defending Class D1 State Champions; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday February 8, 2025 the Pender High School Girls basketball team won the 16-team East Husker Conference title with a win over the North Bend Central Tigers; and

WHEREAS, on Tuesday February 11, 2025 the Lady Pendragons finished the regular season with a record of 22-2; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons led all Class D1 schools during the regular season in power points; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons defeated the North Central Knights on February 28 to win the Class D1 district final; and

WHEREAS, the Pender Lady Pendragons defeated the Elm Creek Buffaloes on Saturday March 8, 2025 by a score of 74-40 to become the 2025 Class D1 State Tournament Champions; and

WHEREAS, the victory over Elm Creek resulted in the Lady Pendragons winning three consecutive State Championships; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Pendragons' 74 points against the Elm Creek Buffaloes became the second-most points ever scored in a Class D1 State Tournament championship game; and

WHEREAS, Mady Dolliver went six for nine from three-point range against Elm Creek to break the all-class record for three-point shots in State Tournament play; and

WHEREAS, Mady Dolliver, Maya Dolliver, and Hadley Walsh all made the Class D1 All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Jason Dolliver has done an outstanding job coaching the Lady Pendragons, especially in regards to implementing his five-out offense; and

WHEREAS, the Pender School District was ranked by Public School Review as the top school district in the State of Nebraska for academics based upon the school's combined math and reading standardized test scores.

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

1. That the Legislature celebrates the victorious season of the Pender Lady Pendragons' Girls Basketball Team by becoming the 2025 Class D1 State Champions.

2. That the Legislature recognizes the outstanding coaching of Jason Dolliver and the creation and implementation of his five-out offense.

3. That the Legislature honors the Pender School District for their commitment to both academic excellence and athletic competition.

4. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jason Dolliver, Superintendent of the Pender School District and Coach of the Pender Lady Pendragons High School Girls basketball team.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Committee AM501, found on page 709, and considered on page 774, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO72, found and considered on page 774, to bracket until March 19, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 1:

Cavanaugh, J.

Voting in the negative, 32:

Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Hunt	Prokop	Wordekemper
Clements	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Clouse	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	
Conrad	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Storer	

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Rountree

Absent and not voting, 10:

Andersen	Hansen	Juarez	McKeon	Raybould
Brandt	Ibach	Kauth	McKinney	Sorrentino

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Guereca	Sanders	Spivey

The M. Cavanaaugh motion to bracket failed with 1 aye, 32 nays, 2 present and not voting, 10 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO71, found on page 779, to recommit to the Agriculture Committee.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to the Agriculture Committee

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO66, found on page 779, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Executive Board - LB634
Hunt - LB275
Conrad - LB156
Fredrickson - LB380
Brandt - LB170
Murman - LB169
M. Cavanaugh - LB13
Hansen - LB676
Andersen - LR12CA
Sorrentino - LB79

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM404, found on page 690, was offered.

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

Senator Ballard withdrew AM18, found on page 325.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO67, found on page 778, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hansen opened on LR25CA.

Senator M. Cavanaugh opened on her motion, MO67.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM547
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 71-809 (1) Each regional behavioral health authority shall be
6 responsible for the development and coordination of publicly funded
7 behavioral health services within the behavioral health region pursuant
8 to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department,
9 including, but not limited to, (a) administration and management of the
10 regional behavioral health authority, (b) integration and coordination of
11 the public behavioral health system within the behavioral health region,
12 (c) comprehensive planning for the provision of an appropriate array of
13 community-based behavioral health services and continuum of care for the
14 region, (d) submission for approval by the division of an annual budget
15 and a proposed plan for the funding and administration of publicly funded
16 behavioral health services within the region, (e) submission of annual
17 reports and other reports as required by the division, (f) initiation and
18 oversight of contracts for the provision of publicly funded behavioral
19 health services, and (g) coordination with the division in conducting
20 audits of publicly funded behavioral health programs and services.
21 (2) Each regional behavioral health authority shall adopt a policy
22 for use in determining the financial eligibility of all consumers and
23 shall adopt a uniform schedule of fees and copays, based on the policy
24 and schedule developed by the division, to be assessed against consumers
25 utilizing community-based behavioral health services in the region. The
26 methods used to determine the financial eligibility of all consumers
27 shall take into account taxable income, the number of family members
1 dependent on the consumer's income, liabilities, and other factors as
2 determined by the division. The policy and the schedule of fees and
3 copays shall be approved by the regional governing board and included
4 with the budget plan submitted to the division annually. Providers shall
5 charge fees consistent with the schedule of fees and copays in accordance
6 with the financial eligibility of all consumers but not in excess of the
7 actual cost of the service. Each regional behavioral health authority
8 shall assure that its policy and schedule of fees and copays are applied
9 uniformly by the providers in the region.
10 (3) Except for services being provided by a regional behavioral
11 health authority on July 1, 2004, under applicable state law in effect
12 prior to such date, no regional behavioral health authority shall provide
13 behavioral health services funded in whole or in part with revenue
14 received and administered by the division under the Nebraska Behavioral

Health Services Act unless:
(a) There has been a public competitive bidding process for such services or the process is authorized pursuant to subsection (5) of this section;
(b) There are no qualified and willing providers to provide such services; and
(c) The regional behavioral health authority receives written authorization from the director and enters into a contract with the division to provide such services.
(4) Each regional behavioral health authority shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the department relating to the provision of behavioral health services by such authority, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations which (a) establish definitions of conflicts of interest for regional behavioral health authorities and procedures in the event such conflicts arise, (b) establish uniform and equitable ~~public bidding~~ procedures for such services, and (c) require each regional behavioral health authority to establish and maintain a separate budget and separately account for all revenue and expenditures for the provision of such services.
(5) A provider engaged in providing services may provide new and existing services approved by the department and may contract with a regional behavioral health authority if the enrolled network provider meets the required standards. This consideration shall be made on a per-service basis.

Sec. 2. Section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-812 (1) The Behavioral Health Services Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the division and shall contain cash funds appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise received by the department for the provision of behavioral health services from any other public or private source and directed by the Legislature for credit to the fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.
(2) The Behavioral Health Services Fund shall be used to encourage and facilitate the statewide development and provision of community-based behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, (a) the provision of grants, loans, and other assistance for such purpose and (b) reimbursement to providers of such services.
(3)(a) Money transferred to the fund under section 76-903 shall be used for housing-related assistance for very low-income adults with serious mental illness or substance abuse disorder, except that if the division determines that all housing-related assistance obligations under this subsection have been fully satisfied, the division may distribute any excess, up to twenty percent of such money, to regional behavioral health authorities for acquisition or rehabilitation of housing to assist such persons. The division shall manage and distribute such funds based upon a formula established by the division, in consultation with regional behavioral health authorities and the department, in a manner consistent with and reasonably calculated to promote the purposes of the public behavioral health system enumerated in section 71-803. The division shall contract with each regional behavioral health authority for the provision of such assistance. Each regional behavioral health authority may contract with qualifying public, private, or nonprofit entities for the provision of such assistance.
(b) For purposes of this subsection:
(i) Adult with serious mental illness means a person eighteen years of age or older who has, or at any time during the immediately preceding twelve months has had, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria identified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of

Mental Disorders and which has resulted in functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life functions. Serious mental illness does not include DSM V codes, substance abuse disorders, or developmental disabilities unless such conditions exist concurrently with a diagnosable serious mental illness;
(ii) Housing-related assistance includes rental payments, utility payments, security and utility deposits, landlord risk mitigation payments, and other related costs and payments;
(iii) Landlord risk mitigation payment means a payment provided to a landlord who leases or rents property to a very low-income adult with serious mental illness which may be used to pay for excessive damage to the rental property, any lost rent, any legal fees incurred by the landlord in excess of the security deposit, or any other expenses incurred by the landlord as a result of leasing or renting the property to such individual; and
(iv) Very low-income means a household income of fifty percent or less of the applicable median family income estimate as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.
(4) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
Sec. 3. Original section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 512. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM519
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act.
Sec. 2. For purposes of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act:
(1) Abortion-inducing drug means a drug or other substance, including a regimen of two or more drugs or substances, that is provided to a woman known to be pregnant, with the specific intent of terminating the life of her preborn child. A drug, medicine, or other substance that is capable of terminating the life of a preborn child but is provided for another medical purpose, including, but not limited to, management of miscarriage or removal of an ectopic pregnancy, is not an abortion-inducing drug;
(2) Adverse event means any harmful event or outcome arising out of the provision of an abortion-inducing drug, including: (a) Shock; (b) hemorrhage requiring surgical management or blood transfusion; (c) aspiration or allergic response; (d) infection; (e) sepsis; (f) pelvic inflammatory disease; (g) incomplete abortion requiring surgical management; (h) failure to terminate the pregnancy; (i) missed ectopic pregnancy; (j) death; or (k) any other adverse event as defined by the federal Food and Drug Administration as reported by MedWatch;
(3) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services; and
(4) Provide, when used with regard to an abortion-inducing drug, means any act of giving, selling, dispensing, administering, transferring possession of, or prescribing an abortion-inducing drug.
Sec. 3. Before a physician provides an abortion-inducing drug, the physician shall:
(1) Examine the woman in person;
(2) Independently verify that the woman is pregnant;
(3) Determine whether the woman has an ectopic pregnancy; and
(4) Document in the woman's medical record the gestational age and location of the pregnancy.

Sec. 4. A physician who provides an abortion-inducing drug, or the physician's agent, shall schedule a follow-up visit between the physician and the woman to whom the abortion-inducing drug was provided. Such follow-up visit shall occur no earlier than the third day and no later than the twenty-eighth day after the date the abortion-inducing drug was provided. At the follow-up visit, the physician shall:

(1) Confirm that the woman's pregnancy is completely terminated;

(2) Assess the woman for adverse events occurring after the provision of the abortion-inducing drug, including any continued blood loss; and

(3) Document any adverse event in the woman's medical record.

Sec. 5. (1) A physician who provides an abortion-inducing drug shall file a report with the department within thirty days after the end of the calendar month in which the abortion-inducing drug was provided. Such report shall include, in addition to any information required by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department:

(a) The name of the physician;

(b) The name of the abortion-inducing drug provided and the date each drug was provided to the woman;

(c) The date the woman returned for a follow-up visit, if applicable;

(d) Documentation of any adverse events that occurred after provision of the abortion-inducing drug;

(e) Any follow-up treatment provided by the physician; and

(f) If the woman was referred to another health care provider, the purpose of such referral.

(2) The department shall produce a standard form for filing such report.

(3) The report shall not include any personally identifying information for a woman to whom an abortion-inducing drug was provided.

Sec. 6. No woman upon whom an abortion is attempted, induced, or performed shall be liable for a violation of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act.

Sec. 7. Section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

38-2021 Unprofessional conduct means any departure from or failure to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine and surgery or the ethics of the profession, regardless of whether a person, patient, or entity is injured, or conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public or is detrimental to the public interest, including, but not limited to:

(1) Performance by a physician of an abortion as defined in subdivision (1) of section 28-326 under circumstances when he or she will not be available for a period of at least forty-eight hours for postoperative care unless such postoperative care is delegated to and accepted by another physician;

(2) Performing an abortion upon a minor without having satisfied the requirements of sections 71-6901 to 71-6911;

(3) The intentional and knowing performance of a partial-birth abortion as defined in subdivision (8) of section 28-326, unless such procedure is necessary to save the life of the mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself;

(4) Performance by a physician of an abortion in violation of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act; ~~and~~

(5) Violation of the Preborn Child Protection Act; and~~.~~

(6) Violation of the Chemical Abortion Safety Protocol Act.

Sec. 8. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect

the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
Sec. 9. Original section 38-2021, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM616
1. On page 2, lines 10 and 14, after "performed" insert "and completed".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 102. Indefinitely postponed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 658. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM568
1. Strike original sections 4, 7, and 8 and insert the following new sections:
Sec. 4. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing animal cells, including processes that are part of a manufacturing operation in which one or more stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated.
Sec. 7. Manufactured-protein food product means a cultivated-protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein food product.
Sec. 8. Plant-protein food product means a food product that:
(1) Has one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue found in a species of agricultural food animal;
(2) Is substantially derived from manufacturing plant parts; and
(3) Does not include any part of an animal that has been slaughtered.
2. On page 4, line 29, strike "stored" and insert "displayed".

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 426. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM586
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 79-724, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-724 (1) It is the responsibility of society to ensure that youth are given the opportunity to become competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil citizens to ensure a strong, stable, just, and prosperous America. Such a citizenry necessitates that every member thereof be knowledgeable of our nation's history, government, geography, and economic system. The youth in our state should be committed to the ideals and values of our country's democracy and the constitutional republic established by the people. Schools should help prepare our youth to make informed and reasoned decisions for the public good. Civic competence is

necessary to sustain and improve our democratic way of life and must be taught in all public, private, denominational, and parochial schools. A central role of schools is to impart civic knowledge and skills that help our youth to see the relevance of a civic dimension for their lives. Students should be made fully aware of the liberties, opportunities, and advantages we possess and the sacrifices and struggles of those through whose efforts these benefits were gained. Since young people are most susceptible to the acceptance of principles and doctrines that will influence them throughout their lives, it is one of the first duties of our educational system to conduct its activities, choose its textbooks, and arrange its curriculum in such a way that the youth of our state have the opportunity to become competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil American citizens.

(2)~~(1)~~ The school board of each school district shall, at the beginning of each calendar year, appoint from its members a committee of three, to be known as the committee on American civics, which shall:

(a) Hold no fewer than two public meetings annually, at least one when public testimony is accepted;

(b) Keep minutes of each meeting showing the time and place of the meeting, which members were present or absent, and the substance and details of all matters discussed;

(c) Examine and ensure that the social studies curriculum used in the district is aligned with the social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01 and teaches foundational knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography;

(d) Review and approve the social studies curriculum to ensure that it stresses the services of the men and women who played a crucial role in the achievement of national independence, establishment of our constitutional government, and preservation of the union and includes the incorporation of multicultural education as set forth in sections 79-719 to 79-723 in order to instill a pride and respect for the nation's institutions and not be merely a recital of events and dates;

(e) Ensure that any curriculum recommended or approved by the committee on American civics is made readily accessible to the public and contains a reference to this section;

(f) Ensure that the district develops and utilizes formative, interim, and summative assessments to measure student mastery of the social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01;

(g) Ensure that the social studies curriculum in the district incorporates one or more of the following for each student:

(i) Administration of a written test that is identical to the entire civics portion of the naturalization test used by United States Citizenship and Immigration Services prior to the completion of eighth grade and again prior to the completion of twelfth grade with the individual score from each test for each student made available to a parent or guardian of such student;~~ or~~

(ii) Attendance or participation between the commencement of eighth grade and completion of twelfth grade in a meeting of a public body as defined by section 84-1409 followed by the completion of a project or paper in which each student demonstrates or discusses the personal learning experience of such student related to such attendance or participation; or

(iii) Completion of a project or paper and a class presentation between the commencement of eighth grade and the completion of twelfth grade on a person or persons or an event commemorated by a holiday listed in subsection (8)~~subdivision (6)~~ of this section or on a topic related to such person or persons or event; and

(h) Take all such other steps as will assure the carrying out of the provisions of this section and provide a report to the school board regarding the committee's findings and recommendations.

(3)~~(2)~~ All social studies courses approved for grade levels as provided by this section shall include and adequately stress contributions of all ethnic groups to (a) the development and growth of America into a great nation, (b) art, music, education, medicine, literature, science, politics, and government, and (c) the military in all of this nation's wars.

(4)~~(3)~~ All grades of all public, private, denominational, and parochial schools, below the sixth grade, shall devote at least one hour per week to exercises or teaching periods for the following purpose:

(a) The discussion of noteworthy events pertaining to American history or the exceptional acts of individuals and groups of Americans;

(b) The historical background, memorization, and singing of patriotic songs such as the Star-Spangled Banner and America the Beautiful;

(c) The development of respect for the American flag as a symbol of freedom and the sacrifices of those who secured that freedom; and

(d) Instruction as to proper conduct in the presentation of the American flag.

(5) Each public, private, denominational, and parochial school may, as a part of the social studies curriculum, engage students between the commencement of fifth grade and the completion of eighth grade in a one-hour American flag education program that includes, but need not be limited to, the United States Flag Code, the thirteen folds of the American flag, proper flag etiquette and conduct in the presentation of the flag, and the historical background of the flag. Such flag education program may be developed and presented in consultation and partnership with a local recognized veterans organization as defined in section 80-401.01.

(6)~~(4)~~ In at least two of the three grades from the fifth grade to the eighth grade in all public, private, denominational, and parochial schools, time shall be set aside for the teaching of American history from the social studies curriculum, which shall be taught in such a manner that all students are given the opportunity to (a) become competent, responsible, patriotic, and civil citizens who possess a deep understanding of and respect for both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of Nebraska and (b) prepare to preserve, protect, and defend freedom and democracy in our nation and our world.

(7)~~(5)~~ In at least two courses in every high school, time shall be devoted to the teaching of civics and American history as outlined in the social studies standards adopted pursuant to section 79-760.01, during which specific attention shall be given to the following matters:

(a) The Declaration of Independence, the United States Constitution, the Constitution of Nebraska, and the structure and function of local government in this state;

(b) The benefits and advantages of representative government, the rights and responsibilities of citizenship in our government, and the dangers and fallacies of forms of government that restrict individual freedoms or possess antidemocratic ideals such as, but not limited to, Nazism and communism;

(c) The duties of citizenship, which include active participation in the improvement of a citizen's community, state, country, and world and the value and practice of civil discourse between opposing interests; and

(d) The application of knowledge in civics, history, economics, financial literacy, and geography to address societal issues.

(8)~~(6)~~ Appropriate patriotic exercises suitable to the occasion shall be held under the direction of the superintendent in every public, private, denominational, and parochial school on George Washington's birthday, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, Native American Heritage Day, Constitution Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving Day, or on the day or week preceding or

following such holiday, if the school is in session.
(9)~~(7)~~ Every school board, the State Board of Education, and the superintendent of each school district in the state shall be held directly responsible in the order named for carrying out this section. Neglect thereof by any employee may be considered a cause for dismissal.

Sec. 2. (1)(a) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall, in coordination with the State Department of Education, develop a grant program to provide funding to school districts for the purchase of American flags made in the United States for students as part of an American flag education program provided pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-724.

(b) Subject to available appropriations, a school district may apply to the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council in a manner prescribed by the council to receive a grant pursuant to this section. Such grants shall be funded from the American Flag Education Grant Cash Fund administered by the State Department of Education.

(2) The American Flag Education Grant Cash Fund is created. The fund shall consist of any money transferred by the Legislature and any gifts, grants, or bequests. The fund shall be used to provide grants pursuant to this section. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 3. (1) The State Department of Education shall contract with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to carry out subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council shall, in consultation and partnership with a statewide recognized veterans organization as defined in section 80-401.01, develop and make available online for use by schools, an educational video and learning materials relating to the American flag for purposes of an American flag education program provided pursuant to subsection (5) of section 79-724.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate five thousand dollars for fiscal year 2025-26 from the General Fund to the State Department of Education to carry out this section.

Sec. 4. Section 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1248 The powers and duties of the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council include, but are not limited to:

(1) Providing public access to lists of qualified distance education courses;

(2) Collecting and providing school schedules for participating educational entities;

(3) Facilitation of scheduling for qualified distance education courses;

(4) Brokering of qualified distance education courses to be purchased by educational entities;

(5) Assessment of distance education needs and evaluation of distance education services;

(6) Compliance with technical standards as set forth by the Nebraska Information Technology Commission and academic standards as set forth by the State Department of Education related to distance education;

(7) Establishment of a system for scheduling courses brokered by the council and for choosing receiving educational entities when the demand for a course exceeds the capacity as determined by either the technology available or the course provider;

(8) Administration of learning management systems, either through the staff of the council or by delegation to an appropriate educational entity, with the funding for such systems provided by participating educational entities;~~ and~~

(9) Coordination with educational service units and postsecondary

educational institutions to provide assistance for instructional design for both two-way interactive video distance education courses and the offering of graduate credit courses in distance education; and. (10) Coordination with the State Department of Education to provide grants to school districts for the purchase of American flags pursuant to section 2 of this act.

Sec. 5. Original sections 79-724 and 79-1248, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following motions to LB455:
MO76
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO77
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO78
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB79:
MO79
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO80
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO81
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB556:
MO82
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO83
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO84
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to LB490:
AM213 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB707:
AM615 is available in the Bill Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Dungan - LB272
Moser - LB323
von Gillern - LB340
Appropriations - LB392 and LB393
DeKay - LB437
Agriculture - LB246
Business and Labor - LB532
Bostar - LB644
Guereca - LB224
Armendariz - LB434
Strommen - LB538
Ballard - LB80

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LR12CA.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Baker Caulkins, Kearney; Eric Scott, Valentine; Artie Verner, Lincoln; students from the Nebraska Army National Guard, Lincoln; Kerry and Jeri Ferguson, Kimball; students from Wildewood Elementary, Ralston; Carissa Uhrmacher, Hastings; Sophie Kostenko, Ukraine; students from St. John the Baptist School, Plattsmouth.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:03 p.m., on a motion by Senator Quick, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FORTY-FIFTH DAY - MARCH 17, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 17, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Glen Emery, Grace Lutheran, Fairbury.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-fourth day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker priority bill/resolution designations are as follows:
LBs 32, 50, 77, 133, 166, 217, 346, 364, 388, 391, 399, 401, 414, 453, 454, 529, 560, 561, 613, 640, 641, 667, 696, 704, and 707.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB632:
MO87
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO88
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

MO89
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator DeKay moved the adoption of the Agriculture Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 762:
Nebraska State Fair Board
Anna Castner Wightman

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Dungan	Guereca	Holdcroft	McKinney

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar	Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM612
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 23-3211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 23-3211 (1) Unless requested in writing, the county assessor, ~~and~~
6 register of deeds, and county treasurer shall withhold from the public
7 the residential address of a law enforcement officer, a member of the
8 Nebraska National Guard acting pursuant to subdivision (3) of section
9 55-182, or a judge who applies to the county assessor in the county of
10 his or her residence. The application shall be in a form prescribed by
11 the county assessor and shall include the applicant's name and address

and the parcel identification number for his or her residential address. A law enforcement officer shall include in the application his or her law enforcement identification number. A member of the Nebraska National Guard shall include in the application proof of his or her status as a member, in a manner prescribed by the county assessor. A judge shall include in the application the name of the specific court of which he or she is a judge. The county assessor shall notify the register of deeds and county treasurer regarding the receipt of a complete application. The county assessor, ~~and the~~ register of deeds, and county treasurer shall withhold the address of a law enforcement officer, member of the Nebraska National Guard, or judge who complies with this section for five years after receipt of a complete application. The officer, member, or judge may renew his or her application every five years upon submission of an updated application.

(2) For purposes of this section, judge includes the judge or magistrate judge of any court located in this state, including any county court, any district court, the Court of Appeals, the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, any separate juvenile court, the Supreme Court, and any federal court.

Sec. 2. Section 24-814, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

24-814 (1) Any judicial officeholder, subject to the terms of sections 24-813 to 24-818, who desires to continue in office for an additional term, shall indicate his or her desire in this respect in writing filed with the Secretary of State, on or before August 1 immediately preceding the expiration of his or her term in office, and shall request in writing that the Secretary of State submit to the electorate of the appropriate district or area, the question of his or her right to be retained in office for an additional term.

(2) Any written request filed with the Secretary of State shall not be a public record pursuant to section 84-712.01 and shall not be subject to disclosure under sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 or any other provision of law, except that the Secretary of State shall electronically publish a list, that includes the judicial officeholder's name and respective district or area of the state served, of judicial officeholders who have filed for retention in that calendar year.

Sec. 3. Section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

32-607 (1)(a) All candidate filing forms shall contain the following statement: I hereby swear that I will abide by the laws of the State of Nebraska regarding the results of the primary and general elections, that I am a registered voter and qualified to be elected, and that I will serve if elected. Candidate filing forms shall also contain the following information regarding the candidate: Name, as provided under subdivision (b) of this subsection; residence address; mailing address if different from the residence address; telephone number; office sought; party affiliation if the office sought is a partisan office; a statement as to whether or not civil penalties are owed pursuant to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act; and, if civil penalties are owed, whether or not a surety bond has been filed pursuant to subdivision (4)(b) of section 32-602. An email address shall also be included on the filing form as an optional field.

(b) The name contained on a candidate filing form shall be the name by which the candidate is generally known in the community and by which the candidate is distinguished from others and shall not contain titles, characterizations, or designations.

(2) Candidate filing forms shall be filed with the following filing officers:

(a) For candidates for national, state, or congressional office, directors of public power and irrigation districts, directors of

reclamation districts, directors of natural resources districts, directors of metropolitan utilities districts, members of the boards of educational service units, members of governing boards of community colleges, delegates to national conventions, and other offices filled by election held in more than one county ~~and judges desiring retention~~, in the office of the Secretary of State;

(b) For officers elected within a county, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk;

(c) For officers in school districts which include land in adjoining counties, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk of the county in which the greatest number of registered voters entitled to vote for the officers reside; and

(d) For city or village officers, in the office of the election commissioner or county clerk.

(3) Objections to the name of a candidate submitted on a candidate filing form may be made and passed upon in the same manner as objections to a candidate filing form pursuant to section 32-624.

Sec. 4. Original sections 23-3211 and 24-814, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM492 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB41:
AM637

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that the cost of a serological test for syphilis pursuant to section 71-502.03 for an individual covered under the Medical Assistance Act, when such test was not covered under the act prior to the effective date of this act, shall be paid from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund pursuant to section 68-996 and federal funds.

2. On page 1, line 3, after the semicolon insert "to state intent regarding payment for certain blood tests;".

3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 25CA. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LR25CA.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM411, found on page 640, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO86
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 175. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM247
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
60-484.02 (1) Each applicant for an operator's license or state identification card shall have his or her digital image captured. Digital images shall be preserved for use as prescribed in sections 60-4,119, 60-4,151, and 60-4,180. The images shall be used for issuing operators' licenses and state identification cards. The images may be retrieved only by the Department of Motor Vehicles for issuing renewal and replacement operators' licenses and state identification cards and may not be otherwise released except in accordance with subsection (3) of this section.
(2) Upon application for an operator's license or state identification card, each applicant shall provide his or her signature in a form prescribed by the department. Digital signatures shall be preserved for use on original, renewal, and replacement operators' licenses and state identification cards and may not be otherwise released except in accordance with subsection (4) of this section.
(3)(a)~~(3)~~ No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital image except:
(i) To ~~(a) to~~ a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release;
(ii) To ~~or (b) to~~ the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in the Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release; or~~.~~
(iii) To the Nebraska State Patrol in order to be posted on the Nebraska State Patrol Missing Persons Clearinghouse website if the portrayed individual has been deemed missing and cannot be located. The Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Motor Vehicles may enter into an agreement for the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of such digital images in accordance with this section and the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act. The Nebraska State Patrol shall do the following relating to digital images that are released to the Nebraska State Patrol:
(A) Carry out protection protocols to prevent the fraudulent use of such digital images;
(B) Create, and update as necessary, security measures for the access, storage, and retention of such digital images; and

(C) Remove any such digital image from the Nebraska State Patrol Missing Persons Clearinghouse website within three business days after the Nebraska State Patrol is notified that the individual portrayed in such digital image has been located.

(b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State shall release a digital image except to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release.

(c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department, law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits disclosure of a digital image in violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

(4)(a)~~(4)~~ No officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department or law enforcement officer shall release a digital signature except:

(i) To~~(a) to~~ a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release; or

(ii) To~~(b) to~~ the office of the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter registration and voter identification as prescribed in the Election Act upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release.

(b) No employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State shall release a digital signature except to a federal, state, or local law enforcement agency, a certified law enforcement officer employed in an investigative position by a federal, state, or local agency, or a driver licensing agency of another state for the purpose of carrying out the functions of the agency or assisting another agency in carrying out its functions upon the verification of the identity of the person requesting the release of the information and the verification of the purpose of the requester in requesting the release.

(c) Any officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the department, law enforcement officer, or employee or official in the office of the Secretary of State that knowingly discloses or knowingly permits disclosure of a digital signature in violation of this section shall be guilty of a Class I misdemeanor.

(5) The department shall develop a process for the release of digital images to the Secretary of State for the purpose of voter identification as prescribed by the Election Act. The process shall include proper measures for access, security, storage, and retention of the digital image and verification of the release of the digital image to any officer, agent, or contractor of the Secretary of State. The Secretary of State and the department shall enter into an agreement for the release, use, protection, storage, and retention of digital images as prescribed under this section and the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this subsection.

Sec. 2. Original section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM608 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 531. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM397
1. On page 2, line 19, after "section" insert ", except that the department shall not be required to review building plans and specifications upon evidence that the building plans and specifications have previously been reviewed by a county, city, or village enforcing a local building or construction code adopted pursuant to section 71-6406 if such local building or construction code includes the requirements of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code"; and in line 20 strike "its", show as stricken, and insert "any".

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 548. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM664
1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
Section 1. (1) The Legislature declares that the purpose of this section is to allow each political subdivision that owns and operates a natural gas system to engage in tax-exempt natural gas supply transactions as described in section 148(b)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and 26 C.F.R. 1.148-1(e)(2)(iii), as such section and regulation existed on January 1, 2024, that benefit the political subdivision and its taxpayers as well as the counterparty to the transactions.
(2) Any political subdivision which owns and operates a natural gas system may enter into a contract to sell natural gas to any industrial consumer of natural gas whose facilities are located in the State of Nebraska within two hundred miles of such political subdivision and require at least three billion British thermal units of natural gas per day on an average day. The term of the contract shall be for at least two years, not including renewable terms. Such contract shall not pose an unreasonable financial risk to the political subdivision or its taxpayers, as determined by the political subdivision's governing board. Such industrial consumer shall not be a consumer of any investor-owned or governmentally owned gas system with respect to the contract to receive service or natural gas at the time such contract is entered into. During the term of the contract, the location of such facility shall be considered within the service area of such political subdivision's natural gas distribution system for purposes of the contract.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Stinson, J Chris - State Racing and Gaming Commission - General Affairs
Thurber, Katie - Commissioner - Department of Labor - Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB230:
AM689

(Amendments to AM381)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 16. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Delivery sale has the same meaning as in section 28-1418.01;

(b) Flavored nitrous oxide product means a nitrous oxide product:

(i) Having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice, that is distinguishable by an ordinary consumer either prior to or during consumption or use of the product;

(ii) That is marketed as having the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice; or

(iii) Regarding which the manufacturer, seller, or any person authorized by, or acting with the consent of, the manufacturer or seller, has made a public statement or claim, whether express or implied, that such product has the taste or smell of any food, including, but not limited to, any fruit, candy, dessert, alcoholic beverage, herb, or spice; and

(c) Nitrous oxide product means a cartridge, cylinder, or tank containing nitrous oxide.

(2) A business entity or corporation shall not sell, including by delivery sale, offer for sale, give, furnish, or distribute to any consumer in this state a nitrous oxide product or flavored nitrous oxide product or willingly allow such products to be taken from such business entity or corporation by any person. This subsection does not apply to a nitrous oxide product, other than a flavored nitrous oxide product, that:

(a) Has been denatured or otherwise rendered unfit for human consumption for use;

(b) Is intended for use by a manufacturer as part of a manufacturing process or industrial operation;

(c) Is intended for use for automotive purposes;

(d) Is prescribed as part of the care or treatment of a disease, condition, or injury by a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or

(e) Is a propellant in food or in food preparation for restaurant, food service, or houseware products.

(3) A business entity or corporation that violates subsection (2) of this section shall be subject to:

(a) A Class II misdemeanor for a first offense;

(b) A Class I misdemeanor for a second or subsequent offense; and

(c) A civil penalty of $2,500 for a first or a subsequent offense.

(4) All nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products that are sold, offered for sale, given, or furnished in violation of this section are subject to seizure, forfeiture, and destruction. The cost of

such seizure, forfeiture, and destruction shall be borne by the person from whom the products are seized.

(5) Any common carrier that knowingly transports nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products for a business entity or corporation that is in violation of subsection (2) of this section is guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.

(6) In addition to any other penalty, a violation of this section shall constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act and shall be subject to any remedies or penalties available for a violation of such act.

(7) This section does not apply to the following:

(a) The shipment of nitrous oxide products or flavored nitrous oxide products to a foreign-trade zone that is established under 19 U.S.C. 81a et seq., and that is located in this state if the products are from outside of this country, were ordered by a distributor in another state, and are not distributed in this state; or

(b) A government employee who is acting in the course of the employee's official duties.

2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 72. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther Home Society was created in Sterling, Nebraska, on October 20, 1925, and educates children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Martin Luther Home survived through the Great Depression, World War II, and many other challenges because of the kindness and generosity of Nebraskans who worked endless hours to give produce, farm goods and donations supporting the school's residents and staff; and

WHEREAS, those same generous and giving people helped build a new, state-of-the-art home and school for the children in Beatrice, Nebraska, which opened in 1956; and

WHEREAS, the organization's reputation for quality education and innovation spread, and the Martin Luther Home Society was invited to share their work in other states; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Martin Luther Home Society joined with Bethphage Inner Mission Society, also founded in Nebraska, to form Mosaic, the largest faith-based provider of services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the one-hundred-year anniversary of the founding of the Martin Luther Home Society will be celebrated by Mosaic this year.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Mosaic for continuing the mission of its founding organizations Martin Luther Home Society and Bethphage Inner Mission Society to love and serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across Nebraska and in eleven other states.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Committee AM411, found on page 640, and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO86, found and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 64, 65, and 66 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 64, 65, and 66.

GENERAL FILE

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MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 17, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 241, 247e, 286, 289, 377, 396, and 593 were received in my office on March 13, 2025, and signed on March 17, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 17, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST10
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Raybould amendment, AM348, on page 2, line 2, "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.
2. On page 1, line 1, "the Medical Assistance Act" has been struck and "public health and welfare" inserted; in line 3, "to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon; and in line 4 "evidenced-based" has been struck and "evidence-based" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST11
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 1 the matter beginning with "political" in line 1 through line 5 has been struck and "political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.
2. On page 4, line 16, "and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024," has been inserted after the comma.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 373. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM226
1 1. Strike original section 3 and insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 3. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having

one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing cells, including processes in which one or more stem cells that were initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated, as part of a manufacturing operation.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB650:
AM690
1. Strike original sections 2, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 20, 21, 24, 26, and 27.
2. On page 87, line 23, strike "4, 5, 6, 7, and 35" and insert "3, 4, 5, and 24".
3. On page 88, line 4, strike the first comma and insert "and"; and strike beginning with "77-7017" in line 4 through "77-7022," in line 5.
4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
David Wolf - Nebraska Tourism Commission
David Fudge - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Paul Younes - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Courtney Dentlinger - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Robert Sabin - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Rachel Kreikemeier - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Roger Kuhn - Nebraska Tourism Commission

Room 1507 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025
LB244
LB629

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 73. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dungan, 26; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Riepe, 12; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team won its second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship in 2024; and

WHEREAS, for the first time in program history, the Mavericks reached the regional final of the 2024 NCAA women's softball tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks coach Mike Heard, now in his fourth season, has set a standard of excellence at the University of Nebraska Omaha since arriving in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the student athletes of the Mavericks women's softball team are a source of pride for the university and the Omaha community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the hard work and dedication of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks softball team and congratulates them on their second consecutive Summit League Tournament Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska Omaha Mavericks softball team.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Tera Thoms, Lincoln; Claire Savage, Omaha; Jay Jackson; students from Summerland Public School, Ewing; students from Madison High School, Madison; students from North Star High School, Lincoln; Home School students, Lincoln; Ella Kathryn Anderson, Scottsbluff; Irene Anderson and Mark Anderson Scottsbluff.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator McKinney, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FORTY-SIXTH DAY - MARCH 18, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Robert J. Magoola, St. Mark's, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hardin.

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, Conrad, DeBoer, Dorn, Hughes, Hunt, McKinney, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-fifth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 595. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM619
1 1. On page 2, line 7, after the period insert "No money appropriated
2 or transferred from the fund shall be used for electronic-related
3 equipment or electronic-related components manufactured or supplied by a
4 foreign adversary as identified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation
5 existed on February 7, 2025, for data gathering equipment that will be or
6 is located within a ten-mile radius of a military installation as defined
7 in section 70-1001.01.".

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB69:
AM162

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

Section 1. Section 81-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2601 (1) There is hereby established the Commission on African American Affairs. For purposes of sections 81-2601 to 81-2607, commission means the Commission on African American Affairs.

(2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be of African ancestry. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the Governor. One member of the commission shall be an individual who identifies as an immigrant or new American and one member shall be a young professional eighteen years of age or older and younger than twenty-five years of age. ~~The commission may have such nonvoting, ex officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not be of African ancestry.~~ The commission shall elect one of its members as chairperson.

(3) Members of the commission shall serve no more than two four-year terms or for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy. ~~As the terms of the voting members expire, their successors shall be appointed by the Governor from a panel of nominees submitted by the public.~~ An appointment for an unexpired term shall follow the same procedure as for initial and subsequent appointments. Voting members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(4) The names of all commissioners shall be listed on the commission's website.

Sec. 2. Section 81-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2602 The purpose of the commission is to join representatives of African Americans and Black Americans across the diaspora in Nebraska to ~~do all things which the commission may determine to~~ enhance the well-being of African Americans~~cause of African American rights~~ and to develop proactive solutions ~~to problems common to all Nebraska African Americans~~.

Sec. 3. Section 81-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2603 The commission may receive and administer funds from state, federal, and other sources and may employ and fix the compensation of personnel~~an executive director~~ of its own choosing ~~who shall be an African American person and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska~~. An office for ~~the~~ executive management~~director~~ shall be provided.

Sec. 4. Section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2604 The functions of the commission are to:

(1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the African American community in Nebraska;

(2) Coordinate new and existing programs relating to the African American community in Nebraska regarding key opportunities including, but not limited to, housing, education, ~~welfare, medical and dental care,~~ employment, economic development, law and order, and related themes~~problems~~;

(3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and federal and state elected officials in the development of programs in areas mentioned in subdivision (2) of this section;

(4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the African American community in Nebraska;

(5) Administer sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

(6) Provide the public with information and education relevant to African American affairs in Nebraska; and

(7) Develop initiatives~~programs~~ to encourage the total involvement of African American people in activities for the common benefit of the African American community.

Sec. 5. Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least once every calendar year in the city with the largest African American population. Public notice of a meeting shall be required no later than seven calendar days prior to the date of such meeting and shall be published on the commission's website, social media, and shared with local media outlets~~quarter~~. Meetings shall be held in January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be called at the request of eight voting members. Eight voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Commission meeting minutes shall be posted on the commission's website.

(2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid excuse, fails to attend annual~~quarterly~~ or special meetings shall be vacant.

(3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the following:

(a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements, challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;

(b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted the African American community and the progress made on the policies described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

(c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach, public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;

(d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve economic opportunities within the African American community, employment programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing economic disparities;

(e) Education and workforce development including educational initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have access to career advancement opportunities;

(f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to health care resources;

(g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;

(h) Housing and community development including initiatives to address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts, and partnerships with housing agencies;

(i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the African American community;

(j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;

(k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work and priority areas for improvement; and

(l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

Sec. 6. Section 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2607 (1) For purposes of administration of the commission during the interim between regular annual~~quarterly~~ meetings, there is hereby established an executive board of the Commission on African American Affairs consisting of the chairperson of the commission and four members of the commission.

(2) The executive board may enter into contracts for consultation services, supplies, and equipment, if the amount contracted for does not exceed two thousand dollars in any one contract, and may supervise all initiatives~~programs~~ relating to the affairs of African American people instituted and authorized by the commission.

Sec. 7. Original sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604, 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 individuals are being reappointed as members of the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission:

Clay Smith, 2310 Woodsdale Blvd., Lincoln, NE 68502, At Large - District 1
Paul Turman, 16200 Hickman Ridge Road, Roca, NE 68430, State College Representative

The aforementioned appointees are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Copies of the certificates and background information are included for your review.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. ER23, found on page 658, was offered.

ER23 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Senator Hallstrom offered AM597, found on page 736.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO93
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Ballard moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 5 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his motion to bracket:

Voting in the affirmative, 4:

Conrad	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 36:

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

Present and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hughes	Hunt	McKinney

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 4 ayes, 36 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:

MO94
Reconsider the vote taken on MO93.

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO94, to reconsider the vote taken on MO93.

No objections. So ordered.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn withdrew AM600, found on page 774.

Senator DeKay offered AM689, found on page 806.

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

Senator Riepe offered AM577, found on page 752.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 2 nays, and 23 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Ibach	Prokop
Armendariz	Clouse	Dungan	Juarez	Quick
Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Brandt	DeBoer	Guereca	Meyer	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 3:

Andersen	Bosn	Hardin

Present and not voting, 20:

Ballard	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Storm
Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders	Strommen
DeKay	Jacobson	McKeon	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	Storer	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 3 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. ER24, found on page 713, was offered.

ER24 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. ER25, found on page 732, was offered.

ER25 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 207. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM73
1 1. On page 2, line 8, strike "having" and insert "that is not
2 registered pursuant to section 60-3,198 and that has".

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 202. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM57
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 38-2037 (1) In addition to the grounds for disciplinary action found
6 in sections 38-178 and 38-179, a license to practice medicine and surgery
7 or osteopathic medicine and surgery or a license to practice as a
8 physician assistant may be denied, refused renewal, limited, revoked, or
9 suspended or have other disciplinary measures taken against it in
10 accordance with section 38-196 when the applicant or licensee fails to
11 comply with the provisions of section 71-603.01, 71-604, 71-605, or
12 71-606 relating to the signing of birth and death certificates.
13 (2)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature to ensure the protection
14 of the rights under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United
15 States for individuals licensed to practice medicine and surgery or
16 osteopathic medicine and surgery by providing for the public expression
17 of differing medical opinions and allowing such opinions to be subjected
18 to the scrutiny of public and professional forums. A license to practice
19 medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery shall not be
20 subject to any disciplinary measures as a result of an applicant or
21 licensee expressing an opinion in a public or professional forum.
22 (b) The expression of an opinion by an applicant or licensee in a
23 public or professional forum does not include the expression of an
24 opinion offered in the course of the applicant's or licensee's practice,
25 including providing services to a patient.
26 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2037, Reissue Revised Statutes of
27 Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 203. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM611
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 4. A community-wide directed health measure (1) shall be
3 subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and 71-1632, (2)
4 shall expire seven days after the date of issuance, and (3) may be
5 reauthorized subject to approval as provided in sections 71-1630 and
6 71-1632.
7 2. On page 2, line 3, after "71-1636" insert "and section 4 of this
8 act".
9 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 437. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM659
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-5829.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:
5 71-5829.03 Except as provided in section 71-5830.01, no person,
6 including persons acting for or on behalf of a health care facility,
7 shall engage in any of the following activities without having first
8 applied for and received the necessary certificate of need:
9 (1) The initial establishment of ~~long-term care beds or~~
10 rehabilitation beds except as permitted under subdivision (3)~~subdivisions~~
11 ~~(4) and (5)~~ of this section;
12 ~~(2) An increase in the long-term care beds of a health care facility~~

~~by more than ten long-term care beds or more than ten percent of the total long-term care bed capacity of such facility, whichever is less, over a two-year period;~~

(2)~~(3)~~ An increase in the rehabilitation beds of a health care facility by more than ten rehabilitation beds or more than ten percent of the total rehabilitation bed capacity of such facility, whichever is less, over a two-year period;

~~(4) Any initial establishment of long-term care beds through conversion by a hospital of any type of hospital beds to long-term care beds if the total beds converted by the hospital are more than ten beds or more than ten percent of the total bed capacity of such hospital, whichever is less, over a two-year period;~~

(3)~~(5)~~ Any initial establishment of rehabilitation beds through conversion by a hospital of any type of hospital beds to rehabilitation beds if the total beds converted by the hospital are more than ten beds or more than ten percent of the total bed capacity of such hospital, whichever is less, over a two-year period; or

(4)~~(6)~~ Any relocation of rehabilitation beds in Nebraska from one health care facility to another health care facility, except that no certificate of need is required for relocation or transfer of rehabilitation beds from a health care facility to another health care facility owned and operated by the same entity.

Sec. 2. Section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5830.01 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act, a certificate of need is not required for:

(1) A change in classification between an intermediate care facility, a nursing facility, or a skilled nursing facility;

(2) A project of a county in which is located a city of the metropolitan class for which a bond issue has been approved by the electorate of such county on or after January 1, 1994; and

(3) A project of a federally recognized Indian tribe to be located on tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the State of Nebraska where (a) a determination has been made by the tribe's governing body that the cultural needs of the tribe's members cannot be adequately met by existing facilities if such project has been approved by the tribe's governing body and (b) the tribe has a self-determination agreement in place with the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services so that payment for enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe who are served at such facility will be made with one hundred percent federal reimbursement.~~; and~~

~~(4) A transfer or relocation of long-term care beds from one facility to another entity in the same health planning region or any other health planning region. The receiving entity shall obtain a license for the transferred or relocated beds within two years after the transfer or relocation. The department shall grant an extension of such time if the receiving entity is making progress toward the licensure of such beds.~~

Sec. 3. Section 71-5836, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5836 The department, after consulting with appropriate governmental agencies and affected persons, shall:

(1) Prescribe the form to be used in applying for certificates of need and for applying for renewal of such certificates. The application shall contain (a) the name and address of the sponsor, (b) the anticipated date for placing the beds in service, (c) the location, (d) the number of new beds, (e) a concise, narrative description of the project showing the type and description of proposed acute care beds~~,~~ or rehabilitation beds, ~~or long-term care beds,~~ and (f) the certification

and telephone number of a responsible officer; and
(2) By rule and regulation describe and clarify the procedures to be followed in the review of an application. Such procedures shall be issued with each application form.
Sec. 4. Section 71-5846, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
71-5846 The department shall make a decision in writing to (1) approve the application and issue a certificate of need~~,~~ or (2) disapprove the application and deny a certificate of need~~, or (3) if the application is for more long-term care beds than allowed under section 71-5829.04, approve the application but issue a certificate of need only for the reduced number of beds that section 71-5829.04 allows~~. The department shall make its decision within sixty days after the date the application was received.
Sec. 5. Section 71-5865, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
71-5865 In an appeal of a decision to deny a certificate of need, the person requesting the appeal shall bear the burden of proving that the project meets the applicable criteria established in sections 71-5829.03 and~~to~~ 71-5829.06.
Sec. 6. Original sections 71-5829.03, 71-5830.01, 71-5836, 71-5846, and 71-5865, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
Sec. 7. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 71-5803.10, 71-5829.04, and 71-5829.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 676. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM655 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 213. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM645
1. Strike original section 3.
2. On page 2, line 24, strike "including" and insert "such as";
strike beginning with "which" in line 27 through "shall" in line 29 and insert "that"; and in line 29 after the second comma insert "and" and after "and" insert "any".

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Agriculture

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM638 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Business and Labor
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Katie Thurber - Department of Labor

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
LB649
AM 632 amending LB649
Note: LB649 and AM632 will have a combined hearing.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

COMMUNICATION(S)

Received communication to President Kelly, Speaker Arch, and Members of the Legislature from Timothy Tesmer, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding the appointment of the following to the Nebraska Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee:

Dr. Rui Yi
Dr. Alysson Muotri.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB80:
FA44
Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB676:
FA51
In AM655, Strike Section 1.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB230:
FA49
Strike Section 1.

FA50
Strike Section 2.

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB649:
AM632
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 19 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.
Sec. 2. The purpose of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act is to provide incentives to encourage employers to locate their workforce in this state to support military defense efforts and foster the growth of the workforce required to advance global defense communications and

technologies.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act, the definitions found in sections 4 to 13 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 4. Any term defined in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 has the same meaning in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act unless the context or the express language of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act requires a different meaning.

Sec. 5. Base year means the year immediately preceding the year of application.

Sec. 6. Full-time employee means with respect to any month, an employee who is employed on average at least thirty hours of service per week.

Sec. 7. Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for any year means the most recent statewide average hourly wage paid by all employers in all counties in Nebraska as calculated by the Office of Labor Market Information of the Department of Labor using annual data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by October 1 of the year prior to application. Hourly wages shall be calculated by dividing the reported average annual weekly wage by forty.

Sec. 8. Performance period means the year of application plus the next nine years.

Sec. 9. Qualified employee means a person employed by the taxpayer who is (1) a full-time employee, (2) exclusively dedicated to supporting military defense efforts in this state, and (3) paid wages at a rate equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage.

Sec. 10. Qualified employer means a taxpayer that:

(1) Employs (a) at least ten full-time qualified employees in Nebraska during the base year and (b) at least the same number of full-time qualified employees as were employed in the prior year for each year of the performance period;

(2) Pays wages for services rendered (a) at a rate equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage in the base year and (b) at a rate equal to at least one hundred two percent of the prior year wage level during each year of the performance period; and

(3) Electronically verifies the work eligibility status of all new qualified employees employed in Nebraska prior to hire during the entire performance period.

Sec. 11. Taxpayer means any person subject to sales and use taxes under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and subject to withholding under section 77-2753 and any entity that is or would otherwise be a member of the same unitary group, if incorporated, that is subject to such sales and use taxes and such withholding. Taxpayer does not include a political subdivision or an organization that is exempt from income taxes under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For purposes of this section, political subdivision includes any public corporation created for the benefit of a political subdivision and any group of political subdivisions forming a joint public agency, organized by interlocal agreement, or utilizing any other method of joint action.

Sec. 12. Wage credit means the credit described in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

Sec. 13. Year means calendar year.

Sec. 14. (1) If a qualified employer has entered into an agreement with the state pursuant to section 15 of this act, the qualified employer shall during each year of the performance period receive the wage credit approved by the Tax Commissioner in the manner provided in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

(2) The wage credit shall equal five percent of the total compensation paid by the qualified employer in the year to all qualified

employees of the qualified employer in Nebraska. The wage credit earned for all qualified employers shall not exceed four million dollars in any year. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits in any given year, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first.

(3) The wage credits shall be allowed for each year in the performance period. Unused credits may carry over and be applied against future state withholdings.

(4) The total amount all qualified employers may receive in credits pursuant to the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not exceed forty million dollars. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first. This benefit is in addition to any benefits the qualified employer may otherwise qualify for under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act or may have qualified for previously under the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Employment and Investment Growth Act, or the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act.

(5) The qualified employer may use the wage credit to reduce the qualified employer's income tax withholding employer or payor tax liability under section 77-2756 or 77-2757. To the extent of the credit used, such withholding shall not constitute public funds or state tax revenue and shall not constitute a trust fund or be owned by the state. The use by the qualified employer of the credit shall not change the amount that otherwise would be reported by the qualified employer to the employee under section 77-2754 as income tax withheld and shall not reduce the amount that otherwise would be allowed by the state as a refundable credit on an employee's income tax return as income tax withheld under section 77-2755.

Sec. 15. (1) In order for the qualified employer to be eligible for the wage credit, the qualified employer shall file an application for an agreement with the Tax Commissioner.

(2) The application shall:

(a) State the exact name of the taxpayer and any related companies;

(b) Include a description, in detail, of the nature of the company's business, including the products sold and respective markets;

(c) Request that the company be considered for approval under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act;

(d) Acknowledge that the qualified employer understands and complies with the requirements for verifying the work eligibility status of all new qualified employees;

(e) Include a description, in detail, regarding each qualified employee employed during the base year, including employment status and wages paid; and

(f) Include a nonrefundable application fee of five thousand dollars. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Incentives Fund.

(3) Any complete application shall be considered a valid application on the date submitted for the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

(4) The application and all supporting information are confidential except for the name of the taxpayer, the number of qualified employees, and whether the application has been approved.

(5) The Tax Commissioner shall determine whether to approve the application based upon whether the applicant meets the definition of a qualified employer.

(6) The Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing as to whether the application has been approved or not. The Tax Commissioner shall decide and mail the notice within thirty days after receiving the application, regardless of whether he or she approves or disapproves the application, unless the time is extended by mutual written consent of the Tax Commissioner and the applicant.

(7) An application may be approved only if it is consistent with the

legislative purposes contained in section 2 of this act.

(8) If the application is approved by the Tax Commissioner, the qualified employer and the state shall enter into a written agreement, which shall be executed on behalf of the state by the Tax Commissioner. In the agreement, the qualified employer shall agree to maintain the required level of employment and make the required wage increases, and in consideration of the qualified employer's agreement, the state shall agree to allow the wage credits as provided in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act. The application, and all supporting documentation, to the extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. The agreement may contain such terms and conditions as the Tax Commissioner specifies in order to carry out the legislative purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act. The agreement shall contain provisions to allow the Tax Commissioner to verify that the required levels of employment have been maintained and the appropriate increases in wages have been made.

Sec. 16. (1) If the taxpayer fails to maintain the required level of employment and meet the wage requirements through the entire performance period, all or a portion of the wage credits shall be recaptured directly by the state from the taxpayer or shall be disallowed. In no event shall any wage credits be required to be paid back directly or indirectly by the employees. All such credits must be repaid by the taxpayer.

(2) The recapture or disallowance shall be as follows:

(a) No wage credits shall be allowed, and if already allowed shall be recaptured, for the actual year or years in which the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met;

(b) For wage credits allowed in prior years, one-tenth of the credits shall be recaptured from the taxpayer for each year the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met; and

(c) For wage credits for future years, one-tenth of the credits shall be disallowed for each year the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met in previous years.

(3) Any amounts required to be recaptured shall be deemed to be an underpayment of tax, immediately due and payable, and shall constitute a lien on the assets of the taxpayer. When wage credits were received in more than one year, the credits received in the most recent year shall be recovered first and then the credits received in earlier years shall be recovered up to the extent of the required recapture.

(4) Interest shall accrue from the due date for the return for the year in which the taxpayer failed to maintain the required level of employment or meet the required wage level.

(5) Penalties shall not accrue until ninety days after the requirement for recapture or disallowance becomes known or should have become known to the taxpayer.

(6) The recapture or disallowance required by this section may be waived by the Tax Commissioner if he or she finds the failure to maintain the required level of employment or meet the required wage level was caused by unavoidable circumstances such as an act of God or a national emergency.

Sec. 17. (1) The wage credits allowed under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not be transferable except in the following situations:

(a) Any credit allowable to a partnership, a limited liability company, a subchapter S corporation, a cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a limited cooperative association, or an estate or trust may be distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons, or beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use against their income tax liabilities, and such partners, members,

shareholders, or beneficiaries shall be deemed to have made an underpayment of their income taxes for any recapture required by section 16 of this act. A credit distributed shall be considered a credit used and the partnership, limited liability company, subchapter S corporation, cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limited cooperative association, estate, or trust shall be liable for any repayment required by section 16 of this act; and

(b) The credits previously allowed and future credits may be transferred when an agreement is transferred in its entirety by sale or lease to another taxpayer or in an acquisition of assets qualifying under section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(2) The acquiring taxpayer, as of the date of notification to the Tax Commissioner of the completed transfer, shall be entitled to any unused credits and to any future credits allowable under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

(3) The acquiring taxpayer shall be liable for any recapture that becomes due after the date of the transfer for the repayment of any credits received either before or after the transfer.

(4) If a taxpayer dies and there is a credit remaining after the filing of the final return for the taxpayer, the personal representative shall determine the distribution of the credit or any remaining carryover with the initial fiduciary return filed for the estate. The determination of the distribution of the credit may be changed only after obtaining the permission of the Tax Commissioner.

(5) The Tax Commissioner may disclose information to the acquiring taxpayer about the agreement and prior credits that is reasonably necessary to determine the future credits and liabilities of the taxpayer.

Sec. 18. The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

Sec. 19. (1) The Department of Revenue shall submit electronically an annual report to the Legislature no later than October 31 of each year. The report shall be on a fiscal year, accrual basis that satisfies the requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Department of Revenue shall, on or before December 15 of each year, appear at a joint hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and present the report. Any supplemental information requested by three or more committee members must be provided within thirty days after the request.

(2) The report shall list (a) the agreements which have been signed during the previous calendar year, (b) the agreements which are still in effect, and (c) the identity of each taxpayer that is a party to an agreement.

(3) The report shall provide information on agreement-specific total credits used every two years for each agreement. The report shall disclose the identity of the taxpayer and the total credits used during the immediately preceding two years, expressed as a single, aggregated total. The information required to be reported under this subsection shall not be reported for the first year the taxpayer maintains the required employment threshold. The information on first-year credits used shall be combined with and reported as part of the second year. Thereafter, the information on credits used for succeeding years shall be reported for each agreement every two years containing information on two years of credits used.

(4) No information shall be provided in the report that is protected by state or federal confidentiality laws.

Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2027.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:

FA52
In AM638, on Page 3, Line 24, strike "2029" and insert "2028" and on Page 3, Line 29, strike "2029" and insert "2028".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB340:
MO103
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO104
Bracket until April 30, 2025.

MO105
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB230:
MO102
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 74. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan Knights defeated the Cross County Cougars in the championship game by a score of 53-43; and

WHEREAS, the Archbishop Bergan basketball team finished the season with a record of seventeen wins and nine losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-2 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Archbishop Bergan High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 75. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, Ryan Daniel Sims was born on January 8, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Ryan enjoyed spending time with his family, listening to his favorite music, celebrating at birthday parties, and eating delicious cake; and

WHEREAS, Ryan was a light to all those around him. His empathy, love, and care for people was cherished by those he loved and will not be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Ryan passed away March 8, 2025, at the age of sixteen; and

WHEREAS, Ryan is survived by his loving parents, Garret and Kristine; brothers, Charlie and Joe; and grandparents, Carol and Chuck Paskach and Mary Jean Sims.

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

1. That the Legislature express condolences to the family of Ryan Daniel Sims.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Ryan Daniel Sims.

Laid over.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Sorrentino name withdrawn from LB290.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Mead Elementary School, Mead; Henry NyGrin; Grayder Girmus; students from Platte Valley Christian School, Ogallala; students from TeenPact Leadership Schools, Lincoln; students from Sutton Elementary, Sutton; Leadership Bellevue; members of York County Farm Bureau.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor LuRae Hallstrom, Chaplain at Grand Lodge in Lincoln, St. John's, Otoe, Syracuse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

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 Senator Conrad who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Dungan, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-sixth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 76. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley High School boys wrestling team secured the runner-up Class D Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, the Central Valley's Cougars worked hard and ended the championship with individual gold medalists Lincoln Nekoliczak at 120 pounds and Grady Kelly at 190 pounds, silver medalist William Pokorny at 157 pounds, and Dallas Wadsworth at 113 pounds claimed fifth place to secure the runner-up title for Central Valley; and

WHEREAS, Dalton Dugan at 106 pounds, Landon Shoemaker at 138 pounds, Luke Shoemaker at 150 pounds, and Jairo Lazos at 165 pounds all won in the first round individual skirmishes; and

WHEREAS, Central Valley entered the championship with eight wrestlers and each wrestler left with at least one win; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of Central Valley's wrestling team on earning the runner-up 2025 Class D State Wrestling Championship title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Central Valley High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 77. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Elm Creek High School girls basketball team competed in the 2025 Class D-1 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Elm Creek Buffaloes earned the runner-up title after a tough battle with the Pender Pendragons; and

WHEREAS, remaining true to the Buffaloes team motto "fearless pursuit", the team kept fighting and remained united until the end; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Elm Creek girls basketball team on earning the 2025 Class D-1 Runner-up Girls State Basketball Championship title.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Elm Creek High School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 78. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; DeKay, 40; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Ravenna High School took the stage on December 12, 2024, as their twelfth state bid in as many years; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna secured the Class C-2 One-Act State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship title, Ravenna also earned second place in the technical theatre category; and

WHEREAS, Ravenna's cast also earned individual awards including the two available Outstanding Performer Awards to Maggie Huryta and Owen Standage; and

WHEREAS, the superior acting awards went to Maggie Huryta, Owen Standage, Abby Lewadowski, Matti Lyions, Wyton Fiddelike, and Noah Schroeder; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ravenna High School one-act team on winning the Class C-2 One-Act State Championship title.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ravenna High School.

Laid over.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Ballard moved to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of the public hearing by the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to receive the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems Experience Study and the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems Annual Report

The Ballard motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(4)(a) (cancel)
Note: Invited Testimony Only
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(3) (cancel)
Note: Invited Testimony Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Committee AM411, found on page 640, and considered on pages 802 and 808, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO86, found on page 802, and considered on pages 802 and 808, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB376.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO58, found on page 646, to bracket until May 1, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO57, to recommit to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM549, found on page 708, was offered.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
AM646

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM549)

1. On page 19, line 11, after "snuff" insert "and alternative nicotine products".
2. On page 20, strike lines 2 through 5; in line 6 strike "(g)" and reinstate the stricken "(f)"; and in line 12 strike "(h)" and reinstate the stricken "(g)".

The Raybould amendment lost with 5 ayes, 24 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST13
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "retirement" in line 1 through line 4 has been struck and "retirement; to amend sections 16-1005 and 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act relating to optional benefit forms for retiring firefighters; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST12
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 1, the matter beginning with "to" in line 3 through "anesthetists" in line 5 has been struck and "to provide for student loans to certain students and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists and dietitian nutritionists under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lonowski filed the following amendment to LB689:
AM734

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

Section 1. Section 79-930, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-930 (1)(a) A member who experiences a separation from service with the member's employer but has not submitted a retirement application or a request for distribution pursuant to section 79-955, or received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to section 79-955, from the retirement system, may return to work as a temporary employee, substitute employee, or volunteer for any employer participating in the retirement system. Such an employee:

(i) Shall be deemed to have incurred a termination for purposes of sections 79-921, 79-932, 79-933.02 to 79-933.06, and 79-933.08;

(ii) Shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination for purposes of sections 79-933, 79-951, and 79-955, and shall not be eligible to receive a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to section 79-955, from the retirement system, until the member incurs a termination of employment as described in subdivision (45) of section 79-902; and

(iii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(b) of this section, shall not be eligible to contribute to the retirement system pursuant to section 79-958 or accrue service credit in the retirement system pursuant to section 79-927.

(b)(i) A member as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section who becomes a regular employee for an employer participating in the retirement system shall immediately begin making contributions pursuant to section 79-958 on all compensation paid by such employer and accrue service credit pursuant to section 79-927 for all such service performed for such employer, including any work as a temporary employee or substitute employee.

(ii) A member as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section who has not established eligibility as a regular employee at another employer shall not make contributions pursuant to section 79-958 on all compensation paid by such employer nor accrue service credit pursuant to section 79-927 for work performed by the member as a temporary employee or substitute employee for such employer.

(c) Work performed while the member is not contributing to the retirement system pursuant to subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall

not accrue service credit in the retirement system pursuant to section 79-927 and cannot be purchased as service credit under sections 79-933.03 to 79-933.06 and 79-933.08.

(2)(a) A member who experiences a separation from service with the member's employer and has submitted a retirement application or a request for distribution pursuant to section 79-955, or received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to section 79-955, from the retirement system, shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination of employment if the member subsequently returns to work for any employer participating in the retirement system within one hundred eighty days after separating from service, unless such work is limited to:

(i) Intermittent work as a volunteer or substitute employee. For purposes of this subsection:

(A) Intermittent work means work provided on a day-to-day basis not to exceed forty days per semester~~that is not greater than eight days of work during a calendar month~~; and

(B) Day of work means any length of work as a volunteer or substitute employee provided during a single calendar day; or

(ii) Work as authorized by, and performed in accordance with, section 79-920.

(b) The one-hundred-eighty-day period begins on the later of:

(i) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation from service of all employment with all employers participating in the retirement system; or

(ii) The date the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems receives the member's retirement application or request for distribution pursuant to section 79-955.

(c)(i) A member may seek a determination from the director of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems that it has been at least one hundred eighty days since the member satisfied the requirements described in this subsection. The director shall make such determination if the member produces clear and convincing evidence that is received by the director within forty-five days after the later of:

(A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation of service of all employment with all employers participating in the retirement system; or

(B) The date the member's retirement application or request for distribution pursuant to section 79-955 is received by the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems.

(ii) A member may appeal the director's determination to the board within thirty days after receiving such determination.

(iii) The board's determination on the appeal shall be final and shall not be appealable to any court.

Sec. 2. Section 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-992 (1) A member who has five years or more of creditable service, excluding years of prior service acquired pursuant to section 79-990, 79-991, 79-994, 79-995, or 79-997, and who terminates his or her employment may elect to leave his or her contributions in the retirement system, in which event he or she shall receive a retirement allowance at normal retirement age based on the annuity earned to the date of such termination of employment. Such member may elect to receive a retirement allowance at early retirement age if such member retires at an early retirement date. Such annuity shall be adjusted in accordance with section 79-9,100. Upon termination of employment, except on account of retirement, a member shall be entitled to receive refunds as follows: (a) An amount equal to the accumulated contributions to the retirement system by the member; and (b) any contributions made to a previously existing system which were refundable under the terms of that system. Any member

receiving a refund of contributions shall thereby forfeit and relinquish all accrued rights in the retirement system including all accumulated creditable service, except that if any member who has withdrawn his or her contributions as provided in this section reenters the service of the district and again becomes a member of the retirement system, he or she may restore any or all money previously received by him or her as a refund, including the interest on the amount of the restored refund for the period of his or her absence from the district's service as determined using the interest rate for interest on such restored refunds, and he or she shall then again receive credit for that portion of service which the restored money represents. Such restoration may be made as the board may direct until September 1, 2024, and as the retirement board may direct beginning September 1, 2024, through direct payments to the system or on an installment basis pursuant to a binding irrevocable payroll deduction authorized between the member and the school district over a period of not to exceed five years from the date of reemployment. Interest on delayed payments shall be at the rate of interest for determining interest on delayed payments by members to the retirement system. Creditable service may be purchased only in one-tenth-year increments, starting with the most recent years' salary.

(2) Except as provided in section 79-992.01:

(a)(i) A retired member, or a member described in subdivision (2)(c) or (d) of this subsection, who returns to employment as or again becomes an employee of the school district shall again participate in the retirement system as a new member and shall make contributions to the retirement system commencing upon reemployment as an employee.

(ii) The retirement annuity of a retired member who returns to employment with the school district shall continue to be paid by the retirement system. A retired member who returns to employment as an employee of the school district shall receive creditable service only for service performed after his or her return to employment and in no event shall creditable service which accrues or the compensation paid to the member after such return to employment after retirement increase the amount of the member's original retirement annuity;

(b) Upon termination of employment of the reemployed member, the member shall receive in addition to the retirement annuity which commenced at the time of the previous retirement (i) if the member has accrued five years or more of creditable service after his or her return to employment, excluding years of prior service acquired pursuant to section 79-990, 79-991, 79-994, 79-995, or 79-997, a retirement annuity as provided in section 79-999 or 79-9,100, as applicable, calculated solely on the basis of creditable service and final average compensation accrued and earned after the member's return to employment after his or her original retirement, and as adjusted to reflect any payment in other than the normal form or (ii) if the member has not accrued five years or more of creditable service after his or her return to employment, a refund equal to the member's accumulated contributions which were credited to the member after the member's return to employment. In no event shall the member's creditable service which accrued prior to a previous retirement be considered as part of the member's creditable service after his or her return to employment for any purpose of the Class V School Employees Retirement Act;

(c) A member who experiences a separation from service but has not submitted a retirement application or request for distribution pursuant to this section or as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978, or received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or refund may return to work as a temporary employee, substitute employee, or volunteer. Such a temporary employee, substitute employee, or volunteer:

(i) Shall be deemed to have incurred a termination of employment for purposes of section 79-991;

(ii) Shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination of employment for purposes of this section or section 79-992.01, 79-9,105, or 79-9,106, or for any other purposes under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, and shall not be eligible to receive a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution pursuant to this section, until the member incurs a termination of employment as described in subdivision (42) of section 79-978; and

(iii) Except as provided in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section, shall not be eligible to contribute to the retirement system pursuant to section 79-9,113 or earn membership service credit in the retirement system as described in subdivision (23) of section 79-978; and

(d)(i) A member who experiences a separation from service and has submitted a retirement application or request for distribution pursuant to this section or as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978, or received a retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or distribution, shall not be deemed to have incurred a termination of employment if the member subsequently returns to work for the district within one hundred eighty days after separating from service, unless such work is limited to:

(A) Bona fide unpaid voluntary service;

(B) Work performed as a substitute employee on an intermittent basis; or

(C) Work as a temporary employee following a bona fide separation of service of not less than thirty calendar days and which is provided to accomplish a specific purpose or task for a limited period not to exceed one year.

(ii) For purposes of subdivision (2)(d) of this section:

(A) Intermittent basis means work provided on a day-to-day basis not to exceed forty days per semester~~that is not greater than eight days of work during a calendar month~~; and

(B) Day of work means any length of work as a substitute employee provided during a single calendar day.

(iii) The one-hundred-eighty-day period described in subdivision (2)(d)(i) of this section begins on the later of:

(A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation from service of all employment as an employee with the school district; or

(B) The date the board receives the member's retirement application or request for distribution as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978.

(iv) A member may seek a determination from the administrator that it has been at least one hundred eighty days since the member satisfied the requirements described in this subdivision (2)(d). The administrator shall make such determination if the member produces clear and convincing evidence that is received by the administrator within forty-five days after the later of:

(A) The date the member experienced a bona fide separation of service of all employment as an employee with the district; or

(B) The date the board receives the member's retirement application or request for distribution as described in subdivision (32) of section 79-978.

(v) A member may appeal the administrator's determination to the board within thirty days after the determination by the administrator. The board's determination on appeal shall be final and shall not be appealable to any court.

(3) In the event a member is entitled to receive a refund of contributions pursuant to subsection (1) or subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of this section in an amount greater than one thousand dollars, if the member does not elect to have the refund paid directly to himself or herself or transferred to an eligible retirement plan designated by the member as a direct rollover pursuant to section 79-998, then the refund

of contributions shall be paid in a direct rollover to an individual retirement plan as designated by the board until September 1, 2024, and as designated by the retirement board beginning September 1, 2024.
Sec. 3. Original sections 79-930 and 79-992, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB322:
MO106
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO107
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO108
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 3, 2025
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(4)(a) (reschedule)
Note: Invited Testimony Only
Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(3) (reschedule)
Note: Invited Testimony Only

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Title read. Considered.

Senator Guereca offered the following amendment:
AM737
1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 5. Section 29-2260, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
29-2260 (1) Whenever a person is adjudicated to be as described in subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, his or her disposition shall be governed by the Nebraska Juvenile Code.
(2) Whenever a court considers sentence for an offender convicted of either a misdemeanor or a felony for which mandatory or mandatory minimum imprisonment is not specifically required, the court may withhold sentence of imprisonment unless, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the crime and the history, character, and condition of the offender, the court finds that imprisonment of the offender is

necessary for protection of the public because:
(a) The risk is substantial that during the period of probation the offender will engage in additional criminal conduct;
(b) The offender is in need of correctional treatment that can be provided most effectively by commitment to a correctional facility; or
(c) A lesser sentence will depreciate the seriousness of the offender's crime or promote disrespect for law.
(3) The following grounds, while not controlling the discretion of the court, shall be accorded weight in favor of withholding sentence of imprisonment:
(a) The crime neither caused nor threatened serious harm;
(b) The offender did not contemplate that his or her crime would cause or threaten serious harm;
(c) The offender acted under strong provocation;
(d) Substantial grounds were present tending to excuse or justify the crime, though failing to establish a defense;
(e) The victim of the crime induced or facilitated commission of the crime;
(f) The offender has compensated or will compensate the victim of his or her crime for the damage or injury the victim sustained;
(g) The offender has no history of prior delinquency or criminal activity and has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period of time before the commission of the crime;
(h) The crime was the result of circumstances unlikely to recur;
(i) The character and attitudes of the offender indicate that he or she is unlikely to commit another crime;
(j) The offender is likely to respond affirmatively to probationary treatment; ~~and~~
(k) Imprisonment of the offender would entail excessive hardship to his or her dependents;~~.~~
(l) The offender has been abused physically, sexually, or psychologically by a family or household member as defined in section 42-903, a sexual partner, or a person who used the offender for financial gain; or
(m) The offender is a trafficking victim as defined in section 28-830.
(4) When an offender who has been convicted of a crime is not sentenced to imprisonment, the court may sentence him or her to probation.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

The Guereca amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Hardin moved to suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of Senator Hunt's legislative bills having pubic hearings on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, in Health and Human Services Committee and Judiciary Committee.

The Hardin motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB367 (cancel)

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025
LB367 (reschedule)

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025
LB273 (cancel)

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 463. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 320. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM687
1 1. On page 6, strike beginning with "task" in line 15 through
2 "establishments" in line 17 and insert "Attorney General, the Department
3 of Labor, and hotels and similar public lodging establishments may work
4 together"; in line 30 strike "National" and insert "Nebraska"; and in
5 line 31 strike "Resource Center".
6 2. On page 7, strike beginning with "within" in line 22 through
7 "establishment" in line 23; and in line 25 strike "National" and insert
8 "Nebraska" and strike "Resource Center".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 532. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM692 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB629:
AM415 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Strommen filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM722

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:

Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.

(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the district~~proper~~ court in the county where the employer's principal place of business is located. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment ~~and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees~~.

(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless

specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved. (8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB415:
FA53
In AM545, change the start date on page 4 from "October 1, 2025" to "January 1, 2026" and on page 4 strike "(4)" lines 13 through 16 and renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Strommen filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM743
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:
Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.
(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.
(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.
(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the district~~proper~~ court in the county where the employer's principal place of business is located. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment ~~and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees~~.
(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as

described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.
(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to LB176:
AM716
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 86-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
86-1504 When determining a deployment project area, the granting agency shall collaborate with the Nebraska Broadband Office and the commission to ensure compliance with the Rural Communications Sustainability Act. For all broadband deployment programs not funded by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, granting agencies shall require grant applicants to provide a resolution of project acknowledgment adopted by the city or village in which the proposed deployment project area will be located or, if such area will not be located in a city or village, the county in which such area will be located. When requesting a resolution of project acknowledgment, the grant applicant shall provide at least the following information to the relevant city, village, or county:
(1) A map of the proposed deployment project area;
(2) Acknowledgment that the grant applicant will be applying for appropriate permits; and
(3) A proposed timeline for the proposed project.
Sec. 2. Original section 86-1504, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Kauth announced the Business and Labor Committee will hold an executive session Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 2022.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Congressman Adrian Smith and Josh Jackson.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:45 a.m., on a motion by Senator Andersen, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 20, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FORTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 20, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Lynette Janssen, Ralston United Church of Christ, Ralston.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

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, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-seventh day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM729 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Juarez filed the following amendment to LB299:
AM727

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM464)
1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
2 4. On page 7, line 9, reinstate the stricken language.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 1:00 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025
LB273

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 19, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Baldocchi, Danny
Airbnb, Inc. (Withdrawn 03/18/2025)
CP Strategies LLC
Combat Hate Foundation Inc.
Richters, Rebecca S.
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)
Severino, Dylan
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)
Simmons, Kameron
Flock Safety
Steingart, Nick
Alliance for Automotive Innovation

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 67, 68, and 69 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 67, 68, and 69.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB116 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 81-3717 and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	Hunt	Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	Hunt	Moser

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 39-1722, 39-1724, and 39-1725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	Hunt	Moser

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec.9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB41 to Select File

Senator Riepe moved to return LB41 to Select File for his specific amendment, AM637, found on page 802.

The Riepe motion to return prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. The Riepe specific amendment, AM637, found on page 802, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 384. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM703
1 1. On page 2, line 26, strike "a majority of the elected members"
2 and insert "one voting member".

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM554
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 39-1348 (1) Except as otherwise provided in sections 39-2808 to
6 39-2823, when letting contracts for the construction, reconstruction,
7 improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and their
8 appurtenances, the department shall solicit bids as follows:
9 (a)(i)~~(a)~~ For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the
10 department, of greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the
11 department shall provide notice of the department's solicitation

of~~advertise for~~ sealed bids using the following methods:~~for not less than twenty days by publication of a notice thereof~~

(A) Publish notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in the official county newspaper designated by the county board in the county where the work is to be done and in such additional newspaper or newspapers as may appear necessary to the department in order to give notice of the receiving of bids; and~~.~~

(B) Publish notice on the official webpage designated by the department beginning at least twenty days before the deadline for receipt of bids. The notice will be deemed to comply with this requirement even if there are temporary or occasional times when Internet service is down or the designated webpage is not available for any reason.

(ii) Such notice~~advertisement~~ shall identify the general project location, state ~~the place~~ where the plans and specifications for the work may be inspected, and ~~shall~~ designate the time when the bids shall be filed and opened. The newspaper notice shall identify the department's official webpage where the details of the bid letting may be viewed electronically.

(iii) The notice requirements of this section shall be deemed to have been met if notice of the bid solicitation has been published on the department's designated webpage for at least twenty days prior to the time when bids will be opened, even if there is any defect with the newspaper notice described in subdivision (1)(a)(i)(A) of this section, including, but not limited to, meeting a publication deadline that has been moved by the publisher resulting in an inability to satisfy the requirement of three consecutive weeks of published notice.

(iv) If through no fault of the department publication of such notice fails to appear as prescribed in subdivisions (1)(a)(i) and (ii) of this section~~in any newspaper or newspapers in the manner provided in this subdivision~~, the department shall be deemed to have fulfilled the requirements of this subdivision; and

(b) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the department, of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less, the department, in its sole discretion, shall either:

(i) Follow the procedures given in subdivision (a) of this subsection; or

(ii) Request bids from at least three potential bidders for such work. If the department requests bids under this subdivision, it shall designate a time when the bids shall be opened. The department may award a contract pursuant to this subdivision if it receives at least one responsive bid.

(2) The Department of Transportation may adjust the amounts in subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this section annually on October 1 by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, at the close of the twelve-month period ending on August 31 of such year. The amounts shall be rounded to the next highest one-thousand-dollar amount.

Sec. 2. Section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

39-1355 (1) The department shall have authority to:

(a) Purchase~~purchase~~, lease, employ, or acquire by other means, all needed road materials, machinery, equipment, supplies, services, and labor necessary for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and control of the state highway system and all tools and materials necessary to keep such machinery and equipment in repair; and

(b) Lease~~. The department shall also have authority to lease~~, purchase, construct, or cause to be constructed, buildings for office accommodations, which are necessary in the administration of the duties of the department, and buildings for the storing and housing of

materials, machinery, equipment, and supplies.
(2) The department shall not~~; Provided, that the department may not~~ construct or cause to be constructed any building with an estimated cost greater than the adjusted dollar amount established for capital construction projects in section 81-1114.01~~exceeding a cost of one hundred thousand dollars~~ without the consent of the Legislature.
(3) The maintenance, protection, and control of the materials, machinery, equipment, supplies, tools, and buildings shall be under the authority and responsibility of the department.
Sec. 3. Original section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM608, found on page 805, was offered.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator Fredrickson requested a roll call vote on the adoption of the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Murman	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Bostar	DeKay	Lippincott	Quick	
Brandt	Dungan	Lonowski	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree	
Clouse	Guereca	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen Storer

Present and not voting, 16:

Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Riepe
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt Kauth Moser Storm

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 20, 2025, at 10:02 a.m. were the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 159. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 228. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB41A:
AM739
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $8,798 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and $19,223 from federal funds for FY2025-26 and (2) $7,655 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and $16,305 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 344, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $8,798 Cash Funds and $19,223 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $7,655 Cash Funds and $16,305 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this section.
Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) $69,777 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and $85,802 from federal funds for FY2025-26 and (2) $72,860 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit

Fund and $86,780 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $69,777 Cash Funds and $85,802 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $72,860 Cash Funds and $86,780 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this section.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Senator McKinney offered the following motion:
MO110
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f)

Senator Ballard opened on his bill, LB415.

Senator McKinney opened on his motion, MO110.

Senator Holdcroft called the question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

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

Present and not voting, 6:

Arch	DeBoer	Fredrickson
Bostar	Dungan	Prokop

Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Guereca requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Fredrickson	Raybould

Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The McKinney motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read, failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO113
Reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Pending.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB170:
MO114
Bracket until May 30, 2025.

MO115
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

MO116
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB169:
MO117
Bracket until May 30, 2025.

MO118
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

MO119
Indefinitely postpone.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB415:
MO111
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO112
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 79. Introduced by Bosn, 25; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team won the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian Crusaders defeated the Milford High School Eagles in the championship game by a score of 49-42; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Christian finished the season with a perfect twenty-eight wins and zero losses; and

WHEREAS, this is the second consecutive state title for Lincoln Christian and the fourth state title overall; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and its coaches on winning the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Scott Klein.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB179.
Senator Conrad name added to LB439.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Syracuse Middle School, Syracuse; students from Voices for Children, Nebraska; Anna Meier, Gering.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Conrad, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FORTY-NINTH DAY - MARCH 25, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FORTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, March 25, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Louden Redinger, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ibach.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Moser who was excused; and Senators DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-eighth day was approved.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LB532:
MO120
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO121
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO122
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LB530:

MO123
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO124
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO125
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Kauth filed the following motions to LR12CA:
MO126
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO127
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO128
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 668. Placed on General File.

The Health and Human Services 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 Rural Health Advisory Commission:
Jeffrey D Harrison
Rebecca Schroeder
Roger Wells
Diva Wilson

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

State Board of Health:
Mark Bertch
J Paul Cook
Staci Hubert
Patricia Kucera
Brett Lindau
Kimberly Stuhmer
Kenneth Tusha

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

Health Information Technology Board:
Drew D Gonshorowski

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Health and Human Services 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.

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:
Kay Crabtree
John Culver
Valerie Hitz
Richard McCowin
Julie Ann Mruz

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 455. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM678
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 48-118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 48-118 (1) When a third person is liable to the employee or to the
6 dependents for the injury or death of the employee, the employer or
7 workers' compensation insurer shall be subrogated to the right of the
8 employee or to the dependents against such third person. The recovery by
9 such employer or workers' compensation insurer shall not be limited to
10 the amount payable as compensation to such employee or dependents, but
11 such employer or workers' compensation insurer may recover any amount
12 which such employee or his or her dependents should have been entitled to
13 recover.
14 (2) Any recovery by the employer or workers' compensation insurer
15 against such third person, in excess of the compensation paid by the
16 employer or workers' compensation insurer after deducting the expenses of
17 making such recovery, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid
18 forthwith to the employee or to the dependents pursuant to subsections
19 (2) and (3) of section 48-118.04.~~and shall be treated as an advance~~

~~payment by the employer on account of any future installments of compensation.~~

(3) Nothing in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act shall be construed to deny the right of an injured employee or of his or her personal representative to bring suit against such third person in his or her own name or in the name of the personal representative based upon such liability, but in such event an employer or workers' compensation insurer having paid or paying compensation to such employee or his or her dependents shall be made a party to the suit for the purpose of reimbursement, under the right of subrogation, of any compensation paid.

(4) For purposes of sections 48-118 to 48-118.05, third person shall include, but is not limited to, an insurer that issued a policy that includes uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage insuring the injured employee, his or her employer, or both the injured employee and his or her employer.

Sec. 2. Section 48-118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-118.04 (1) A settlement of a third-party claim or suit under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act is void unless:

(a) Such settlement is agreed upon in writing by the employee or his or her personal representative and the workers' compensation insurer of the employer, if there is one, and if there is no insurer, then by the employer; or

(b) In the absence of such agreement, the court before which the action is pending or, if no action is pending, the district court in which such action could be brought or the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, determines that the settlement offer is fair and reasonable considering liability, damages, and the ability of the third person and his or her liability insurance carrier to satisfy any judgment.

(2) If the employee or his or her personal representative or the employer or his or her workers' compensation insurer do not agree in writing upon distribution of the proceeds of any judgment or settlement, the court before which the action is pending or, if no action is pending, the district court in which such action could be brought or the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, upon application, shall order the~~a fair and equitable~~ distribution of the proceeds as follows:~~of any judgment or settlement.~~

(a) After deducting the reasonable expenses of making the recovery, including reasonable attorney's fees, one-third of the remainder shall be paid to the employee or his or her personal representative;

(b) Out of the balance remaining after the deduction and payment specified in subdivision (a) of this subsection, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall be paid for all compensation payments that have been made by the employer or workers' compensation insurer; and

(c) Any balance remaining after the distributions described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection have been made shall be paid to the employee or his or her personal representative.

(3) Payment to the employee or his or her personal representative under subsection (2) of this section shall be treated as an advance payment by the employer of any future installments of compensation owed by the employer to the employee. The amount of the advance payment shall be reduced by the amount of compensation which would have been owed by the employer but for the payment to the employee specified under subsection (2) of this section. In the event the employee or his or her personal representative and the employer or workers' compensation insurer do not agree that the advance payment has been exhausted, the employee or his or her personal representative shall make application to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court for a determination of exhaustion. When the amount of the advance payment is exhausted, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall resume payment of all additional benefits owed

to the employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

Sec. 3. Section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-144.01 (1) In every case of reportable injury arising out of and in the course of employment, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall file a report thereof with the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. Such report shall be filed within ten days after the employer or insurer has been given notice of or has knowledge of the injury.

(2)(a) To protect the confidentiality of the employee, a report made under subsection (1) of this section shall not be disclosed, redisclosed, released, disseminated, or otherwise published with the employee's confidential information except as otherwise provided in this subsection or as necessary for the compensation court to administer and enforce or perform its lawful duties under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

(b) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may be made available to the employee for whom the report is made, with or without a request from the employee. If the employee is deceased, any right or obligation under this subdivision shall extend to the employee's personal representative as defined in section 30-2209. The compensation court may provide any or all information from that report to the employee or such personal representative.

(c) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this section is subject to disclosure by the compensation court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, except as to the employee's confidential information and any other personally identifiable information. A request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section or for any information contained in such report may be fulfilled by the compensation court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 so long as the confidential information and any other personally identifiable information is redacted from such report or extract.

(d) An employee may elect to waive confidentiality of reports under subsection (1) of this section involving such employee. A waiver of confidentiality shall permit disclosure of the employee's confidential information. An election to waive, once made, shall remain in effect notwithstanding any change in employment by such employee unless the election to waive is revoked by the employee. An election to waive confidentiality or revocation of that waiver shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

(e) At the discretion of the compensation court, information from the report made pursuant to subsection (1) may be used in any pending matter before the compensation court involving the employee.

(f) In response to a public records request pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, any report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section that includes the employee's confidential information may be provided by the compensation court:

(i) To an attorney or authorized agent representing the employee as to any workers' compensation claim or claim involving personal injury. An attorney or authorized agent representing the employee shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the employee if requested by the compensation court;

(ii) To the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator involved in the reported injury or an attorney or authorized agent who represents the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator. An attorney or authorized agent representing the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

(iii) To an attorney or authorized agent of an insurer or a third-party administrator who is involved in administering any claim for insurance benefits related to any injury of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court. An attorney or authorized agent of such insurer or third-party administrator shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the insurer or third-party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

(iv) To an attorney representing a party to a lawsuit filed by or on behalf of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court. An attorney representing a party to such a lawsuit shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the party if requested by the compensation court;

(v) To a federal or state governmental unit at the request of the governmental unit if the information sought to be disclosed is necessary for the receiving federal or state governmental unit to operate a program or carry out a purpose specifically authorized by federal or state statute, including, but not limited to, the investigation of a fraud, criminal offense, or licensing or regulatory violation, child support enforcement, or to act upon an application for benefits submitted by the employee who is the subject of the report under subsection (1) of this section;

(vi) To a person engaged in bona fide statistical research, including, but not limited to, actuarial studies and health or safety investigations which are authorized by federal or state statute or regulation or other federal or state governmental units. The employee's confidential information or any other personally identifiable information shall not be disclosed unless the researcher has entered into a confidentiality agreement with the compensation court and has agreed that any research findings or reports will not disclose the employee's confidential information or any other personally identifiable information;

(vii) To a nonprofit organization that certifies to the administrator of the compensation court under penalty of perjury that the purpose of using the confidential information is to offer financial assistance to dependents of the employee or to send condolences to, provide memorials for, or offer grief counseling to family members of an employee whose injury or death was caused by a workplace incident;

(viii) When release of the report is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(ix) When a request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section is made by a treating physician or other health care provider who has rendered treatment to an employee or is seeking authorization for treatment or special services and the information sought to be disclosed relates to the compensability of a claim related to such treatment or authorization for special services or billing for services provided.

(g) Any request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

(3)~~(2)~~ For purposes of this section:

(a) Reportable injury means an injury or diagnosed occupational disease which results in: (i) Death, regardless of the time between the death and the injury or onset of disease; (ii) time away from work; (iii) restricted work or termination of employment; (iv) loss of consciousness; or (v) medical treatment other than first aid;

(b) Restricted work means the inability of the employee to perform one or more of the duties of his or her normal job assignment. Restricted work does not occur if the employee is able to perform all of the duties of his or her normal job assignment, but a work restriction is assigned because the employee is experiencing minor musculoskeletal discomfort and

for the purpose of preventing a more serious condition from developing;
(c) Medical treatment means treatment administered by a physician or other licensed health care professional; ~~and~~
(d) First aid means:
(i) Using a nonprescription medication at nonprescription strength. For medications available in both prescription and nonprescription form, a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care professional to use a nonprescription medication at prescription strength is not first aid;
(ii) Administering tetanus immunizations. Administering other immunizations, such as hepatitis B vaccine and rabies vaccine, is not first aid;
(iii) Cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the surface of the skin;
(iv) Using wound coverings, such as bandages and gauze pads, and superficial wound closing devices, such as butterfly bandages and steri-strips. Using other wound closing devices, such as sutures and staples, is not first aid;
(v) Using hot or cold therapy;
(vi) Using any nonrigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, and nonrigid back belts. Using devices with rigid stays or other systems designed to immobilize parts of the body is not first aid;
(vii) Using temporary immobilization devices, such as splints, slings, neck collars, and back boards, while transporting accident victims;
(viii) Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure or draining fluid from a blister;
(ix) Using eye patches;
(x) Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a cotton swab;
(xi) Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs, or other simple means;
(xii) Using finger guards;
(xiii) Using massages. Using physical therapy or chiropractic treatment is not first aid; and
(xiv) Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress; and ~~.~~
(e) Confidential information means an employee's name, address, telephone number, and email address.

Sec. 4. Original sections 48-118, 48-118.04, and 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 80. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the St. Mary's Catholic High School Cardinals defeated the Wynot High School Blue Devils in the championship game by a score of 63-51; and

WHEREAS, this is the Cardinal's second state championship title and they end the season with a 24-5 record; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class D-2 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the St. Mary's Catholic High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 19, 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 State Electrical Board - Inspector:

Tyler C Ritz, 6216 E Cedar Hills Pl, Kearney, NE 68845

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

March 19, 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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards:

Nathan J Sorben, 9930 N 151st Street, Waverly, NE, 68462, Department of Transportation
Kyle Anderson, 5409 North 284th Circle, Valley, NE 68064, Lay Member - District 2

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will hold its hearing on Friday, March 28, 2025, at 12:00 p.m., in Room 1524 instead of Room 1525.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Title Read. Considered.

Senator Riepe offered AM739, found on page 855.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 75.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Senator Jacobson filed following amendment:
AM781
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $5,765,385 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and $12,279,638 from federal funds for FY2025-26 and (2) $11,758,984 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and $25,045,347 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 344, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $5,765,385 Cash Funds and $12,279,638 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $11,758,984 Cash Funds and $25,045,347 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this section.
Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) $57,392,193 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and $105,013,007 from federal funds for FY2025-26 and (2) $117,056,172 from the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund and $214,182,801 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $57,392,193 Cash Funds and $105,013,007 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $117,056,172 Cash Funds and $214,182,801 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this section.
Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

The Jacobsen amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER27

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "Nebraska" in line 1 through
2 line 7 and insert "State Procurement Act; to amend section 73-803,
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to
4 provide for applicability; to repeal the original section; and to declare
5 an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER26 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER28
1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM501:
2 a. On page 3, line 27, strike "parts" and strike "they" and insert
3 "such regulations";
4 b. On page 4, line 8, after the period insert paragraphing and
5 "(2)"; and
6 c. On page 8, line 16, strike "if" and insert "whether".
7 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 16
8 and insert "public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239,
9 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268,
10 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and
11 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate
12 provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the
13 Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original
14 sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10,
15 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and
16 to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER30
1 1. On page 1, line 1, strike the first "relating to"; in line 3
2 strike "81-2017,"; in line 5 after "24-701," insert "24-703,"; and strike
3 beginning with "to" in line 17 through the semicolon in line 18 and
4 insert "to change provisions relating to contributions to the Nebraska
5 Retirement Fund for Judges; to change provisions relating to lump sum
6 payments under the School Employees Retirement Act;".
7 2. On page 2, line 1, after the semicolon insert "to prohibit the
8 use of names, logos, and symbols as provided;"; and in line 2 strike
9 "and" and insert "to provide operative dates;" and after "sections"
10 insert "; and to declare an emergency".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 224. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM701

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

Section 1. Sections 1 to 10 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Stand With Women Act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;

(2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational, athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members of each sex to succeed and thrive;

(3) Physical differences between males and females have long made separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk of physical injury;

(4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and aerobic energy;

(5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average, male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports performance gap between the sexes;

(6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic performance;

(7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes;

(8) Because of the physical differences between males and females, having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other athletic accomplishments;

(9) Providing for separate restrooms and locker rooms for females and males advances the important governmental objective of protecting the privacy of individuals and shielding students' bodies from the opposite sex; and

(10) Inconsistencies in court rulings and policy initiatives with respect to the definitions of sex, male, female, man, and woman have led to endangerment of single-sex spaces and resources, necessitating clarification of certain terms.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:

(1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions;

(2) Boy means an adolescent human male;

(3) Designate means to post signage or otherwise provide indication at or near the entrance to the restroom or locker room that is readily visible and states that the restroom or locker room is designated as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy,

or for use by families;

(4) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman and a girl;

(5) Girl means an adolescent human female;

(6) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and a boy;

(7) Man means an adult human male;

(8) Postsecondary educational institution means a university, college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(9) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(10) Public school means any public school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(11) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female;

(12) State agency means any department, agency, board, bureau, or commission of the state or any other entity whose primary function is to act as an instrumentality or agency of the state; and

(13) Woman means an adult human female.

Sec. 4. (1) The governing body of a public school shall designate each group restroom within each school building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or for use by families.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the governing body of a public school shall not:

(a) Allow a male to use a restroom designated for use by females; or

(b) Allow a female to use a restroom designated for use by males.

(3) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall designate each group restroom within each school building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, single occupancy, or for use by families.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall not:

(a) Allow a male to use a restroom designated for use by females; or

(b) Allow a female to use a restroom designated for use by males.

(5) This section shall not apply to:

(a) An individual entering a restroom under the following circumstances:

(i) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the restroom; or

(ii) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or

(b) A parent or caregiver bringing a minor child or an individual with a disability that is of the opposite sex of such parent or caregiver into a restroom designated for such parent's or caregiver's sex.

(6) The governing body of a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution or any official or employee of a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution shall not retaliate against any individual for reporting in good faith a violation of this section or related rules, regulations, or policies.

Sec. 5. (1) The governing body of a public school shall designate

each locker room within each school building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, or single occupancy.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the governing body of a public school shall not:

(a) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more females; or

(b) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more males.

(3) The governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall designate each locker room within each school building as one of the following: For use by females, for use by males, or single occupancy.

(4) Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the governing body of a public postsecondary educational institution shall not:

(a) Allow a male to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more females; or

(b) Allow a female to enter or use a locker room designated for and being used at such time by one or more males.

(5) This section shall not apply to an individual entering a locker room under the following circumstances:

(a) Entrance for custodial, maintenance, or inspection purposes so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the locker room;

(b) Entrance to render emergency assistance; or

(c) Entrance by a coach, athletic trainer, or other authorized official or school employee so long as such individual takes reasonable steps to ensure that no individual of the opposite sex is in a state of undress prior to entering the locker room.

(6) The governing body of a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution or any official or employee of a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution shall not retaliate against any individual for reporting in good faith a violation of this section or related rules, regulations, or policies.

Sec. 6. (1) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

(a) Males, men, or boys;

(b) Females, women, or girls; or

(c) Coed or mixed.

(2)(a) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

(b) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic or intramural sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

(3) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete

against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:
(a) Males, men, or boys;
(b) Females, women, or girls; or
(c) Coed or mixed.
(4)(a) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.
(b) For an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.
(5) In order to participate in an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or designated for female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a private school or a private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or postsecondary educational institution confirmation of such student's sex on a document signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a doctor.
(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic or intramural athletic teams or sports designated as coed or mixed.
Sec. 7. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or private school or a public or private postsecondary educational institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sport for female students.
Sec. 8. The governing body of each public school and public postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the public.
Sec. 9. Each state agency in the adoption and promulgation of administrative rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative decisions, and the adjudication of disputes by administrative agencies shall define an individual's sex as either a male or female.
Sec. 10. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.
Sec. 11. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 345. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM710

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

Section 1. Section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

75-104 (1) Until January 7, 20274, 2007, the annual salary of each commissioner shall be fifty thousand dollars. Commencing January 4, 2007, the annual salary of each commissioner shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual salary of each commissioner shall be one hundred eighteen thousand dollars.

(2) Each commissioner shall be entitled to receive from the state his or her mileage expenses incurred while traveling in the line of duty to and from his or her residence to the office of the Public Service Commission in Lincoln pursuant to the following conditions:

(a) The Public Service Commission has adopted and promulgated rules and regulations establishing guidelines for allowable reimbursement of such mileage expenses, except that such mileage rate shall not exceed the mileage rate established by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 81-1176;

(b) The request for such reimbursement falls within such guidelines; and

(c) The total amounts authorized for such reimbursement of mileage expenses in any fiscal year does not cause the total expenses to exceed the total funds appropriated to the program established for commissioners' expenses. In addition thereto, the commissioners, executive director, clerks, and other employees of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses, including the cost of transportation while traveling on the business of the commission, to be paid in the same manner as other requests for payment or reimbursement from the state. In computing the cost of transportation for the commissioners, executive director, clerks, and other employees, no mileage or other traveling expense shall be requested or allowed unless sections 81-1174 to 81-1177 are strictly complied with.

Sec. 2. Section 84-201.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

84-201.01 Until January 7, 20274, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be seventy-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 4, 2007, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be ninety-five thousand dollars. Commencing January 7, 2027, the annual salary of the Attorney General shall be one hundred forty-nine thousand dollars. The salary of the Attorney General shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 3. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

84-721 Until January 7, 20274, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of one hundred eighteen thousand

dollars per year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 4. Original sections 84-201.01 and 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 75-104, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following amendments to LB468:

FA54
Strike Section 1.

FA55
Strike Section 1.

FA56
Strike Section 1.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:

AM762

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1. On page 2, line 7, strike "Beginning on January 1, 2026, any" and insert "Any".

2. On page 3, after line 4 insert the following new subsection:

"(6) Any exemption certification issued under this section shall not be valid prior to January 1, 2026."; and in lines 24 and 29 strike "2029" and insert "2028".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 81. Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Sorrentino, 39; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood Bluejays defeated the Concordia Mustangs in the championship game by a score of 53-39; and

WHEREAS, the Ashland-Greenwood basketball team finished the season with a record of twenty-three wins and five losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-1 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ashland-Greenwood High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 82. Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Juarez, 5; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Sorrentino, 39.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 20 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Yutan High School girls wrestling team secured the Class B State Wrestling Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Yutan's victory was secured by medalists Alexis Pehrson at 135 pounds and Amalea Vaughn-Lantzer at 155 pounds; and

WHEREAS, Yutan's victory was also secured by gold medalists Addisyn Darling at 110 pounds, Aubrie Pehrson at 125 pounds, and Jordyn Campbell at 130 pounds; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of Yutan's wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class B State Wrestling Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Yutan High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 83. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, Judy Ridenour has faithfully served as a member of the Upper Loup Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors since 1990, providing thirty-four years of enthusiastic and passionate leadership in the conservation of natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Judy has contributed valuable insight not only from her perspective as a Director but also as a producer and conservationist, applying her firsthand experience to support the mission of the District; and

WHEREAS, as a producer, Judy has demonstrated her commitment to conservation by implementing numerous practices on her own property,

including the establishment of windbreaks to provide protection for livestock and create a vital wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, Judy has actively monitored the health of her ranch through regular water quality testing for nitrates and bacteria and has consistently recorded and submitted daily precipitation data through the NeRain program; and

WHEREAS, as a Director, Judy has held several leadership roles within the Upper Loup NRD, contributing her time and expertise through active participation on various committees and through her service as a Delegate to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Judy has been a longstanding member of the NARD Native Vegetation Forestry Subcommittee, served on the Program and Planning Committee, and has sponsored educational sessions at the NARD Annual Conference; and

WHEREAS, Judy played an integral role in the development of the Upper Loup NRD Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations, dedicating countless hours to attending additional meetings and offering her thoughtful input; and

WHEREAS, as a lifelong resident of Mullen, Nebraska, Judy's deep appreciation for the Sandhills and its natural resources is reflected in her unwavering commitment to the Upper Loup NRD and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts; and

WHEREAS, Judy is recognized for her progressive thinking, strong support of education and recycling initiatives, and unmatched dedication to natural resources conservation.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Judy Ridenour for being named Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Director of the Year.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Judy Ridenour.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 84. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, Larry Moore of Ulysses, Nebraska, has been selected for induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Hall of Fame in the Director category in recognition of his extraordinary dedication and nearly five decades of service to the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District and the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Larry Moore faithfully served on the board of directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD from 1975 to 2022, provided nearly forty-seven years of continuous leadership and guidance, continues to contribute his knowledge and experience by attending NRD board meetings, and offers valuable insights on issues of concern; and

WHEREAS, Moore shows his deep commitment to the principles of conservation by demonstrating a lifelong passion for soil and wildlife stewardship; upholding a family tradition of public service through his

thoughtful leadership; and commitment to respectful debate, sound deliberation, and responsible decisionmaking; and

WHEREAS, Moore has been a leader in conservation practices on his farm implementing no-till methods and cover crops to maintain year-round soil coverage; and

WHEREAS, Moore has invested in water conservation on his farm for decades, transitioning from gravity irrigation to center pivots, installing soil moisture sensors, and adopting advanced irrigation scheduling technology to maximize efficiency and protect groundwater quality by minimizing water use and nutrient leaching; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as an NRD director, Moore demonstrated outstanding leadership, serving on every standing and special committee of the board, and holding the offices of chairperson for six years and vice chairperson for one year, always with the goal of strengthening the district and Nebraska's unique locally led NRD system; and

WHEREAS, Moore consistently prioritized attending board and committee meetings, statewide NRD events, and national conferences, representing both the Upper Big Blue NRD and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts with distinction while continually working to expand his understanding of water and soil resource issues to better serve his constituents.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Larry Moore on his induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Hall of Fame.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Larry Moore.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 17. Read. Considered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

LR17 was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB113:
AM626

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Section. 1. Section 53-101.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
3 is amended to read:
4 53-101.05 (1) The Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall be liberally
5 construed to the end that the health, safety, and welfare of the people
6 of the State of Nebraska are protected, and temperance in the consumption
7 of alcoholic liquor is fostered and promoted by sound and careful control
8 and regulation of the manufacture, sale, and distribution of alcoholic
9 liquor.
10 (2) The Nebraska Liquor Control Act shall not be interpreted in a
11 manner that would provide a competitive advantage for one manufacturer
12 over another manufacturer, for one wholesaler over another wholesaler, or
13 for one retailer over another retailer. To the extent the provisions of
14 the act conflict to give a competitive advantage to one licensee over
15 another, then the conflicting provisions shall be construed in a manner
16 that gives effect to the more restrictive provision of the act that
17 reflects the independent nature of manufacturers, wholesalers, and
18 retailers. The act shall also be construed in a manner that the health,
19 safety, and welfare of the people of the State of Nebraska are protected,
20 and temperance in the consumption of alcoholic liquor is fostered and
21 promoted by sound and careful control and regulation of the manufacture,
22 sale, and distribution of alcoholic liquor. If the conflicting provisions
23 cannot be so construed, then the less restrictive provision shall be
24 considered invalid.
25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
26 accordingly.

AM625
1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Section 1. Section 53-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:
4 53-101 Sections 53-101 to 53-1,122 and section 2 of this act shall
5 be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.
6 Sec. 2. The holders of a craft brewery or microdistillery license
7 shall not sell alcoholic liquor that was manufactured by such licensee at
8 retail for a price less than the greater of (1) the cost of production of
9 such alcoholic liquor, (2) the price such alcoholic liquor was sold to
10 unaffiliated retailers through self-distribution, or (3) the price such
11 alcoholic liquor was sold to a licensed wholesaler.
12 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
13 accordingly.

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB437:
AM778
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM659)
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 8. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
3 and approved according to law.

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB245:
AM759
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM501)
1 1. On page 17, line 14, after "nearest" insert "one-half".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 85. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Kauth, 31.

WHEREAS, Paul Hay and Randy Pryor received the 2024 Nebraska Natural Resources Outstanding Water Conservation Award; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor, Emeritus Extension Educators, have dedicated nearly four decades to advancing agricultural education, conservation, and sustainable farming practices in Southeast Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Hay and Pryor have been instrumental in organizing and leading field days, trainings, on-farm research, county fairs, Earth Festivals, 4-H camps, and community engagement activities, embodying a lifelong commitment to education and conservation; and

WHEREAS, their complementary teaching styles and collaborative efforts have fostered an enduring legacy of knowledge-sharing, innovation, and mentorship within the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS, as early advocates of no-till farming, Hay and Pryor worked tirelessly to educate producers on the benefits of residue management, moisture retention, erosion control, and reduced input costs, fundamentally shaping conservation-minded farming in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, their partnership with the Lower Big Blue Natural Resources District facilitated the promotion of evapotranspiration gauges, moisture sensors, and other precision agricultural technologies, furthering water conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, Paul Hay, a dedicated extension educator for forty-two years, profoundly impacted generations of producers and 4-H members through his leadership in plant science projects and postumously received the award; and

WHEREAS, Randy Pryor, a lifelong advocate for conservation and mechanized agriculture, dedicated thirty-seven years to supporting Nebraska farmers by advancing no-till practices, diverse crop rotations, irrigation management, and soil health initiatives.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Paul Hay and Randy Pryor for their extraordinary contributions to agricultural education, soil conservation, and water management.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Randy Pryor and the family of Paul Hay.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Spivey name added to LB676.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Jacobson name withdrawn from LB646.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of JAG Nebraska; students from St. Stephen the Martyr, Omaha; students from Mary our Queen Catholic School; Omaha; students from Trinity Lutheran School, Fremont; Leadership Tomorrow: Class 39, Hall County.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bosn, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Hughes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

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 Senator Dover who was excused; and Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-ninth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 26, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 116, 123, 297e, and 373 were received in my office on March 20, 2025, and signed on March 25, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 26, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Business and Labor

The Business and Labor 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.

Department of Labor:
Katie Thurber Commissioner

Aye: 6. Hansen, Ibach, Kauth, McKeon, Raybould, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. McKinney.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB113:
AM682
1. On page 5, line 31, strike "the holder of the microdistillery license" and show as stricken; and after line 31 insert the following new subdivision:
"(a) At least sixty percent of the finished distilled product distributed annually by the holder of the microdistillery license is derived from crops grown in this state;".
2. On page 6, line 1, strike "(a) Self-distributes", show as stricken, and insert "(b) The holder of the microdistillery license self-distributes"; and in line 3 strike "(b) Complies", show as stricken, and insert "(c) The holder of the microdistillery license complies".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 86. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the state of affordable and accessible housing in Nebraska and what public policies or resources are needed so that Nebraskans with disabilities can actualize the right to community living set forth in Olmstead v. L.C., 527 U.S. 581 (1999). The United States Supreme Court's decision in Olmstead affirmed the right of people with disabilities, when appropriate and desired, to live in the community and not kept isolated in institutions. Access to affordable, decent, safe, integrated, and accessible housing is critical. The Legislature recognized the importance of its obligations set forth in the Olmstead decision and created statutory authority

under section 81-6,122 to form an Olmstead Committee to develop a plan to meet Nebraska's Olmstead commitments.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The nature, characteristics, and importance of accessibility as it relates to housing;

(2) The current stock of affordable housing and the extent to which this stock is accessible for people with disabilities;

(3) Existing affordable housing programs and resources in Nebraska, including programs and resources to assist with home modifications designed to increase accessibility for people with disabilities;

(4) Prospective programs, policies, and resources that could be utilized or leveraged to increase accessible and affordable housing for people with disabilities;

(5) A comparison of costs for people with disabilities to live in institutional settings and costs to live within their community, including home modification costs and the provision of community-based services; and

(6) The long-term effects and costs when an individual is injured in such individual's home.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR17.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Senator Dungan renewed MO113, found and considered on page 857, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

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

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 9:40 a.m. until 9:44 a.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Senator Dungan renewed MO113, found on page 857, and considered on page 857 and in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Senator Holdcroft renewed his motion to cease debate, found in this day's Journal.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 14 nays, 3 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 28 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM545, found on page 726, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:
AM770
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to
4 read:
5 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces
6 Act:
7 (1) Department means the Department of Labor;
8 (2) Employ means to permit to work;
9 (3)~~(3)(a)~~ Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but
10 does not include:
11 (a) An ~~an~~ individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty
12 hours in a calendar year;~~.~~
13 (b) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a
14 seasonal or other temporary nature;
15 (c) An~~(b) Employee does not include an~~ "employee" as defined by 45
16 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment
17 Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or~~,~~
18 (d) An individual under sixteen years of age;
19 (4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability
20 company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative,
21 or organized group of persons who employs eleven~~one~~ or more employees.
22 (b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of
23 Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;
24 (5) Family member means:
25 (a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted,
26 or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the

employee stands in loco parentis;
(b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;
(c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor child;
(d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state;
(e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological, foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's spouse; or
(f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship;
(6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;
(7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 48-1203;
(8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;
(9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act;
(10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least eleven but fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-time, or temporary employees.
(b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and
(11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as determined by the employer.

Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.
(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in

subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.

(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.

~~(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.~~

~~(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.~~

~~(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than four calendar years after the cause of action accrues.~~

Sec. 23. Original sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216, 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, are repealed.

The second committee amendment is as follows:
AM771 is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, AM770, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator McKinney offered MO111, found on page 858, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 26, 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:

On January 23, 2025, Josh Moenning was appointed to the Nebraska Tourism Commission. Mr. Moenning has since moved out of the district he was to represent and can no longer serve. Accordingly, I hereby respectfully request you withdraw him from consideration for confirmation.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

MOTION - Suspend Rules

Senator Sanders offered the following motion:
Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14, to permit cancellation of a public hearing by the Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committees of the confirmation hearing for Josh Moenning to the Nebraska Tourism Commission.

The Sanders motion to suspend the rules prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
Josh Moenning - Nebraska Tourism Commission (cancel)

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 144. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 177. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST14
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Riepe amendment, AM577:
a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 17; and
b. Section 18 has been struck.
2. In the DeKay amendment, AM689, on page 2, line 13, "$2,500" has been struck and "two thousand five hundred dollars" inserted.
3. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM597:
a. Section 16 has been renumbered as section 18; and

b. Section 18 has been struck.

4. In the Hallstrom amendment, AM381:

a. Section 16 has been struck and the following new sections inserted:

Sec. 19. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. Section 16 of this act becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 20. Original sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

b. On page 2, line 4, "is" has been inserted after the first comma.

5. On page 1, the matter beginning with "kratom" in line 1 through line 3 has been struck and "public health and welfare; to amend sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide products; to provide penalties; to change provisions of the schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to provide for the use of the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 266. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 290. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 478. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM680

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
4 establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program
5 for a period of five years in cities of the metropolitan class areas,
6 that shall operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The pilot
7 program shall be developed in partnership with local grassroots
8 organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth
9 and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.
10 (2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a
11 facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention
12 services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the
13 juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer
14 comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues
15 contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental
16 health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.
17 Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this
18 act shall:
19 (1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from
20 entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;
21 (2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues
22 before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family
23 services, and adult criminal justice systems; and
24 (3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally
25 relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.
26 Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
27 establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile

assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.

(2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for review.

(3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm compliance with designation standards.

(4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive official designation. A center that does not meet the designation criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such center may improve and reapply for designation.

(5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services, outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery, continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5) implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.

Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and ongoing needs of youth and families.

(2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of charge to families and maintain active membership in the National Assessment Center Association.

(3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.

Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services, including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g) youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and clothing assistance and resource navigation.

(2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with local businesses, trades, and community organizations.

Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events,

workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services, with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars annually from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to one hundred thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot program.

Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b)~~providing~~ system improvements, (c)~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d)~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f)~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g)~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i)~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.

(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 13. This act becomes operative on September 1, 2025.

Sec. 14. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 15. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 274. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM84
1. On page 2, line 6, strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM728 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM733 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, 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.

Game and Parks Commission:
Lisa Roskens

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

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 712. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB22A:
AM780
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new section:
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $380,628 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and $694,972 from federal funds for FY2025-26 and (2) $774,002 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and $1,377,198 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in

carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26 $380,628 Cash Funds and $694,972 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2026-27 $774,002 Cash Funds and $1,377,198 federal funds for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.
No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this section.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:
FA59
In AM492, Strike Sections 69 and 70.

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB646:
AM810
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)
1. Strike sections 1 to 19 and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
54-170 Sections 54-170 to 54-1,131 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Livestock Brand Act.
Sec. 2. The Nebraska Brand Committee shall develop a report for recommendations for updating fees and inspections for all segments of the livestock industry. Such report shall be electronically delivered to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2025.
Sec. 3. Original section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM598 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM754
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)
1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:
Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.
(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in

subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.
(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.
(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the district~~proper~~ court in the county where the employer's principal place of business is located. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.
(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.
(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB415:
FA57
In AM770, strike line 18.

FA58
In AM770, strike lines 13 and 14.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM787

(Amendments to AM771)

1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert "four".
2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least four but".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM799

(Amendments to AM771)

1. On page 1, line 21, strike "one", show as stricken, and insert "eleven".
2. On page 3, line 10, after "with" insert "at least eleven but".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 87. Introduced by 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2025, the 55th Wing will celebrate its 85th birthday, we wish to congratulate and thank the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and a legacy of excellence in aviation; and

WHEREAS, the "Fightin' 55th" traces its roots back to its activation by the United States Army Air Force (USAAF) on November 20, 1940, as the 55th Pursuit Group (PG) flying P-43/Lancer fighters. The 55 PG evolved into the 55th Fighter Group (FG) maintaining its fighter escort mission during World War II; incorporating the 38th, 338th, and 343rd Fighter Squadrons (FS), flying P-38/Lightning and P-51/Mustang fighters through 1946. On February 24, 1947, the 55th Reconnaissance Group (RG) was activated at McDill Field, Florida, transitioning the 55th from a fighter to a reconnaissance mission. Now assigned to the Strategic Air Command (SAC), the 55 RG flew RB-17/Flying Fortress, B-29/Super Fortress conducting long-range photo reconnaissance missions; and

WHEREAS, as the 55th Wing's critical reconnaissance mission continued to evolve, so did the Wing. On June 29, 1948, the 55 RG was redesignated as the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, The Fightin' 55th has had several unit designations and numerous stations. It was relocated to its current location at Offutt Air Force Base (AFB) in Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 16, 1966, while its redesignation as the 55th Wing did not occur until September 1, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has historically had numerous subordinate units, presently the two operational Groups are the 55th Operations Group (55 OG) and the 55th Electronic Combat Group (55 ECG). The 55 OG is Air Combat Command's (ACC) largest Group and has 12 squadrons and two detachments worldwide. It consists of approximately 3,200 personnel operating 46 aircraft, including 13 models of seven different types. The 55 ECG, located at Davis Monthan AFB, Arizona, plans and executes information operations including information warfare and electronic attack in support of theater campaign plans; and

WHEREAS, the 55th Wing has provided critical intelligence to National Decisionmakers and to friendly forces in combat. Their support has proven pivotal to the successful execution of all major armed conflicts as far back as World War II and as recently as the Global War on Terrorism. The 109th Legislature congratulates the 55th Wing on their 85th birthday and we want to acknowledge the long lineage of superior service to the United States of America and the great state of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the men and women of the 55th Wing for their distinguished service and legacy of excellence in aviation.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the 55th Wing.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 88. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the National Collegiate Athletic Association's 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship was held on March 14 and 15 in Indianapolis, Indiana, at Corteva Coliseum; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team earned the championship title with a score of 115 points; and

WHEREAS, this is the University of Nebraska at Kearney's second title in four years, fifth national title since 2008, and twenty-third consecutive year finishing in the top eight; and

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team is coached by Dalton Jensen; and

WHEREAS, the National Wrestling Coaches Association awarded Coach Dalton Jensen the 2025 Bob Bubb Coaching Excellence Award and the 2025 Division II Men's National Tournament Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team on earning the 2025 Division II Men's Wrestling Championship title.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska at Kearney men's wrestling team and Coach Dalton Jensen.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Bostar name added to LB391.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator McKeon name withdrawn from LB646.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Holdrege High School, Holdrege; Keith Kliewer and Clayton Kliewer, Saronville; students from Aquinas Catholic School, David City; Colleen and Jacob Storm, David City; students from Heritage Elementary, Bennington; students from the University of Nebraska-Omaha; Community Organizers from Heartland Workers Center, Omaha; members of the Nebraska State Athletic Trainers Association; students from Grace Abbott School of Social Work, University of Nebaska-Omaha; students from Palisades Elementary, Omaha; members of Elkhorn Public Power District; administrators from Schuyler Community Schools; students and teachers from Thayer Central High School, Hebron; students, teachers and sponsor from the Arts and Humanities Focus Program (LPS), Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Hans Dethlefs, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-FIRST DAY - MARCH 27, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, March 27, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Raymond Wicks, First Baptist Church, Plattsmouth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Sergeant Tom Aguirre, Army, Lincoln.

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, Conrad, Guereca, and Jacobson who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fiftieth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Placed on Final Reading Second.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER31

1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM549:
2 a. On page 13, line 26, after "77-2622" insert "and this section";
3 b. On page 14, line 5, strike the second "the"; in line 6 after
4 "77-2622" insert "and this section"; in line 8 after "of" insert "a
5 deficiency"; and in line 12 after the second "of" insert "a"; and
6 c. On page 21, line 24, after "of" insert "a deficiency"; and in
7 line 28 after the second "of" insert "a".
8 2. On page 1, line 4, strike "and 77-4003.01" and insert

"77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008"; in line 9 strike "deficiency" and insert "a deficiency determination"; and in line 10 strike "sanctions" and insert "taxation of alternative nicotine products, sanctions,".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER29
1. On page 1, line 2, after "sections" insert "29-2260,"; and in line 5 after the first semicolon insert "to provide for sentencing consideration of a defendant's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking;".
2. On page 6, line 29, after "sections" insert "29-2260,".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM711 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM691
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
(a) Cryptocurrency mining means validating transactions for addition to a blockchain distributed ledger;
(b) Cryptocurrency mining operation means any facility of one megawatt in size or greater that conducts cryptocurrency mining; and
(c) Public power supplier means a public power district, municipal electric utility, or any other government entity providing electric service.
(2) A public power supplier may impose requirements on any cryptocurrency mining operation for the cost of infrastructure upgrades necessitated by such operations, including, but not limited to:
(a) Requiring direct payment or a letter of credit from such operation for such cost; or
(b) Imposing terms and conditions on such operation.
(3) Requirements imposed pursuant to this section shall be fair, reasonable, and not unduly discriminatory.
(4) Before any requirement is imposed pursuant to this section, the public power supplier shall conduct a load study to determine the costs, impacts, and infrastructure upgrades necessitated by the cryptocurrency mining operation.
(5) Any person intending to install a cryptocurrency mining operation is responsible for notifying the local public power supplier of such intent, and such operation is subject to the interconnection requirements of such supplier.
(6) Each public power supplier shall make available to the public on the supplier's website the number of cryptocurrency mining operations under the jurisdiction of the supplier and the annual energy usage of each operation.
(7) A cryptocurrency mining operation shall allow a public power

supplier to interrupt such operation's electric service according to such supplier's established rate schedules and policies.
Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 622. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM723
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 58-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
58-708 (1) During each calendar year in which funds are available from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for use by the Department of Economic Development, the department shall make its best efforts to allocate not less than thirty percent of such funds to each congressional district. The department shall announce a grant and loan application period of at least ninety days duration for all projects. Before a grant application for any new construction project can be submitted to the department, the land for the project shall be identified. In selecting projects to receive trust fund assistance, the department shall develop a qualified allocation plan and give first priority to financially viable projects that serve the lowest income occupants for the longest period of time. The qualified allocation plan shall:
(a) Set forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing priorities of the housing trust fund which are appropriate to local conditions, including the community's immediate need for affordable housing, proposed increases in home ownership, private dollars leveraged, level of local government support and participation, and repayment, in part or in whole, of financial assistance awarded by the fund; and
(b) Give first priority in allocating trust fund assistance among selected projects to those projects which are located in whole or in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act or an opportunity zone designated pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97, serve the lowest income occupant, are located in an area that has been declared an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02, and are obligated to serve qualified occupants for the longest period of time.
(2) Beginning on July 1, 2026:
(a) The Department of Economic Development shall disburse grant funds to a qualified recipient equal to eighty percent of the housing development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance costs, once the department approves such recipient for grant funds; and
(b) The department shall disburse grant funds to a qualified recipient equal to twenty percent of the housing development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance costs, upon the completion of the project.
(3)(a) Beginning on the operative date of this act, a qualified recipient shall submit to the Department of Economic Development a schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities on a quarterly basis, no later than thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, during the time of performance under the award agreement.
(b) The schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities shall include an itemization of costs for eligible activities. If reasonable, the department may require source documentation and proof of payment, including, but not limited to, a paid invoice, completed payment, or cleared check, to be submitted with the schedule as evidence of appropriate use of funds. Qualified recipients shall ensure proper use of funds. The department is not responsible for the audit or approval of

each of the qualified recipient's transactions involving funds.

(c) The department may initiate any of the following actions if a qualified recipient does not submit a schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities:

(i) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending applications for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

(ii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending applications for other department programs;

(iii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient as an eligible applicant for Affordable Housing Trust Fund applications for up to twenty-four months from the date of the department action; or

(iv) Other actions deemed necessary by the department to meet the department's responsibility to ensure proper use of funds so long as such actions do not unduly harm a qualified recipient's reputation and ability to successfully operate in Nebraska. This subdivision does not prohibit the department from taking appropriate actions against qualified recipients that have committed illegal actions, such as fraud and theft.

(4)~~(2)~~ The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ shall fund in order of priority as many applications as will utilize available funds less actual administrative costs of the department in administering the program. In administering the program the department may contract for services or directly provide funds to other governmental entities or instrumentalities.

(5)(a)~~(3)~~ The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ may recapture any funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an eligible project through an award agreement if such funds were not utilized for eligible costs within the time of performance under the agreement and are therefor no longer obligated to the project.

(b) Upon completion of a project, the department shall recapture a percentage of the funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an eligible project through an award agreement equal to the percentage of the housing development the qualified recipient agreed to construct under the award agreement but failed to complete.

(c) A qualified recipient shall recapture any funds allocated to such recipient from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that are provided to a homebuyer by the recipient as financial assistance for the purchase of a home upon sale of such home from the net proceeds of such sale, if any.

(d) The recaptured funds shall be credited to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Sec. 2. Section 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-711 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall submit, as part of the department's annual status report under section 81-1201.11, the following information regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund: (a) The applications funded during the previous calendar year; (b) the applications funded in previous years; (c) the identity of the organizations receiving funds; (d) the location of each project; (e) the amount of funding provided to each project; (f) the amount of funding leveraged as a result of each project; (g) the number of units of housing created by each project and the occupancy rate; (h) the expected cost of rent or monthly payment of those units; (i) the projected number of new employees and community investment as a result of each project; (j) the amount of revenue deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund pursuant to section 76-903; (k) the total amount of funds for which applications were received during the previous calendar year, the year-end fund balance, and, if all available funds have not been committed, an explanation of the reasons why all such funds have not been so committed; (l) the amount of appropriated funds actually expended by the department for the previous calendar year; (m) the department's current budget for

administration of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the department's planned use and distribution of funds~~, including details on the amount of funds to be expended on projects and the amount of funds to be expended by the department for administrative purposes~~; and (n) project summaries, including the applicant ~~municipality~~, project description, and grant amount requested~~, amount and type of matching funds, and reasons for approval or denial~~ for every application seeking funds during the previous calendar year.

(2) The status report shall contain no information that is protected by state or federal confidentiality laws.

Sec. 3. This act becomes operative on October 1, 2025.

Sec. 4. Original sections 58-708 and 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 19, 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 Nebraska Power Review Board - Lay Member - Independent:

Dennis Grennan, 1877 W Calle Colombo, Columbus, NE 68601

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

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB135:
AM779

1. On page 11, strike beginning with "The" in line 16 through the period in line 18 and all amendments thereto.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 89. Introduced by Meyer, 17; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clouse, 37; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Prokop, 27; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Tony Palmer competed in the tournament for the South Sioux City boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Tony won the Boys Class A 215-pound State Wrestling Championship by pinning Jaeden Thompson of Norfolk (Fall 1:23); and

WHEREAS, Tony completed the 2025 high school wrestling season with a record of 52-1; and

WHEREAS, Tony finished the 2025 wrestling season as a four-time medalist, including winning gold in the 2024 Class B 215-pound championship match; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska State Legislature recognizes the outstanding athletic achievements of the youth of the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates South Sioux City High School wrestler Tony Palmer on winning gold in the 2025 Boys Class A 215-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to South Sioux City High School and Tony Palmer.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. The first committee amendment, AM770, found on page 888 and considered on page 890, was renewed.

Senator McKinney renewed MO111, found on page 858 and considered on page 890, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 78, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Placed on Select File with amendment:
ER32
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4
2 and insert "political subdivisions; to amend section 31-752, Reissue
3 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-102, 31-735, and 71-1572,
4 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities
5 of the metropolitan class to regulate housing authorities by ordinance;
6 to change provisions relating to the election of a board of trustees and
7 assessments for sanitary and improvement districts; to provide duties for
8 certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs under the Nebraska Housing
9 Agency Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to
10 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Anderson, Kyle - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards - Transportation and Telecommunications
Grennan, Dennis - Nebraska Power Review Board - Natural Resources
Muotri, Alysson - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human Services
Ritz, Tyler C - State Electrical Board - General Affairs
Smith, Clay - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission - Education
Sorben, Nathan J - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards - Transportation and Telecommunications
Turman, Paul - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission - Education
Yi, Rui - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee - Health and Human Services

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB295:

AM797

1. Insert the following new section:

Section 1. Section 4-108, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

4-108 (1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, unless exempted from verification under section 4-110 or pursuant to federal law, no state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall provide public benefits to a person not lawfully present in the United States.

(2) Except as provided in section 4-110 or if exempted by federal law, every agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall verify the lawful presence in the United States of any person who has applied for public benefits administered by an agency or a political subdivision of the State of Nebraska. This section shall be enforced without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or national origin.

(3) No employee of a state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska shall be authorized to participate in any retirement system, including, but not limited to, the systems provided for in the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, the County Employees Retirement Act, the Judges Retirement Act, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act, the School Employees Retirement Act, and the State Employees Retirement Act, unless the employee is a United States citizen or is lawfully present in the United States. The employing state agency or political subdivision of the State of Nebraska and the employee shall maintain at least one of the following documents, which shall be unexpired~~,~~ if applicable to the particular document or which has an expiration date that has been extended by the United States Department of Homeland Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services so that such document is still valid, to demonstrate United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as of the employee's date of hire and produce any such document so maintained upon request of the Public Employees Retirement Board or the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems:

(a) A state-issued driver's license;

(b) A state-issued identification card;

(c) A state-issued motor vehicle learner's permit;

(d)~~(c)~~ A certified copy of a birth certificate or delayed birth certificate issued in any state, territory, or possession of the United States;

(e)~~(d)~~ A Consular Report of Birth Abroad issued by the United States Department of State;

(f)~~(e)~~ A United States passport;

(g)~~(f)~~ A foreign passport with a United States visa;

(h)~~(g)~~ A United States Certificate of Naturalization;

(i)~~(h)~~ A United States Certificate of Citizenship;

(j)~~(i)~~ A tribal certificate of Native American blood or similar document;

(k)~~(j)~~ A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Employment Authorization Document, Form I-766;

(l)~~(k)~~ A United States Citizenship and Immigration Services Permanent Resident Card, Form I-551; or

(m)~~(l)~~ Any other document issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security or the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services granting employment authorization in the United States and approved by the Public Employees Retirement Board.

2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB322:
FA60
Strike Section 1.

FA61
Strike Section 2.

FA62
Strike Section 1.

FA63
Strike Section 3.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB79:
FA64
Strike the enacting clause

FA65
Strike the enacting clause

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB340:
FA66
Strike the enacting clause

FA67
Strike Section 1.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB113:
AM811
1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert "(1)(a)"; after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:
"(b) Except as otherwise permitted by the self-distribution provisions of subsection (2) of this section, any alcoholic products not produced at the physical location being used for the retail sale of alcoholic products must be transported and delivered to the physical location by a licensed wholesaler.".
2. On page 4, line 31, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert "(1)(a)".
3. On page 5, after line 26, insert the following new subdivision:
"(b) Except as otherwise permitted by the self-distribution provisions of subsection (2) of this section, any alcoholic products not produced at the physical location being used for the retail sale of alcoholic products must be transported and delivered to the physical location by a licensed wholesaler.".

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB113:
AM624
1. On page 3, line 11, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert "(1)(a)"; and after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:
"(b) To ensure an accurate measurement of tax due to the state, the holder of a craft brewery license with one or more retail locations separate from such licensee's licensed premises where beer is produced shall affix to such licensee's production equipment devices that measure the amount of beer produced by the craft brewery at such premises and submit a report detailing the flow of all beer produced by such licensee

to the commission along with the licensee's monthly report required under section 53-164.01.".

2. On page 4, line 31, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert "(1)(a)".

3. On page 5, after line 26 insert the following new subdivision:

"(b) To ensure an accurate measurement of tax due to the state, the holder of a microdistillery license with one or more retail locations separate from such licensee's licensed premises where distilled product is produced shall affix to such licensee's production equipment devices that measure the amount of distilled product produced by the microdistillery at such premises and submit a report detailing the flow of all distilled product produced by such licensee to the commission along with the licensee's monthly report required under section 53-164.01.".

Senator Quick filed the following amendments to LB192:

FA68

On Page 2, Line 14, insert "(DHHS)" after "department".

FA69

On Page 2, Line 3, insert "(DHHS)" after "Services".

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB668:

FA70

On Page 7, strike Line 15 starting with ",except" through Line 23.

Senator Rountree filed the following amendments to LB319:

FA71

On Page 2, Line 14, insert "(DHHS)" after "department".

FA72

Insert "(DHHS)" after "Services" on Line 3, Page 2.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB437:

AM782

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM659)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new section:

Section 1. Section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-5830.01 Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act, a certificate of need is not required for:

(1) A change in classification between an intermediate care facility, a nursing facility, or a skilled nursing facility;

(2) A project of a county in which is located a city of the metropolitan class for which a bond issue has been approved by the electorate of such county on or after January 1, 1994;

(3) A project of a federally recognized Indian tribe to be located on tribal lands within the exterior boundaries of the State of Nebraska where (a) a determination has been made by the tribe's governing body that the cultural needs of the tribe's members cannot be adequately met by existing facilities if such project has been approved by the tribe's governing body and (b) the tribe has a self-determination agreement in place with the Indian Health Service of the United States Department of Health and Human Services so that payment for enrolled members of a federally recognized Indian tribe who are served at such facility will be

made with one hundred percent federal reimbursement; and

(4) A transfer or relocation of long-term care beds from one facility to another entity in the same health planning region or any other health planning region. The receiving entity shall obtain a license for the transferred or relocated beds within two years after the transfer or relocation. The department shall grant an extension of such time if the receiving entity is making progress toward the licensure of such beds; and.

(5) The establishment of long-term care beds for a period not to exceed two years from the date of the closure of a facility located in a city of the second class or village with long-term care beds that have not been sold, transferred, or relocated to allow a political subdivision or nonprofit organization to establish a facility in the same city of the second class or village with the same number of previously licensed long-term care beds.

Sec. 2. Original section 71-5830.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB390:
AM653

1. On page 2, after line 20, insert the following new subsection:

"(3) This section shall only apply to a school library that is located on school district property and shall not apply to any other public library regardless if such library contracts with a school district for use by students.".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB326:
AM836

1. On page 10, lines 14 and 22, after "insurer" insert ", health insurance lead generator, or person".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB79:
MO129
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO130
Indefinitely postpone.

MO131
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO132
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator DeBoer filed the following motions to LB340:
MO134
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO135
Bracket until June 30, 2025.

MO136
Indefinitely postpone.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 379. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM378
1 1. On page 2, line 4, strike "twenty-four" and insert "thirty-six";
2 and in lines 7 and 8 and 10 strike "twenty-four-month" and insert
3 "thirty-six-month".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 630. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM704 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 656. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM424
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
5 68-1017.02 (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
6 apply for and utilize to the maximum extent possible, within limits
7 established by the Legislature, any and all appropriate options available
8 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
9 and regulations adopted under such program to maximize the number of
10 Nebraska residents being served under such program within such limits.
11 The department shall seek to maximize federal funding for such program
12 and minimize the utilization of General Funds for such program and shall
13 employ the personnel necessary to determine the options available to the
14 state and issue the report to the Legislature required by subdivision (b)
15 of this subsection.
16 (b) The department shall submit electronically an annual report to
17 the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 1
18 on efforts by the department to carry out the provisions of this
19 subsection. Such report shall provide the committee with all necessary
20 and appropriate information to enable the committee to conduct a
21 meaningful evaluation of such efforts. Such information shall include,
22 but not be limited to, a clear description of various options available
23 to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program,
24 the department's evaluation of and any action taken by the department
25 with respect to such options, the number of persons being served under
26 such program, and any and all costs and expenditures associated with such
27 program.
1 (c) The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature,
2 after receipt and evaluation of the report required in subdivision (b) of
3 this subsection, shall issue recommendations to the department on any
4 further action necessary by the department to meet the requirements of
5 this section.
6 (2)(a) The department shall develop a state outreach plan to promote
7 access by eligible persons to benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition
8 Assistance Program. The plan shall meet the criteria established by the
9 Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture
10 for approval of state outreach plans. The Department of Health and Human
11 Services may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop
12 and implement the state outreach plan.
13 (b) For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach

plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit organizations. If the department enters into a contract with a nonprofit organization relating to the state outreach plan, the contract may specify that the nonprofit organization is responsible for seeking sufficient gifts, grants, or donations necessary for the development and implementation of the state outreach plan and may additionally specify that any costs to the department associated with the award and management of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for development and implementation of the state outreach plan.

(c) The department shall submit the state outreach plan to the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for approval on or before August 1, 2011, and shall request any federal matching funds that may be available upon approval of the state outreach plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska and the Department of Health and Human Services use any additional public or private funds to offset costs associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan.

(d) The department shall be exempt from implementing or administering a state outreach plan under this subsection, but not from developing such a plan, if it does not receive private or federal funds sufficient to cover the department's costs associated with the implementation and administration of the plan, including any costs associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of the plan.

(3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

(i) Hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exist for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants;

(ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants be enabled to advance in employment, through greater earnings or new, better-paying employment;

(iii) Participants in employment and training pilot programs be able to maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while seeking employment with higher wages that allow them to reduce or terminate such program benefits; and

(iv) Nebraska better utilize options under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that other states have implemented to encourage work and employment.

(b)(i) The department shall create a TANF-funded program or policy that, in compliance with federal law, establishes categorical eligibility for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents being served under such program in a manner that does not increase the current gross income eligibility limit except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3)(b)(ii) of this section.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, such TANF-funded program or policy shall increase the gross income eligibility limit to one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines as allowed under federal law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2), as such law and regulation existed on April 1, 2021, but shall not increase the net income eligibility limit. Beginning October 1, 2025, the gross income eligibility limit shall return to the amount used prior to the increase required by this subdivision. The department shall evaluate the TANF-funded program or policy created pursuant to this subsection and provide a report electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before December 15 of each year regarding the gross income eligibility limit and whether it maximizes the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program or policy. The evaluation shall include an identification and

determination of additional administrative costs resulting from the increase to the gross income eligibility limit, a recommendation regarding the gross income eligibility limit, and a determination of the availability of federal funds for the program or policy.

(iii) To the extent federal funds are available to the Department of Labor for the SNAP Next Step Program, until September 30, 2023, any recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits whose household income is between one hundred thirty-one and one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines and who is not exempt from work participation requirements shall be encouraged to participate in the SNAP Next Step Program administered by the Department of Labor if the recipient is eligible to participate in the program and the program's services are available in the county in which such household is located. It is the intent of the Legislature that no General Funds be utilized by the Department of Labor for the processes outlined in this subdivision (iii). For purposes of this section, SNAP Next Step Program means a partnership program between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor to assist under-employed and unemployed recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in finding self-sufficient employment.

(iv) Such TANF-funded program or policy shall eliminate all asset limits for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits, except that the total of liquid assets which includes cash on hand and funds in personal checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, and share accounts shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as allowed under federal law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2).

(v) This subsection becomes effective only if the department receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to implement this subsection.

(c) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Federal law means the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., and regulations adopted under the act; and

(ii) TANF means the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.

(4)(a) Within the limits specified in this subsection, the State of Nebraska opts out of the provision of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as such act existed on January 1, 2009, that eliminates eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for any person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.

(b) A person shall be ineligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if he or she (i) has had three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance or (ii) has been convicted of a felony involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance or the intent to sell or distribute a controlled substance. A person with one or two felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance shall only be eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if he or she is participating in or has completed a state-licensed or nationally accredited substance abuse treatment program since the date of conviction. The determination of such participation or completion shall be made by the treatment provider administering the program.

(5)(a) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of any work requirement established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.

(b) The department shall not exercise the state's option to provide

an exemption from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.

(6) Under the authority given to a state agency to operate the general work requirement pursuant to 7 U.S.C. 2015(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, the department shall assign all individuals who are over sixteen years of age and younger than sixty years of age to an employment and training program as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, unless specifically exempted by federal regulations or law.

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.

Sec. 3. Original section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 90. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Boys State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Brock Goebel competed in the tournament for the Syracuse High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Goebel won the Boys Class C 106-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Philip Streff of North Bend Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Goebel dominated four matches earning him the title; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Syracuse High School wrestler Brock Goebel on winning the 2025 Boys Class C 106-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Syracuse High School and Brock Goebel.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 91. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 19 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Makayla Vasser competed in the tournament for the Nebraska City High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Makayla won the Girls Class A 190-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Jazmyn Garcia of Scottsbluff High School; and

WHEREAS, Makayla achieved a perfect 42-0 season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Nebraska City High School wrestler Makayla Vasser on winning the 2025 Girls Class A 190-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Nebraska City High School and Makayla Vasser.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 92. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, Don Wesely was born in David City, Nebraska, was a graduate of Northeast High School, and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Wesely of Lincoln was a distinguished member of the Legislature, serving from 1979 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Wesely was elected to the Nebraska Legislature at the age of twenty-four and was elected as chairman of several committees, including the Rules Committee, Retirement Committee, Economic Development Committee, and Health and Human Services Committee; and

WHEREAS, Wesely turned his attention from the Legislature in 1999 and became the forty-ninth mayor of Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Wesely and his administration oversaw and implemented the opening of the new Haymarket Park baseball and softball stadiums, parking garage, and pedestrian bridge, brought back minor league baseball to the capital city, and won approval to begin construction on the two hundred million dollar Antelope Valley Project; and

WHEREAS, Wesely opened two libraries, two public pools, two parks, acquired three hundred additional acres of parks for the city, built twelve new miles of trails, and opened the F Street Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Wesely remained active in state politics as a highly respected lobbyist and lived his entire adult life as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, Wesely passed away on March 19, 2025.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the memory of Don Wesely for his personal accomplishments and service to the State of Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature extends its sympathy and condolences to the family of Don Wesely.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Don Wesely.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 93. Introduced by Murman, 38.

WHEREAS, Keith Berns of Bladen, Nebraska, is recognized for his outstanding contributions to soil conservation and is the recipient of the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Soil Conservation Award; and

WHEREAS, Berns has combined over twenty-five years of no-till farming experience with a decade of teaching agriculture and computer science, demonstrating his commitment to both the practice and education of sustainable farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, Berns co-owns and operates Green Cover Seed, one of the leading cover crop seed providers and educators in the United States, and has conducted extensive research on over one hundred twenty different cover crop species, analyzing their growth patterns, nitrogen fixation, moisture usage, and grazing potential; and

WHEREAS, Berns and his brother, Brian Berns, began experimenting with cover crops and studying water usage on their south-central Nebraska farm, leading to the founding of Green Cover Seed, which has since been at the forefront of advancing soil health practices; and

WHEREAS, Berns has maintained a one thousand five hundred acre farm that has been one hundred percent continuous no-till for over a decade, incorporating innovative cover crop strategies to improve soil structure, moisture retention, and nutrient cycling; and

WHEREAS, Berns has developed the SmartMix Calculator, one of the most widely used online cover crop selection tools, helping farmers nationwide make informed decisions about cover crop integration; and

WHEREAS, Berns holds a master's degree in Agricultural Education from the University of Nebraska and has dedicated himself to sharing knowledge on cover crops and soil health; and

WHEREAS, Berns was appointed by Nebraska Governor Pete Ricketts to serve on the Nebraska Healthy Soil Task Force and was honored to serve as its chairman, furthering the mission of soil conservation across the state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Keith Berns for receiving the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Soil Conservation Award for his dedication to soil conservation, sustainable agriculture, and education.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Keith Berns.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 94. Introduced by Bostar, 29; 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; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Bryan Health is celebrating one hundred years of elevating quality of life through better health throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Health began as William Jennings Bryan and his family donated ten acres of land and their family home to build a hospital in 1922. Bryan Memorial Hospital was opened on June 6, 1926; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Lincoln General Hospital was created and later absorbed into Bryan Health where it operates under the name Bryan Medical Center to this day; and

WHEREAS, collectively they were the first hospital in America to incorporate inpatient psychiatric care, they pioneered heart care, they delivered the first surviving twenty-two week gestation baby in Nebraska, and they became the birthplace for Advanced Trauma Life Support; and

WHEREAS, Bryan Health employs over seven thousand five hundred individuals and has grown over the last one hundred years to include six medical centers, a private foundation, a robust physician network, and a college of health sciences that serves Nebraskans from every county; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes Bryan Health's impact, history, innovation, and commitment to the health of all Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates and thanks Bryan Health for one hundred years of service to the community.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Bryan Health and Chief Executive Officer Russ Gronewold.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Sydney Dunn, Lincoln; Lorie Meyer, Pender; Linda Prinz, West Point; members of Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) Nebraska; members of the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters and Jesuit Academy; members of Habitat for Humanity Nebraska from across the state; members of ECHO Collective, Lincoln; students from Trumble Park Elementary, Papillion; students from Grant Elementary, Norfolk.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Ballard, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, March 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend William Holoubek, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bruno.

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., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, Dover, Hunt, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-first day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 27, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Brown, Darryl
Darryl Brown
CP Strategies LLC
Conservative Energy Network
Kissel Kohout ES Associates, LLC
Exodus Movement, Inc.
Nebraska Strategies
Entertainment Software Association
Rubin, Barry R.
Kelley Plucker, LLC
Segel, Aaron
Entertainment Software Association
Watkins, Braden
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)
Weissen, Alan
RAI Services Co. (Reynolds American Inc.)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. The first committee amendment, AM770, found on page 888 and considered on pages 890 and 906, was renewed.

Senator McKinney renewed MO111, found on page 858 and considered on pages 890 and 906, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Ballard offered the following motion:
MO137
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

The Ballard motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 34 ayes, 15 nays, and 0 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his motion to bracket.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

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

Voting in the negative, 34:

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

The McKinney motion to bracket failed with 15 ayes, 34 nays, and 0 not voting.

The first committee AM770, found on page 726, was not further considered.

The second committee amendment, AM771, found on page 890, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the original undivided committee amendment, AM545.

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

The original undivided committee amendment, AM545, found on page 726 and considered on page 888, was adopted with 34 ayes, 15 nays, and 0 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Fredrickson

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 14 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 177, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB380:
AM814 is available in the Bill Room.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Senator Dungan offered AM780, found on page 895.

The Dungan amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. ER27, found on page 870, was offered.

ER27 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. ER26, found on page 871, was offered.

ER26 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Senator Murman offered AM653, found on page 911.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 2 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Senator Holdcroft offered AM779, found on page 905.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

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

Senator von Gillern requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	Lippincott
Arch	Clouse	Ibach	Moser
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Storm
Bosn	Hansen	Kauth	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	Fredrickson	McKinney	Riepe
Brandt	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
DeKay	Hunt	Prokop	von Gillern
Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 14:

Ballard	DeBoer	Hughes	Murman	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Lonowski	Rountree	Storer
Conrad	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sanders	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Raybould

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 16 ayes, 16 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Senator Hallstrom offered AM836, found on page 911.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB398:
AM765

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 27. Section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
74-1335 (1) For purposes of this section, successor in interest includes any agent, successor, assignee, trustee, receiver, or other person acquiring interests or rights in railroad land, including the owner or holder of any servient estate or right of reversion relating to railroad land.
(2) Whenever any person owns land on both sides of the right-of-way of any railroad or its successor in interest, such railroad or its successor in interest shall provide and keep in repair at least one adequate means for such landowner to cross the right-of-way. Any interested landowner with land on both sides of the right-of-way of any railroad or its successor in interest may file written complaint with the Department of Transportation against any such railroad or its successor in interest that the crossing is not adequate or is unsafe and dangerous to the life and property of those who use it, and the department thereupon shall make such investigation, hold such hearing, and issue such orders as it deems necessary, proper, and adequate. If circumstances warrant, the department may require overhead, underground, or grade crossings and wing fences at underground crossings or may require existing crossings to be relocated so as to be safe to those who use them, but when a special crossing involves an expenditure of more than one thousand five hundred dollars, the landowner shall bear one-half the expenses in excess of one thousand five hundred dollars.
Sec. 35. Sections 27 and 36 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
Sec. 36. Original section 74-1335, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LB113:
AM843

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. Section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
53-123.17 (1) A local governing body may designate an entertainment district in which a commons area may be used by retail, craft brewery, and microdistillery licensees and holders of a manufacturer's license which obtain an entertainment district license. The local governing body may, at any time, revoke such designation if it finds that the commons area threatens the health, safety, or welfare of the public or has become a common nuisance. The local governing body shall file the designation or the revocation of the designation with the commission.
(2) An entertainment district license allows the sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises within the confines of a commons area. The consumption of alcoholic liquor in the commons area shall only

occur during the hours authorized for sale of alcoholic liquor for consumption on the premises under section 53-179 and while food service is available in the commons area or is available for sale by at least one holder of an entertainment district license. Only the holder of an entertainment district license or employees of such licensee may sell or dispense alcoholic liquor in the commons area.

(3) An entertainment district licensee shall serve alcoholic liquor to be consumed in the commons area in containers that prominently display~~displays~~ the licensee's trade name or logo or some other mark that is unique to the licensee under the licensee's retail license, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license. An entertainment district licensee may allow alcohol sold by another entertainment district licensee to enter the licensed premises of either licensee. No entertainment district licensee shall allow alcoholic liquor to leave the commons area or the premises licensed under its retail license, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license.

(4) If the licensed premises of the holder of a license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail issued under subsection (6) of section 53-124, a craft brewery license, a microdistillery license, or a manufacturer's license is adjacent to a commons area in an entertainment district designated by a local governing body pursuant to this section, the holder of the license may obtain an annual entertainment district license as prescribed in this section. The entertainment district license shall be issued for the same period and may be renewed in the same manner as the retail license, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license.

(5) In order to obtain an entertainment district license, a person eligible under subsection (4) of this section shall:

(a) File an application with the commission upon such forms as the commission prescribes; and

(b) Pay an additional license fee of three hundred dollars for the privilege of serving alcohol in the entertainment district payable to the clerk of the local governing body in the same manner as license fees under subdivision (4) of section 53-134.

(6) When an application for an entertainment district license is filed, the commission shall notify the clerk of the local governing body. The commission shall include with such notice one copy of the application by mail or electronic delivery. The local governing body and the commission shall process the application in the same manner as provided in section 53-132.

(7) The local governing body may impose an occupation tax on the business of an entertainment district licensee doing business within the liquor license jurisdiction of the local governing body as provided in subdivision (11)(b) of this section in accordance with section 53-132.

(8) The local governing body with respect to entertainment district licensees within its liquor license jurisdiction as provided in subdivision (11)(b) of this section may cancel an entertainment district license for cause for the remainder of the period for which such entertainment district license is issued. Any person whose entertainment district license is canceled may appeal to the commission in accordance with section 53-134.

(9) A local governing body may regulate by ordinance, not inconsistent with the Nebraska Liquor Control Act, any area it designates as an entertainment district.

(10) Violation of any provision of this section or any rules or regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to this section by an entertainment district licensee may be cause to revoke, cancel, or suspend the retail license issued under subsection (6) of section 53-124, craft brewery license, microdistillery license, or manufacturer's license

held by such licensee.
(11) For purposes of this section:
(a)(i)~~(a)~~ Commons area means an area:
(A)~~(i)~~ Within an entertainment district designated by a local governing body;
(B)~~(ii)~~ Shared by authorized licensees with entertainment district licenses;
(C)~~(iii)~~ Abutting the licensed premises of such licensees;
(D) With reasonable safety measures in place to protect pedestrians, including signage, lighting, and reduced motor vehicle speeds when motor vehicles will be in close proximity to pedestrians~~(iv) Having limited pedestrian accessibility by use of a physical barrier, either on a permanent or temporary basis~~; and
(E) With a prohibition on the carrying of open alcoholic liquor containers and the consumption of alcoholic liquor on any open street or highway except when necessary to cross the same at a designated crosswalk~~(v) Closed to vehicular traffic when used as a commons area~~.
(ii) Commons area may include any area of a public or private right-of-way if the area otherwise meets the requirements of this section; and
(b) Local governing body means the governing body of the city or village in which the entertainment district licensee is located.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB415:
MO138
Bracket until May 31, 2025.

MO139
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO140
Indefinitely postpone.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications
Room 1510 12:45 PM

Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Kyle Anderson - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
Nathan J Sorben - Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 95. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Moser, 22; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team earned its first Summit League regular season championship in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks secured the first Summit League Tournament championship in program history on March 9, 2025, by defeating the St. Thomas Tommies 85-75; and

WHEREAS, the Summit League Tournament title earned the Mavericks the first NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament appearance in program history; and

WHEREAS, head coach Chris Crutchfield led the Mavericks to a record of 22-13, including a 13-3 record in conference play; and

WHEREAS, the Mavericks captured the imagination of college basketball fans across the nation with their trash can celebrations; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha community celebrates the historic achievements of the Mavericks men's basketball team.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska at Omaha Mavericks men's basketball team on reaching its first NCAA Division I tournament in program history.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mavericks and head coach Chris Crutchfield.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 96. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems administered by the Public Employees Retirement Board, including the State Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Retirement System for Nebraska Counties, the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska, the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System, the Nebraska Judges Retirement System, and the retirement system administered under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act. The study shall examine issues as they relate to the funding needs, benefits, contributions, and administration of each retirement system.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 97. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to carry out the provisions of section 13-2402, which requires the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee to monitor underfunded defined benefit plans administered by political subdivisions. The study shall include a public hearing for the presentation of reports by political subdivisions with underfunded defined benefit plans.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 98. Introduced by Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee: Ballard, 21, Chairperson; Clements, 2; Hardin, 48; Juarez, 5; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LR92.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Empowering Families, Scottsbluff; members of Urban League of Nebraska, Omaha; Cole Ballard, Omaha; students from Our Redeemer Lutheran School, Staplehurst; students from St. Columbkille Catholic School, Papillion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, March 31, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 31, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, March 31, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hunt, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-second day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 518. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM761
1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "may", show as stricken, and insert
2 "shall".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Senator Raybould offered the following motion:
MO143
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Raybould motion failed with 1 aye, 26 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM626, found on page 880, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM811, found on page 909. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Raybould offered AM811, found on page 909.

The Raybould amendment lost with 1 aye, 33 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered AM625, found on page 881.

The Raybould amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Holdcroft withdrew AM682, found on page 886.

Senator Clements offered AM624, found on page 909.

The Clements amendment lost with 10 ayes, 25 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered AM843, found on page 927.

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

Senator Holdcroft offered the following amendment:
AM851
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 5. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
5 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 76, 77, 78, and 79 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 76, 77, 78, and 79.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB332:
AM828

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM729)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 39. (1) For purposes of this section, program means the Rural Health Opportunity Program that encourages students from rural communities to pursue health care professions and return to practice in those rural communities.

(2)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall enter into a memorandum of understanding to administer the program, including a joint application and interview process to select students to participate in the program and be provisionally admitted into one of the eligible health care programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

(b) To be eligible, students shall:

(i) Attend, or be a graduate of, an approved or accredited high school in Nebraska or receive an equivalent of a diploma of high school equivalency in Nebraska; and

(ii) Have lived in, or been a resident of, a rural area of Nebraska as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.

(3) A student who participates in the program is entitled to a waiver of one hundred percent of the cost of tuition and fees per academic year for up to four years at a state college for the purpose of completing the established health care program coursework at such state college that is required for early admission and transfer to an eligible health care program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

(4) It is the intent of the Legislature to consider continued funding for the program in an appropriate amount equal to or more than one-half of the cost of the tuition waivers or fees granted pursuant to this section as part of the biennial budget process.

2. Correct the operative date section so the section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:
AM829 is available in the Bill Room.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were music students from the Nebraska Music Education Association – UNO, UNK, Doane, and Wesleyan; students from Aurora Public School, Aurora; members of the Nebraska Grocers and Wholesalers on behalf of the Grocery Industry Association.

RECESS

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hardin, Hunt, Raybould, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM226, found on page 809, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 4 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB474:
AM669 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 99. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team competed in the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish defeated the Dorchester Longhorns 52-25; and

WHEREAS, this is the ninth state title for Falls City Sacred Heart and they finished their season with a 25-4 record; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team is coached by Luke Santo; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team on earning the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock Eagles defeated the Howells-Dodge Jaguars in the championship game by a score of 61-49; and

WHEREAS, this is the third-straight championship title for the Johnson-Brock boys basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team is coached by Lucus Dalinghaus; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 101. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Andersen, 49; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef, LLC opened a meat processing facility in North Platte, Nebraska, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by over a thousand people; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef will help cattle producers grow their businesses and will create long-term growth for the North Platte community; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will provide a local outlet for quality cattle at a premium price and will serve as a driver for new growth in the North Platte region; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was created to help cattle producers integrate their operations to allow them to achieve a birth to retail outlet concept locally; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was the result of a determined group of cattle producers who had the vision to carry the project to its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the four hundred million dollar plant will process about one thousand five hundred cattle per day and will employ about eight hundred fifty workers.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Sustainable Beef, LLC on their successful opening ceremony.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Sustainable Beef.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick offered the following amendment:
AM850

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

Section 1. Section 38-2125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

38-2125 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this section, the~~The~~ department, with the recommendation of the board, may issue a license based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an individual who:

(a) Meets the licensure requirements of the Mental Health Practice Act or substantially equivalent requirements as determined by the department, with the recommendation of the board; or

(b) Has been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at least five years following initial licensure or certification in another jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

(2) The department may issue a license based on a privilege to practice in Nebraska under the Licensed Professional Counselors Interstate Compact as provided in section 5 of such compact.

(3) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall, based on licensure in another jurisdiction, issue a mental health practitioner license or an independent mental health practitioner license to a marriage and family therapist who:

(a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good standing with such state or territory;

(b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and

(c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

(4)~~(3)~~ An applicant for a license who is a military spouse may apply for a temporary license as provided in section 38-129.01.

Sec. 2. Section 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

38-2130 (1) The department, with the recommendation of the board, may issue a certificate based on licensure in another jurisdiction to represent oneself as ~~a certified marriage and family therapist,~~ a certified professional counselor, a social worker, or a certified art therapist to an individual who meets the requirements of the Mental Health Practice Act relating to ~~marriage and family therapy,~~ professional counseling, social work, or art therapy, as appropriate, or substantially equivalent requirements as determined by the department, with the recommendation of the board.

(2) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall issue a certificate to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an individual who:

(a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good standing with such state or territory;

(b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and

(c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

(3) An applicant for a certificate who is a military spouse may apply for a temporary certificate as provided in section 38-129.01.

Sec. 3. Original sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The Quick amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Senator Hansen offered the following amendment:
AM866 is available in the Bill Room.

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad offered MO7, found on page 193, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Raybould opened on her bill, LB258.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO7.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 606. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM767 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 412. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM732

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 43-1401 For purposes of sections 43-1401 to 43-1418:
6 (1) Except as provided in sections 43-1411 and 43-1414, child
7 means ~~Child shall mean~~ a child under the age of eighteen years born out of
8 wedlock;
9 (2) Child born out of wedlock means ~~shall mean~~ a child whose parents
10 were not married to each other at the time of ~~its~~ birth, except that a
11 child shall not be considered as born out of wedlock if the ~~its~~ parents
12 were married at the time of the child's ~~its~~ conception but divorced at the
13 time of ~~its~~ birth. The definition of legitimacy or illegitimacy for other
14 purposes shall not be affected by ~~the provisions of such~~ sections 43-1401
15 to 43-1418; and
16 (3) Support includes ~~shall include~~ reasonable education.
17 Sec. 2. Section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
18 2024, is amended to read:
19 43-1411 (1) A civil proceeding to establish the paternity of a child
20 may be instituted, in the court of the district where the child is
21 domiciled or found or, for cases under the Uniform Interstate Family
22 Support Act, where the alleged father is domiciled, by:

(a) The mother or the alleged father of such child, or by a person who has reason to believe he is the biological father of the child, either during pregnancy or within four years after the child's birth, unless:

(i) A valid consent or relinquishment has been made pursuant to sections 43-104.08 to 43-104.24 or section 43-105 for purposes of adoption; or

(ii) A county court or separate juvenile court has jurisdiction over the custody of the child or jurisdiction over an adoption matter with respect to such child pursuant to sections 43-101 to 43-116; or

(b) The guardian or next friend of such child or the state, either during pregnancy or within eighteen years after the child's birth.

(2) Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil proceedings, except that such summons may be directed to the sheriff of any county in the state and may be served in any county.

(3)(a)~~(3)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who has reason to believe he is~~claiming to be~~ the biological father of a child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction may file a complaint to intervene in such juvenile proceeding to institute an action to establish the paternity of the child. The complaint to intervene shall be accompanied by an affidavit under oath that the complainant~~affiant~~ believes he is the biological father of the juvenile. No filing fee shall be charged for filing the complaint and affidavit.

(b) Upon filing of the complaint and affidavit, the juvenile court may~~shall~~ enter an order pursuant to section 43-1414 to require genetic testing and to require the juvenile to be made available for genetic testing. The costs of genetic testing shall be paid by the complainant~~intervenor~~, the county, or the state at the discretion of the juvenile court.

(c) This subsection does not authorize intervention by a person whose parental rights to such child have been terminated by the order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

(4) For purposes of this section, child means a person under the age of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of wedlock.

Sec. 3. Section 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

43-1414 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ In any proceeding to establish paternity, the court may, on its own motion, or shall, on a timely request of a party, after notice and hearing, require the child, the mother, and the alleged father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other appropriate genetic testing material. Failure to comply with such requirement for genetic testing shall constitute contempt and may be dealt with in the same manner as other contempts. If genetic testing is required, the court shall direct that inherited characteristics be determined by appropriate testing procedures and shall appoint an expert in genetic testing and qualified as an examiner of genetic markers to analyze and interpret the results and to report to the court. The court shall determine the number of experts required.

(b) For purposes of this subsection, child means a person under the age of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of wedlock.

(2) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the Department of Health and Human Services, county attorneys, and authorized attorneys have the authority to require the child, the mother, and the alleged father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other appropriate genetic testing material. All genetic testing shall be performed by a laboratory accredited by the College of American Pathologists or any other national accrediting body or public agency which has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more comprehensive than those of the college.

(3) Except as authorized under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, a person shall not disclose information obtained from genetic paternity testing that is done pursuant to such sections.
(4) If an alleged father who is tested as part of an action under such sections is found to be the child's father, the testing laboratory shall retain the genetic testing material of the alleged father, mother, and child for no longer than the period of years prescribed by the national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. If a man is found not to be the child's father, the testing laboratory shall destroy the man's genetic testing material in the presence of a witness after such material is used in the paternity action. The witness may be an individual who is a party to the destruction of the genetic testing material. After the man's genetic testing material is destroyed, the testing laboratory shall make and keep a written record of the destruction and have the individual who witnessed the destruction sign the record. The testing laboratory shall also expunge its records regarding the genetic paternity testing performed on the genetic testing material in accordance with the national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. The testing laboratory shall retain the genetic testing material of the mother and child for no longer than the period of years prescribed by the national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. After a testing laboratory destroys an individual's genetic testing material as provided in this subsection, it shall notify the adult individual, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor individual, by certified mail that the genetic testing material was destroyed.
(5) A testing laboratory is required to protect the confidentiality of genetic testing material, except as required for a paternity determination. The court and its officers shall not use or disclose genetic testing material for a purpose other than the paternity determination.
(6) A person shall not buy, sell, transfer, or offer genetic testing material obtained under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418.
(7) A testing laboratory shall annually have an independent audit verifying the contracting laboratory's compliance with this section. The audit shall not disclose the names of, or otherwise identify, the test subjects required to submit to testing during the previous year. The testing laboratory shall forward the audit to the department.
(8) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class III misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offense.
(9) For purposes of sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, an expert in genetic testing means a person who has formal doctoral training or postdoctoral training in human genetics.
Sec. 4. Original sections 43-1401 and 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to LB632:
MO144
Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 102. Introduced by McKinney, 11; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championships were held on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Antrell Taylor of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln won the 157-pound title against Joey Blaze of Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's victory earned him a second All-American honor and his fiftieth career win; and

WHEREAS, Taylor finished his season with a twenty-seven wins and four losses record; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Antrell Taylor on winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championship at 157 pounds.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Antrell Taylor.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 103. Introduced by McKeon, 41; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship was held at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Lovett competed in the Championship for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Lovett won the 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship by defeating the number 1 seed, Caleb Henson of Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Lovett was the first national champion since 2011 for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Lovett also earned the title of 2025 Big Ten Champion and is a four-time National Collegiate Athletic Association All-American; and

WHEREAS, outside of competition, Lovett is active with his church and community, volunteering with local projects and programs, as well as coaching with Team Real Life, an outreach ministry that Lovett grew up with; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ridge Lovett on winning the 2025 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ridge Lovett.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Room 1507 instead of Room 1510.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Murman name added to LB169.
Senator Murman name added to LB170.
Senator Murman name added to LB258.
Senator Ballard name added to LR92.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Washington Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Eric Thomsen, Beatrice.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:09 p.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY - APRIL 1, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 1, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Right Reverend J. Scott Barker, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nebraska, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Hunt, McKinney, Spivey, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-third day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB504:
AM856

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER21)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act.

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act:

(1) Actual knowledge includes all information and inferences known to the covered online service relating to the age of the individual, including, but not limited to, self-identified age, and any age the covered online service has attributed or associated with the individual for any purpose, including marketing, advertising, or product

development. If a covered online service's classification of an individual for purposes of marketing or advertising is inconsistent with the individual's self-identified age, a covered online service shall disregard self-identified age for purposes of the act;

(2) Child means an individual younger than thirteen years of age;

(3) Covered design feature means any feature or component of a covered online service that will encourage or increase the frequency, time spent, or activity of a user on the covered online service and includes:

(a) Infinite scroll;

(b) Rewards or incentives for frequency of visits or time spent on the covered online service;

(c) Notifications or push alerts;

(d) In-game purchases; or

(e) Appearance-altering filters;

(4) Covered minor means a user that a covered online service knows to be a minor;

(5)(a) Covered online service means a sole proprietorship, a limited liability company, a corporation, an association, or any other legal entity that owns, operates, controls, or provides an online service that:

(i) Conducts business in this state;

(ii) Alone, or jointly with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent companies, determines the purposes and means of the processing of consumers' personal data;

(iii) Has annual gross revenue in excess of twenty-five million dollars, adjusted every odd-numbered year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics for the two-year period preceding the adjustment date. The amount shall be rounded to the next highest one-thousand-dollar amount;

(iv) Annually buys, receives, sells, or shares the personal data of fifty thousand or more consumers, households, or devices, alone or in combination with its affiliates, subsidiaries, or parent companies; and

(v) Derives at least fifty percent of its annual revenue from the sale or sharing of consumers' personal data.

(b) A covered online service includes:

(i) An entity that controls or is controlled by a business that meets the definition of covered online service if the entity and business share a name, service mark, or trademark that would cause a reasonable consumer to understand that the entity and business are commonly owned; and

(ii) For a covered online service that is a joint venture or partnership, any person with an ownership interest of forty percent or more in such venture or partnership.

(c) A covered online service does not include an online service with actual knowledge that fewer than two percent of its users are minors, provided that, in making such assessment, an online service shall not be required to collect personal data of users, and if an online service collects personal data of users for such purpose, it shall not use such personal data for other purposes and shall delete such personal data after using it to make the assessment;

(6) Dark pattern means a user interface designed or manipulated with the effect of substantially subverting or impairing user autonomy, decision-making, or choice. Dark pattern includes any practice determined to be a dark pattern by the Federal Trade Commission as of January 1, 2024;

(7) Knows to be a child or knows to be a minor means actual knowledge that the user is a child or minor, as applicable;

(8) Minor means an individual younger than eighteen years of age;

(9) Online service means any service, product, or feature that is

accessible to the public via the Internet, including a website or application. An online service does not include any of the following:

(a) A telecommunications service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153;

(b) A broadband Internet access service as defined in 47 C.F.R. 8.1(b); or

(c) The sale, delivery, or use of a physical device;

(10) Parent has the same meaning as in the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq., and the Federal Trade Commission rules implementing such act;

(11) Personal data means any information, including derived data and unique identifiers, that is linked or reasonably linkable, alone or in combination with other information, to an identified or identifiable individual or to a device that identifies, is linked to, or is reasonably linkable to one or more identified or identifiable individuals in a household. Personal data does not include publicly available data;

(12) Personalized recommendation system means a fully or partially automated system used to suggest, promote, or rank content, including other users, hashtags, or posts, based on the personal data of users;

(13) Precise geolocation information means any data that identifies within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet a covered minor's present or past location or the present or past location of a device that links or is linkable to a covered minor or any data that is derived from a device that is used or intended to be used to locate a covered minor within a radius of one thousand seven hundred fifty feet by means of technology that includes a global positioning system that provides latitude and longitude coordinates. Precise geolocation information does not include the content of communications or any data generated or connected to advanced utility metering infrastructure systems or equipment for use by a utility;

(14) Process means to perform an operation or set of operations by manual or automated means on personal data. Process includes collecting, using, storing, disclosing, sharing, analyzing, deleting, or modifying personal data;

(15) Profile means any form of automated processing of personal data to evaluate, analyze, or predict certain aspects relating to a covered minor, including a covered minor's economic situation, health, personal preferences, interests, reliability, behavior, location, or movements;

(16) Publicly available data means data (a) that is lawfully made available from federal, state, or local government records, (b) that a business has a reasonable basis to believe is lawfully made available to the general public by the individual or from widely distributed media, or (c) that is made available by a person to whom the individual has disclosed the data if the individual has not restricted the data to a specific audience. Publicly available data does not mean biometric data collected by a covered online service about a covered minor without the covered minor's knowledge;

(17) Targeted advertising means displaying advertisements to an individual when the advertisement is selected based on personal data obtained or inferred from that individual's activities over time and across nonaffiliated websites or online applications to predict the individual's preferences or interest. Targeted advertising does not include:

(a) Advertisements based on activities within a covered online service's own Internet websites or online applications;

(b) Advertisements based on the context of an individual's current search query, visit to an Internet website, or use of an online application;

(c) Advertisements directed to an individual in response to the individual's request for information or feedback; or

(d) Processing personal data solely to measure or report advertising

frequency, performance, or reach; and

(18) User means, with respect to a covered online service, an individual who registers an account or creates a profile on the covered online service.

Sec. 3. (1) The Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act does not apply to:

(a) A federal, state, tribal, or local government entity in the ordinary course of its operations;

(b) Personal data subject to a statute or regulation that is controlled by a covered online service that is required to comply with:

(i) Title V of the federal Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act;

(ii) The federal Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act; or

(iii) Regulations promulgated under section 264 of the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996; and

(c) Information, including, but not limited to, personal data, collected as part of a clinical trial subject to the federal policy for the protection of human subjects in accordance with:

(i) Good clinical practice guidelines issued by the International Council for Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Pharmaceuticals for Human Use; or

(ii) Human subject protection requirements of the federal Food and Drug Administration.

(2) The requirements of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act are in addition to and shall not limit or restrict in any way the application of other laws, including, but not limited to, statutes, rules and regulations, and the common law of Nebraska.

(3) In the event of a conflict between the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act and one or more other laws, the law that affords the greatest protection from harm to minors shall control.

Sec. 4. (1) A covered online service shall provide each covered minor with accessible and easy-to-use tools that accomplish the following with respect to covered design features:

(a) Limit the ability of other users or visitors to communicate with the covered minor;

(b) Prevent other individuals from viewing the personal data of the covered minor;

(c) Control the operation of all design features, including, but not limited to, all covered design features, that are unnecessary in order to provide the covered online service by allowing a covered minor to opt out of the use of all unnecessary covered design features or categories of unnecessary covered design features;

(d) Control personalized recommendation systems by allowing a covered minor to opt in to a chronological feed or by preventing categories of content from being recommended;

(e) Control the use of in-game purchases or other transactions by allowing a covered minor to opt out of all such purchases and transactions or to place limits on such purchases and transactions; and

(f) Restrict the sharing of the precise geolocation information of the covered minor and provide notice regarding tracking of the covered minor's precise geolocation information.

(2) A covered online service shall provide a covered minor with accessible and easy-to-use options to limit the amount of time the covered minor spends on the covered online service.

(3) A covered online service shall establish default settings for the safeguards required by subsection (1) of this section at the option or level that provides the highest protection available for the safety of the covered minor.

Sec. 5. (1) A covered online service shall only collect and use the minimum amount of a covered minor's personal data necessary to provide

the specific elements of an online service with which the covered minor has knowingly engaged. Such personal data shall not be used for reasons other than those for which it was collected.

(2) A covered online service shall not be required to collect the personal data of a user to comply with the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act. A covered online service that collects personal data of a user for age verification cannot use such personal data for other purposes and shall delete such personal data after use for age verification.

(3) A covered online service shall only retain the personal data of a covered minor as long as necessary to provide the specific elements of an online service with which the covered minor has knowingly engaged.

(4) A covered online service shall not facilitate targeted advertising to a covered minor.

(5) A covered online service shall provide an obvious sign to a covered minor when precise geolocation information is being collected or used.

(6) The use of notifications and push alerts to a covered minor is prohibited between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. and between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on week days during the school year in the covered minor's local time zone.

(7) A covered online service shall not profile a covered minor unless profiling is necessary to provide a covered online service requested by such covered minor, and only with respect to the aspects of the covered online service with which the covered minor is actively and knowingly engaged.

(8) A covered online service shall ensure that the default settings for the protections required pursuant to this section are set at the highest protection available for the safety of the covered minor.

(9) If a covered online service allows parental monitoring, the covered online service shall provide an obvious signal to a covered minor when such minor is being monitored.

Sec. 6. (1) A covered online service shall provide parents with tools to help parents protect and support minors using covered design features of the covered online service. Such parental tools shall be enabled by default for an individual the covered online service knows to be a child.

(2) With respect to covered design features, a covered online service shall provide parents the ability to do the following for an individual the covered online service knows to be a child or minor, as applicable:

(a) Manage the child's privacy and account settings in a manner that allows parents to:

(i) View the child's account settings; and

(ii) Change and control privacy and account settings of the child;

(b) Restrict purchases and financial transactions of the minor; and

(c) Enable parents to view the total time the child has spent on a covered online service and place reasonable limits on such child's use of the covered online service. Among such protections, a covered online service shall offer parents the ability to restrict a child's use of the covered online service during times of day specified by the parents, including during school hours and at night.

(3) A covered online service shall notify a covered minor of a covered design feature when any of the tools described in this section are in effect and describe what settings have been applied.

Sec. 7. A covered online service shall establish mechanisms for covered minors and parents to report harms on covered online services.

Sec. 8. (1) A covered online service is prohibited from facilitating advertisements for prohibited products, such as narcotic drugs, tobacco products, gambling, and alcohol, to covered minors.

(2) A covered online service is prohibited from using dark patterns

to subvert or impair covered minor autonomy, decision-making, or choice.
Sec. 9. (1) Any violation of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act shall, additionally and separately, constitute a deceptive trade practice under the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. Civil penalties for violations of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act shall be subject exclusively to subsection (3) of this section, but the Attorney General shall not initiate any action to recover a civil penalty under the act until July 1, 2026. The Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act shall not be construed to affect the liability for any action that otherwise violates the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.
(2) Each covered online service shall designate one or more of its officers to be responsible for the covered online service's compliance with the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act.
(3) Beginning July 1, 2026, a covered online service in violation of the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for each violation.
Sec. 10. This act becomes operative on January 1, 2026.
Sec. 11. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 85.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad renewed MO7, found on page 193 and considered on page 940, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 3 nays, and 16 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 34 ayes, 13 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

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

Voting in the negative, 34:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Conrad

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Hunt

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 12 ayes, 34 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:
MO145
Reconsider the vote taken on MO7.

Pending.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB530

Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO123, found on page 862, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).
MO124, found on page 862, to bracket until June 9, 2025.
MO125, found on page 862, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB428:
AM803
1 1. On page 2, line 27, strike "a nonanonymous" and insert "(A) a";
2 and in line 31 strike the comma and insert "or (B) a nonanonymous survey

requesting students provide information relating to drug, vape, alcohol, or tobacco use,".
2. On page 3, line 14, strike "questionnaire or"; in line 23 after the second "of" insert "(a)"; and in line 26 after "2024" insert ", (b) the federal Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment of 1978, 20 U.S.C. 1232h, as such section existed on January 1, 2025, (c) the federal Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998, 15 U.S.C. 6501 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2025, and (d) the federal Children's Internet Protection Act, 47 C.F.R. 54.520, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025".

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Natural Resources

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM635 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 76. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM798
1. Strike original sections 2 and 3.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were John Sorrentino, Denver, CO; students from Engleman Elementary, Grand Island; Brad Hardin and Charlotte Hardin, Grand Island; students from Plainview Elementary, Plainview; Grant Hallstrom, Johnson; students from Neihardt Elementary, Omaha; Episcopalians from Episcopal Advocacy Day.

RECESS

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Clements, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hardin, Hunt, Lippincott, Moser, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 26, 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 Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

Roy Christensen, 820 Cottonwood Drive, Lincoln, NE 68510, Professional

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

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad renewed MO145, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO7.

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

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

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, and 19 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

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

Voting in the negative, 33:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

Dover

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM272, found on page 632, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered MO9, found on page 193, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER33
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning "the" in line 1 through line 5 and
2 insert "law; to amend sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216,
3 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239,
4 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304,
5 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, and 9-1313, Revised Statutes Cumulative
6 Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No.
7 436; to redefine terms; to change and eliminate applicability,
8 administrative, and enforcement provisions of the Nebraska Healthy
9 Families and Workplaces Act; to provide for set off of debt owed due to
10 the overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security
11 Law against gambling winnings under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for
12 Outstanding Debt Act; to change provisions relating to the offset of
13 overpayment of unemployment benefits against future benefits under the
14 Employment Security Law; to change and eliminate applicability,
15 inspection, investigation, licensure, and enforcement provisions of the

16 Conveyance Safety Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize
17 provisions; and to repeal the original sections.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Nebraska Tourism Commission:
Courtney Dentlinger
David Fudge
Rachel Kreikemeier
Roger Kuhn
Robert Sabin
David Wolf
Paul Younes

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB258:
AM880

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM272)
1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
2 1. On page 2, line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".
3 2. Renumber the remaining amendments accordingly.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB258:
FA73
In AM880, on Line 2, strike "two" and insert "one".

FA74
Strike Section 1.

FA75
Strike Section 2.

FA76
Strike the enacting clause

FA77
On Page 2, Line 17, strike "one" and insert "two".

FA78
In FA74, Strike "Section 1" and insert "Section 3".

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to LB646:
AM796
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)
1. On page 2, line 7; page 6, line 1; and page 7, line 15, strike "January" and insert "July".
2. On page 5, line 30; and page 7, line 13, strike "December 31, 2025" and insert "June 30, 2026".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB258:
MO146
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO147
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO148
Indefinitely postpone.

MO149
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Committee AM272, found on page 632 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed MO9, found on page 193 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Raybould offered the following motion:
MO150
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator Raybould requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

The Raybould motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 15 ayes, 34 nays, and 0 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 9 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 17 nays, and 0 present and not voting.

Senator Dungan made a parliamentary inquiry on if the two-thirds vote requirement (Art. 3, Sec. 2 of the Nebraska Constitution) for a ballot initiative language change applies to advancing the bill to Enrollment and Review Initial.

The Clerk stated that the understanding from past precedent is that the Art. 3, Sec. 2 threshold applies only to final passage of the bill.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 693. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM302
1 1. On page 7, line 14, after "to" insert "state or".

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB629:
AM859

(Amendments to AM415)

1 1. Strike original sections 23 to 26.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. 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 230, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 104. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; 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; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2024-2025 University of Nebraska Wrestling Team had eight wrestlers earn All-American honors, with three finalists, and two champions at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Brock Hardy of Brigham City, Utah, earned a spot in the 141-pound championship, a silver medal, and All-American status; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Lovett, a native of Post Falls, Idaho, and an All-American in 2022 and 2024, won the 149-pound championship match, defeating the defending national champion, and became the first individual national champion for Nebraska since Jordan Burroughs in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Antrell Taylor, a Millard South product, won the 157-pound championship match earning a 4-2 decision and became the second native

Nebraskan to win a division one national title, joining Brad Vering from 2000. Taylor's victory coupled with Lovett's title marked the first time since 1984 the Huskers had multiple individual NCAA champions in the same season when Jim Scherr and Bill Scherr won NCAA titles; and

WHEREAS, Big Red wrestlers put together seventeen bonus-point wins for the fifth-highest point total by a runner-up in NCAA History; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska set a school record for All-Americans with eight at an NCAA tournament; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska wrestling had its best performance and team finish ever at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships by scoring the most team points and having the most All-Americans at the 2025 NCAA Championships; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska had a historic national runner-up finish to their season; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Mark Manning was named the 2025 NCAA Tournament Coach of the Year.

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 Wrestling Team on their tremendous season and for their elite performance at the 2025 NCAA Wrestling Championships.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Wrestling Team and to Head Coach Mark Manning.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Murman name added to LB383.
Senator Rountree name added to LB391.
Senator McKeon name added to LR17.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Zion Lutheran, Kearney; students from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Beatrice.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:37 p.m., on a motion by Senator Riepe, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 2, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY - APRIL 2, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, April 2, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Rountree.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

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 Guereca who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobsen, McKinney, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-fourth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 87 and 88 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 87 and 88.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM638, found on page 822, was offered.

Senator Ibach asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA52, found on page 828, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment AM829, found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer objected.

Senator Ibach offered the following motion:
MO151
Withdraw FA52 and substitute AM829.

Senator Storer requested a roll call vote on the motion to withdraw and substitute.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 2 nays, and 17 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Murman	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	von Gillern
Ballard	Fredrickson	Ibach	Raybould	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	
Bostar	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Brandt	Hardin	Moser	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKeon	Meyer

Present and not voting, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Dungan	Quick	Storer

Excused and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Dover	Hunt	Lippincott
Clements	Guereca	Jacobson	Strommen

The Ibach motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 27 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach offered AM829, found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM731 is available in the Bill Room.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB647:
FA80
Strike Section 1.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB179:
FA81
Strike the enacting clause.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:
AM821
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM492)

1. Strike sections 40, 41, 69, 70, 74, and 78 to 81 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 73. Section 76 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2026. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 74. Original sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001, 2-5003, 20-506, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2213, 38-2214, 38-2306, 58-202, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706, 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109, 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,238, 81-15,245, 81-15,246, 82-703, 82-706, 85-1008, 85-1607, 85-1643, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1101, 86-1102, and 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167, 38-2120, 38-2216, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-3401, 43-4001, 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-5301, 71-5310, and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 75. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 38-2307, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-4501, 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-4504, and 81-15,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1306, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

Sec. 76. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 38-206, 71-7105, and 71-7106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

2. On page 14, after line 3 insert the following new subdivision:
"(a) Establish standards for integrated practice agreements between collaborating physicians and certified nurse midwives;"; in line 4 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 7 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 11 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; and in line 16 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

3. On page 34, strike beginning with the comma in line 27 through the last comma in line 28 and show the old matter as stricken.

4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Ballard announced the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee will meet on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. instead of 12:00 pm.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were John Cook, President Jeffrey Gold, Chris Kratochvil, and Ryan Rothman – University of Nebraska; students from Hitchcock County FFA, Trenton; students and teachers from Schuyler FFA, Schuyler; students from across Nebraska on their Sophomore Pilgrimage; students from Skyline Elementary, Elkhorn.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Guereca and Spivey who were excused; and Senators Clements, Conrad, Dover, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Kauth, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 536. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM756
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act.
Sec. 2. The purpose of the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act is to:
(1) Provide one-time grants to eligible manufacturing operations for new and existing capital investments that will increase or lead to the adoption and integration of smart technologies and increased productivity; and
(2) Provide a positive economic impact in the State of Nebraska.
Sec. 3. For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act:
(1) Department means the Department of Labor;
(2) Eligible manufacturing operation means a manufacturer of goods at a facility located in this state that:

(a) Has a North American Industry Classification System number within the manufacturing sector range of 31 to 33;
(b) Has been an established business for a minimum of three years prior to the date of application for the grant;
(c) Derives a minimum of fifty-one percent of the manufacturer's gross revenue from the sale of manufactured goods;
(d) Employs a minimum of three full-time employees; and
(e) Demonstrates the ability to provide private matching financial support for the manufacturer's manufacturing modernization investment project on a one-to-one basis;

(3) Manufacturing modernization investment project means a project that is intended to lead to the adoption and integration of smart technologies into existing manufacturing operations located in the state by mitigating the risk to the manufacturer of significant technology investments. Manufacturing modernization investment project includes, but is not limited to, an investment in the following that are intended to assist a manufacturer in increasing the manufacturer's productivity, efficiency, and competitiveness:
(a) Job training; and
(b) Specialized hardware, software, or other equipment; and

(4) Private matching financial support means any financial support derived from a source other than a direct appropriation from the State of Nebraska or its political subdivisions.

Sec. 4. (1) Beginning October 1, 2025, through November 1, 2026, an eligible manufacturing operation may apply to the department for a grant. The application shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
(a) A description of the manufacturing modernization investment project;
(b) The estimated cost of the manufacturing modernization investment project; and
(c) Documentation on the amount of private matching financial support available for the manufacturing modernization investment project that has been received or will be received by the eligible manufacturing operation. Such amount shall be at least equal to the amount of any grant received under the act. The documentation provided under this subdivision does not need to identify any provider of private matching financial support.

(2) The department shall consider applications in the order in which they are received. If an applicant is an eligible manufacturing operation and otherwise qualifies for a grant, the department shall, subject to subsection (3) of this section, approve the application and notify the applicant of the approval.

(3) The department may approve applications within the limits of available funding under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act. The amount of any grant approved shall be equal to the amount of money supplied by the eligible manufacturing operation from providers of private matching financial support, as documented under subdivision (1)(c) of this section, except that no grant shall be for more than fifty thousand dollars.

Sec. 5. (1) The department shall not approve an application for a manufacturing modernization investment project that was commenced prior to the date of the application.

(2) Any eligible manufacturing operation that no longer meets the requirements of subdivision (2) of section 3 of this act shall repay any grant funds received under the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act.

Sec. 6. The department may award up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars in grants from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund for purposes of carrying out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce

Development Pilot Investment Act.
Sec. 7. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act.
Sec. 8. Section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
81-407 (1) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund is hereby created. The fund shall consist of transfers authorized by the Legislature.
(2) The Department of Labor shall administer the fund ~~to provide workforce development grants~~. The fund may be used:
(a) To provide workforce development grants; and
(b) For purposes of the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act.
(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
Sec. 9. Original section 81-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.
Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Committee AM638, found on page 822 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Ibach renewed AM829, found on page 935 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Ibach moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 1 nays, and 26 not voting.

The Ibach amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Ibach withdrew AM762, found on page 877, to the committee amendment.

Senator Storer offered AM810, found on page 896, to the committee amendment.

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

The Storer amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 9 ayes, 14 nays, 24 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKeon withdrew AM796, found on page 956, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKeon offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA82
In AM638, on page 3, line 5 and page 4, line 19, strike "December 31, 2025" and insert "June 30, 2026". On Page 3, Line 7 and Page 4, Line 21 strike "January" and insert "July".

The McKeon amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 6 ayes, 9 nays, 32 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 26 ayes, 3 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM728, found on page 895, was offered.

Senator Bostar offered AM814, found on page 925, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Fredrickson offered the following amendment:
FA79
In AM728, on page 10, line 19, after "shall:" insert the following new subdivision: "(a) Not reduce department-posted Medicaid rates;"; in line 20 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 25 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; and in line 27 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)". On page 11, line 1, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

The Fredrickson amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM554, found on page 852, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser withdrew AM20, found on page 327.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick withdrew FA68, found on page 910.

Senator Quick withdrew FA69, found on page 910.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM729, found on page 847, was offered.

Senator Hardin offered AM828, found on page 935, to the committee amendment.

The Hardin amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Moser filed the following amendment to LB398:
AM842 is available in the Bill Room.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

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.

Nebraska Arts Council:
Karen Harris
Julie J Jacobson
Clark Kolterman
Jeanne Salerno

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

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 105. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Nebraska's electricity is generated by power plants connected to a complex electrical grid consisting of over six thousand miles of transmission and one hundred thousand miles of subtransmission and distribution lines that deliver energy to homes, businesses, hospitals, churches, and schools throughout our state; and

WHEREAS, the electrical grid must be maintained and operated twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, and three hundred sixty-five days a year despite inclement weather including blizzards, thunderstorms, floods, and other hazards; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska's more than one thousand lineworkers have demonstrated outstanding skill and dedication to their jobs working in hazardous conditions to build, maintain, and repair electric infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the hardworking lineworkers of Nebraska who leave their families and risk their lives to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to all citizens of the state are deserving of our respect, gratitude, and honor.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes the significant contributions and efforts of Nebraska lineworkers who often work in challenging conditions to keep the lights on and expresses its appreciation to all of Nebraska's hard working lineworkers.

2. That the Legislature recognizes April 14, 2025, as Lineworkers Appreciation Day in Nebraska.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM711, found on page 902, was offered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Andersen name added to LB253.
Senator Bosn name added to LB693.
Senator DeKay name added to LR101.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were supporters of the University of Nebraska for "I Love NU" Day; students from Brownell Elementary, Lincoln; students from Fillmore Central FFA; students from Riverside Public School FFA, Cedar Rapids; students and teachers from Paxton FFA, Paxton.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeBoer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 3, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY - APRIL 3, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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Thursday, April 3, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Johnny Walker, West 1st Baptist, Trenton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Moser.

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 Guereca who was excused; and Senators M. Cavanaugh, Clements, Conrad, Dover, Hardin, McKinney, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-fifth day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 2, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Jensen Rogert Associates, Inc.
Blue Gems ABA (Withdrawn 04/02/2025)
Pelletier, Julianne R
Mitsubishi Power Americas, Inc.
Radcliffe Gilbertson & Brady
Motion Picture Association, Inc.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, and 94.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB7 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-2,141, 76-3702, 76-3703, 76-3704, 76-3708, 76-3709, 76-3710, 76-3712, and 76-3715, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to affidavits for covered real estate; to define and

redefine terms under the Foreign-owned Real Estate National Security Act; to change provisions of such act relating to foreign-owned real estate, oil and gas leases, railroads, public utilities, common carriers, municipalities, manufacturing or industrial establishments, investigations and violations, and civil and criminal immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB22 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 68-911 and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Family Home Visitation Act; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to file a state plan amendment for evidence-based nurse home visiting services as prescribed; to state intent relating to funding; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to communicable diseases; to amend section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to blood tests for pregnant women; to state intent regarding payment for certain blood tests; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 105. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power and irrigation districts; to amend sections 70-604.03 and 70-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the division of voting precincts for purposes of establishing boundary lines for operating areas, chartered territory, and district elections and eliminate the requirement of approval by the Secretary of State; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Kauth*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB143 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to amend section 79-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the preliminary enrollment in a school district by children of military families; to require that any preliminary or advanced enrollment provisions of a school district apply to students with an individualized family service plan or individualized education program or students that receive special education as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB144 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 144.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to labor; to amend sections 48-225, 48-226, 48-227, and 48-238, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to veterans preferences for public and private employers; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 168. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health care; to adopt the 340B Contract Pharmacy Protection Act; to provide severability; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Bosn Cavanaugh, M.* Hunt Juarez Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB179 to Select File

Senator Ballard moved to return LB179 to Select File for his specific amendment, FA81, found on page 963.

Senator Ballard withdrew his motion to return.

The Ballard amendment, FA81, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB179 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 16-1005 and 16-1027, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change contribution rates for police officers employed by cities of the first class; to change provisions of the Cities of the First Class Firefighters Retirement Act relating to optional benefit forms for retiring firefighters; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB185 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants; to amend sections 76-1413, 76-1450, 76-1457, and 76-1474, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 76-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for electronic delivery of notices and documents under the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act and the Mobile Home Landlord and Tenant Act; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 195.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to amend section 28-470, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for immunity for conduct relating to opioid overdose reversal medications; to provide and eliminate definitions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 248.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Child Care Licensing Act; to amend section 71-1910, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to exempt certain federal programs from child care licensing requirements as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 266.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to local governments; to prohibit ordinances which have the effect of imposing rent controls on private property; to define terms; to provide limits on such ordinances; and to provide applicability.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 10:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Quick*
Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer*	Fredrickson	Juarez	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 294. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the County Visitors Improvement Fund; to amend section 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to grants; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB312 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to amend sections 71-5662, 71-5663, 71-5665, and 71-5668, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for student loans to certain students and loan repayments for nurse anesthetists and dietitian nutritionists under the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-211, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to qualifications and requirements for the board of directors of an insurance corporation; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 341.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to settlements; to adopt the Nebraska Statutory Thresholds for Settlements Involving Minors Act.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to agriculture; to eliminate provisions relating to grain inspections, the Nebraska Origin and Premium Quality Grain Cash Fund, and labeling requirements for honey; and to outright repeal sections 2-3813, 2-3814, and 81-2,181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB478 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 478.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend sections 53-123.15, 53-124, 53-124.01, 53-130, 53-134, 53-162, and 53-304, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-101,

53-131.01, and 53-165.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for an auction permit for the sale of alcoholic liquor at auction and for a wholesalers shipping license as prescribed; to change provisions relating to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, the method of notice for local governing body hearings related to licenses issued by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission, and obligations of the primary source of supply for alcoholic liquor; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB501 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-1301, 77-1307, 77-1308, 77-1309, and 77-1725.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the assessment of real property that suffers significant property damage; to

redefine and eliminate terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB527 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to change provisions relating to taxes on health maintenance organizations, prepaid limited health service organizations, and insurance companies; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Hansen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Procurement Act; to amend section 73-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine a term; to provide for applicability; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 592.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the achieving a better life experience program; to amend section 77-1407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to exempt accounts from levy, execution, judgment, garnishment, and other judicial enforcement as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 7, 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 105e, 143, 144, 168e, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. 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 613. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM565, found on page 732, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 3, 2025, at 10:47 a.m. were the following: LBs 7, 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 105e, 143, 144, 168e, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 106. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 9, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team won the 2025 Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig Lady Knights defeated the Elkhorn Valley Falcons in the championship game by a score of 51-46; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland-Craig girls basketball team finished the season with a record of twenty-six wins and three losses; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of their coaches, parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team on winning the 2025 Class C-2 Girls State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Oakland-Craig High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Scott Guzinski.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 107. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

WHEREAS, Michael Nissen of Oakland, Nebraska, is recognized for his dedication to tree planting and conservation and is the recipient of the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Tree Planter of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Nissen, his wife, Jessica, and their children, Caleb and Ella, have demonstrated a strong commitment to the planting and care of trees, ensuring both immediate benefits and long-term sustainability for their family farm; and

WHEREAS, Nissen began working with the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District (LENRD) three years ago to develop a strategic tree planting plan that will enhance their land for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, through his foresight and planning, Nissen has inspired his family to actively participate in tree conservation efforts, instilling in his children a lifelong appreciation for natural resource stewardship; and

WHEREAS, despite the challenges of full-time jobs, young children, and ongoing drought conditions, the Nissen family has planted and cared for approximately one thousand trees over two years, demonstrating their remarkable dedication to conservation; and

WHEREAS, Nissen's proactive approach to tree planting ensures that as their children grow and family activities increase, the trees will be well-established and the farmstead will provide lasting benefits; and

WHEREAS, tree planting is a multigenerational endeavor for the Nissen family, as Michael's father, Tim Nissen, has also worked with the NRD to complete a major two-phase windbreak renovation around his farmstead and livestock facility, carefully considering future land use in the planning process; and

WHEREAS, Nissen understands the profound value of trees, stating, "You don't understand the value of a tree – until you've made it grow," reflecting his deep commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Michael Nissen on receiving the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Tree Planter of the Year Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Michael Nissen.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM691, found on page 902, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM680, found on page 892, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 8 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 5 nays, and 20 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree
Bosn	Clouse	Hallstrom	McKinney	Spivey
Bostar	Conrad	Hansen	Prokop	
Brandt	DeBoer	Hardin	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Andersen	Lippincott	Meyer	Sanders	von Gillern
Clements	Lonowski	Moser	Storm	Wordekemper
Kauth	McKeon	Riepe	Strommen	

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Dorn	Hughes	Murman
Armendariz	Dover	Ibach	Storer
DeKay	Holdcroft	Jacobson	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sorrentino

Failed to advance to Enrollment and Review Initial with 22 ayes, 14 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. Title read. Considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO152
Indefinitely postpone.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on her motion to indefinitely postpone.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone failed with 0 ayes, 28 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
FA83
Amend the contents of AM680 to LB48 into LB382

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

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 2 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB246:
AM882
1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. Section 81-2,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:
5 81-2,239 Sections 81-2,239 to 81-2,292 and sections 3 to 9, 11, and
6 12 of this act and the provisions of the Food Code and the Current Good

Manufacturing Practice In Manufacturing, Packing, or Holding Human Food adopted by reference in sections 81-2,257.01 and 81-2,259, shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Sec. 2. Section 81-2,240, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2,240 For purposes of the Nebraska Pure Food Act, unless the context otherwise requires, the definitions found in sections 81-2,241 to 81-2,254 and sections 3 to 9 of this act shall be used. In addition, the definitions found in the code and practice adopted by reference in sections 81-2,257.01 and 81-2,259 shall be used.

Sec. 3. Agricultural food animal means any domesticated animal that is raised for human consumption or for the production of products that are used for human consumption.

Sec. 4. Cultivated-protein food product means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing animal cells, including processes that are part of a manufacturing operation in which one or more stem cells are initially isolated from an agricultural food animal, are grown in vitro, and may be manipulated.

Sec. 5. Identifying meat term means any word or phrase that states, indicates, suggests, or describes a meat product and includes any:

(1) Common name for the species of the agricultural food animal subject to slaughter and processing, including calf, chicken, cow, goat, hog, kid, lamb, pig, poultry, sheep, or turkey;

(2) Any characteristic of a species of the agricultural food animal subject to slaughter and processing, including beef, broiler, cabrito, chevon, fryer, lamb, mutton, pork, poulet, veal, or yearling; and

(3) Common name used to describe a major cut of a meat of an agricultural food animal slaughtered and processed, including a major meat cut or any other common name that a reasonable purchaser would immediately and exclusively associate with a meat product prepared for sale in normal commercial channels, including bacon, baloney, bologna, bone, brat, bratwurst, brisket, burger, butt, chop, chuck, cold cut, cutlet, filet, flat iron, frank, frankfurter, ham, hamburger, hock, hot dog, jerky, liverwurst, loin, London broil, lunch meat, New York strip, pepperoni, porterhouse, rib, ribeye, roast, salami, sausage, shank, sirloin, spareribs, tenderloin, or any comparable word or phrase.

Sec. 6. Insect-protein food product means a food product having one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue originating from an agricultural food animal but that, in lieu of being derived from meat processing, is derived from manufacturing insect parts.

Sec. 7. Manufactured-protein food product means a cultivated-protein food product, insect-protein food product, or plant-protein food product.

Sec. 8. Plant-protein food product means a food product that:

(1) Has one or more sensory attributes that resemble a type of tissue found in a species of agricultural food animal;

(2) Is substantially derived from manufacturing plant parts; and

(3) Does not include any part of an animal that has been slaughtered.

Sec. 9. Qualifying term means a word, compound word, or phrase that would clearly disclose to a reasonable purchaser of meat products that a food product is not a meat product including cell-cultivated, cell-cultured, fake, grown in a lab, imitation, insect, insect-based, insect-protein, lab-created, lab-grown, meat free, meatless, plant, plant-based, vegan, vegetable, vegetarian, veggie, or any comparable word or phrase.

Sec. 10. Section 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2,283 (1) No~~It shall be unlawful for any~~ person shall~~to~~ misbrand

any food or distribute, offer for sale, or sell any misbranded food.
(2) A food shall be deemed to be misbranded if:
(a) It does not bear labeling clearly stating (i) the identity of the food in terms likely to be easily and accurately understood by the consumer, (ii) the net quantity of contents of the food in terms authorized under the Weights and Measures Act, and (iii) the name and address of the manufacturer, distributor, or seller of the food; ~~or~~
(b) Its labeling is false or misleading in any manner; ~~.~~
(c) For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled with an identifying meat term, such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled with a conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the identifying meat term; or
(d) For any manufactured-protein food product that is labeled with an identifying meat term and offered for sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is not labeled in a manner that is clearly and distinctly separate from any product that is made from tissue originating from any agricultural food animal.
Sec. 11. A manufactured-protein food product is falsely advertised if:
(1) All advertising for such manufactured-protein food product that lists an identifying meat term does not include a conspicuous and prominent qualifying term in close proximity to the identifying meat term; or
(2) For any manufactured-protein food product that is offered for sale at a food establishment, such manufactured-protein food product is not displayed in a manner that:
(a) Keeps such product separate from products containing tissue originating from agricultural food animals; and
(b) Uses distinctive shelf tags or other posted representations to identify and distinguish such manufactured-protein food product from products containing tissue originating from agricultural food animals.
Sec. 12. The department may investigate all credible complaints that food products are misbranded or being falsely advertised as meat products regardless of whether or not a political subdivision or other state agency acts as the regulatory authority for food establishment inspections.
Sec. 13. Original sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, and 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB78:
AM784
1. On page 3, line 18, after "Survivor" insert "Housing".

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB676:
AM914 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 108. Introduced by Bosn, 25; DeBoer, 10; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB382.
Senator DeKay name added to LB561.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and sponsors from Keya Paha County FFA, Springview; Brenda Arch, LaVista; Mia Agner, Papillion; Renee Black, Papillion; Miriam Harder, Bellevue; students, teachers, and sponsors from North Platte Catholic Schools, North Platte; members from across the state of the Nebraska FFA Ag Issues Academy; students from Louisville Elementary, Louisville; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln; students from Christ the King, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:59 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Murman.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, DeKay, Guereca, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-sixth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 7, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 7, 105e, 143, 179, 185, 195, 248, 266, 294e, 312, 325, 341, 372, 478, 501e, 527e, 527Ae, 529e, and 592 were received in my office on April 3, 2025, and signed on April 7, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 7, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

March 31, 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 Nebraska Tourism Commission - District 6:

Debra L Kelly, 925 Fairway Drive, O'Neill, NE 68763

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM801 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM837 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 566. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM800
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:

Section 1. Section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2715.07 (1) There shall be allowed to qualified resident individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) A credit equal to the federal credit allowed under section 22 of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(b) A credit for taxes paid to another state as provided in section 77-2730.

(2) There shall be allowed to qualified resident individuals against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross incomes of greater than twenty-nine thousand dollars, a nonrefundable credit equal to twenty-five percent of the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such nonrefundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal credit;

(b) For returns filed reporting federal adjusted gross income of twenty-nine thousand dollars or less, a refundable credit equal to a percentage of the federal credit allowable under section 21 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, whether or not the federal credit was limited by the federal tax liability. The percentage of the federal credit shall be one hundred percent for incomes not greater than twenty-two thousand dollars, and the percentage shall be reduced by ten percent for each one thousand dollars, or fraction thereof, by which the reported federal adjusted gross income exceeds twenty-two thousand dollars, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under section 21 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal credit;

(c) A refundable credit as provided in section 77-5209.01 for individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as a qualified beginning farmer or livestock producer under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2006, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

(d) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income tax credit under the Angel Investment Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Microenterprise Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Advantage Research and Development Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, or the Volunteer Emergency Responders Incentive Act; and

(e) A refundable credit equal to ten percent of the federal credit allowed under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, except that for taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2015, such refundable credit shall be allowed only if the individual would have received the federal credit allowed under section 32 of the code after adding back in any carryforward of a net operating loss that was deducted pursuant to such section in determining eligibility for the federal credit.

(3) There shall be allowed to all individuals as a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) A credit for personal exemptions allowed under section 77-2716.01;

(b) A credit for contributions to programs or projects certified for

tax credit status as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act. Each partner, each shareholder of an electing subchapter S corporation, each beneficiary of an estate or trust, or each member of a limited liability company shall report his or her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, estate, trust, or limited liability company income;

(c) A credit for investment in a biodiesel facility as provided in section 77-27,236;

(d) A credit as provided in the New Markets Job Growth Investment Act;

(e) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act;

(f) A credit to employers as provided in sections 77-27,238 and 77-27,240;

(g) A credit as provided in the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act;

(h) A credit to grocery store retailers, restaurants, and agricultural producers as provided in section 77-27,241;

(i) A credit as provided in the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax Credit Act;

(j) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act;

(k) A credit as provided in the Nebraska Pregnancy Help Act; and

(l) A credit as provided in the Caregiver Tax Credit Act.

(4) There shall be allowed as a credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967:

(a) A credit to all resident estates and trusts for taxes paid to another state as provided in section 77-2730;

(b) A credit to all estates and trusts for contributions to programs or projects certified for tax credit status as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act; and

(c) A refundable credit for individuals who qualify for an income tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act for all taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The credit allowed for each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust qualifying for an income tax credit as an owner of agricultural assets under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act shall be equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of tax credit distributed pursuant to subsection (6) of section 77-5211.

(5)(a) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007, and before January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to fifty percent of the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.

(b) For all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, there shall be allowed to each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary of a partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 equal to the partner's, shareholder's, member's, or beneficiary's portion of the amount of franchise tax paid to the state under sections 77-3801 to 77-3807 by a financial institution.

(c) Each partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary shall report

his or her share of the credit in the same manner and proportion as he or she reports the partnership, subchapter S corporation, limited liability company, or estate or trust income. If any partner, shareholder, member, or beneficiary cannot fully utilize the credit for that year, the credit may not be carried forward or back.

(6) There shall be allowed to all individuals nonrefundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 77-3604 and refundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 77-3605.

(7)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2032~~2026~~, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a nonrefundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 in the amount of five thousand dollars shall be allowed to any individual who purchases a residence during the taxable year if such residence:

(i) Is located within an area that has been declared an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02;

(ii) Is the individual's primary residence; and

(iii) Was not purchased from a family member of the individual or a family member of the individual's spouse.

(b) The credit provided in this subsection shall be claimed for the taxable year in which the residence is purchased. If the individual cannot fully utilize the credit for such year, the credit may be carried forward to subsequent taxable years until fully utilized.

(c) No more than one credit may be claimed under this subsection with respect to a single residence.

(d) The credit provided in this subsection shall be subject to recapture by the Department of Revenue if the individual claiming the credit sells or otherwise transfers the residence or quits using the residence as his or her primary residence within five years after the end of the taxable year in which the credit was claimed.

(e) For purposes of this subsection, family member means an individual's spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, or grandparent, whether by blood, marriage, or adoption.

(8) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit Act, the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, and the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act.

(9)(a) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2022, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a refundable credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 shall be allowed to the parent of a stillborn child if:

(i) A fetal death certificate is filed pursuant to subsection (1) of section 71-606 for such child;

(ii) Such child had advanced to at least the twentieth week of gestation; and

(iii) Such child would have been a dependent of the individual claiming the credit.

(b) The amount of the credit shall be two thousand dollars.

(c) The credit shall be allowed for the taxable year in which the stillbirth occurred.

(10) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 77-7203 and nonrefundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 77-7204.

(11) There shall be allowed to all individuals refundable credits

against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in section 77-3157 and nonrefundable credits against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 as provided in sections 77-3156, 77-3158, and 77-3159.

Sec. 2. Original section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Education
Room 1525 1:00 PM

Wednesday, April 16, 2025
Clay Smith - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
Paul Turman - Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A. Introduced by Andersen, 49.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 613, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 862:

Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission
Jeffrey D Harrison
Rebecca Schroeder
Roger Wells
Diva Wilson

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Dungan	Ibach	Moser	Sanders
Arch	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper
Conrad	Holdcroft	McKeon	Riepe	
DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, J.	Clements	Dover	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	DeKay	Hunt
Brandt	Guereca	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 862:

State Board of Health
- Mark Bertch
- J Paul Cook
- Staci Hubert
- Patricia Kucera
- Brett Lindau
- Kimberly Stuhmer
- Kenneth Tusha

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sanders
Arch	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Sorrentino
Ballard	Hansen	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Hardin	Kauth	Quick	Storm
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Raybould	von Gillern
Conrad	Hughes	McKeon	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 863:

Health Information Technology Board

Drew D Gonshorowski

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	Sorrentino
Arch	Hansen	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hardin	Kauth	Quick	Storm
Bosn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Raybould	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Riepe	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Armendariz	Clements	Dorn	Fredrickson	Prokop
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dover	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	DeKay	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 863:

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Kay Crabtree

John Culver

Valerie Hitz

Richard McCowin

Julie Ann Mruz

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Murman	Sorrentino
Arch	Hallstrom	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Ballard	Hansen	Kauth	Quick	Storer
Bosn	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Storm
Cavanaugh, M.	Holdcroft	McKeon	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Rountree	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Moser	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	Clements	Dorn	Dungan	Lippincott
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dover	Fredrickson	McKinney

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Brandt	Guereca	Hunt	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth moved the adoption of the Business and Labor Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 886:

Department of Labor
Katie Thurber

Voting in the affirmative, 28:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Juarez	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Hardin	Kauth	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Raybould	Wordekemper
Conrad	Ibach	Meyer	Riepe	
DeKay	Jacobson	Moser	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Rountree
Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Natural Resources Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 895:

Game and Parks Commission
Lisa Roskens

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	DeBoer	Juarez	Murman	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Kauth	Prokop	Sorrentino
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Quick	Spivey
Bosn	Hughes	McKeon	Raybould	Storer
Clouse	Ibach	Meyer	Riepe	Storm
Conrad	Jacobson	Moser	Rountree	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 13:

Armendariz	Clements	Dungan	Holdcroft	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Lippincott	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Hardin	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 955:

Nebraska Tourism Commission
Courtney Dentlinger
David Fudge
Rachel Kreikemeier
Roger Kuhn
Robert Sabin
David Wolf
Paul Younes

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Andersen	DeKay	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Arch	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	Storer
Bosn	Holdcroft	McKeon	Raybould	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Hughes	Meyer	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Ibach	Moser	Sanders	Wordekemper
Conrad	Jacobson	Murman	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Armendariz	Clements	Dover	Hardin	McKinney
Ballard	DeBoer	Dungan	Lippincott	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dorn	Fredrickson	Lonowski	

Excused and not voting, 6:

Bostar	Guereca	Hunt
Brandt	Hansen	Strommen

The appointments were confirmed with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 968:

Nebraska Arts Council
- Karen Harris
- Julie J Jacobson
- Clark Kolterman
- Jeanne Salerno

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeBoer	Juarez	Raybould	Strommen
Armendariz	Fredrickson	Kauth	Rountree	von Gillern
Ballard	Guereca	Lippincott	Sanders	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hansen	Moser	Spivey	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Murman	Storer	
Conrad	Hughes	Quick	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Arch	DeKay	Dungan	Jacobson	Meyer
Bosn	Dorn	Hardin	Lonowski	Prokop
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Ibach	McKinney	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar Brandt Hunt

The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 95, 99, 100, and 101 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 95, 99, 100, and 101.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST15

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

1. In the Holdcroft amendment, AM851, section 5 has been renumbered as section 6.
2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 6 has been struck and "the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a holder of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, microdistillery, or entertainment district license; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.
3. On page 8, line 28, "section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and" has been inserted after "Original".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 390. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER38

1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "and prohibit" and insert "; to
2 prohibit certain conduct related to adulterated food including".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER37 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER41
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5
2 and insert "the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171,
3 54-1,108, 54-1,110, 54-1,111, 54-1,119, 54-1,120, and 54-1,121, Reissue
4 Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change fees; to provide
5 exemptions for brand inspections; to change requirements for registering
6 as a registered feedlot; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the
7 original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER39
1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 6 and insert "sections 68-982,
2 68-985, 68-986, 68-987, and 68-988, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
3 and sections 68-974, 68-995, and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to program integrity,
5 ground emergency medical transport, and mental health and substance use
6 disorder services; to provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and
7 Long-Term Care; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original
8 sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER40
1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "to remove a sunset date;" and insert
2 "to change and eliminate provisions relating to eligibility for benefits
3 under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to eliminate
4 requirements for an evaluation and a report;".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following motions to LB650:
MO153
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO154
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO155
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

MO156
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

MO157
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendments to LB650:
FA84
Strike the enacting clause

FA85
Strike Section 2.

Senator Prokop filed the following amendment to LB36:
AM930
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM635)
1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 35. The Research Excellence Cash Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the University of Nebraska. The fund shall consist of money from gifts, grants, or bequests designated for the fund and transfers authorized by the Legislature. The fund may be used to support research-based investments in data, data collection, and ongoing research critical to the Nebraska economy, including, but not limited to, the Nebraska Mesonet system. No money appropriated or transferred from the fund shall be used for electronic-related equipment or electronic-related components manufactured or supplied by a foreign adversary as identified in 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on February 7, 2025, for data gathering equipment that will be or is located within a ten-mile radius of a military installation as defined in section 70-1001.01. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendments to LB677:
AM935
1. On page 2, line 21, after "plant" insert "of the genus cannabis".

AM934
1. On page 2, line 7, after the comma insert "unless the context otherwise requires,".

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 391, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 712A. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 712, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 109. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Nebraska's Natural Resource Districts Outstanding Community Conservation Award recognizes communities leading the state in natural resource conservation efforts and was awarded to the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden has, for many years, brought hope and a sense of community through its carefully designed landscaping and is considered a treasured asset of southeast Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, for individuals whose lives have been touched by cancer, the connection to nature provided by the Memorial Garden offers solace, healing, and deep spiritual meaning; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Memorial Garden to serve as a loving tribute to all cancer survivors, those still fighting cancer, and those who have lost their battle with cancer has been fulfilled; and

WHEREAS, each year, volunteers devote countless hours to the landscaping, maintenance, and enhancement of the Memorial Garden and its amenities; and

WHEREAS, the Memorial Garden promotes conservation through its thoughtful display of native and ornamental plants, pollinator habitat, educational components, and wildlife habitat.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden as being named Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts Outstanding Community Conservation Award winner.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Southeast Nebraska Cancer Memorial Garden.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Senator Murman offered AM803, found on page 951.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. ER21, found on page 653, was offered.

ER21 was adopted.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA16, found on page 418.

Senator Bosn offered AM856, found on page 945.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM933
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Sections 1 to 19 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.
Sec. 2. The purpose of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act is to provide incentives to encourage employers to locate their workforce in this state to support military defense efforts and foster the growth of the workforce required to advance global defense communications and technologies.
Sec. 3. For purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act, the definitions found in sections 4 to 13 of this act shall be used.
Sec. 4. Any term defined in the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 has the same meaning in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act unless the context or the express language of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act requires a different meaning.
Sec. 5. Base year means the year immediately preceding the year of application.
Sec. 6. Full-time employee means with respect to any month, an employee who is employed on average at least thirty hours of service per week.
Sec. 7. Nebraska statewide average hourly wage for any year means the most recent statewide average hourly wage paid by all employers in all counties in Nebraska as calculated by the Office of Labor Market Information of the Department of Labor using annual data from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages by October 1 of the year prior to application. Hourly wages shall be calculated by dividing the reported average annual weekly wage by forty.
Sec. 8. Performance period means the year of application plus the next nine years.
Sec. 9. Qualified employee means a person employed by the taxpayer who is (1) a full-time employee, (2) exclusively dedicated to supporting

military defense efforts in this state, and (3) paid wages at a rate equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage.

Sec. 10. Qualified employer means a taxpayer that:

(1) Employs (a) at least ten full-time qualified employees in Nebraska during the base year and (b) at least the same number of full-time qualified employees as were employed in the prior year for each year of the performance period;

(2) Pays wages for services rendered (a) at a rate equal to at least one hundred fifty percent of the Nebraska statewide average hourly wage in the base year and (b) at a rate equal to at least one hundred two percent of the prior year wage level during each year of the performance period; and

(3) Electronically verifies the work eligibility status of all new qualified employees employed in Nebraska prior to hire during the entire performance period.

Sec. 11. Taxpayer means any person subject to sales and use taxes under the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 and subject to withholding under section 77-2753 and any entity that is or would otherwise be a member of the same unitary group, if incorporated, that is subject to such sales and use taxes and such withholding. Taxpayer does not include a political subdivision or an organization that is exempt from income taxes under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. For purposes of this section, political subdivision includes any public corporation created for the benefit of a political subdivision and any group of political subdivisions forming a joint public agency, organized by interlocal agreement, or utilizing any other method of joint action.

Sec. 12. Wage credit means the credit described in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

Sec. 13. Year means calendar year.

Sec. 14. (1) If a qualified employer has entered into an agreement with the state pursuant to section 15 of this act, the qualified employer shall during each year of the performance period receive the wage credit approved by the Tax Commissioner in the manner provided in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

(2) The wage credit shall equal five percent of the total compensation paid by the qualified employer in the year to all qualified employees of the qualified employer in Nebraska. The wage credit earned for all qualified employers shall not exceed four million dollars in any year. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits in any given year, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first.

(3) The wage credits shall be allowed for each year in the performance period. Unused credits may carry over and be applied against future state withholdings.

(4) The total amount all qualified employers may receive in credits pursuant to the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not exceed forty million dollars. If two or more qualified employers qualify for benefits, the one with the earlier approval will be fully funded first. This benefit is in addition to any benefits the qualified employer may otherwise qualify for under the ImagiNE Nebraska Act or may have qualified for previously under the Nebraska Advantage Act, the Employment and Investment Growth Act, or the Key Employer and Jobs Retention Act.

(5) The qualified employer may use the wage credit to reduce the qualified employer's income tax withholding employer or payor tax liability under section 77-2756 or 77-2757. To the extent of the credit used, such withholding shall not constitute public funds or state tax revenue and shall not constitute a trust fund or be owned by the state. The use by the qualified employer of the credit shall not change the amount that otherwise would be reported by the qualified employer to the employee under section 77-2754 as income tax withheld and shall not

reduce the amount that otherwise would be allowed by the state as a refundable credit on an employee's income tax return as income tax withheld under section 77-2755.

Sec. 15. (1) In order for the qualified employer to be eligible for the wage credit, the qualified employer shall file an application for an agreement with the Tax Commissioner.

(2) The application shall:

(a) State the exact name of the taxpayer and any related companies;

(b) Include a description, in detail, of the nature of the company's business, including the products sold and respective markets;

(c) Request that the company be considered for approval under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act;

(d) Acknowledge that the qualified employer understands and complies with the requirements for verifying the work eligibility status of all new qualified employees;

(e) Include a description, in detail, regarding each qualified employee employed during the base year, including employment status and wages paid; and

(f) Include a nonrefundable application fee of five thousand dollars. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Incentives Fund.

(3) Any complete application shall be considered a valid application on the date submitted for the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

(4) The application and all supporting information are confidential except for the name of the taxpayer, the number of qualified employees, and whether the application has been approved.

(5) The Tax Commissioner shall determine whether to approve the application based upon whether the applicant meets the definition of a qualified employer.

(6) The Tax Commissioner shall notify the applicant in writing as to whether the application has been approved or not. The Tax Commissioner shall decide and mail the notice within thirty days after receiving the application, regardless of whether he or she approves or disapproves the application, unless the time is extended by mutual written consent of the Tax Commissioner and the applicant.

(7) An application may be approved only if it is consistent with the legislative purposes contained in section 2 of this act.

(8) If the application is approved by the Tax Commissioner, the qualified employer and the state shall enter into a written agreement, which shall be executed on behalf of the state by the Tax Commissioner. In the agreement, the qualified employer shall agree to maintain the required level of employment and make the required wage increases, and in consideration of the qualified employer's agreement, the state shall agree to allow the wage credits as provided in the Defense Efforts Workforce Act. The application, and all supporting documentation, to the extent approved, shall be considered a part of the agreement. The agreement may contain such terms and conditions as the Tax Commissioner specifies in order to carry out the legislative purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act. The agreement shall contain provisions to allow the Tax Commissioner to verify that the required levels of employment have been maintained and the appropriate increases in wages have been made.

Sec. 16. (1) If the taxpayer fails to maintain the required level of employment and meet the wage requirements through the entire performance period, all or a portion of the wage credits shall be recaptured directly by the state from the taxpayer or shall be disallowed. In no event shall any wage credits be required to be paid back directly or indirectly by the employees. All such credits must be repaid by the taxpayer.

(2) The recapture or disallowance shall be as follows:
(a) No wage credits shall be allowed, and if already allowed shall be recaptured, for the actual year or years in which the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met;
(b) For wage credits allowed in prior years, one-tenth of the credits shall be recaptured from the taxpayer for each year the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met; and
(c) For wage credits for future years, one-tenth of the credits shall be disallowed for each year the required level of employment was not maintained or the wage requirement was not met in previous years.
(3) Any amounts required to be recaptured shall be deemed to be an underpayment of tax, immediately due and payable, and shall constitute a lien on the assets of the taxpayer. When wage credits were received in more than one year, the credits received in the most recent year shall be recovered first and then the credits received in earlier years shall be recovered up to the extent of the required recapture.
(4) Interest shall accrue from the due date for the return for the year in which the taxpayer failed to maintain the required level of employment or meet the required wage level.
(5) Penalties shall not accrue until ninety days after the requirement for recapture or disallowance becomes known or should have become known to the taxpayer.
(6) The recapture or disallowance required by this section may be waived by the Tax Commissioner if he or she finds the failure to maintain the required level of employment or meet the required wage level was caused by unavoidable circumstances such as an act of God or a national emergency.

Sec. 17. (1) The wage credits allowed under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act shall not be transferable except in the following situations:
(a) Any credit allowable to a partnership, a limited liability company, a subchapter S corporation, a cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, a limited cooperative association, or an estate or trust may be distributed to the partners, members, shareholders, patrons, or beneficiaries in the same manner as income is distributed for use against their income tax liabilities, and such partners, members, shareholders, or beneficiaries shall be deemed to have made an underpayment of their income taxes for any recapture required by section 16 of this act. A credit distributed shall be considered a credit used and the partnership, limited liability company, subchapter S corporation, cooperative, including a cooperative exempt under section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, limited cooperative association, estate, or trust shall be liable for any repayment required by section 16 of this act; and
(b) The credits previously allowed and future credits may be transferred when an agreement is transferred in its entirety by sale or lease to another taxpayer or in an acquisition of assets qualifying under section 381 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
(2) The acquiring taxpayer, as of the date of notification to the Tax Commissioner of the completed transfer, shall be entitled to any unused credits and to any future credits allowable under the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.
(3) The acquiring taxpayer shall be liable for any recapture that becomes due after the date of the transfer for the repayment of any credits received either before or after the transfer.
(4) If a taxpayer dies and there is a credit remaining after the filing of the final return for the taxpayer, the personal representative shall determine the distribution of the credit or any remaining carryover

with the initial fiduciary return filed for the estate. The determination of the distribution of the credit may be changed only after obtaining the permission of the Tax Commissioner.

(5) The Tax Commissioner may disclose information to the acquiring taxpayer about the agreement and prior credits that is reasonably necessary to determine the future credits and liabilities of the taxpayer.

Sec. 18. The Tax Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the Defense Efforts Workforce Act.

Sec. 19. (1) The Department of Revenue shall submit electronically an annual report to the Legislature no later than October 31 of each year. The report shall be on a fiscal year, accrual basis that satisfies the requirements set by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Department of Revenue shall, on or before December 15 of each year, appear at a joint hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature and the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and present the report. Any supplemental information requested by three or more committee members must be provided within thirty days after the request.

(2) The report shall list (a) the agreements which have been signed during the previous calendar year, (b) the agreements which are still in effect, and (c) the identity of each taxpayer that is a party to an agreement.

(3) The report shall provide information on agreement-specific total credits used every two years for each agreement. The report shall disclose the identity of the taxpayer and the total credits used during the immediately preceding two years, expressed as a single, aggregated total. The information required to be reported under this subsection shall not be reported for the first year the taxpayer maintains the required employment threshold. The information on first-year credits used shall be combined with and reported as part of the second year. Thereafter, the information on credits used for succeeding years shall be reported for each agreement every two years containing information on two years of credits used.

(4) No information shall be provided in the report that is protected by state or federal confidentiality laws.

Sec. 20. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2027.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB148A:
FA86
Strike the enacting clause

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB78A:
AM931
1. On page 2, lines 2 and 4, after "Survivor" insert "Housing".

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM900 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB504:
FA87
In AM856, on page 9, line 23 after "." insert "All penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for the distribution in accordance with Article VII Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Nebraska."

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 110. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Basketball Championships were held at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the McCool Junction Mustangs boys basketball team, the Cross County Cougars boys basketball team, and the Milford Eagles girls basketball team competed in the 2025 State Basketball Championships; and

WHEREAS, the McCool Junction Mustangs earned the third-place Class D-1 title against the Bancroft-Rosalie Panthers 71-49; and

WHEREAS, the Cross County Cougars earned the runner-up Class C-2 title against the Johnson-Brock Eagles; and

WHEREAS, the Milford Eagles earned the runner-up Class C-1 title against Lincoln Christian; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the McCool Junction Mustangs, the Cross County Cougars, and the Milford Eagles on earning their respective State Basketball Championship titles.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the McCool Junction Mustangs boys basketball team, the Cross County Cougars boys basketball team, and the Milford Eagles girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 111. Introduced by Hughes, 24.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska School Activities Association State Speech Championship was held on March 26, 2025, in Kearney, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the York High School speech team participated in the Class B State Speech Championship title; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, York has earned the runner-up title against Gering High School, but the team took first place this year; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the York High School speech team on winning the Class B State Speech Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the York High School speech team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 112. Introduced by Arch, 14; Guereca, 7; Holdcroft, 36; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, Special Olympics was founded in 1968 with a mission "to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills, and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community"; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Sue Mulligan of Papillion, Nebraska, was one of the one hundred athletes from the United States of America to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games, was one of only five athletes from the USA to compete in cross country skiing, and was the sole athlete from Nebraska to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games; and

WHEREAS, the Special Olympics World Winter Games was held in Turin, Italy, from March 8 through 16, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan has been involved in competitive skiing and Special Olympics for thirteen years; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan medaled in the 2023 Special Olympics Heartland Games, was nominated by Special Olympics Nebraska to compete in the Special Olympics World Winter Games, was selected by Special Olympics USA, and attended training camp in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2024; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Mulligan earned three silver medals in the Special Olympics World Winter Games medaling in the 1K – Free Technique, the 4x1K Relay – Free Technique, and the 2.5K-Classical – Technique.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Rachel Sue Mulligan of Papillion for her participation in Special Olympics and her success at the World Winter Games.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Rachel Mulligan.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 113. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on February 25, 1950, and was a graduate of Southeast High School; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel attended the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in English and

Education, a Master's of Education, and a Master's of the Arts in Political Science with an emphasis in American Government; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was a junior high English teacher for Lincoln Public Schools for several years; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel served as Executive Director of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts from 1980 until 1994; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel founded the Kissel E and S Associates LLC lobbying, governmental relations, and association management firm in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel served in the role of managing partner of the firm and developed it into one of the leading lobbying firms in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, after Gordon Kissel's retirement in 2017, he continued to serve the clients and the firm as a Senior Advisor; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was married to Joann Kissel for fifty-three years, was father to Alex and Meg, and was an avid golfer and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel was most proud of his roles as husband, father, and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Gordon Kissel passed away peacefully on March 20, 2025.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its condolences to the family of Gordon Kissel.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Gordon Kissel.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from students from Cardinal Elementary, South Sioux City; members of Women's Fund of Omaha, Circles Leadership Group; members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Lincoln and Omaha; students from Bloomfield Elementary, Bloomfield; students from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Plymouth; students and teachers from St. Paul's Lutheran School, Arlington.

RECESS

At 11:57 a.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

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

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Senator Conrad offered MO1, found on page 152, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Lippincott opened on his bill, LB3.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO1.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 110. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM63
1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section, intimate examination means the manual examination of a patient's breast or an internal pelvic, prostate, or rectal examination but does not include a visual examination of a patient's breast or any body part associated with an internal pelvic, prostate, or rectal examination.
(2) The Legislature finds and declares that:
(a) The ethical principle of informed consent in medical practice is critical to the trust a patient places in a health care provider;
(b) A patient has the rational expectation to have control over the patient's medical decisions; and
(c) The parts of the body subject to an intimate examination are protected under state law and deserve similar protection in medical practice.
(3) A health care provider shall not perform an intimate examination on a patient who is anesthetized or unconscious in a hospital or medical clinic without prior written consent unless:
(a) An individual authorized to make health care decisions for the patient has given written consent for the examination;
(b) The examination is necessary for emergency diagnostic or emergency treatment purposes; or
(c) A court orders the performance of the examination for the collection of evidence.
(4) If an intimate examination is performed on an unconscious or anesthetized patient, the patient shall be notified in writing prior to discharge of such patient from the hospital or medical clinic.
(5) A health care provider who violates subsection (1) of this section is subject to discipline under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 365. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM816
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
68-911 (1) Medical assistance shall include coverage for health care and related services as required under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:
(a) Inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
(b) Laboratory and X-ray services;
(c) Nursing facility services;
(d) Home health services;
(e) Nursing services;
(f) Clinic services;
(g) Physician services;
(h) Medical and surgical services of a dentist;
(i) Nurse practitioner services;
(j) Nurse midwife services;
(k) Pregnancy-related services;
(l) Medical supplies;
(m) Mental health and substance abuse services;
(n) Early and periodic screening and diagnosis and treatment services for children which shall include both physical and behavioral health screening, diagnosis, and treatment services;
(o) Rural health clinic services; and
(p) Federally qualified health center services.
(2) In addition to coverage otherwise required under this section, medical assistance may include coverage for health care and related services as permitted but not required under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, including, but not limited to:
(a) Prescribed drugs;
(b) Intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities;
(c) Home and community-based services for aged persons and persons with disabilities;
(d) Dental services;
(e) Rehabilitation services;
(f) Personal care services;
(g) Durable medical equipment;
(h) Medical transportation services;
(i) Vision-related services;
(j) Speech therapy services;
(k) Physical therapy services;
(l) Chiropractic services;
(m) Occupational therapy services;
(n) Optometric services;
(o) Podiatric services;
(p) Hospice services;
(q) Mental health and substance abuse services;
(r) Hearing screening services for newborn and infant children; and
(s) Administrative expenses related to administrative activities, including outreach services, provided by school districts and educational service units to students who are eligible or potentially eligible for medical assistance.
(3) No later than July 1, 2009, the department shall submit a state plan amendment or waiver to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to provide coverage under the medical assistance program for community-based secure residential and subacute behavioral health

services for all eligible recipients, without regard to whether the recipient has been ordered by a mental health board under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act to receive such services.

(4) On or before October 1, 2014, the department, after consultation with the State Department of Education, shall submit a state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as necessary, to provide that the following are direct reimbursable services when provided by school districts as part of an individualized education program or an individualized family service plan: Early and periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment services for children; medical transportation services; mental health services; nursing services; occupational therapy services; personal care services; physical therapy services; rehabilitation services; speech therapy and other services for individuals with speech, hearing, or language disorders; and vision-related services.

(5)(a) No later than January 1, 2023, the department shall provide coverage for continuous glucose monitors under the medical assistance program for all eligible recipients who have a prescription for such device.

(b) Effective August 1, 2024, eligible recipients shall include all individuals who meet local coverage determinations, as defined in section 1869(f)(2)(B) of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, as such act existed on January 1, 2024, and shall include individuals with gestational diabetes.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that no more than six hundred thousand dollars be appropriated annually from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, as described in section 68-996, for the purpose of implementing subdivision (5)(b) of this section. Any amount in excess of six hundred thousand dollars shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund.

(6) On or before October 1, 2023, the department shall seek federal approval for federal matching funds from the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services through a state plan amendment or waiver to extend postpartum coverage for beneficiaries from sixty days to at least six months. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the department from submitting a state plan amendment for twelve months.

(7)(a) No later than October 1, 2025, the department shall submit a medicaid waiver or state plan amendment to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to designate two medical respite facilities to reimburse for services provided to an individual who is:

(i) Homeless; and

(ii) An adult in the expansion population.

(b) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Adult in the expansion population means an adult (A) described in 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)(i)(VIII) as such section existed on January 1, 2024, and (B) not otherwise eligible for medicaid as a mandatory categorically needy individual;

(ii) Homeless has the same meaning as provided in 42 U.S.C. 11302 as such section existed on January 1, 2024;

(iii) Medical respite care means short-term housing with supportive medical services; and

(iv) Medical respite facility means a residential facility that provides medical respite care to homeless individuals.

(c) The department shall choose two medical respite facilities, one in a city of the metropolitan class and one in a city of the primary class, best able to serve homeless individuals who are adults in the expansion population.

(d) Once such waiver or state plan amendment is approved, the department shall submit a report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature on or before November 30 each year, which

provides the (i) number of homeless individuals served at each facility, (ii) cost of the program, and (iii) amount of reduction in health care costs due to the program's implementation.
(e) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this subsection.
(f) The services described in subdivision (7)(a) of this section shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as described in section 68-996.
(8)(a) No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide coverage for an electric personal-use breast pump for every pregnant woman covered under the medical assistance program, or child covered under the medical assistance program if the pregnant woman is not covered, beginning at thirty-six weeks gestation or the child's date of birth, whichever is earlier. The electric personal-use breast pump shall be capable of (i) sufficiently supporting milk supply, (ii) double and single side pumping, and (iii) suction power ranging from zero mmHg to two hundred fifty mmHg. No later than January 1, 2025, the department shall provide coverage for a minimum of ten lactation consultation visits for every mother covered under the medical assistance program or child covered under the medical assistance program, if the mother is not covered under such program.
(b) It is the intent of the Legislature that the appropriation for lactation consultation visits shall be equal to an amount that is a one hundred forty-five percent rate increase over the current lactation consultation rate paid by the department.
(9)(a) No later than January 1, 2024, the department shall provide coverage, and reimbursement to providers, for all necessary translation and interpretation services for eligible recipients utilizing a medical assistance program service. The department shall take all actions necessary to maximize federal funding to carry out this subsection.
(b) The services described in subdivision (9)(a) of this section shall be funded by the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund as described in section 68-996.
(10) No later than January 1, 2026, the department shall provide coverage and reimbursement for self-measure blood pressure monitoring services for pregnant and postpartum women eligible under the medical assistance program. Such services shall include (a) education and training on the setup and use of a home blood pressure monitoring device, (b) separate self-measurement blood pressure readings, (c) daily collection, and (d) transmission of data by the patient or caregiver to report blood pressure readings to allow a health care provider to review such readings and create or modify a treatment plan.
Sec. 2. Original section 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
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(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB454:
AM952

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM547)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
71-809 (1) Each regional behavioral health authority shall be responsible for the development and coordination of publicly funded behavioral health services within the behavioral health region pursuant

to rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the department, including, but not limited to, (a) administration and management of the regional behavioral health authority, (b) integration and coordination of the public behavioral health system within the behavioral health region, (c) comprehensive planning for the provision of an appropriate array of community-based behavioral health services and continuum of care for the region, (d) submission for approval by the division of an annual budget and a proposed plan for the funding and administration of publicly funded behavioral health services within the region, (e) submission of annual reports and other reports as required by the division, (f) initiation and oversight of contracts for the provision of publicly funded behavioral health services, and (g) coordination with the division in conducting audits of publicly funded behavioral health programs and services.

(2) Each regional behavioral health authority shall adopt a policy for use in determining the financial eligibility of all consumers and shall adopt a uniform schedule of fees and copays, based on the policy and schedule developed by the division, to be assessed against consumers utilizing community-based behavioral health services in the region. The methods used to determine the financial eligibility of all consumers shall take into account taxable income, the number of family members dependent on the consumer's income, liabilities, and other factors as determined by the division. The policy and the schedule of fees and copays shall be approved by the regional governing board and included with the budget plan submitted to the division annually. Providers shall charge fees consistent with the schedule of fees and copays in accordance with the financial eligibility of all consumers but not in excess of the actual cost of the service. Each regional behavioral health authority shall assure that its policy and schedule of fees and copays are applied uniformly by the providers in the region.

(3) Except for services being provided by a regional behavioral health authority on July 1, 2004, under applicable state law in effect prior to such date, no regional behavioral health authority shall provide behavioral health services funded in whole or in part with revenue received and administered by the division under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act unless:

(a) There has been a public competitive bidding process for such services or the process is authorized pursuant to subsection (5) of this section;

(b) There are no qualified and willing providers to provide such services; and

(c) The regional behavioral health authority receives written authorization from the director and enters into a contract with the division to provide such services.

(4) Each regional behavioral health authority shall comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the department relating to the provision of behavioral health services by such authority, including, but not limited to, rules and regulations which (a) establish definitions of conflicts of interest for regional behavioral health authorities and procedures in the event such conflicts arise, (b) establish uniform and equitable ~~public bidding~~ procedures for such services, and (c) require each regional behavioral health authority to establish and maintain a separate budget and separately account for all revenue and expenditures for the provision of such services.

(5) A behavioral health services provider may, with approval by the department, provide new behavioral health services or expand the capacity of existing services if the provider (a) meets the department's required network enrollment standards, (b) is enrolled as a network provider with the department and a regional behavioral health authority, and (c) is contracted with a regional behavioral health authority.

Sec. 2. Section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

2024, is amended to read:

71-812 (1) The Behavioral Health Services Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the division and shall contain cash funds appropriated by the Legislature or otherwise received by the department for the provision of behavioral health services from any other public or private source and directed by the Legislature for credit to the fund. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.

(2) The Behavioral Health Services Fund shall be used to encourage and facilitate the statewide development and provision of community-based behavioral health services, including, but not limited to, (a) the provision of grants, loans, and other assistance for such purpose and (b) reimbursement to providers of such services.

(3)(a) Money transferred to the fund under section 76-903 shall be used for housing-related assistance for very low-income adults with serious mental illness or substance abuse disorder, except that if the division determines that all housing-related assistance obligations under this subsection have been fully satisfied, the division may distribute any excess, up to twenty percent of such money, to regional behavioral health authorities for acquisition or rehabilitation of housing to assist such persons. The division shall manage and distribute such funds based upon a formula established by the division, in consultation with regional behavioral health authorities and the department, in a manner consistent with and reasonably calculated to promote the purposes of the public behavioral health system enumerated in section 71-803. The division shall contract with each regional behavioral health authority for the provision of such assistance. Each regional behavioral health authority may contract with qualifying public, private, or nonprofit entities for the provision of such assistance.

(b) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Adult with serious mental illness means a person eighteen years of age or older who has, or at any time during the immediately preceding twelve months has had, a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria identified in the most recent edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and which has resulted in functional impairment that substantially interferes with or limits one or more major life functions. Serious mental illness does not include DSM V codes, substance abuse disorders, or developmental disabilities unless such conditions exist concurrently with a diagnosable serious mental illness;

(ii) Housing-related assistance includes rental payments, utility payments, security and utility deposits, landlord risk mitigation payments, and other related costs and payments;

(iii) Landlord risk mitigation payment means a payment provided to a landlord who leases or rents property to a very low-income adult with serious mental illness which may be used to pay for excessive damage to the rental property, any lost rent, any legal fees incurred by the landlord in excess of the security deposit, or any other expenses incurred by the landlord as a result of leasing or renting the property to such individual; and

(iv) Very low-income means a household income of fifty percent or less of the applicable median family income estimate as established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(4) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB36:
FA88
Strike Section 1.

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB676:
AM941

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM655)

1. Strike sections 32 and 35 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 13. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and maintain thermal stability;

(2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

(3) Vitamin K administration;

(4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

(5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life, including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as indicated; and

(6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with section 71-519.

Sec. 23. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and maintain thermal stability;

(2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

(3) Vitamin K administration;

(4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

(5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life, including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as indicated; and

(6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with section 71-519.

Sec. 34. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a licensed professional midwife may practice professional midwifery at any location other than a hospital as defined in section 71-419 and shall not be required to practice under the supervision of or under a collaborative practice agreement with another health care provider.

(2) In order to be permitted to practice professional midwifery in a health care practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414 or a health clinic as defined in section 71-416, a licensed professional midwife shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the facility relating to medical staff membership and privileges.

Sec. 37. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section 34 of this act, nothing in the Licensed Professional Midwives Practice Act shall abridge, limit, or change in any way the right of parents to deliver their baby where, when, how, and with whom they choose, regardless of credentialed status.

2. On page 8, lines 20 and 27, strike "section 11" and insert "sections 11 and 13".

3. On page 10, line 26, strike "for females"; in line 27 strike "immediately following birth"; and in line 28 after "age" insert ", except that in the case of a home birth, the practice of the certified nurse midwife relating to the newborn shall be limited to immediate newborn care".

4. On page 11, strike line 19 and show the old matter as stricken.

5. On page 15, line 12, strike "17 to 37" and insert "18 to 39"; and in line 16 strike "19 to 24" and insert "20 to 26".

6. On page 17, strike beginning with "care" in line 14 through line 15 and insert "immediate newborn care.".
7. On page 21, line 13, strike "40" and insert "42".
8. On page 23, line 20, strike "38-618, and 44-2803" and insert "and 38-618".
9. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 3. Senator Conrad renewed MO1, found on page 152, and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Lippincott offered the following motion:
MO158
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

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

Senator Lippincott requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 18:

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

The Lippincott motion to invoke cloture failed with 31 ayes, 18 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM841
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

sections:

Section 1. Section 76-3401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

76-3401 Sections 76-3401 to 76-3423 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act.

Sec. 2. Section 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

76-3410 (a) A transfer on death deed:

(1) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, must contain the essential elements and formalities of a properly recordable inter vivos deed;

(2) Must state that the transfer to the designated beneficiary is to occur at the transferor's death;

(3) Must contain the warnings provided in subsection (b) of this section; and

(4) Must be recorded (i) within thirty days after being executed as required in section 76-3409, (ii) before the transferor's death, and (iii) in the public records in the office of the register of deeds of the county where the property is located.

(b)(1) A transfer on death deed shall contain the following warnings:

WARNING: The property transferred remains subject to inheritance taxation in Nebraska to the same extent as if owned by the transferor at death. Failure to timely pay inheritance taxes is subject to interest and penalties as provided by law.

WARNING: The designated beneficiary is personally liable, to the extent of the value of the property transferred, to account for medicaid reimbursement to the extent necessary to discharge any such claim remaining after application of the assets of the transferor's estate. The designated beneficiary may also be personally liable, to the extent of the value of the property transferred, for claims against the estate, statutory allowances to the transferor's surviving spouse and children, and the expenses of administration to the extent needed to pay such amounts by the personal representative.

WARNING: The Department of Health and Human Services may require revocation of this deed by a transferor, a transferor's spouse, or both a transferor and the transferor's spouse in order to qualify or remain qualified for medicaid assistance.

(2) A transfer on death deed created after the effective date of this act shall contain the following warning in addition to the warnings required under subdivision (1) of this subsection:

WARNING: Property insurance on the transferred property may expire thirty days after the death of the transferor. Unless the transferor has added the designated beneficiary as an insured or additional named insured to the property insurance policy of the transferred property, any property insurance coverage of the transferred property will end on the earliest to occur of the following after the transferor's death: The end of the policy period as determined as if the transferor was still living; the date the designated beneficiary obtains alternative coverage; or thirty days after the transferor's death only if any premium required for the additional days beyond the policy period is paid.

(3)~~(2)~~ No recorded transfer on death deed shall be invalidated because of any defects in the wording of the warnings required by this subsection.

(c) No action may be commenced to set aside a transfer on death deed, based on failure to comply with the requirement of disinterested witnesses pursuant to section 76-3409, more than ninety days after the date of death of the transferor or, if there is more than one transferor, more than ninety days after the date of death of the last surviving

transferor.
(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c) of this section, an action to set aside a transfer on death deed, based on failure to comply with the requirement of disinterested witnesses pursuant to section 76-3409, in which the transferor or, if there is more than one transferor, the last surviving transferor, has died prior to May 8, 2013, shall be commenced by the later of (1) ninety days after the date of death of the transferor or, if there is more than one transferor, ninety days after the date of death of the last surviving transferor, or (2) ninety days after May 8, 2013.

Sec. 3. (a) In addition to any other coverage provided under an insurance policy on real estate transferred pursuant to a transfer on death deed, the designated beneficiary shall be deemed to be an insured party under any property insurance policy for the period from the date of the transferor's death until the first to occur of:

(1) The end of the policy period as determined as if the transferor was still living;

(2) The date the designated beneficiary obtains alternative coverage; or

(3) Thirty days after the transferor's death only if any premium required for the additional days beyond the policy period is paid.

(b) Nothing in this section shall affect coverage provided under an insurance policy to household members or others who are deemed to be insured upon the death of the transferor.

(c) The designated beneficiary shall not acquire any interest in proceeds of an insurance policy that have accrued before the death of the insured.

Sec. 4. Original sections 76-3401 and 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB80:

FA89
In AM801, strike the comma on page 1, line 22 after " 28-311.08".

FA90
In AM801, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 after the word "municipalities".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 114. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Bosn, 25; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Papillion-La Vista South High School boys basketball team, the Titans, defeated the Omaha Westside High School Warriors in the championship game by a score of 61-58; and

WHEREAS, the Titans won the 2025 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the well-deserved title was earned by the Titans after three years of falling short in district finals; and

WHEREAS, Coach Joel Hueser has been the team's only coach in its twenty-two year history; and

WHEREAS, this is Papillion-La Vista South's first Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Papillion-La Vista High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class A Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Papillion-La Vista High School boys basketball team and to Coach Joel Hueser.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 115. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Spivey, 13; Wordekemper,15.

WHEREAS, Walter "Thane" Baker is the oldest living male United States Olympic medalist in track and the second oldest in the world; and

WHEREAS, Thane was born in Elkhart, Kansas, on October 4, 1931; and

WHEREAS, Thane enrolled at Kansas State University, joined the track team as a walk-on, and earned numerous accolades, including the 1953 NCAA championship in the 220-yard dash; and

WHEREAS, Thane participated in the 1952 Summer Olympics in Helsinki, Finland, and earned a silver medal in the 200-meter event wearing borrowed shoes from Kansas State University; and

WHEREAS, Thane also competed in the 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, where he won a gold medal in the 400-meter relay event with the United States team, a silver medal in the 100-meter event, and a bronze medal in the 200-meter event; and

WHEREAS, Thane resides in Bellevue, Nebraska, and has kept track in his life by officiating for fifty-five years and mentoring others; and

WHEREAS, Thane is one of the greatest runners and Olympians in the history of Nebraska and the United States.

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

1. That the Legislature honors Walter "Thane" Baker for his many incredible accomplishments in the sport of track and field and his extraordinary success in the 1952 and 1956 Summer Olympics.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Walter "Thane" Baker and his family.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator DeKay name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Wilber-Clatonia, Wilber; students from Cornerstone Christian School, Bellevue; Mackenzie Reidy, Omaha.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:38 p.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY - APRIL 9, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, April 9, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Bishop Joe Hanefeldt, Bishop of Grand Island, Grand Island.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Hardin, Holdcroft, Spivey, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-seventh day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards:
Kyle Anderson
Nathan J Sorben

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB561:
AM758
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM316)
1 1. On page 11, line 22, strike "General" and insert "Roads
2 Operations Cash".

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 102, 103, and 104 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 102, 103, and 104.

MOTION(S) - Return LB148A to Select File

Senator Hansen moved to return LB148A to Select File for his specific amendment, FA86, found on page 1020.

The Hansen motion to return prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. The Hansen specific amendment, FA86, found on page 1020, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

LB148A stands indefinitely postponed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Senator Bosn renewed AM856, found on page 945, and considered on page 1016.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA87, found on page 1020, to the Bosn amendment.

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

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment to the Bosn amendment:
FA91
In AM856, strike lines 4-7 on page 7, and lines 4-6 on page 8.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 17 ayes, 2 nays, and 30 not voting.

The Dungan amendment lost with 10 ayes, 26 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Bosn amendment, as amended, was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Ron Burtz, Central City; Norm Kaiser, Central City; students, teachers, and sponsors from Standing Bear High School, Lincoln; students from Cedar Bluffs High School, Cedar Bluffs; students from White Tail Creek Elementary, Omaha; students from St. Joseph School, Lincoln; JR Bosn, Lincoln.

RECESS

At 11:49 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Clements, DeKay, Dorn, Guereca, Hardin, Hunt, Kauth, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
Alysson Muotri - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
Rui Yi - Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
DHHS briefing on Community Services Block Grant/Shannon Grotrian

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. ER17, found on page 592, was offered.

ER17 was adopted.

Senator Sorrentino offered AM900, found on page 1020.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment to the Sorrentino amendment:
AM977

(Amendments to AM900)
1. On page 28, line 10, after the period insert "In the case of a rejection or modification of any grant proposal, the commissioner shall provide written notice of the decision to the board and include rationale for the rejection or modification."; and strike beginning with "shall" in line 11 through "proposals" in line 12 and insert "shall have the authority to approve up to three grant proposals not previously submitted by the board in a calendar year. The total amount of such grants shall not exceed twenty percent of the balance of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund at the beginning of the calendar year".

Senator McKinney requested a point of order on whether the Sorrentino amendment, AM900, is germane to the bill.

The Chair ruled the Sorrentino amendment is germane to LB265 as AM900 is a white copy amendment to the bill.

Senator McKinney challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Senator McKinney withdrew his motion to overrule the Chair.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

Senator Arch requested to pass over LB265.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. ER28, found on page 871, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

ER28 was adopted.

Senator DeKay offered AM759, found on page 881.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. ER30, found on page 871, was offered.

ER30 was adopted.

Senator Ballard offered AM797, found on page 908.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. ER29, found on page 902, was offered.

ER29 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered AM784, found on page 999.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. ER32, found on page 907, was offered.

ER32 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:
AM990 is available in the Bill Room.

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

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:
AM961

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM608)

1. On page 10, strike lines 10 through 22 and insert the following new subdivision:

"(40) To require any housing authority in a city of the metropolitan class to comply with any city rental inspection and registration

ordinance, code enforcement, and inspection of residential rental properties.".

The McKinney amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM307, found on page 709, was offered.

Senator Jacobson offered AM669, found on page 936, to the committee amendment.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Title read. Considered.

Senator Moser offered AM842, found on page 968.

The Moser amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM765, found on page 927.

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM635, found on page 952, was offered.

Senator Prokop offered AM930, found on page 1014, to the committee amendment.

The Prokop amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew FA88, found on page 1030.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 114. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM607
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 60-483, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 60-483 (1) The director shall assign a distinguishing number to each
6 operator's license issued and shall keep a record of the same which shall
7 be open to public inspection by any person requesting inspection of such
8 record who qualifies under section 60-2906 or 60-2907. Any person
9 requesting such driver record information shall furnish to the Department
10 of Motor Vehicles (a) verification of identity and purpose that the
11 requester is entitled under section 60-2906 or 60-2907 to disclosure of
12 the personal information in the record, (b) the name of the person whose
13 record is being requested, and (c) when the name alone is insufficient to
14 identify the correct record, the department may request additional
15 identifying information. The department shall, upon request of any
16 requester, furnish a certified abstract of the operating record of any
17 person, in either hard copy or electronically, and shall charge the
18 requester a fee of three dollars per abstract.
19 (2) The department shall remit any revenue generated under
20 subsections (1) through (5) of this section to the State Treasurer, and
21 the State Treasurer shall credit forty-one and two-thirds percent to the
22 Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, twenty-five percent to the
23 General Fund, and thirty-three and one-third percent to the Records
24 Management Cash Fund.
25 (3) The director shall, upon receiving a request and an agreement
26 from the United States Selective Service System to comply with
27 requirements of this section, furnish driver record information to the
1 United States Selective Service System to include the name, post office
2 address, date of birth, sex, and social security number of licensees. The
3 United States Selective Service System shall pay all costs incurred by
4 the department in providing the information but shall not be required to
5 pay any other fee required by law for information. No driver record
6 information shall be furnished to the United States Selective Service
7 System regarding any female, nor regarding any male other than those
8 between the ages of seventeen years and twenty-six years. The information
9 shall only be used in the fulfillment of the required duties of the
10 United States Selective Service System and shall not be furnished to any
11 other person.
12 (4) The director shall keep a record of all applications for
13 operators' licenses that are disapproved with a brief statement of the
14 reason for disapproval of the application.

(5) The director may establish a monitoring service which provides information on operating records that have changed due to any adjudicated traffic citation or administrative action. The director shall charge a fee of fifteen~~six~~ cents per operating record searched pursuant to this section and the fee provided in subsection (1) of this section for each abstract returned as a result of the search. For each fee charged the department shall remit to the State Treasurer nine cents to be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and six cents to be credited as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(6) Driver record header information, including name, license number, date of birth, address, and physical description, from every driver record maintained by the department may be made available so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act is not violated. Monthly updates, including all new records, may also be made available. There shall be a fee of thirty~~eighteen~~ dollars per thousand records. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(7) The department may enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of this state. Any such agreement entered into by the department shall not include the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a commercial driver's license.

(8) For~~Beginning July 1, 2021, for~~ any record provided pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the requester shall be required to pay, in addition to the fee prescribed in such subsection, a fee of twelve dollars~~four dollars and fifty cents~~ per record. For each fee charged the department shall remit to the State Treasurer eight dollars to~~Fifty cents~~ ~~shall~~ be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and four dollars to~~shall~~ be credited to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund.

Sec. 2. Section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

60-1506 (1) For purposes of this section, vehicle means any motor vehicle, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike.

(2)~~(1)~~ The Department of Motor Vehicles shall keep a record of each ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, and minibike~~ registered or titled in this state, alphabetically by name of the owner, with cross reference in each instance to the registration number assigned to such ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, and minibike~~. The record may be destroyed by any public officer having custody of it after three years from the date of its issuance.

(3)(a)~~(2)~~ The department shall issue a copy of the record of a registered or titled ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ to any person after receiving from the person the name on the registration or certificate of title, the license plate number, the vehicle identification or other type of identification number, or the title number of a ~~motor~~ vehicle, ~~trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike,~~ if the person provides to the department verification of identity and purpose pursuant to section 60-2906 or 60-2907. A fee of three dollars~~one dollar~~ shall be charged for the copy. Any fee received by the department pursuant to this subdivision shall be deposited into the License Plate Cash Fund.

(b)(i) An extract of the entire file of ~~motor~~ vehicles~~, trailers, motorboats, all-terrain vehicles, utility-type vehicles, snowmobiles, and~~

~~minibikes~~ registered or titled in the state or updates to the entire file may be provided to a person upon payment of the following~~a~~ fee ~~of~~ ~~eighteen dollars~~ per one thousand records:~~.~~

(A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and

(B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars.

(ii) Any fee received by the department pursuant to this subdivision (b)~~subsection~~ shall be deposited into the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(4)(a)~~(3)~~ The record of each ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ registration or title maintained by the department pursuant to this section may be made available electronically through the portal established under section 84-1204 so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act is not violated.

(b) There shall be a fee of three dollars~~one dollar~~ per record for individual records and for data-to-data requests for multiple ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ title and registration records.

(c) The following fees apply for ~~For~~ bulk record requests of multiple ~~motor~~ vehicle~~, trailer, motorboat, all-terrain vehicle, utility-type vehicle, snowmobile, or minibike~~ titles and registrations selected on the basis of criteria of the individual making the request:

(i) Fifty~~, there shall be a fee of fifty~~ dollars for every request under two thousand records;~~,~~

(ii) Per ~~and a fee of eighteen dollars per~~ one thousand records for any number of records over two thousand:~~,~~

(A) Prior to July 1, 2026, twenty-five dollars; and

(B) Beginning July 1, 2026, thirty-five dollars; and

(iii) A ~~plus a~~ reasonable programming fee not to exceed five hundred twenty dollars.

(d)(i) All fees collected pursuant to this subsection for electronic access to records through the portal shall be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit:

(A) For each fee paid under subdivision (b) of this subsection, two dollars per record to the License Plate Cash Fund and the remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund;

(B) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(A) of this subsection, seven dollars per one thousand records for any number of records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund; and

(C) For each fee paid under subdivision (c)(ii)(B) of this subsection, seventeen dollars per one thousand records for any number of records over two thousand to the License Plate Cash Fund and the remainder of such fee to the Records Management Cash Fund.

(ii) All fees credited to~~deposited in~~ the Records Management Cash Fund pursuant to this subsection~~and~~ shall be distributed as provided in any agreements between the State Records Board and the department.

Sec. 3. Section 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

60-1509 (1) The Department of Motor Vehicles shall build and maintain a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards. The Director of Motor Vehicles shall designate an implementation date for the new system which date is on or before July 1, 2032.

(2) The Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund is created. The fund shall consist of amounts credited under ~~subsection (8) of~~ section 60-483. The fund shall be used for the building, implementation, and maintenance of a new operator's license services system for the issuance of operators' licenses and state identification cards.

(3) Any money in the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 4. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

Sec. 5. Original section 60-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-483 and 60-1509, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM923 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER42 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKeon filed the following amendment to LB561:
AM978 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 453. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 667. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM395, found on page 637, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM251, found on page 614, was offered.

The committee amendment 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 33 ayes, 2 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB322:
AM991

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

1. On page 3, after line 15 insert the following new subdivision:
"(2) Health care practitioner facility has the same meaning as in section 71-414;"; in line 16 strike "(2)", show as stricken, and insert "(3)"; in line 19 strike "hospital or health clinic", show as stricken, and insert "medical facility"; in line 20 strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert "medical facility"; in line 21 strike "(3)", show as stricken, and insert "(4)"; in line 22 strike "(4)", show as stricken, and insert "(5)"; after line 22 insert the following new subdivision:
"(6) Medical facility means a health care practitioner facility, health clinic, or hospital;"; in line 23 strike "(5)" and insert "(7)"; in line 25 strike "(6)" and insert "(8)"; and in line 26 strike "(7)" and insert "(9)".
2. On page 4, line 14, strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the comma in line 15 through "clinic" in line 16 and insert "or medical facility".
3. On page 5, lines 15 and 16, strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the first comma in line 17 through "clinic" in line 18 and insert "or medical facility".
4. On page 6, line 24, strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the comma in line 25 through "clinic" in line 26 and insert "or medical facility".
5. On page 7, lines 21 and 22, strike "hospital or health clinic" and insert "medical facility"; and strike beginning with the first comma in line 23 through "clinic" in line 24 and insert "or medical facility".
6. On page 9, line 11, strike "hospital and health clinic", show as stricken, and insert "medical facility".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dover name added to LB561.
Senator Meyer name added to LB561.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Catholics at the Capitol Advocacy Day from across the state; Tracy Olson, North Platte; members of the Nebraska Insurance Federation from across the state and United States; members from across the state of Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints for Youth Day at the Capitol.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:44 p.m., on a motion by Senator Meyer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 10, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Clements.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Quick.

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 Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Guereca, Hansen, Juarez, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-eighth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 9, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 22, 22A, 41, 41A, 144, and 168e were received in my office on April 3, 2025, and signed on April 9, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 9, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB84 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend section 38-3113, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz Guereca Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB97 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 97. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-1202, 37-1284, 60-101, 60-102, 60-121, 60-137, 60-158, 60-167, 60-168, 60-337, 60-399, 60-3,157, 60-4,113, 60-4,117, 60-4,118.06, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-4,126, 60-4,127, 60-636, 60-6,211.05, 60-2904, and 66-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 29-2292, 37-1201, 60-146, 60-169, 60-392, 60-3,100, 60-3,101, 60-3,102, 60-4,115, 60-4,120, 60-4,124, 60-4,148, 60-4,148.01, 60-4,149, 60-4,150, 60-4,181, and 60-1513, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to deferred judgments; to change provisions of the State Boat Act relating to amphibious vehicles and certificates of title; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act relating to junk vehicles and certificates of title, minibikes, applicability of the act to fertilizer trailers, applications for certificates of title, identification inspections, and lienholders and bonded certificates of title; to change and provide provisions under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act relating to minibikes, registrations, decals, fees, and the modification of license plates; to provide for the issuance of only one license plate for a motor vehicle; to change provisions of the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act relating to fees, surcharges, and ignition interlock permits; to change provisions of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to minibikes and ignition interlock devices; to change provisions relating to the source of the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund; to change provisions of the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act relating to personal information and sensitive personal information; to provide for the Department of Motor Vehicles to credit money to the Motor Carrier Services Division Distributive Fund and eliminate certain provisions of the fund relating to the State Treasurer; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz Guereca Sanders

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB113 to Select File

Senator Raybould moved to return LB113 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA92
Strike the enacting clause

Senator Raybould withdrew her motion to return.

The Raybould amendment, FA92, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB113 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Liquor Control Act; to amend section 53-123.17, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 53-123.01, 53-123.14, 53-123.16, and 53-129, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the rights of a holder of a manufacturer's, craft brewery, microdistillery, or entertainment

district license; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Senator Raybould requested a roll call vote.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hallstrom	McKeon	Rountree	
Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Arch*	Clements	Jacobson*	Lippincott*	Wordekemper
Ballard*	DeBoer	Juarez*	Raybould	
Bosn	Hardin*	Kauth	Riepe	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar Guereca Sanders

* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB148 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health; to amend sections 38-1117 and 38-1120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-131 and 38-1101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; to require certain criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to change

requirements for licensure and reciprocity under the Dentistry Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB326 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend sections 44-1523, 44-1524, 44-1525, 44-1527, 44-1528, 44-1529, 44-1530, 44-1532, 44-2403, 44-2405, 44-2406, 44-2407, 44-2411, and 44-6135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define and redefine terms; to change powers and duties of the Director of Insurance; to change provisions relating to the Unfair Insurance Trade Practices Act, the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association Act, and mutual insurance holding companies; to change provisions relating to the board of directors of the Nebraska Property and Liability Insurance Guaranty Association and first-party and third-party claims; to change provisions relating to settlements,

releases, compromises, and judgments; to provide for defenses as prescribed; to change requirements relating to exhaustion of remedies; to change requirements relating to annual statements as prescribed; to eliminate the Health Insurance Access Act and the Health Care Purchasing Pool Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 44-5301, 44-5302, 44-5303, 44-5304, 44-5305, 44-5306, 44-5307, 44-5308, 44-5309, 44-5310, 44-5311, 44-6701, and 44-6702, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB355 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to census data; to amend sections 13-1906, 81-1203, and 81-12,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2610, 18-2103, 77-6831, and 77-6906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change certain census data provisions relating to

development districts and a committee formed under the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act; to redefine terms under the Community Development Law, the ImagiNE Nebraska Act, the Urban Redevelopment Act, a job training grant program, and the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Sanders

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB390 to Select File

Senator Hunt moved to return LB390 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA93
Strike the enacting clause

The Hunt motion to return failed with 8 ayes, 31 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Hunt amendment, FA93, was not considered.

Senator Hunt moved to return LB390 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA94
Strike Section 1.

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, FA94, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 390.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to adopt a policy relating to access by a parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to certain school library information.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

* Senators were Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-1908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services in consultation with the State Department of Education to develop model policies relating to anaphylaxis for use in school districts and licensed child care programs as prescribed; to change provisions of the Child Care Licensing Act; to require school districts to adopt a policy relating to anaphylaxis as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Health and Human Services and the State Department of Education; to limit the out-of-pocket cost of medically necessary epinephrine injectors to a covered individual as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sanders

* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB287:
AM1000

1. Strike the McKinney amendment, AM961.
2. Insert the following new section:

Section 1. Section 14-102, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

14-102 In addition to the powers granted in section 14-101, cities of the metropolitan class shall have power by ordinance:

(1) To levy any tax or special assessment authorized by law;

(2) To provide a corporate seal for the use of the city, and also any official seal for the use of any officer, board, or agent of the city, whose duties require an official seal to be used. Such corporate seal shall be used in the execution of municipal bonds, warrants, conveyances, and other instruments and proceedings as required by law;

(3) To provide all needful rules and regulations for the protection and preservation of health within the city, including providing for the enforcement of the use of water from public water supplies when the use of water from other sources shall be deemed unsafe;

(4) To appropriate money and provide for the payment of debts and expenses of the city;

(5) To adopt all such measures as may be deemed necessary for the accommodation and protection of strangers and the traveling public in person and property;

(6) To punish and prevent the discharge of firearms, fireworks, or explosives of any description within the city, other than the discharge of firearms at a shooting range pursuant to the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act;

(7) To regulate the inspection and sale of meats, flour, poultry, fish, milk, vegetables, and all other provisions or articles of food exposed or offered for sale in the city;

(8) To require all elected or appointed officers to give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties, except that no officer shall become bonded and secured upon the official bond of another or upon any bond executed to the city;

(9) To require from any officer of the city at any time a report, in detail, of the transactions of his or her office or any matter connected with such office;

(10) To provide for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals;

(11) To regulate, license, or prohibit the running at large of dogs and other animals within the city as well as in areas within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the city; to guard against injuries or annoyance from such dogs and other animals; and to authorize the destruction of such dogs and other animals when running at large contrary to the provisions of any ordinance. Any licensing provision shall comply with subsection (2) of section 54-603 for service animals;

(12) To provide for keeping sidewalks clean and free from obstructions and accumulations; to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on real estate and for the sale and conveyance thereof; and to pay the expenses of keeping the sidewalk adjacent to such

real estate clean and free from obstructions and accumulations as provided by law;

(13) To provide for the planting and protection of shade or ornamental and useful trees upon streets or boulevards; to assess the cost of such trees to the extent of benefits upon the abutting property as a special assessment; to provide for the protection of birds and animals and their nests; to provide for the trimming of trees located upon streets and boulevards or when the branches of trees overhang streets and boulevards when in the judgment of the mayor and city council such trimming is made necessary to properly light such street or boulevard or to furnish proper police protection; and to assess the cost of such trimming upon the abutting property as a special assessment;

(14) To provide for, regulate, and require the numbering or renumbering of houses along public streets or avenues; and to care for and control and to name and rename streets, avenues, parks, and squares within the city;

(15) To require weeds and worthless vegetation growing upon any lot or piece of ground within the city or its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction to be cut and destroyed so as to abate any nuisance occasioned by such vegetation; to prohibit and control the throwing, depositing, or accumulation of litter on any lot or piece of ground within the city or its extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; to require the removal of such litter so as to abate any nuisance occasioned thereby. If the owner fails to cut and destroy weeds and worthless vegetation or remove litter, or both, after notice as required by ordinance, the city may assess the cost of such destruction or removal upon the lots or lands as a special assessment. The required notice may be by publication in the official newspaper of the city and may be directed in general terms to the owners of lots and lands affected without naming such owners;

(16) To prohibit and regulate the running at large or the herding or driving of domestic animals, such as hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, fowls, or animals of any kind or description within the corporate limits; to provide for the impounding of all animals running at large, herded, or driven contrary to such prohibition and regulations; and to provide for the forfeiture and sale of animals impounded to pay the expense of taking up, caring for, and selling such impounded animals, including the cost of advertising and fees of officers;

(17) To regulate the transportation of articles through the streets and to prevent injuries to the streets from overloaded vehicles;

(18) To prevent or regulate any amusement or practice having a tendency to annoy persons passing in the streets or on the sidewalks; and to regulate the use of vehicles propelled by steam, gas, electricity, or other motive power, operated on the streets of the city;

(19) To regulate or prohibit the transportation and keeping of gunpowder, oils, and other combustible and explosive articles;

(20) To regulate, license, or prohibit the sale of domestic animals or of goods, wares, and merchandise at public auction on the streets, alleys, highways, or any public ground within the city;

(21) To regulate and prevent the use of streets, sidewalks, and public grounds for signs, posts, awnings, awning posts, scales, or other like purposes; and to regulate and prohibit the exhibition or carrying or conveying of banners, placards, advertisements, or the distribution or posting of advertisements or handbills in the streets or public grounds or upon the sidewalks;

(22) To provide for the punishment of persons disturbing the peace by noise, intoxication, drunkenness, or fighting, or otherwise violating the public peace by indecent or disorderly conduct or by lewd and lascivious behavior;

(23) To provide for the punishment of vagrants, tramps, street

beggars, prostitutes, disturbers of the peace, pickpockets, gamblers, burglars, thieves, persons who practice any game, trick, or device with intent to swindle, and trespassers upon private property;

(24) To prohibit, restrain, and suppress houses of prostitution, opium joints, gambling houses, prize fighting, dog fighting, cock fighting, and other disorderly houses and practices, all games and gambling, and all kinds of indecencies; to regulate and license or prohibit the keeping and use of billiard tables, bowling alleys, shooting galleries except as provided in the Nebraska Shooting Range Protection Act, and other similar places of amusement; and to prohibit and suppress all lotteries and gift enterprises of all kinds under whatsoever name carried on, except that nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to apply to bingo, lotteries, lotteries by the sale of pickle cards, or raffles conducted in accordance with the Nebraska Bingo Act, the Nebraska Lottery and Raffle Act, the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, the Nebraska Small Lottery and Raffle Act, or the State Lottery Act;

(25) To make and enforce all police regulations for the good government, general welfare, health, safety, and security of the city and the citizens of the city in addition to the police powers expressly granted by law; in the exercise of the police power, to pass all needful and proper ordinances and impose fines, forfeitures, and penalties for the violation of any ordinance; to provide for the recovery, collection, and enforcement of such fines; and in default of payment to provide for confinement in the city or county prison or other place of confinement as may be provided by ordinance;

(26) To prevent immoderate driving on the street;

(27) To establish and maintain public libraries, art galleries, and museums and to provide the necessary grounds or buildings for such libraries, galleries, and museums; to purchase books, papers, maps, manuscripts, works of art, and objects of natural or of scientific curiosity and instruction for such libraries, galleries, and museums; to receive donations and bequests of money or property for such libraries, galleries, and museums in trust or otherwise; and to pass necessary bylaws and regulations for the protection and government of such libraries, art galleries, and museums;

(28) To erect, designate, establish, maintain, and regulate hospitals, houses of correction, jails, station houses, fire engine houses, asphalt repair plants, and other necessary buildings; to erect, designate, establish, maintain, and regulate plants for the removal, disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse or to make contracts for garbage and refuse removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same; and to charge equitable fees for such removal, disposal, or recycling, or all of the same, except as provided by law. The fees collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be credited to a single fund to be used exclusively by the city for the removal, disposal, or recycling of garbage and refuse, or all of the same, including any costs incurred for collecting the fee. Before any contract for such removal, disposal, or recycling is let, the city council shall make specifications for such contract, bids shall be advertised for as now provided by law, and the contract shall be let to the lowest and best bidder, who shall furnish bond to the city conditioned upon his or her carrying out the terms of the contract, the bond to be approved by the city council. Nothing in this section, and no contract or regulation made by the city council, shall be so construed as to prohibit any person, firm, or corporation engaged in any business in which garbage or refuse accumulates as a byproduct from selling, recycling, or otherwise disposing of his, her, or its garbage or refuse or hauling such garbage or refuse through the streets and alleys under such uniform and reasonable regulations as the city council may by ordinance prescribe for the removal and hauling of garbage or refuse;

(29) To erect and establish market houses and market places and to provide for the erection of all other useful and necessary buildings for the use of the city and for the protection and safety of all property owned by the city. Such market houses, market places, and buildings may be located on any street, alley, or public ground or on land purchased for such purpose;

(30) To prohibit the establishment of additional cemeteries within the limits of the city; to regulate the registration of births and deaths; to direct the keeping and returning of bills of mortality; and to impose penalties on physicians, sextons, and others for any default in the premises;

(31) To provide for the inspection of steam boilers, electric light appliances, pipefittings, and plumbings; to regulate their erection and construction; to appoint inspectors; and to declare their powers and duties, except as otherwise provided by law;

(32) To enact a fire code and regulate the erection of all buildings and other structures within the corporate limits; to provide for the removal of any buildings or structures or additions to buildings or structures erected contrary to such code or regulations and to provide for the removal of dangerous buildings; but no such code or regulation shall be suspended or modified by resolution, nor shall exceptions be made by ordinance or resolution in favor of any person, firm, or corporation or concerning any particular lot or building; to direct that when any building has been damaged by fire, decay, or otherwise, to the extent of fifty percent of the value of a similar new building above the foundation, shall be torn down or removed; to prescribe the manner of ascertaining such damages and to assess the cost of removal of any building erected or existing contrary to such code or regulations against the lot or real estate upon which such building or structure is located or shall be erected or to collect such costs from the owner of any such building or structure; and to enforce the collection of such costs by civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction;

(33) To regulate the construction, use, and maintenance of party walls, to prescribe and regulate the thickness, strength, and manner of constructing stone, brick, wood, or other buildings and the size and shape of brick and other material placed in such buildings; to prescribe and regulate the construction and arrangement of fire escapes and the placing of iron and metallic shutters and doors in or on such fire escapes; to provide for the inspection of elevators; to prescribe, regulate, and provide for the inspection of all plumbing, pipefitting, or sewer connections in all houses or buildings now or hereafter erected; to regulate the size, number, and manner of construction of halls, doors, stairways, seats, aisles, and passageways of theaters and buildings of a public character, whether now built or hereafter to be built, so that there may be convenient, safe, and speedy exit in case of fire; to prevent the dangerous construction and condition of chimneys, fireplaces, hearths, stoves, stovepipes, ovens, boilers, and heating appliances used in or about any building and to cause such appliances to be removed or placed in safe condition when they are considered dangerous; to prevent the deposit of ashes in unsafe places and to cause such buildings and enclosures as may be in a dangerous state to be put in a safe condition; to prevent the disposing of and delivery or use in any building or other structure of unsuitable building material within the city limits and provide for the inspection of building materials; to provide for the abatement of dense volumes of smoke; to regulate the construction of areaways, stairways, and vaults and to regulate partition fences; and to enforce proper heating and ventilation of buildings used for schools or other buildings where large numbers of persons are liable to congregate;

(34) To regulate levees, depots and depot grounds, and places for storing freight and goods and to provide for and regulate the laying of

tracks and the passage of railways through the streets, alleys, and public grounds of the city;

(35) To require the lighting of any railway within the city and to fix and determine the number, size, and style of all fixtures and apparatus necessary for such lighting and the points of location for such lampposts. If any company owning or operating such railways shall fail to comply with such requirements, the city council may cause such lighting to be done and may assess the expense of such lighting against such company. Such expense shall constitute a lien upon any real estate belonging to such company and lying within such city and may be collected in the same manner as taxes for general purposes;

(36) To provide for necessary publicity and to appropriate money for the purpose of advertising the resources and advantages of the city;

(37) To erect, establish, and maintain offstreet parking areas on publicly owned property located beneath any elevated segment of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways or portion thereof, or public property title to which is in the city on May 12, 1971, or property owned by the city and used in conjunction with and incidental to city-operated facilities; and to regulate parking on such property by time limitation devices or by lease;

(38) To acquire, by the exercise of the power of eminent domain or otherwise, lease, purchase, construct, own, maintain, operate, or contract for the operation of public passenger transportation systems, excluding taxicabs, transportation network companies and railroad systems, including all property and facilities required for such public passenger transportation systems, within and without the limits of the city; to redeem such property from prior encumbrance in order to protect or preserve the interest of the city in such property; to exercise all powers granted by the Constitution of Nebraska and laws of the State of Nebraska or exercised by or pursuant to a home rule charter adopted pursuant thereto, including, but not limited to, receiving and accepting from the government of the United States or any agency thereof, from the State of Nebraska or any subdivision thereof, and from any person or corporation donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for or in aid of the acquisition, operation, and maintenance of such public passenger transportation systems; to administer, hold, use, and apply such donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants for the purposes for which such donations, devises, gifts, bequests, loans, or grants may have been made; to negotiate with employees and enter into contracts of employment; to employ by contract or otherwise individuals singularly or collectively; to enter into agreements authorized under the Interlocal Cooperation Act or the Joint Public Agency Act; to contract with an operating and management company for the purpose of operating, servicing, and maintaining any public passenger transportation systems the city shall acquire; and to exercise such other and further powers as may be necessary, incident, or appropriate to the powers of the city; ~~and~~

(39) In addition to powers conferred elsewhere in the laws of the state, to implement and enforce an air pollution control program within the corporate limits of the city under subdivision (23) of section 81-1504 or subsection (1) of section 81-1528, which program shall be consistent with the federal Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq. Such powers shall include without limitation those involving injunctive relief, civil penalties, criminal fines, and burden of proof. Nothing in this section shall preclude the control of air pollution by resolution, ordinance, or regulation not in actual conflict with state air pollution control regulations; and ~~.~~

(40) To require any housing authority in a city of the metropolitan class to comply with any city rental inspection and registration ordinance, code enforcement, and inspection of residential rental properties.

3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
4. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Education

The Education 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.

Board of Educational Lands and Funds:
Duane Kime

Aye: 7. Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Conrad. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Gerald Catholic School, Ralston; students from Freeman Public School, Adams; students from Lifegate Christian School, Omaha.

RECESS

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Bostar, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Clements, Dorn, Hunt, and Murman who were excused until they arrive.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 10, 2025, at 11:58 a.m. were the following: LBs 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER36 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Title read. Considered.

Senator Rountree withdrew FA72, found on page 910.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 5 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER44
1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM565, on page 1, line 14,
2 after the semicolon insert "and" and after the first occurrence of "of"
3 insert "the".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER43
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "cryptocurrency" in line 1
2 through line 8 and insert "cryptocurrency mining; to define terms; to
3 provide powers and duties for public power suppliers; to allow public
4 power suppliers to impose requirements on cryptocurrency mining
5 operations for the costs of certain infrastructure upgrades; and to
6 provide an operative date.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER35
1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall
4 establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program
5 for a period of five years in cities of the metropolitan class areas,
6 that shall operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The pilot
7 program shall be developed in partnership with local grassroots
8 organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth
9 and families impacted by the juvenile justice system.
10 (2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a
11 facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention
12 services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the
13 juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer
14 comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues
15 contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental

health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.

Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this act shall:

(1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;

(2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family services, and adult criminal justice systems; and

(3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.

Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.

(2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for review.

(3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm compliance with designation standards.

(4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive official designation. A center that does not meet the designation criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such center may improve and reapply for designation.

(5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services, outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery, continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5) implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.

Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and ongoing needs of youth and families.

(2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of charge to families and maintain active membership in the National Assessment Center Association.

(3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.

Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services, including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness

services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g) youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and clothing assistance and resource navigation.

(2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with local businesses, trades, and community organizations.

Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events, workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services, with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars annually from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to one hundred thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot program.

Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b)~~providing~~ system improvements, (c)~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d)~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f)~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g)~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i)~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the

Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, (j) the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, and (k) beginning on the operative date of sections 13 and 14 of this act, reimbursement of the actual costs of providing eligible activities and services described in section 81-2222, as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.

(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 13. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 and two million dollars in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the area agencies on aging for the purpose of providing additional eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. An equal amount shall be distributed to each of the state's eight area agencies on aging.

Sec. 14. Section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2224 The department shall reimburse each designated area agency on aging for seventy-five percent of the actual cost of providing eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. Such reimbursement shall be made from (1) state funds appropriated by the Legislature, including, but not limited to, cash fund appropriations as described in section 13 of this act, (2) federal funds allocated to the department, including federal funds allocated under the Older Americans Act, as now or hereafter amended, and (3) other funds as available. The payments shall be made by the department on or before the twentieth day of each month. If state funds appropriated, federal funds allocated, or other funds available are insufficient to finance the department-approved plan and budget for each designated area agency on aging, the reimbursement to each area agency on aging shall be proportionately reduced. If an area agency on aging chooses to exceed the budget approved by the department, costs in excess of the approved budget shall not be reimbursed by the department.

Sec. 15. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 of this act become operative on September 1, 2025. Sections 13, 14, and 17 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 16. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 17. Original section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

Sec. 18. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

2. On page 1, strike beginning with "aging" in line 1 through line 6 and insert "government services; to amend section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for establishment of a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; to authorize use of the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund for the pilot program and for activities and services under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act; to state intent regarding appropriations, disbursement, and reimbursement; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:
FA95
On Page 1, Line 14 of AM829, strike "Affiliated" and insert "Contracted".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM837, found on page 1002, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
AM1007

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM837)

1. On page 60, line 29, after the period insert "All penalties collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.".

Senator Dungan requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:
AM1010

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

Sec. 26. Sections 26 to 30 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Parental Rights in Social Media Act.

Sec. 27. For purposes of the Parental Rights in Social Media Act:

(1) Account holder means a person who, on or after the operative date of this section, creates an account or profile on a social media platform;

(2)(a) Content includes a text, an image, or a video.

(b) Content does not include an interactive game or any form of educational entertainment;

(3) Digitized identification card means a data file that contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a government-issued operator's license or government-issued identification document and displays the current status of the license or document;

(4)(a) Interactive computer service means an information service as defined in 47 U.S.C. 153, an information system, or an information access software that:

(i) Provides or enables access by multiple users to a computer server; and

(ii) Provides access to the Internet.

(b) An interactive computer service includes an Internet service, an Internet system, an Internet application, an Internet portal, and a website;

(5) Minor means an individual who is:

(a) Known or reasonably believed by a social media platform to be under eighteen years of age;

(b) Not emancipated; and
(c) A resident of this state;
(6) Parent means the parent or legal guardian of a minor;
(7) Person means an individual or entity;
(8) Post means content that an account holder makes available on a social media platform for other account holders and users to view;
(9) Reasonable age verification method includes requiring presentation of a digitized identification card or any commercially reasonable age verification method to confirm an individual's age;
(10) Social media company means a person that is an interactive computer service and that provides a social media platform;
(11)(a) Social media platform means a website or Internet application that:
(i) Allows a person to create an account; and
(ii) Enables an account holder to communicate with other account holders and users through posts.
(b) Social media platform does not include:
(i) A broadband Internet access service, as defined in 47 C.F.R. 8.1(b);
(ii) An email service;
(iii) An Internet service, Internet application, or website:
(A) That consists primarily of content that is not generated by account holders, but rather is preselected by the service, application, or website provider; and
(B) For which interactive functionality is incidental to, directly related to, or dependent upon, such preselected content;
(iv) Online shopping, if the interaction with other account holders or users is predominantly limited to the ability to (A) send, receive, request, or settle funds, (B) comment on transactions, (C) display goods for sale, (D) engage as consumers about products and reviews, or (E) post a wish list;
(v) An Internet service, Internet application, or website that primarily provides career development opportunities;
(vi) A cloud storage or cloud computing service;
(vii) An online service, application, or website in which interaction between users is predominately (A) used for technical support or (B) limited to reviewing products offered for sale by means of electronic commerce or commenting on such reviews posted by other users; or
(viii) Peer-to-peer payment platforms, if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to send, receive, or request funds and to like or comment on such transactions, or other functions that are focused on sending, receiving, requesting, or settling payments between users or account holders; and
(12) User means a person who consumes posts on a social media platform but who is not an account holder.
Sec. 28. (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, a social media company shall not permit a minor to become an account holder. A social media platform shall use a reasonable age verification method to verify the age of an individual seeking to become an account holder on the company's social media platform. A social media company may use a third-party vendor to perform such verification.
(b) A social media company or third-party vendor conducting such verification shall not retain any identifying information of an individual after verification is complete.
(2) A social media company may allow a minor to become an account holder if the parent of such minor provides express parental consent authorizing such minor to become an account holder. A social media company or third-party vendor shall verify the express parental consent which shall include:

(a) Age verification of the parent through a reasonable age verification method; and

(b) An oath, affirmation, or form signed by the parent and returned to the social media company or third-party vendor by common carrier, facsimile, or electronic scan stating that the consenting adult is the minor user's parent and authorizes such minor to become an account holder.

(3)(a) Once age and parental consent, if applicable, are verified, the social media company may permit the minor to become an account holder. Reverification of an account holder is not required unless parental consent is revoked by a parent.

(b) A social media company shall develop a method for a parent to revoke consent for a minor to be an account holder. If consent is revoked, a social media company shall remove the account of such parent's minor and prohibit such minor from becoming an account holder until additional express parental consent is provided.

(4) A social media company shall provide a parent of a minor account holder with methods for the parent to supervise the minor's account. Such methods shall include options for the parent to:

(a) View all posts the minor account holder makes under the social media platform account;

(b) View all responses and messages sent to or by the minor account holder in the social media platform account;

(c) Control the minor's privacy and account settings; and

(d) Monitor and limit the amount of time the minor account holder spends using the social media platform.

Sec. 29. (1) A person aggrieved by a violation of section 28 of this act may bring a civil action against the social media company or third-party vendor which engaged in the violation to recover such relief as may be appropriate.

(2) In an action under this section, appropriate relief includes:

(a) Such preliminary and other equitable or declaratory relief as may be appropriate;

(b) Damages under subsection (3) of this section; and

(c) At the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.

(3)(a) An individual whose information was retained in violation of subdivision (1)(b) of section 28 of this act may recover actual damages caused by such violation.

(b) A minor or a parent of such minor aggrieved by any other violation of section 28 of this act may recover actual damages caused by such violation.

Sec. 30. The Attorney General shall enforce the Parental Rights in Social Media Act and may impose a penalty of up to two thousand five hundred dollars per violation.

Sec. 31. Sections 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 of this act become operative on January 1, 2026. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 32. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

The second committee amendment is as follows:
AM1009 is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, AM1010, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed AM1007, found in this day's Journal, to the first committee amendment.

Senator Hunt offered the following motion:
MO159
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Storer moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 3 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Hunt motion to bracket failed with 4 ayes, 26 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

WITHDRAW - Motions to LB650

Senator von Gillern withdrew the following motions:
MO153, found on page 1013, to Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).
MO154, found on page 1013, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.
MO155, found on page 1013, to Recommit to the Revenue Committee.
MO156, found on page 1013, to Bracket until June 10, 2025.
MO157, found on page 1013, to Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB650

Senator von Gillern withdrew the following amendments:
FA84, found on page 1014
FA85, found on page 1014

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM904 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 13CA. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LB288:
AM968

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 9. Section 58-708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:

58-708 (1) During each calendar year in which funds are available from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund for use by the Department of Economic Development, the department shall make its best efforts to allocate not less than thirty percent of such funds to each congressional district. The department shall announce a grant and loan application period of at least ninety days duration for all projects. Before a grant application for any new construction project can be submitted to the department, the land for the project shall be identified. In selecting projects to receive trust fund assistance, the department shall develop a qualified allocation plan and give first priority to financially viable projects that serve the lowest income occupants for the longest period of time. The qualified allocation plan shall:

(a) Set forth selection criteria to be used to determine housing priorities of the housing trust fund which are appropriate to local conditions, including the community's immediate need for affordable housing, proposed increases in home ownership, private dollars leveraged, level of local government support and participation, and repayment, in part or in whole, of financial assistance awarded by the fund; and

(b) Give first priority in allocating trust fund assistance among selected projects to those projects which are located in whole or in part within an enterprise zone designated pursuant to the Enterprise Zone Act or an opportunity zone designated pursuant to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Public Law 115-97, serve the lowest income occupant, are located in an area that has been declared an extremely blighted area under section 18-2101.02, and are obligated to serve qualified occupants for the longest period of time.

(2) Beginning on July 1, 2026:

(a) The Department of Economic Development shall disburse grant funds to a qualified recipient equal to eighty percent of the housing development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance costs, once the department approves such recipient for grant funds; and

(b) The department shall disburse grant funds to a qualified recipient equal to twenty percent of the housing development costs of such recipient, excluding general administration costs, housing management fees, lead-based paint test costs, and technical assistance costs, upon the completion of the project.

(3)(a) Beginning on the operative date of this act, a qualified recipient shall submit to the Department of Economic Development a schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities on a quarterly basis, no later than thirty days after the end of each calendar quarter, during the time of performance under the award agreement.

(b) The schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities shall include an itemization of costs for eligible activities. If reasonable, the department may require source documentation and proof of payment, including, but not limited to, a paid invoice, completed payment, or cleared check, to be submitted with the schedule as evidence of appropriate use of funds. Qualified recipients shall ensure proper use of funds. The department is not responsible for the audit or approval of each of the qualified recipient's transactions involving funds.

(c) The department may initiate any of the following actions if a qualified recipient does not submit a schedule of uses of funds for eligible activities:

(i) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending applications for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund;

(ii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient in pending applications for other department programs;

(iii) Disqualification of the qualified recipient as an eligible applicant for Affordable Housing Trust Fund applications for up to

twenty-four months from the date of the department action; or

(iv) Other actions deemed necessary by the department to meet the department's responsibility to ensure proper use of funds so long as such actions do not unduly harm a qualified recipient's reputation and ability to successfully operate in Nebraska. This subdivision does not prohibit the department from taking appropriate actions against qualified recipients that have committed illegal actions, such as fraud and theft.

(4)(2) The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ shall fund in order of priority as many applications as will utilize available funds less actual administrative costs of the department in administering the program. In administering the program the department may contract for services or directly provide funds to other governmental entities or instrumentalities.

(5)(a)~~(3)~~ The Department of Economic Development~~department~~ may recapture any funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an eligible project through an award agreement if such funds were not utilized for eligible costs within the time of performance under the agreement and are therefor no longer obligated to the project.

(b) Upon completion of a project, the department shall recapture a percentage of the funds which were allocated to a qualified recipient for an eligible project through an award agreement equal to the percentage of the housing development the qualified recipient agreed to construct under the award agreement but failed to complete. Any funds recaptured under this subdivision shall be credited to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

(c) A qualified recipient shall recapture any funds allocated to such recipient from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund that are provided to a homebuyer by the recipient as financial assistance for the purchase of a home upon sale of such home from the net proceeds of such sale, if any.

~~The recaptured funds shall be credited to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund.~~

Sec. 10. Section 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-711 (1) The Department of Economic Development shall submit, as part of the department's annual status report under section 81-1201.11, the following information regarding the Affordable Housing Trust Fund: (a) The applications funded during the previous calendar year; (b) the applications funded in previous years; (c) the identity of the organizations receiving funds; (d) the location of each project; (e) the amount of funding provided to each project; (f) the amount of funding leveraged as a result of each project; (g) the number of units of housing created by each project and the occupancy rate; (h) the expected cost of rent or monthly payment of those units; (i) the projected number of new employees and community investment as a result of each project; (j) the amount of revenue deposited into the Affordable Housing Trust Fund pursuant to section 76-903; (k) the total amount of funds for which applications were received during the previous calendar year, the year-end fund balance, and, if all available funds have not been committed, an explanation of the reasons why all such funds have not been so committed; (l) the amount of appropriated funds actually expended by the department for the previous calendar year; (m) the department's current budget for administration of the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the department's planned use and distribution of funds~~, including details on the amount of funds to be expended on projects and the amount of funds to be expended by the department for administrative purposes~~; and (n) project summaries, including the applicant ~~municipality~~, project description, and grant amount requested~~, amount and type of matching funds, and reasons for approval or denial~~ for every application seeking funds during the previous calendar year.

(2) The status report shall contain no information that is protected

by state or federal confidentiality laws.
Sec. 16. Sections 9, 10, and 18 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
Sec. 18. Original sections 58-708 and 58-711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB650:
AM981

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM923)

1. Strike sections 48 and 49 and insert the following new sections:
Sec. 48. Section 77-3126, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
77-3126 (1) The total amount of tax credits allowed in any fiscal year under the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars ~~in fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars in any fiscal year thereafter~~.
(2) The maximum allowable tax credit claimed under the act in any single taxable year for any qualified production activity that is a full-length film, made-for-television movie, television series of at least five episodes, or streaming television series shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars ~~in fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars in any fiscal year thereafter~~.
Sec. 49. Section 77-3136, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
77-3136 (1) For taxable years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2025, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, an eligible taxpayer shall be allowed a credit against the income tax imposed by the Nebraska Revenue Act of 1967 or any tax imposed by sections 77-907 to 77-918 or 77-3801 to 77-3807 for qualified shortline railroad maintenance expenditures.
(2) The credit provided in this section shall be a nonrefundable tax credit equal to fifty percent of the qualified shortline railroad maintenance expenditures incurred during the taxable year by the eligible taxpayer. The amount of the credit may not exceed an amount equal to one thousand five hundred dollars multiplied by the number of miles of railroad track owned or leased in the state by the eligible taxpayer at the end of the taxable year.
(3) The total amount of tax credits allowed in a fiscal year under the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars ~~for fiscal year 2025-26 and one million dollars for any fiscal year thereafter~~.
2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the sections added by this amendment become operative on their effective date.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB192:
FA96
On Page 2, Line 4 strike "," after "possible".

FA97
On Page 3, Line 5 strike "," after "gifts".

Senator Storer filed the following amendment to LB383:

AM1016

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM837)
1 1. On page 60, line 31, strike "January" and insert "July".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Ballard name added to LB80.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Brandt name withdrawn from LR20CA.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students, teachers, and sponsors from Holy Family, Lindsay.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Jeffrey Wallman, Geneva.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:39 a.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, April 11, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTIETH DAY - APRIL 11, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Murman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Colonel Walter "Thane" Baker, Air Force, Bellevue.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Raybould and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, Hansen, Hughes, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-ninth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 169. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM965
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 77-382 (1) The department shall prepare a tax expenditure report
6 describing (a) the basic provisions of the Nebraska tax laws, (b) the
7 actual or estimated revenue loss caused by the exemptions, deductions,
8 exclusions, deferrals, credits, and preferential rates in effect on July
9 1 of each year and allowed under Nebraska's tax structure and in the
10 property tax, (c) the actual or estimated revenue loss caused by failure
11 to impose sales and use tax on services purchased for nonbusiness use,

and (d) the elements which make up the tax base for state and local income, including income, sales and use, property, and miscellaneous taxes.

(2) The department shall review the major tax exemptions for which state general funds are used to reduce the impact of revenue lost due to a tax expenditure. The report shall indicate an estimate of the amount of the reduction in revenue resulting from the operation of all tax expenditures. The report shall list each tax expenditure relating to sales and use tax under the following categories:

(a) Agriculture, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Agricultural machinery; agricultural chemicals; seeds sold to commercial producers; water for irrigation and manufacturing; commercial artificial insemination; mineral oil as dust suppressant; animal specialty services and animal grooming services performed on livestock as defined in section 54-183~~grooming~~; oxygen for use in aquaculture; animal life whose products constitute food for human consumption; and grains;

(b) Business across state lines, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Property shipped out-of-state; fabrication labor for items to be shipped out-of-state; property to be transported out-of-state; property purchased in other states to be used in Nebraska; aircraft delivery to an out-of-state resident or business; state reciprocal agreements for industrial machinery; and property taxed in another state;

(c) Common carrier and logistics, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Railroad rolling stock and repair parts and services; common or contract carriers and repair parts and services; common or contract carrier accessories; and common or contract carrier safety equipment;

(d) Consumer goods, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Motor vehicles and motorboat trade-ins; merchandise trade-ins; certain medical equipment and medicine; newspapers; laundromats; ~~telefloral deliveries;~~ motor vehicle discounts for the disabled; and political campaign fundraisers;

(e) Energy, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Motor fuels; energy used in industry; energy used in agriculture; aviation fuel; and minerals, oil, and gas severed from real property;

(f) Food, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Food for home consumption; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; school lunches; meals sold by hospitals; meals sold by institutions at a flat rate; food for the elderly, handicapped, and Supplemental Security Income recipients; and meals sold by churches;

(g) General business, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Component and ingredient parts; manufacturing machinery; containers; film rentals; molds and dies; syndicated programming; intercompany sales; intercompany leases; sale of a business or farm machinery; and transfer of property in a change of business ownership;

(h) Lodging and shelter, which shall include a separate listing for the following item: Room rentals by certain institutions;

(i) Miscellaneous, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Cash discounts and coupons; separately stated finance charges; casual sales; lease-to-purchase agreements; and separately stated taxes;

(j) Nonprofits, governments, and exempt entities, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Purchases by political subdivisions of the state; purchases by churches and nonprofit colleges and medical facilities; purchasing agents for public real estate construction improvements; contractor as purchasing agent for public agencies; Nebraska lottery; admissions to school events; sales on Native American Indian reservations; school-supporting fundraisers; fine art

purchases by a museum; purchases by the Nebraska State Fair Board; purchases by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and licensees of the State Racing and Gaming Commission; purchases by the United States Government; public records; and sales by religious organizations;

(k) Recent sales tax expenditures, which shall include a separate listing for each sales tax expenditure created by statute or rule and regulation after July 19, 2012;

(l) Services purchased for nonbusiness use, which shall include a separate listing for each such service, including, but not limited to, the following items: Motor vehicle cleaning, maintenance, and repair services; ~~cleaning and repair of clothing;~~ cleaning, maintenance, and repair of other tangible personal property; maintenance, painting, and repair of real property; entertainment admissions; hair care and hair removal~~personal care~~ services; lawn care, gardening, and landscaping services; veterinary~~pet-related~~ services; storage and moving services; household utilities; other personal services; ~~taxi, limousine, and other transportation services;~~ legal services; accounting services; other professional services; and other real estate services; and

(m) Telecommunications, which shall include a separate listing for the following items: Telecommunications access charges; prepaid calling arrangements; conference bridging services; and nonvoice data services.

(3) It is the intent of the Legislature that nothing in the Tax Expenditure Reporting Act shall cause the valuation or assessment of any property exempt from taxation on the basis of its use exclusively for religious, educational, or charitable purposes.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift, or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows:

(a) On each package of cigarettes intended to be burned which contains~~containing~~ not more than twenty cigarettes, one dollar and thirty-six~~sixty-four~~ cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package; or~~.~~

(b) On each package of cigarettes intended to be heated which contains not more than twenty cigarettes, thirty-two cents per package; and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each package.

(2) Beginning July 1, 2025~~October 1, 2004~~, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one dollar and eighteen~~forty-nine~~ cents of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section in the General Fund. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified number of cents of the tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

(3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section as follows:

(a) Beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after

FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(b) Beginning July 1, 2025~~1993~~, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of six~~three~~ cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year distributions occurring after FY1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the FY1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

(d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this subdivision; and

(e) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this subdivision.

(4) If, after distributing the proceeds of the~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.

(5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any reductions in the cigarette tax rate imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section that are made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount dedicated to the General Fund from such cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section for projects or programs other than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d) the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (e) the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any of the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (f) of this subsection.

(6) Beginning July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer shall place all of the cigarette tax revenue received pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this

section in the General Fund.

Sec. 3. Section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2701.16 (1) Gross receipts means the total amount of the sale or lease or rental price, as the case may be, of the retail sales of retailers.

(2) Gross receipts of every person engaged as a public utility specified in this subsection, as a community antenna television service operator, or as a satellite service operator or any person involved in connecting and installing services defined in subdivision (2)(a), (b), or (d) of this section means:

(a)(i) In the furnishing of telephone communication service, other than mobile telecommunications service as described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing ancillary services, except for conference bridging services, and intrastate telecommunications services, except for value-added, nonvoice data service.

(ii) In the furnishing of mobile telecommunications service as described in section 77-2703.04, the gross income received from furnishing mobile telecommunications service that originates and terminates in the same state to a customer with a place of primary use in Nebraska;

(b) In the furnishing of telegraph service, the gross income received from the furnishing of intrastate telegraph services;

(c)(i) In the furnishing of gas, sewer, water, and electricity service, other than electricity service to a customer-generator as defined in section 70-2002, the gross income received from the furnishing of such services upon billings or statements rendered to consumers for such utility services.

(ii) In the furnishing of electricity service to a customer-generator as defined in section 70-2002, the net energy use upon billings or statements rendered to customer-generators for such electricity service;

(d) In the furnishing of community antenna television service or satellite service, the gross income received from the furnishing of such community antenna television service as regulated under sections 18-2201 to 18-2205 or 23-383 to 23-388 or satellite service; and

(e) The gross income received from the provision, installation, construction, servicing, or removal of property used in conjunction with the furnishing, installing, or connecting of any public utility services specified in subdivision (2)(a) or (b) of this section or community antenna television service or satellite service specified in subdivision (2)(d) of this section, except when acting as a subcontractor for a public utility, this subdivision does not apply to the gross income received by a contractor electing to be treated as a consumer of building materials under subdivision (2) or (3) of section 77-2701.10 for any such services performed on the customer's side of the utility demarcation point. This subdivision also does not apply to:

(i) The gross income received by a political subdivision of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association for the lease or use of, or by a contractor for the construction of or services provided on, electric generation, transmission, distribution, or street lighting structures or facilities owned by a political subdivision of the state, an electric cooperative, or an electric membership association; or

(ii) The gross income received for the lease or use of towers or other structures primarily used in conjunction with the furnishing of (A) Internet access services, (B) agricultural global positioning system locating services, or (C) over-the-air radio and television broadcasting licensed by the Federal Communications Commission, including antennas and

studio transmitter link systems. For purposes of this subdivision, studio transmitter link system means a system which serves as a conduit to deliver audio from its origin in a studio to a broadcast transmitter.

(3) Gross receipts of every person engaged in selling, leasing, or otherwise providing intellectual or entertainment property means:

(a) In the furnishing of computer software, the gross income received, including the charges for coding, punching, or otherwise producing any computer software and the charges for the tapes, disks, punched cards, or other properties furnished by the seller; and

(b) In the furnishing of videotapes, movie film, satellite programming, satellite programming service, and satellite television signal descrambling or decoding devices, the gross income received from the license, franchise, or other method establishing the charge.

(4) Gross receipts for providing a service means:

(a) The gross income received for building cleaning and maintenance, pest control, and security;

(b) The gross income received for motor vehicle washing, waxing, towing, and painting;

(c) The gross income received for computer software training;

(d) The gross income received for installing and applying tangible personal property if the sale of the property is subject to tax. If any or all of the charge for installation is free to the customer and is paid by a third-party service provider to the installer, any tax due on that part of the activation commission, finder's fee, installation charge, or similar payment made by the third-party service provider shall be paid and remitted by the third-party service provider;

(e) The gross income received for services of recreational vehicle parks;

(f) The gross income received for labor for repair or maintenance services performed with regard to tangible personal property the sale of which would be subject to sales and use taxes, excluding motor vehicles, except as otherwise provided in section 77-2704.26 or 77-2704.50;

(g) The gross income received for animal specialty services and animal grooming services except for (i) veterinary services~~,~~ and (ii) animal specialty services or animal grooming services performed on livestock as defined in section 54-183;~~, and (iii) animal grooming performed by a licensed veterinarian or a licensed veterinary technician in conjunction with medical treatment; and~~

(h) The gross income received for detective services;~~.~~

(i) The gross income received for providing chartered flights;

(j) The gross income received for the cleaning of clothing, excluding any amounts exempt pursuant to section 77-2704.14;

(k) The gross income received for dating services;

(l) The gross income received for interior design and decorating services;

(m) The gross income received for lobbying services;

(n) The gross income received for local passenger transportation by chartered road vehicles, including limousines and similar luxury vehicles;

(o) The gross income received for telemarketing services;

(p) The gross income received for massage services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment or are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed massage therapist and in a licensed massage therapy establishment or other location specifically permitted in the Massage Therapy Practice Act;

(q) The gross income received for nail care services;

(r) The gross income received for personal instruction services for dance, golf, or tennis;

(s) The gross income received for sightseeing services by ground vehicles;

(t) The gross income received for skin care services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;

(u) The gross income received for swimming pool cleaning and maintenance services;

(v) The gross income received for tattoo and body modification services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility;

(w) The gross income received for telefloral delivery services, defined as amounts received by florists in this state who make deliveries in this state pursuant to instructions received from florists in other states;

(x) The gross income received for travel agency services; and

(y) The gross income received for weight loss services, except for any such services that are part of a course of medical treatment and are provided by or under the care or supervision of a licensed health care practitioner or in a licensed health care facility.

(5) Gross receipts includes the sale of admissions. When an admission to an activity or a membership constituting an admission is combined with the solicitation of a contribution, the portion or the amount charged representing the fair market price of the admission shall be considered a retail sale subject to the tax imposed by section 77-2703. The organization conducting the activity shall determine the amount properly attributable to the purchase of the privilege, benefit, or other consideration in advance, and such amount shall be clearly indicated on any ticket, receipt, or other evidence issued in connection with the payment.

(6) Gross receipts includes the sale of live plants incorporated into real estate except when such incorporation is incidental to the transfer of an improvement upon real estate or the real estate.

(7) Gross receipts includes the sale of any building materials annexed to real estate by a person electing to be taxed as a retailer pursuant to subdivision (1) of section 77-2701.10.

(8) Gross receipts includes the sale of and recharge of prepaid calling service and prepaid wireless calling service.

(9) Gross receipts includes the retail sale of digital audio works, digital audiovisual works, digital codes, and digital books delivered electronically if the products are taxable when delivered on tangible storage media. A sale includes the transfer of a permanent right of use, the transfer of a right of use that terminates on some condition, and the transfer of a right of use conditioned upon the receipt of continued payments.

(10) Gross receipts includes any receipts from sales of tangible personal property made over a multivendor marketplace platform that acts as the intermediary by facilitating sales between a seller and the purchaser and that, either directly or indirectly through agreements or arrangements with third parties, collects payment from the purchaser and transmits payment to the seller.

(11) Gross receipts does not include:

(a) The amount of any rebate granted by a motor vehicle or motorboat manufacturer or dealer at the time of sale of the motor vehicle or motorboat, which rebate functions as a discount from the sales price of the motor vehicle or motorboat; or

(b) The price of property or services returned or rejected by customers when the full sales price is refunded either in cash or credit.

Sec. 4. Section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-638 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the department an amount derived from two cents~~one cent~~ of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of~~by~~ section 77-2602, less any amount appropriated from the fund specifically to the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases. The department shall, after deducting expenses incurred in the administration of such funds, distribute such funds exclusively for grants and contracts for research of cancer and smoking diseases, for funding the cancer registry prescribed in sections 81-642 to 81-650, and for associated expenses due to the establishment and maintenance of such cancer registry. Not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be appropriated for funding the cancer registry and associated expenses. The University of Nebraska may receive such grants and contracts, and other postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in the State of Nebraska may receive such contracts.

(2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the department for cancer research an amount derived from four~~two~~ cents of the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of~~by~~ section 77-2602 to be used exclusively for grants and contracts for research on cancer and smoking diseases. No amount shall be appropriated or used pursuant to this subsection for the operation and associated expenses of the cancer registry. Not more than one-half of the funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed to the University of Nebraska Medical Center for research in cancer and allied diseases and the University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases. The remaining funds available pursuant to this subsection shall be distributed for contracts with other postsecondary educational institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska which have cancer research programs for the purpose of conducting research in cancer and allied diseases.

(3) Any contract between the department and another postsecondary educational institution for cancer research under subsection (2) of this section shall provide that:

(a) Any money appropriated for such contract shall only be used for cancer research and shall not be used to support any other program in the institution;

(b) Full and detailed reporting of the expenditure of all funds under the contract is required. The report shall include, but not be limited to, separate accounting for personal services, equipment purchases or leases, and supplies. Such reports shall be made available electronically to the Legislature; and

(c) No money appropriated for such contract shall be spent for travel, building construction, or any other purpose not directly related to the research that is the subject of the contract.

(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before June 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to the Cancer Research subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund which were in excess of appropriations established in subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

Sec. 5. Sections 2, 4, and 6 of this act become operative on July 1, 2025. Sections 1, 3, and 7 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 6. Original section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of

Nebraska, and section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
Sec. 7. Original sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
Sec. 8. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 10, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Dukette, Aaron
U.S. Term Limits
Gibbs, Patrick
SidePrize LLC d/b/a PrizePicks
Schwend, Adam
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America (Withdrawn 04/04/2025)
Stopak, Kenneth
Kenneth Stopak
Wayne, Justin
Nebraska Democratic Party

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:
MO160
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator von Gillern opened on his bill, LB650.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM923, found on page 1046, was offered.

Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:
MO161
Bracket until June 10, 2025.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to bracket until June 10, 2025.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:
MO162
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator von Gillern offered AM981, found on page 1075, to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST18
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Murman amendment, AM803, on page 1, line 2, "first" has been inserted after "the".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST16
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In lieu of the J. Cavanaugh amendment, FA87, in the Bosn amendment, AM856, on page 9, line 23, "All penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska." has been inserted after the underscored period.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Storm filed the following motions to LB677:
MO163
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO164
Recommit to the General Affairs Committee.

MO165
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB89:
AM1024
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM701)
1 1. Strike section 1.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senator Hallstrom has filed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statement is on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
DHHS briefing on Community Services Block Grant/Shannon Grotrian (cancel)

Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
DHHS Hearing on Community Services Block Grant State Plan

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Committee AM923, found on page 1046 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator von Gillern renewed AM981, found on page 1075 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment to the committee amendment:
AM1020

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM923)

1. Strike sections 36 and 63 and insert the following new section:

Sec. 38. Section 77-2706.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2706.02 (1) This section applies on and after July 1, 2026.

(2) The appointment of purchasing agents shall be recognized for the purpose of permitting a construction contractor to purchase materials tax free based on the buyer-based exemption of the contractor's client for items that are physically annexed to the structure and which subsequently belong to the client who is eligible for the buyer-based exemption. The appointment of purchasing agents shall be in writing and occur prior to having any buyer-based tax-exempt items annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair. The contractor who has been appointed as a purchasing agent may purchase the materials tax free or may apply for a refund of or use as a credit against a future use tax liability the tax paid on inventory items annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair of a project that belongs to the client who is eligible for the buyer-based exemption.

(3) A client described in subsection (2) of this section which enters into a contract of construction, improvement, or repair with respect to buyer-based tax-exempt items annexed to real estate without first issuing a purchasing agent authorization to a construction contractor prior to such items being annexed to real estate in the project may apply to the Tax Commissioner for a refund of any sales and use tax paid by the contractor on such items physically annexed to real estate in the construction, improvement, or repair.

(4) For purposes of this section, client means a nonprofit entity.

2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered AM690, found on page 810.

The von Gillern amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. The first committee amendment, AM1010, found and considered on pages 1069, was renewed.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed AM1007, found on page 1069 and considered on pages 1069 and 1072, to the first committee amendment.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to the first committee amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The first committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The second committee amendment, AM1009, found on page 1071, was offered.

The second committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Storer offered AM1016, found on page 1076.

The Storer amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to LB382:
AM999

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER35)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b)~~providing~~ system improvements, (c)~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d)~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f)~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g)~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i)~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) reimbursement of the actual costs of providing eligible activities and services described in section 81-2222, as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.

(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.

Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate two million dollars in fiscal year 2025-26 and two million dollars in fiscal year 2026-27 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to the area agencies on aging for the purpose of providing additional eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. An equal amount shall be distributed to each of the state's eight area agencies on aging.

Sec. 3. Section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2224 The department shall reimburse each designated area agency on aging for seventy-five percent of the actual cost of providing eligible activities and services as defined in section 81-2222. Such reimbursement shall be made from (1) state funds appropriated by the Legislature, including, but not limited to, cash fund appropriations as described in section 2 of this act, (2) federal funds allocated to the department, including federal funds allocated under the Older Americans Act, as now or hereafter amended, and (3) other funds as available. The payments shall be made by the department on or before the twentieth day of each month. If state funds appropriated, federal funds allocated, or other funds available are insufficient to finance the department-approved plan and budget for each designated area agency on aging, the reimbursement to each area agency on aging shall be proportionately reduced. If an area agency on aging chooses to exceed the budget approved by the department, costs in excess of the approved budget shall not be reimbursed by the department.

Sec. 4. Original section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 116. Introduced by McKeon, 41; Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center is celebrating fifty years of service through a series of parties every fifteenth day of the month leading up to August 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the nonprofit began with a group at the Grand Manor and eventually moved its operations to its current location on Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center has been serving the community by providing activities, meals, and a space for sharing stories of Ravenna's past; and

WHEREAS, thanks to the volunteers that serve daily meals and deliver to those who are home bound, the center is still a hotspot for conversation and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center is a hub of history, specifically stories discovered through quilts by Gwen Stengel; and

WHEREAS, the Ravenna Senior Center's dedication to the community deserves recognition and celebration.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Ravenna Senior Center on fifty years of service to the community.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ravenna Senior Center.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB417.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Colonel Thane Baker, Bellevue; Catherine Nicholson, Bellevue; Maddie Fraser, La Vista; students from Newell Elementary, Grand Island; students from First Baptist School, Plattsmouth; students and teachers from Schlegel Center for Service and Justice at Creighton University, Omaha; former Senator Mike Gloor, Grand Island; students from Walnut Creek Elementary, Papillion; Ashley DuBray, Lincoln; Mikey Egger and his son, Mikey, Arizona.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:48 p.m., on a motion by Senator Brandt, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SIXTY-FIRST DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, April 14, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Jensen, Geneva Evangelical Free Church, Geneva.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Strommen.

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 Hardin, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused; and Senators M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Holdcroft, Hunt, Meyer, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixtieth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 117. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, The Copic Humanitarian Award is presented annually by the Nebraska Medical Association and Copic Insurance to a physician who demonstrates meaningful work in improving healthcare in their local community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Melvin Campbell earned the 2024 Humanitarian Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell is a lifelong Nebraskan, residing in Ainsworth, and has spent his career as an internal medicine physician dedicated to providing care to his community by acting as the sole provider for many years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell's career includes service with the United States Public Health Service, the Indian Health Service Branch, and the Ainsworth Family Clinic, where he practiced from August of 1978 to June of 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell has held several notable positions including Chief of Staff at Brown County Hospital, Medical Director of the Brown County and Keya Paha County Ambulance Associations, and the Ainsworth Care Center; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell was one of few internists in the state to deliver babies, performing over five hundred deliveries, and at times covering the emergency room at the hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Campbell chose Brown County Hospital Auxiliary to receive the ten thousand dollar donation associated with the award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dr. Melvin Campbell as recipient of the 2024 Copic Humanitarian Award and extends its appreciation for his service to the State of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Melvin Campbell.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 105, 106, and 107 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 105, 106, and 107.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:
MO166
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bostar opened on his resolution, LR20CA.

Senator von Gillern opened on his motion, MO166.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator von Gillern asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

No objections. So ordered.

Read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 16 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM801, found on page 1002, was offered.

Senator Dungan offered FA89, found on page 1033, to the committee amendment.

The Dungan amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA90, found on page 1033, to the committee amendment.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Storer offered FA44, found on page 823.

The Storer amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 669. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB382:
MO167
Indefinitely postpone.

MO168
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

MO169
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO170
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB80:
FA98
In AM801, strike the comma on page 1, line 22 after "28-311.08".

FA99
In AM801, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 after the word "municipalities".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Electrical Lineworkers from across Nebraska; students from St. John School, Weston; students from Manchester Elementary, Omaha; students, teacher, and sponsors from North Star High School, Lincoln.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Juarez, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Hardin and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, Clements, Conrad, Dorn, Lippincott, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Senator Spivey offered MO87, found on page 799, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hansen opened on his bill, LB632.

Senator Spivey opened on her motion, MO87.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM944 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Christensen, Roy - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing - Health and Human Services
Kelly, Debra L. - Nebraska Tourism Commission - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
AM628 is available in the Bill Room.

FA100
In AM944, Strike Section 1.

FA101
In AM944, Strike Section 2.

FA102
In AM944, Strike Section 3.

FA103
In AM944, Strike Section 4.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB317:
AM1035

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)
1. On page 178, lines 21, 25, and 30; page 179, lines 4, 8, 18, and 24; and page 286, line 18, strike "director", show as stricken, and insert "department".
2. On page 248, line 24; page 249, lines 11 and 19; page 250, line 23; page 252, line 29; page 253, lines 13 and 30; page 254, lines 19 and 27; page 269, line 23; and page 270, lines 8 and 15, strike "director" and insert "Director of Water, Energy, and Environment".
3. On page 286, strike beginning with "Director" in line 15 through "Environment" in line 16, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "department".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB257:
AM947

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER37)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 24. Section 71-1911.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-1911.03 (1) An applicant for a license under the Child Care Licensing Act shall provide to the department written proof of liability insurance coverage for the hours such applicant is operating and a child is in the applicant's care of at least one hundred thousand dollars per occurrence prior to issuance of the license. ~~A licensee subject to the Child Care Licensing Act on July 1, 2014, shall obtain such liability insurance coverage and provide written proof to the department within thirty days after July 1, 2014.~~

(2) A licensee shall continue to maintain the required level of liability insurance for any time period during which a child is in the care of such licensee. Failure by a licensee to maintain the required level of liability insurance coverage shall be deemed noncompliance with the Child Care Licensing Act. If the licensee is the State of Nebraska or a political subdivision, the licensee may utilize a risk retention group or a risk management pool for purposes of providing such liability insurance coverage or may self-insure all or part of such coverage.

Sec. 25. Section 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-1912 (1) Before issuance of a license, the department shall investigate or cause an investigation to be made, when it deems necessary, to determine if the applicant or person in charge of the program meets or is capable of meeting the physical well-being, safety, and protection standards and the other rules and regulations of the department adopted and promulgated under the Child Care Licensing Act. The department may investigate the character of applicants and licensees, any member of the applicant's or licensee's household, and the staff and employees of programs. The department may at any time inspect or cause an inspection to be made of any place where a program is operating to determine if such program is being properly conducted.

(2) All inspections by the department shall be unannounced except for initial licensure visits and consultation visits. Initial licensure visits are announced visits necessary for a provisional license to be issued to a family child care home I, family child care home II, child care center, or school-age-only or preschool program. Consultation visits are announced visits made at the request of a licensee for the purpose of consulting with a department specialist on ways of improving the program.

(3) An unannounced inspection of any place where a program is operating shall be conducted by the department or the city, village, or county pursuant to subsection (2) of section 71-1914 at least annually for a program licensed to provide child care for fewer than thirty children and at least twice every year for a program licensed to provide child care for thirty or more children. At each unannounced inspection, the inspector shall request from the licensee, and verify, current proof of required liability insurance. If the licensee is unable to provide current proof of liability insurance or has let the required coverage lapse, the department shall notify the licensee that proof of insurance shall be provided to the department within three business days. If such proof of insurance is not provided to the department within three business days, the licensee's license shall be suspended. Licensure shall be restored upon the department's receipt and verification of current proof of the required liability insurance as provided in section 71-1911.03.

(4) Whenever an inspection is made, the findings shall be recorded in a report designated by the department. The public shall have access to

the results of these inspections upon a written or oral request to the department. The request must include the name and address of the program. Additional unannounced inspections shall be performed as often as is necessary for the efficient and effective enforcement of the Child Care Licensing Act.

(5)(a) A person applying for a license as a child care provider or a licensed child care provider under the Child Care Licensing Act shall submit a request for a national criminal history record information check for each child care staff member, including a prospective child care staff member of the child care provider, at the applicant's or licensee's expense, as set forth in this section.

(b) A prospective child care staff member shall submit to a national criminal history record information check (i) prior to employment, except as otherwise permitted under 45 C.F.R. 98.43, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2019, or (ii) prior to residing in a family child care home.

(c) The department shall provide documentation of national criminal history record information checks which proves eligibility for employment. Such documentation shall be made available to each child care staff member or prospective child care staff member by the applicant or licensee for at least one hundred eighty days after the last day of employment or date the documentation was provided by the department, whichever is later.

(d) A child care staff member shall be required to undergo a national criminal history record information check not less than once during each five-year period. A child care staff member shall submit a complete set of his or her fingerprints to the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State Patrol shall transmit a copy of the child care staff member's fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history record information check. The national criminal history record information check shall include information concerning child care staff members from federal repositories of such information and repositories of such information in other states, if authorized by federal law for use by the Nebraska State Patrol. The Nebraska State Patrol shall issue a report to the department that includes the information collected from the national criminal history record information check concerning child care staff members. The department shall seek federal funds, if available, to assist child care providers and child care staff members with the costs of the fingerprinting and national criminal history record information check. If the department does not receive sufficient federal funds to assist child care providers and staff members with such costs, then the child care staff member being screened, applicant for a license, or licensee shall pay the actual cost of the fingerprinting and national criminal history record information check, except that the department may pay all or part of the cost if funding becomes available. The department and the Nebraska State Patrol may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations concerning the costs associated with the fingerprinting and the national criminal history record information check. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations implementing national criminal history record information check requirements for child care providers and child care staff members.

(e) A child care staff member shall also submit to the following background checks at his or her expense not less than once during each five-year period:

(i) A search of the National Crime Information Center's National Sex Offender Registry; and

(ii) A search of the following registries, repositories, or databases in the state where the child care provider is located or where the child care staff member resides and each state where the child care provider was located or where the child care staff member resided during

the preceding five years:
(A) State criminal registries or repositories;
(B) State sex offender registries or repositories; and
(C) State-based child abuse and neglect registries and databases.
(f) Background checks shall be portable between child care providers.
(g) Any individual shall be ineligible for employment by a child care provider if such individual:
(i) Refuses to consent to the national criminal history record information check or a background check described in this subsection;
(ii) Knowingly makes a materially false statement in connection with the national criminal history record information check or a background check described in this subsection;
(iii) Is registered, or required to be registered, on a state sex offender registry or repository or the National Sex Offender Registry; or
(iv) Has been convicted of a crime of violence, a crime of moral turpitude, or a crime of dishonesty.
(h) The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for purposes of this section.
(i) A child care provider shall be ineligible for a license under the Child Care Licensing Act and shall be ineligible to participate in the child care subsidy program if the provider employs a child care staff member who is ineligible for employment under subdivisions (g) or (h) of this subsection.
(j) National criminal history record information and information from background checks described in this subsection subject to state or federal confidentiality requirements may only be used for purposes of granting a child care license or approving a child care provider for participation in the child care subsidy program.
(k) For purposes of this subsection:
(i) Child care provider means a child care program required to be licensed under the Child Care Licensing Act; and
(ii) Child care staff member means an individual who is not related to all of the children for whom child care services are provided and:
(A) Who is employed by a child care provider for compensation, including contract employees or self-employed individuals;
(B) Whose activities involve the care or supervision of children for a child care provider or unsupervised access to children who are cared for or supervised by a child care provider; or
(C) Who is residing in a family child care home and who is eighteen years of age or older.

Sec. 26. Section 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-1913 (1) The department may request the State Fire Marshal to inspect any program for fire safety pursuant to section 81-502. The State Fire Marshal shall immediately notify the department whenever he or she delegates authority for such inspections under such section.
(2) The department may investigate all facilities and programs of licensed providers of child care programs as defined in section 71-1910 or applicants for licenses to provide such programs to determine if the place or places to be covered by such licenses meet standards of sanitation and physical well-being set by the department for the care and protection of the child or children who may be placed in such facilities and programs. The department may delegate this authority to qualified local environmental health personnel.
(3) At each investigation, the inspector shall request from the licensee, and verify, current proof of liability insurance pursuant to section 71-1911.03.
(4)~~(3)~~ This section does not apply to school-age child care programs which are licensed pursuant to section 71-1917.

2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB380:
AM1034

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM814)

1. On page 13, after line 12, insert the following new subdivision:
"(a) Not reduce department-posted medicaid rates for mental health or substance use disorder services;"; in line 13 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 18 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 20 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; and in line 25 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB669:
MO171
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO172
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO173
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO174
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO175
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

MO176
Indefinitely postpone.

MO177
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Senator Spivey renewed MO87, found on page 799 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, and 22 not voting.

The Storer motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 3 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould
DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree

Voting in the negative, 31:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar Hardin Quick Sanders

The Spivey motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 12 ayes, 31 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Spivey offered the following motion:
MO178
Reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Pending.

MOTION - Adjournment

Senator Holdcroft moved to adjourn until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

MOTION - Recess

Senator Hunt moved to recess until 5:25 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2025.

Senator Hunt requested a machine vote on the motion to recess.

The Hunt motion to recess failed with 0 ayes, 37 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to adjourn is out of order.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Senator Spivey renewed MO178, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Pending.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 14, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 84, 97e, 113, 148, 326, 355e, 390, and 457 were received in my office on April 10, 2025, and signed on April 14, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on April 14, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 378. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM825
1. Strike the original section and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
(a) Contract means any agreement between a covered institution and a foreign adversarial source for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property or services, for the direct benefit or use of either of the parties;
(b) Covered institution means any public or private two-year or four-year college or university having a campus or place of business in Nebraska;
(c) Foreign adversarial source means:
(i) A foreign adversary government, including an agency of a foreign adversary government;
(ii) A legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under

laws of a foreign adversary government;
(iii) An individual who is a citizen or a national of a foreign adversary government; and
(iv) An agent of any entity or individual described in subdivision (1)(c)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, including a subsidiary or affiliate of a foreign adversary legal entity acting on behalf of any such entity or individual;
(d) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025; and
(e) Reportable funding means revenue or the fair-market value of anything received as the result of any contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation, including a conditional or unconditional pledge of a contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation from a foreign adversarial source.
(2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, each covered institution shall provide a report biannually to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in a manner prescribed by the commission, detailing all reportable funding received by the covered institution. Unless the information is exempt or prohibited from disclosure or deemed confidential under federal or state law, the report shall include the following information:
(i) The amount of the reportable funding and the date that such funding was received;
(ii) A description of the type of reportable funding and the purpose for such funding, including whether the reportable funding is part of an ongoing relationship with the foreign adversarial source;
(iii) A detailed description of the foreign adversarial source providing the reportable funding, including the name of the foreign adversarial source and, if not a foreign government, the country of citizenship, if known, and the country of principal residence or domicile of the foreign adversarial source; and
(iv) A copy of any contract, agreement, pledge, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding.
(b) This section shall not require reporting of payments made to a covered institution by a natural person who would otherwise qualify as a foreign adversarial source for tuition or related fees to support an individual enrolled or planning to attend a covered institution.
(c) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall post the report on its public website.
Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 417. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM748
1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 2. During any academic year in which the Federal Pell Grant Program is not available to students, the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska may choose not to administer the Nebraska Promise Program as described in section 1 of this act for such academic year. The Board of Regents shall provide notice to students prior to each academic year in a manner prescribed by the board regarding the availability of the Nebraska Promise Program for the upcoming academic year.
Sec. 12. If any section in this act or any part of any section is declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.
2. On page 2, line 1, after "section" insert "and section 2 of this act"; and in line 8 strike "The" and insert "Subject to section 2 of this act, the".

15 3. On page 11, line 26, strike "and 7" and insert "7, and 8".
16 4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
17 accordingly.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 653. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM995 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to LB653:
FA107
In AM995, Strike Section 1.

FA108
In AM995, Strike Section 2.

FA109
In AM995, Strike Section 3.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB288:
AM1052
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)
1 1. On page 24, lines 21 through 25, strike the new matter; and in
2 line 25 reinstate the stricken matter.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB316:
AM1063 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB632:
FA105
In AM616, on Line 2 before "completed" insert "then".

FA106
Strike lines 17-18 and insert the following: "(5) Notice of the method of dispositions shall not be required to be given to a woman upon whom an abortion was performed."

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Ralph, Emily, and Ozzy Armendariz, Omaha; Lauren, Miles, Gigi, and Forrest Gentsch, Morton Grove, IL; UNL Krutsinger Beef Industry Scholars, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Emily Franzen, Lincoln.

MOTION - Adjournment

Senator Hansen moved to adjourn until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the motion to adjourn.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern
Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Present and not voting, 4:

Brandt	Dover	Hughes	McKeon

Excused and not voting, 6:

Armendariz	Hardin	Quick
Bostar	Prokop	Sanders

The Hansen motion to adjourn prevailed with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting, and at 5:24 p.m., the Legislature adjourned until 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTY-SECOND DAY - APRIL 15, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 15, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lonowski.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Petty Officer RG Smith, Division A, Navy.

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, Guereca, Hallstrom, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-first day was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Items appearing on pages 1103 to 1105 of the Journal were received and filed with the Clerk of the Legislature prior to adjournment on Monday, April 14, 2025.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB632:
FA110
Strike lines 17-18 and insert the following: "(5) Notice of the method of dispositions shall not be required to be given to a woman upon whom an abortion was performed."

Senator Spivey filed the following amendments to LB632:

FA111
Strike Section 1.

FA112
Add: The State of Nebraska will reimburse providers for the total cost of cremation and/or burial.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, and 115.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Senator Spivey renewed MO178, found and considered on page 1102, to reconsider the vote taken on MO87.

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM616, found on page 792, was offered.

Senator Spivey offered MO89, found on page 800, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Hansen offered the following motion:
MO179
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 13:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Raybould

The Hansen motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 13 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Spivey motion to bracket failed with 14 ayes, 33 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 11 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB243:
AM1038 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Senator DeBoer offered MO106, found on page 840, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Clouse opened on his bill, LB322.

Senator DeBoer opened on her motion, MO106.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM874 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB468:
FA113
In AM874, Strike Section 1.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Senator DeBoer renewed MO106, found on page 840 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	McKinney	Spivey

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Prokop
DeBoer	Guereca	Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Raybould

The Jacobsen motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 7 ayes, 34 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator DeBoer offered the following motion:
MO180
Reconsider the vote taken on MO106.

Pending.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 380, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 118. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and formulate a standardized method of classifying and valuing property relating to biofuel facilities.

The valuation and classification of property, both real property and improvements, as it pertains to biofuel facilities varies among counties and assessors in the state, creating inconsistencies in taxation and property assessments from county to county. These inconsistencies may create financial burdens on biofuel producers and inhibit further investment and development of the renewable energy industry.

A more uniform and equitable system for valuing and classifying property related to biofuel facilities would provide clarity for assessors, entities

funded by property taxes, property owners, and developers and could stimulate growth in the future of our biofuel sector.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 119. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Andersen, 49; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Hallstrom, 1; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have participated in a sister-state relationship since 1983; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan share the same values of freedom, democracy, rule of law, and respect for human dignity; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska and Taiwan have enjoyed a mutually beneficial bilateral trade relationship with Taiwan ranking as Nebraska's twelfth largest import source and eighth largest export destination in 2023; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a fair and reciprocal bilateral trade agreement between Taiwan and the United States are an important step toward further strengthening of bilateral trade and mutual investment between Nebraska and Taiwan; and

WHEREAS, Taiwan is a major global trading partner for the United States and is a major export market for American agricultural products.

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

1. That the Legislature supports Taiwan's vibrant democracy and celebrates the forty-second anniversary of Nebraska's sister-state relationship with Taiwan.

2. That the Legislature acknowledges the rich history of friendship and welcomes strengthening economic and trade relations between Nebraska and Taiwan.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Virgie Smith, Bellevue; students from Emmanuel Faith Lutheran, York; students from Wilber-Claytonia Elementary, Wilber; Nebraska HR Professionals from across the state; Jerry Lucas and Joe Lucas, Colorado; members of OutNebraska for LGBTQ

Legislative Day; students from St. Michael's Elementary, Lincoln; students from Holy Name School, Omaha; members of I Be Black Girl, Omaha.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Bosn, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Spivey who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Clements, Conrad, Dorn, Dover, Hughes, Hunt, Lippincott, Raybould, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM876
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-958 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to July 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation. ~~Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.~~
(b) Beginning on July 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:
(i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, nine and three-quarters of one percent of compensation;
(ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than ninety-eight percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, eight and three-quarters of one percent of compensation;
(iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is ninety-eight percent or greater and less than one hundred percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, eight percent of compensation; and
(iv) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the

School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, seven and one-quarter of one percent of compensation.

(c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.

(2) For the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the required contributions of the school employees of each employer. Such deposits shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as such required employee contributions.

(3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as member contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked up.

(4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

Sec. 2. Section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-966 (1)(a) On the basis of all data in the possession of the retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted by the retirement board, the retirement board shall annually, on or before July 1, determine the state deposit to be made by the state in the School Retirement Fund for that fiscal year. The amount of such state deposit shall be determined pursuant to section 79-966.01. The retirement board shall thereupon certify the amount of such state deposit, and on the warrant of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer shall, as of July 1 of such year, transfer from funds appropriated by the state for that purpose to the School Retirement Fund the amount of such state deposit.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2016, the contingent state transfer described in this subsection shall be calculated as a percent of compensation of all members of the retirement system. For any year in which a deposit is made to the School Retirement Fund under this subsection, if the actuary for a retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act determines that the actuarially required contribution rate, for the fiscal year of the retirement system that begins before the state deposit, exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, using the amortization period specified in section 79-966.01, the Class V district school board may request a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature to ask the state to transfer to the Class V school district for transfer to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act an amount determined by

multiplying the compensation of all members of such retirement system by the lesser of the percent of compensation transferred into the School Retirement Fund under this subsection or the percent of compensation of the members of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act needed to meet the actuarially required contribution rate for such system, using the amortization period specified in section 79-966.01. Any additional amount of transfer so calculated, recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and approved by the Legislature, shall be added to the ~~two~~ percent specified in subsection (2) of this section for the amount required by subsection (2) of section 79-916 to be transferred to the Class V school district, which shall transfer such amount to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

(2)(a)~~(2)~~ For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and prior to July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system.

(b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund the following amount:

(i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system;

(ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than one hundred percent for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, an amount equal to seven-tenths of one percent of the compensation of all members of the retirement system; and

(iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater for the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system produced for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503, no transfer shall be made under this subsection.

(3) In addition to the state deposits and transfers required by subsections (1) and (2) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2005, and each fiscal year thereafter for employees who become members prior to July 1, 2016, the state shall transfer into the Service Annuity Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay the normal cost and amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the service annuity benefit established pursuant to sections 79-933 and 79-952 as accrued through the end of the previous fiscal year of the school employees who are members of the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act.

Sec. 3. Original sections 79-958 and 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Senator DeBoer renewed MO180, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO106.

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

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

The Hallstrom motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 4 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to reconsider failed with 8 ayes, 33 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM767, found on page 940, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered MO107, found on page 840, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM884
1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "the general election in November" and
2 insert "a special election on May 12,".

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST19
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 2, line 17, "and" has been struck; and in line 20 "and" has been inserted after the semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST17
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM404, on page 9, line 14, "6" has been struck and "5" inserted; and in line 15 "and 27" has been struck and "26, and 28 of this act" inserted.
2. On page 1, line 5, "4-108," has been inserted after "sections"; and in line 6 "to change provisions relating to certain documents that are required to be maintained by employing state agencies and political subdivisions;" has been inserted after the semicolon.
3. On page 101, line 21, "4-108," has been inserted after "sections".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 169A. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 169, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025
Debra L Kelly - Nebraska Tourism Commission
AM1038 Amending LB243

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 120. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35;

Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Madison Chrisman, a senior at Central City High School, was awarded first place in Agriscience Research-Animal Systems; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Madison represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Madison Chrisman for earning first place in Agriscience Research-Animal Systems at the State FFA Convention.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Madison Chrisman.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 121. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Courtney Carlstrom, a senior at High Plains High School, was awarded first place in Agricultural Sales-Placement; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Courtney represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Courtney Carlstrom for earning first place in Agricultural Sales-Placement at the State FFA Convention.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Courtney Carlstrom.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 122. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the State FFA Convention was held on April 2 through April 4, 2025, in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, each student participant can be recognized for developing technical knowledge or skill curated through the Supervised Agricultural Experience Program sometimes earning them a Proficiency Award; and

WHEREAS, the student is first judged at the district level, then at the state level, and finally, the top three in the state in each proficiency are forwarded to be interviewed and judged during the state convention; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Thede, a sophomore at Palmer High School, was awarded first place in Automobile Technology; and

WHEREAS, young farmers and developers like Joseph represent the best of Nebraska's future economy; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes Joseph Thede for earning first place in Automobile Technology at the State FFA Convention.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Joseph Thede.

Laid over.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to LB474:
AM1041

(Amendments to AM669)

1 1. Strike sections 110 and 111 and insert the following new

sections:
Sec. 110. Section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:
Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of not to exceed six percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.
(2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.
(3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar year and each year thereafter.
Sec. 111. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 113, and 114 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
Sec. 112. Original sections 44-502 and 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, are repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB288:
AM1074

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM733)

1. Strike section 13.
2. On page 24, lines 21 through 25, strike the new matter; and in line 25 reinstate the stricken matter.
3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Clouse filed the following amendment to LB258:
AM1077

(Amendments to AM880)

1. On page 1, strike line 2 and insert the following new amendment:
1. On page 2, strike beginning with "the" in line 17 through "cents" in line 25, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "one and three-quarter percent".

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB468:
AM1069

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM874)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 77-2004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
77-2004 (1) In the case of a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, child or children legally

adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any lineal descendant, any lineal descendant legally adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any person to whom the deceased for not less than ten years prior to death stood in the acknowledged relation of a parent, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such persons, the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; ~~.~~

(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, nine-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, eight-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, seven-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, six-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, five-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, four-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, three-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, two-tenths of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, one-tenth of one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; and

(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.

(2) Any interest in property, including any interest acquired in the manner set forth in section 77-2002, which may be valued at a sum less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section shall not be subject to tax. In addition the homestead allowance, exempt property, and family maintenance allowance shall not be subject to tax. Interests passing to the surviving spouse by will, in the manner set forth in section 77-2002, or in any other manner shall not be subject to tax. Any interest passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

2024, is amended to read:

77-2005 (1) In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, or other lineal descendant of the same, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any of such persons, the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, thirteen percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of fifteen thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, eleven percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; ~~.~~

(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, nine and nine-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, eight and eight-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, seven and seven-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, six and six-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, five and five-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, four and four-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, three and three-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, two and two-tenths percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, one and one-tenth percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; and

(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.

(2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section, it shall not be subject to tax. In addition, any interest passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

Sec. 3. Section 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2006 (1) In all other cases the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, eighteen percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of ten thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, fifteen percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five

thousand dollars;.
(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, thirteen and one-half percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, twelve percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, ten and one-half percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, nine percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, seven and one-half percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, six percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, four and one-half percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, three percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, one and one-half percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars; and
(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, zero percent.
(2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section, it shall not be subject to any tax. In addition, any interest passing to a person who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.
Sec. 4. Original sections 77-2004, 77-2005, and 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Committee AM767, found on page 940 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer renewed MO107, found on page 840 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM895
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 81-2601, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 81-2601 (1) There is hereby established the Commission on African
6 American Affairs. For purposes of sections 81-2601 to 81-2607, commission
7 means the Commission on African American Affairs.
8 (2) The commission shall consist of fourteen members who shall be of
9 African ancestry. Members of the commission shall be appointed by the
10 Governor. One member of the commission shall, at the time of initial
11 appointment, be an individual who identifies as an immigrant or new
12 American, and one member shall, at the time of initial appointment, be a
13 young professional eighteen years of age or older and younger than
14 twenty-five years of age.~~The commission may have such nonvoting, ex~~
15 ~~officio members as shall be appointed by the commission and who need not~~
16 ~~be of African ancestry.~~ The commission shall elect one of its members as
17 chairperson.
18 (3) Members of the commission shall serve no more than two full,
19 four-year terms~~ or for the unexpired term in the event of a vacancy~~. ~~As~~
20 ~~the terms of the voting members expire, their successors shall be~~
21 ~~appointed by the Governor from a panel of nominees submitted by the~~
22 ~~public.~~ An appointment for an unexpired term shall follow the same
23 procedure as for initial and subsequent appointments.~~ Voting members~~
24 ~~shall be eligible for reappointment.~~
25 (4) The names of all commissioners shall be listed on the
26 commission's website.
27 Sec. 2. Section 81-2602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
1 amended to read:
2 81-2602 The purpose of the commission is to join representatives of
3 African Americans and Black Americans across the diaspora in Nebraska to
4 ~~do all things which the commission may determine to~~ enhance the well-
5 being of African Americans~~cause of African American rights~~ and to develop
6 proactive solutions~~ to problems common to all Nebraska African Americans~~.
7 Sec. 3. Section 81-2603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
8 amended to read:
9 81-2603 The commission may receive and administer funds from state,
10 federal, and other sources and may employ and fix the compensation of
11 personnel~~an executive director~~ of its own choosing~~ who shall be an~~
12 ~~African American person and a legal resident of the State of Nebraska~~. An
13 office for ~~the~~ executive management~~director~~ shall be provided.
14 Sec. 4. Section 81-2604, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:
16 81-2604 The functions of the commission are to:
17 (1) Promote state and federal legislation beneficial to the African
18 American community in Nebraska;
19 (2) Coordinate new and existing programs relating to the African
20 American community in Nebraska regarding key opportunities including, but
21 not limited to, housing, education, ~~welfare, medical and dental care,~~
22 employment, economic development, law and order, and related
23 themes~~problems~~;
24 (3) Work with other state and federal government agencies and
25 federal and state elected officials in the development of programs in
26 areas mentioned in subdivision (2) of this section;
27 (4) Keep the Governor's office apprised of the situation in the

African American community in Nebraska;
(5) Administer sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;
(6) Provide the public with information and education relevant to African American affairs in Nebraska; and
(7) Develop initiatives~~programs~~ to encourage the total involvement of African American people in activities for the common benefit of the African American community.

Sec. 5. Section 81-2606, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2606 (1) The commission shall meet at least quarterly. At least one of such meetings~~once~~ every calendar year shall be in the city in Nebraska with the largest African American population. In addition to the requirements of the Open Meetings Act, public notice of a meeting shall be required no later than seven calendar days prior to the date of such meeting and shall be published on the commission's website and social media and shared with local media outlets~~quarter~~. Meetings shall be held in January, April, July, and October. Special meetings may be called at the request of eight voting members. Eight voting members of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Commission meeting minutes shall be posted on the commission's website.

(2) The office of any member of the commission who, without a valid excuse, fails to attend annual~~quarterly~~ or special meetings shall be vacant.

(3) The commission shall electronically submit an annual report to the Governor and the Clerk of the Legislature containing a summary of the following:

(a) An overview of the commission's mission, key achievements, challenges, and primary goals for the coming year;

(b) Legislative advocacy and policy impact including the commission's role in supporting or proposing legislation, policies for which the commission advocated, supported, or implemented that impacted the African American community, and the progress made on the policies described in sections 81-2601 to 81-2607;

(c) Community engagement programs including initiatives, outreach, public forums, and partnerships with community organizations;

(d) Economic development initiatives including efforts to improve economic opportunities within the African American community, employment programs, small business support, training, and progress in reducing economic disparities;

(e) Education and workforce development including educational initiatives, such as scholarships, mentoring programs, partnerships with schools, and efforts to ensure African American youth and adults have access to career advancement opportunities;

(f) Health and wellness initiatives including programs that address health disparities, wellness promotion, and increasing access to health care resources;

(g) Criminal justice and public safety efforts including those that address disparities in the criminal justice system, programs for formerly incarcerated individuals, and improvements in police-community relations;

(h) Housing and community development including initiatives to address issues such as affordable housing, eviction prevention efforts, and partnerships with housing agencies;

(i) Metrics and key performance indicators including data that demonstrates the impact of each program or initiative, such as employment rates, graduation rates, health outcomes, and recidivism rates in the African American community;

(j) Financial information including the commission's budget, funding sources, expenditures, grants received, and public funds allocated;

(k) Public feedback and a community needs assessment including feedback from the community on the effectiveness of the commission's work

and priority areas for improvement; and
(l) Future goals and strategic plans including goals for the upcoming year and long-term objectives with a focus on addressing challenges and advancing the commission's mission.

Sec. 6. Section 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2607 (1) For purposes of administration of the commission during the interim between regular quarterly meetings, there is hereby established an executive board of the Commission on African American Affairs consisting of the chairperson of the commission and four members of the commission.

(2) The executive board may enter into contracts for consultation services, supplies, and equipment, if the amount contracted for does not exceed two thousand dollars in any one contract, and may supervise all initiatives~~programs~~ relating to the affairs of African American people instituted and authorized by the commission.

Sec. 7. Original sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604, 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM606

1. On page 3, strike beginning with "If" in line 26 through the period; in line 31, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "An applicant may only submit one claim within any thirty-day period, except that there may be an additional application for funeral expenses.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM750

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

Section 1. Section 28-1239.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1239.01 (1) No person shall conduct a public exhibition or display of display fireworks without first procuring a display permit from the State Fire Marshal. Such application for a display permit shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred~~ten~~ dollars to be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~deposited in~~ the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.

(2) No display fireworks shall be sold or delivered by a licensed distributor to any person who is not in possession of an approved display permit. Sales of display fireworks to persons without an approved display permit shall be subject to sections 28-1213 to 28-1239.

Sec. 2. Section 28-1246, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

28-1246 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, hold for sale, or offer for sale as a distributor, jobber, or retailer any fireworks in this state unless such person has first obtained a license as a distributor, jobber, or retailer. Application for each such license shall be made to the State Fire Marshal on forms prescribed by him or her. Each application shall be accompanied by the required fee, which shall be one thousand~~five hundred~~ dollars for a distributor's license, four~~two~~ hundred dollars for a jobber's license, and one hundred~~twenty-five~~ dollars for a retailer's license. Each application for a retailer's license shall be received by the State Fire Marshal at least ten business days prior to the sales period, as set forth in section 28-1249, in which the retailer wishes to sell consumer fireworks. A retailer's license shall be good only for the specific sales period listed on the application and within the calendar year in which issued. The retailer's license shall at all times be displayed at the place of business of the

holder thereof.
(2) The funds received pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund.
Sec. 3. Section 28-1251, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
28-1251 (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, association, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation to conduct fire alarm tests and fire alarm inspections without prior written certification by the State Fire Marshal as to the qualifications of such persons conducting such tests and inspections.
(2) The State Fire Marshal shall formulate reasonable guidelines to determine qualifications for fire alarm inspectors and shall administer an examination pursuant to such guidelines prior to certification of applicants.
(3) The State Fire Marshal may charge a fee of no more than two~~one~~ hundred dollars to cover costs of administering such examinations and issuing certifications.
(4) Unlawful testing or inspection of fire alarms is a Class III misdemeanor.
Sec. 4. Section 81-503.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
81-503.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations constituting a State Fire Code. At a minimum, the State Fire Code shall cover:
(a) The prevention of fires;
(b) The storage, sale, and use of flammable liquids, combustibles, and fireworks;
(c) Electrical wiring and heating, protection equipment devices, materials, furnishings, and other safeguards within structures necessary to promote safety and reduce loss by fire;
(d) The means and adequacy of exits, in case of fire, in assembly, educational, institutional, residential, mercantile, office, storage, and industrial-type occupancies as such structures are defined in the State Fire Code;
(e) All other buildings, structures, and enclosures in which numbers of persons congregate from time to time for any purpose, whether privately or publicly owned;
(f) Design, construction, location, installation, and operation of equipment for storing, handling, and utilization of liquefied petroleum gases, specifying the odorization of such gases and the degree thereof;
(g) Chemicals, prozylin plastics, X-ray nitrocellulose films, or any other hazardous material that may now or hereafter exist;
(h) Tanks used for the storage of regulated substances pursuant to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act; and
(i) Accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to section 81-5,147.
(2) Not later than July 1, 2019, the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall conform generally to the standards recommended by the National Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 1, known as the Fire Code, 2012 edition, the National Fire Protection Association, Pamphlet Number 101, known as the Life Safety Code, 2012 edition, and associated pamphlets, but not when doing so would impose an unduly severe or costly burden without substantially contributing to the safety of persons or property.
(3) The State Fire Marshal shall enforce the State Fire Code through inspections, code compliance, and orders. Plans for compliance with the State Fire Code shall be reviewed by the State Fire Marshal. Plans submitted after remodeling or construction has begun shall be accompanied by a late submittal fee~~penalty~~ of an amount equal to an additional fifty

percent of the~~fifty dollars in addition to the~~ plan review fee established pursuant to subdivision (4)(a) of section 81-505.01.

(4) Rules and regulations adopted and promulgated as part of the State Fire Code shall apply to sites or structures in public ownership listed on the National Register of Historic Places but without destroying the historic quality thereof.

Sec. 5. Section 81-505.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-505.01 (1) The State Fire Marshal shall establish and assess fees not to exceed the actual costs for the performance of services by the State Fire Marshal or by qualified local fire prevention personnel to whom the State Fire Marshal has delegated authority to perform such services. Prior to establishing or altering such fees, the State Fire Marshal shall hold a public hearing on the question of the adoption of or change in fees. Notice of such hearing shall be given at least thirty days prior thereto (a) by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the state and (b) by notifying in writing the head of any agency or department having jurisdiction over facilities that would be subject to the fees. Fees for services performed by the State Fire Marshal shall be paid to the State Fire Marshal and shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the State Fire Marshal Cash Fund. Fees for services performed by local fire prevention personnel shall be paid directly to the office of the local fire prevention personnel.

(2) The fee for inspection for fire safety of any premises or facility pursuant to section 81-502 or 81-503.01 shall be not less than fifty~~twenty-five~~ nor more than three hundred~~one hundred fifty~~ dollars and shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fee for inspection for fire safety of the same premises or facility made within twelve months after the last prior inspection shall be not less than fifty~~twenty-five~~ nor more than three~~one~~ hundred ~~fifty~~ dollars and shall be paid by the licensee or applicant for a license. The fees for inspection for fire safety of foster family homes as defined in section 71-1901 may be paid by the Department of Health and Human Services.

(3) The fee for providing investigation reports to insurance companies shall not exceed three dollars for each report provided. The State Fire Marshal may charge an amount not to exceed the actual cost of preparation for any other approved information release.

(4)(a) The State Fire Marshal shall charge a fee for reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with rules and regulations adopted and promulgated pursuant to section 81-503.01 or 81-5,147. The State Fire Marshal shall establish such fee in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated to be effective on September 1, 2025~~January 1, 2022~~. Such fee shall meet the costs of administering the plan review requirement and other agency duties found in sections 81-502, 81-503.01, and 81-5,147 but shall not exceed ten thousand~~five hundred~~ dollars. The fee schedule as it existed prior to September 1, 2025~~August 28, 2021~~, shall be used through August 31, 2025~~December 31, 2021~~.

(b) The fees established pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not be assessed or collected by any political subdivision to which the State Fire Marshal has delegated the authority to conduct such review and which reviews plans, blueprints, or shop drawings to determine compliance with such political subdivision's own fire safety regulations. Nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to prohibit such political subdivision from assessing or collecting a fee set by its governing board for such review.

(c) An additional fee equal to fifty percent of the fee charged pursuant to subdivision (a) of this subsection shall be assessed for reviewing plans, blueprints, and shop drawings to determine compliance with the accessibility standards and specifications adopted pursuant to section 81-5,147, except that the additional fee assessed pursuant to

this subdivision shall not exceed five thousand~~two hundred fifty~~ dollars.

Sec. 6. Section 81-5,159, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-5,159 (1) Any water-based fire protection system contractor who installs, repairs, alters, adds to, maintains, or inspects water-based fire protection systems in this state shall first obtain a contractor certificate.

(2) A water-based fire protection system contractor may apply to the State Fire Marshal for a contractor certificate. The application shall be made on a form prescribed by the State Fire Marshal and shall include a certificate fee of up to two~~one~~ hundred dollars. Each applicant must designate a responsible managing employee on the application, and such individual's name shall appear on the certificate with that of the water-based fire protection system contractor upon issuance. Proof of insurance required by section 81-5,160 shall also accompany the application.

(3) Upon receipt of a complete application, proof of insurance, and certificate fee, the State Fire Marshal shall schedule a time for an examination of the responsible managing employee to demonstrate that he or she is familiar with the procedures and rules of the State Fire Marshal relating to water-based fire protection systems. If the responsible managing employee passes the examination, the State Fire Marshal shall issue the certificate to the water-based fire protection system contractor within thirty days.

(4) A certificate shall expire on September 30 of the year following issuance. An application for renewal shall be filed at least ten days prior to expiration and shall be accompanied by a renewal fee of up to two~~one~~ hundred dollars and a sworn affidavit that the responsible managing employee is currently employed by the water-based fire protection system contractor. A water-based fire protection system contractor who fails to apply for renewal within the time stated in this subsection must make a new application for a certificate.

(5) A responsible managing employee may only act as such for one water-based fire protection system contractor at a time. When a responsible managing employee terminates his or her association with a water-based fire protection system contractor, the water-based fire protection system contractor shall notify the State Fire Marshal within thirty days after termination. The responsible managing employee shall not be designated as the responsible managing employee for more than two water-based fire protection system contractors in any twelve-month period. The State Fire Marshal shall revoke the certificate of a water-based fire protection system contractor whose responsible managing employee has terminated his or her association with the water-based fire protection system contractor unless an application designating a new responsible managing employee is filed within six months after termination or prior to expiration of the current certificate, whichever is earlier.

Sec. 7. Section 81-15,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-15,120 Any farm or residential tank or tank used for storing heating oil as defined in subdivisions (10)(a) and (b) of section 81-15,119 shall be registered with the State Fire Marshal. The registration shall be accompanied by a one-time fee of ten~~five~~ dollars and shall be valid until the State Fire Marshal is notified that a tank so registered has been permanently closed. Such registration shall specify the ownership of, location of, and substance stored in the tank to be registered. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the state. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Environment

and Energy to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act, including the provision of matching funds required by Public Law 99-499 for actions otherwise authorized by the act. Any money in such fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 8. Section 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-15,121 (1) A person shall not (a) maintain or use any tank for the storage of regulated substances, (b) install any new tank, or (c) permanently close a tank without first securing a permit from the State Fire Marshal.

(2) A fee shall not be charged for a permit under subdivision (1)(a) or (c) of this section. The fee for a permit for installation shall be seventy-five~~fifty~~ dollars. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund.

(3) All owners of operating tanks, except those provided for in subsection (4) of this section, shall annually register each tank. All registration permits shall expire on December 31 of the year for which the permit was issued. The registration fee shall be no more than sixty~~thirty~~ dollars per tank. The State Fire Marshal shall remit the fee to the State Treasurer for credit to the Underground Storage Tank Fund. Such permits shall contain the information specified in subsection (5) of this section.

(4) In the case of tanks permanently abandoned on or after January 1, 1974, an annual permit shall not be required and an initial registration permit shall be sufficient.

(5) The application for a registration permit shall be provided by and filed with the State Fire Marshal's office and shall require, but not be limited to, the following information:

(a) The date the tank was placed in or taken out of operation;

(b) The age of the tank;

(c) The size, type, and location of the tank; and

(d) The type of substances stored in the tank and the quantity of such substances remaining in the tank if the tank has been permanently closed.

(6) The registration permit fee collected pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to~~deposited in~~ the Underground Storage Tank Fund which is hereby created as a cash fund. The fund shall also consist of any money appropriated to the fund by the state. The fund shall be administered by the State Fire Marshal to carry out the purposes of the Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substances Storage and Handling Act. Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Underground Storage Tank Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

Sec. 9. Original sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01, 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 10. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1008 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 663. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM973

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

Section 1. Section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-114.01 (1) In order to avail itself of the powers conferred by section 23-114, the county board shall appoint a ~~planning commission to be known as the~~ county planning commission. The members of the commission shall be residents of the county to be planned and shall be appointed with due consideration to geographical and population factors. Since the primary focus of concern and control in county planning and land-use regulatory programs is the unincorporated area, a majority of the members of the commission shall be residents of unincorporated areas, except that this requirement shall not apply to joint planning commissions. Members of the commission shall hold no county or municipal office, except that a member may also be a member of a city, village, or other type of planning commission. The term of each member shall be three years, except that approximately one-third of the members of the first commission shall serve for terms of one year, one-third for terms of two years, and one-third for terms of three years. All members shall hold office until their successors are appointed. Members of the commission may be removed by a majority vote of the county board for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office or other good and sufficient cause upon written charges being filed with the county board and after a public hearing has been held regarding such charges. Vacancies occurring otherwise than through the expiration of terms shall be filled for the unexpired terms by individuals appointed by the county board. Members of the commission shall be compensated for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with their duties in an amount to be fixed by the county board. Reimbursement for mileage shall be made at the rate provided in section 81-1176. Each county board may provide a per diem payment for members of the commission of not to exceed fifteen dollars for each day that each such member attends meetings of the commission or is engaged in matters concerning the commission, but no member shall receive more than one thousand dollars in any one year. Such per diem payments shall be in addition to and separate from compensation for expenses.

(2) The county attorney, each member of the commission, and each member of the county board of any county that has enacted county zoning regulations shall undertake two hours of education per term on topics specific to the role of the county attorney, commissioner, or board member when addressing matters subject to this section.

(3)~~(2)~~ The commission: (a) Shall prepare and adopt as its policy statement a comprehensive development plan and such implemental means as a capital improvement program, subdivision regulations, building codes, and a zoning resolution; (b) shall consult with and advise public officials and agencies, public utilities, civic organizations, educational institutions, and citizens relating to the promulgation of implemental programs; (c) may delegate authority to any of the groups named in subdivision (b) of this subsection to conduct studies and make surveys for the commission; and (d) shall make preliminary reports on its findings and hold public hearings before submitting its final reports. The county board shall not hold its public meetings or take action on matters relating to the comprehensive development plan, capital improvements, building codes, subdivision development, or zoning until it has received the recommendations of the commission.

(4)(a)~~(3)~~ The commission may, with the consent of the governing body, in its own name: (i) Make and enter into contracts with public or private bodies; (ii) receive contributions, bequests, gifts, or grants of funds from public or private sources; (iii) expend the funds appropriated to it by the county board; (iv) employ agents and employees; and (v)

acquire, hold, and dispose of property.

(b) The commission may, on its own authority: (i) Make arrangements consistent with its program; (ii) conduct or sponsor special studies or planning work for any public body or appropriate agency; (iii) receive grants, remuneration, or reimbursement for such studies or work; and (iv) at its public hearings, summon witnesses, administer oaths, and compel the giving of testimony.

(5)(a)~~(4)~~ In all counties in the state, the county planning commission may grant conditional uses or special exceptions to property owners for the use of their property if the county board of commissioners or supervisors has officially and generally authorized the commission to exercise such powers and has approved the standards and procedures the commission adopted for equitably and judiciously granting such conditional uses or special exceptions. The granting of a conditional use permit or special exception shall only allow property owners to put their property to a special use if it is among those uses specifically identified in the county zoning regulations as classifications of uses which may require special conditions or requirements to be met by the owners before a use permit or building permit is authorized.

(b) The applicant for a conditional use permit or special exception for a livestock operation specifically identified in the county zoning regulations as a classification of use which may require special conditions or requirements to be met within an area of a county zoned for agricultural use may request a determination of the special conditions or requirements to be imposed by the county planning commission or by the county board of commissioners or supervisors if the board has not authorized the commission to exercise such authority. Upon request the commission or board shall issue such determination of the special conditions or requirements to be imposed in a timely manner. Such special conditions or requirements to be imposed may include, but are not limited to, the submission of information that may be separately provided to state or federal agencies in applying to obtain the applicable state and federal permits. Granting a conditional use permit or special exception by the commission or county board shall be based solely on county zoning regulations. Nothing in this section shall be construed to release the applicant from complying with applicable rules and regulations of any local, state, or federal agency or with any applicable state or federal permit requirements. A commission or county board shall not require an applicant for a conditional use permit or special exception to apply for or obtain any other permit from a federal, state, or local agency as a condition for granting such conditional use permit or special exception. The granting of a conditional use permit or special exception by a commission or county board shall not relieve the applicant of any requirement to obtain other necessary permits from any federal, state, or local agency.

(c) The commission or the board may request and review, prior to making a determination of the special conditions or requirements to be imposed, reasonable information relevant to the conditional use or special exception. If a determination of the special conditions or requirements to be imposed has been made, final permit approval may be withheld subject only to a final review by the commission or county board to determine whether there is a substantial change in the applicant's proposed use of the property upon which the determination was based and that the applicant has met, or will meet, the special conditions or requirements imposed in the determination. When making the determination as to whether the special use permit application should be approved or denied, the commission and board shall presume that the applicant for the permit will comply with all local, state, and federal requirements. The burden of proof to the contrary shall rest on the party challenging said presumption. Without factual evidence contrary to the application, the

commission or board shall approve the application.

(d) For purposes of this section, substantial change shall include any significant alteration in the original application including a significant change in the design or location of buildings or facilities, in waste disposal methods or facilities, or in capacity.

(6)~~(5)~~ The power to grant conditional uses or special exceptions as set forth in subsection (5)~~(4)~~ of this section shall be the exclusive authority of the commission, except that the county board of commissioners or supervisors may choose to retain for itself the power to grant conditional uses or special exceptions for those classifications of uses specified in the county zoning regulations. The county board of commissioners or supervisors may exercise such power if it has formally adopted standards and procedures for granting such conditional uses or special exceptions in a manner that is equitable and which will promote the public interest. In any county other than a county in which is located a city of the primary class, an appeal of a decision by the county planning commission or county board of commissioners or supervisors regarding a conditional use or special exception shall be made to the district court. In any county in which is located a city of the primary class, an appeal of a decision by the county planning commission regarding a conditional use or special exception shall be made to the county board of commissioners or supervisors, and an appeal of a decision by the county board of commissioners or supervisors regarding a conditional use or special exception shall be made to the district court.

(7)(a)~~(6)~~ Whenever a county planning commission or county board is authorized to grant conditional uses or special exceptions pursuant to subsection (5)~~(4)~~ or (6)~~(5)~~ of this section, the planning commission or county board shall, with its decision to grant or deny a conditional use permit or special exception, issue a statement of factual findings arising from the record of proceedings that support the granting or denial of the conditional use permit or special exception. If a county planning commission's role is advisory to the county board, the county planning commission shall submit such statement with its recommendation to the county board as to whether to approve or deny a conditional use permit or special exception.

(b) Upon receipt by the planning commission of an application, the county zoning administrator or commission shall have thirty days to determine if the application is complete. If the administrator or commission determines the application is incomplete, within ten days following such determination, the administrator or commission shall notify the applicant in writing as to what information is required to make the application complete. The administrator or commission shall have thirty days after receipt of any additional information provided by the applicant to redetermine if the application is complete. Within ninety days after the commission receives a complete application, the commission shall:

(i) If the commission has the authority to grant or deny a conditional use permit or special exception, grant or deny such application; or

(ii) If the commission does not have the authority to grant or deny a conditional use permit or special exception, make a recommendation to the board that such application be granted or denied.

(c) Once the board has received the recommendation of the commission, the board shall have thirty days to make its own determination if the application is complete. If the board determines the application is incomplete, within ten days following such determination, the board shall notify the applicant in writing as to what information is required to make the application complete. The board shall have thirty days after receipt of any additional information provided by the applicant to redetermine if the application is complete. Not later than

ninety days after receiving a complete application as determined by the board, the board shall decide whether to grant or deny a conditional use permit or special exception. If the board has not granted or denied a conditional use permit or special exception by the end of such ninety-day period, the conditional use permit or special exemption shall be deemed granted.

Sec. 2. Original section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students, teachers, and sponsors from Westside Elementary, Norfolk; Leadership Omaha Class 47 and the Bay; Whitney Murman and Kathy Murman, Glenville; Bree Demontigny, Cherry County.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:02 p.m., on a motion by Senator Wordekemper, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Jacobson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, Rountree, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-second day was approved.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Committee AM767, found on page 940 and considered on pages 1116 and 1123, was renewed.

Senator DeBoer renewed MO107, found on page 840 and considered on pages 1116 and 1123, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

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

The Hallstrom motion to cease debate prevailed with 36 ayes, 9 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The DeBoer motion to bracket failed with 6 ayes, 36 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKinney offered the following motion:
MO181
Reconsider the vote taken on MO107.

Senator Clouse offered the following motion:
MO182
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Clouse moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

The Clouse motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 36 ayes, 8 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The McKinney motion to reconsider failed with 9 ayes, 36 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 8 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 8 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB322:
AM1095

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 9. In a prosecution for a violation of section 4, 5, 6, or 7 of this act, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant is a person with a developmental disability as defined in section 83-1205 or autism spectrum disorder as defined in section 44-7,106.
2. On page 1, line 6, strike "8" and insert "9".
3. On page 3, line 9, strike "8" and insert "9".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

AM1092

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM767)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 9. In a prosecution for a violation of section 4, 5, 6, or 7 of this act, it shall be an affirmative defense that the defendant is a person with a developmental disability as defined in section 83-1205 or autism spectrum disorder as defined in section 44-7,106.
2. On page 1, line 6, strike "8" and insert "9".
3. On page 3, line 9, strike "8" and insert "9".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:
AM1023

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

1. Insert the following new section:
Section 1. Section 79-934, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-934 (1) In lieu of the school retirement allowance provided by section 79-933, any member who is not an employee of a Class V school district and who becomes eligible to make application for and receive a school retirement allowance under section 79-931 may receive a formula annuity retirement allowance if it is greater than the school retirement allowance provided by section 79-933.
(2) Subject to the other provisions of this section, the monthly formula annuity in the normal form shall be determined by multiplying the number of years of creditable service for which such member would otherwise receive the service annuity provided by section 79-933 by (a) one and one-quarter percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following August 24, 1975, (b) one and one-half percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 17, 1982, (c) one and sixty-five hundredths percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1, 1984, (d) one and seventy-three hundredths percent of his or her final average compensation for a member actively employed as a school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after June 5, 1993, (e) one and eight-tenths percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1, 1995, and was employed as a school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after April 10, 1996, (f) one and nine-tenths percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1, 1998, and was employed as a school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after April 29, 1999, (g) two percent of his or her final average compensation for a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1, 2000, who was employed as a school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after May 2, 2001, and hired prior to July 1, 2016, and who has not retired prior to May 2, 2001, or (h) two percent of his or her final average compensation for a member initially hired on or after July 1, 2016, or a member who has taken a refund or retirement and is rehired or hired by a separate employer covered by the retirement system on or after July 1, 2016, and has acquired the equivalent of five years of service or more as a school employee under the retirement system or under contract with an employer on or after July 1, 2016. Subdivision (2)(f) of this section shall not apply to a member

who is retired prior to April 29, 1999. Subdivision (2)(g) of this section shall not apply to a member who is retired prior to May 2, 2001.

(3) If the annuity begins on or after the member's sixty-fifth birthday, the annuity shall not be reduced.

(4) If the annuity begins prior to the member's sixtieth birthday and the member has completed thirty-five or more years of creditable service, the annuity shall be actuarially reduced on the basis of age sixty-five.

(5)(a) For a member who has acquired the equivalent of one-half year of creditable service or more as a school employee under the retirement system following July 1, 1997, and who was a school employee on or after March 4, 1998, and who was hired prior to July 1, 2016, if the annuity begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals eighty-five and the member is at least fifty-five years of age, the annuity shall not be reduced. This subdivision shall not apply to a member who is retired prior to March 4, 1998.

(b) For a member hired on or after July 1, 2016, and prior to July 1, 2018, or for a member who has taken a retirement or refund that relinquished all prior service credit and who has not repaid the full amount of the refund pursuant to section 79-921 and is rehired or hired by any employer covered by the retirement system on or after July 1, 2016, and prior to July 1, 2018, if the annuity begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals eighty-five and the member is at least fifty-five years of age, the annuity shall not be reduced.

(c) For a member hired on or after July 1, 2018, or for a member or former member who has taken a retirement or refund that relinquished all prior service credit and who has not repaid the full amount of the refund pursuant to section 79-921 and is rehired or hired by any employer covered by the retirement system on or after July 1, 2018, the annuity shall not be reduced if the annuity begins at a time when the sum of the member's attained age and creditable service totals eighty-five and the member is:

(i) Prior to July 1, 2025, at least sixty years of age; and~~, the annuity shall not be reduced.~~

(ii) On or after July 1, 2025, at least fifty-five years of age.

(6) If the annuity begins on or after the member's sixtieth birthday and the member has completed at least a total of five years of creditable service including eligibility and vesting credit but has not yet qualified for an unreduced annuity as specified in this section, the annuity shall be reduced by three percent for each year after the member's sixtieth birthday and prior to his or her sixty-fifth birthday.

(7)(a) Except as provided in section 42-1107, the normal form of the formula annuity shall be an annuity payable monthly during the remainder of the member's life with the provision that in the event of the member's death before sixty monthly payments have been made the monthly payments will continue until sixty monthly payments have been made in total pursuant to section 79-969.

(b) Except as provided in section 42-1107, a member may elect to receive in lieu of the normal form of annuity an actuarially equivalent annuity in any optional form provided by section 79-938.

(8) All formula annuities shall be paid from the School Retirement Fund.

(9)(a) For purposes of this section, in the determination of compensation for members whose retirement date is on or after July 1, 2013, that part of a member's compensation for the plan year which exceeds the member's compensation for the preceding plan year by more than eight percent during the capping period shall be excluded. Such member's compensation for the first plan year of the capping period shall be compared to the member's compensation received for the plan year

immediately preceding the capping period.
(b) For purposes of this subsection:
(i) Capping period means the five plan years preceding the later of (A) such member's retirement date or (B) such member's final compensation date; and
(ii) Final compensation date means the later of (A) the date on which a retiring member's final compensation is actually paid or (B) if a retiring member's final compensation is paid in advance as a lump sum, the date on which such final compensation would have been paid to the member in the absence of such advance payment.
2. On page 4, after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:
"(b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and prior to July 1, 2027, no transfer shall be made into the School Retirement Fund under this subsection."; and in line 22 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)" and strike "2025" and insert "2027".
3. On page 5, line 23, strike "79-958" and insert "79-934, 79-958,".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Wednesday, April 23, 2025
AM1023 Amending LB645

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 123. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the collection, use, and protection of agricultural data in Nebraska with a focus on trade practices and consumer protection which is the focus of the Agricultural Data Protection Act introduced as LB525 in the First Session of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature. Agricultural data encompasses a wide range of information, from crop yields and soil conditions to livestock health and market trends, and is increasingly vital to the operation and profitability of Nebraska farms and ranches. The proliferation of digital technologies and data-driven practices in agriculture has led to a significant increase in the collection and storage of sensitive agricultural data by various corporations and entities. This has raised concerns regarding the potential for unauthorized use, sale, and sharing of farmers' and ranchers' data, which may lead to unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The types of agricultural data being collected and utilized by corporations and other entities;

(2) The existing legal and contractual frameworks governing the ownership, use, and transfer of agricultural data;

(3) The potential for unfair trade practices and consumer protection issues arising from the unauthorized use or sale of farmers' and ranchers' data;

(4) Best practices for data protection and security in the agricultural sector;

(5) The impact of data sharing and aggregation on market transparency and competition; and

(6) Methods of protecting the data from third-party sales and unauthorized usage.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 124. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the role of a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) within the Nebraska health insurance industry and the impact on prescription drug prices, evaluate the transparency and accountability of the practices of a PBM, and identify potential legislative or regulatory solutions to address concerns related to PBM practices. Prescription prices continue to rise, placing a significant financial burden on Nebraska residents and businesses. A pharmacy benefit manager plays a substantial role in the administration of prescription drug benefits within health insurance plans. Concerns have been raised regarding the transparency and accountability of the practices of a PBM, including their impact on drug prices and patient access. Understanding the role and influence of a PBM is crucial to developing policies that promote affordability and accessibility of prescription medications for Nebraskans.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) The contractual relationship between a PBM, a health insurance plan, and a pharmacy;

(2) The reimbursement models used by a PBM, including spread pricing and rebates;

(3) The formulary management practices of a PBM, including drug utilization review and prior authorization requirements;

(4) The impact of the practices of a PBM on patient access to affordable prescription medications;

(5) The degree of transparency in the operations of a PBM; and

(6) The effects of such practices on independent pharmacies.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 125. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; Lippincott, 34; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3.

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month has been observed in April in the United States since 2017 in an effort to raise awareness of the collateral consequences of criminal, especially felony, convictions and to seek solutions; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than six hundred thousand individuals are released from state and federal prisons across the United States, including over four thousand returning to communities in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is a time to recognize the importance of second chances and to support the safe and successful reentry of formerly incarcerated individuals; and

WHEREAS, individuals that are system impacted often face significant barriers to housing, employment, and education; and

WHEREAS, removing barriers and supporting reentry efforts through a commitment to second chance opportunities and social support not only strengthens families and communities, but also improves public safety, reduces recidivism, contributes to a stronger economy, and ensures that Nebraska remains a land of opportunity for all people; and

WHEREAS, Second Chance Month is an opportunity to affirm the dignity and potential of every person.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 2025 as Second Chance Month in Nebraska.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM933, found on page 1016, was offered.

Pending.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Jack Hunter, Sioux County High School; students from Friend Public School, Friend; students, teachers, and sponsors

from Twin River Public Schools, Geneoa; students, teacher, and sponsors from Verdigre Public School, Verdigre.

RECESS

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Armendariz, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Dover, Hunt, Lonowski, McKinney, and Meyer who were excused until they arrive.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 24, 2025
Dennis Grennan - Nebraska Power Review Board

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Committee AM933, found on page 1016 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM994 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Committee AM933, found on page 1016 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders withdrew AM632, found on page 823.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM731, found on page 963, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB676:
AM1097

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM655)

1. Strike sections 32 and 35 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 13. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and maintain thermal stability;

(2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

(3) Vitamin K administration;

(4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

(5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life, including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as indicated; and

(6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with section 71-519.

Sec. 23. Immediate newborn care means care that focuses on the newborn up to and including seven days after birth. Immediate newborn care includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) Routine assistance to the newborn to establish respiration and maintain thermal stability;

(2) Routine physical assessment including Apgar scoring;

(3) Vitamin K administration;

(4) Eye prophylaxis for ophthalmia neonatorum;

(5) Methods to facilitate newborn adaptation to extrauterine life, including stabilization, resuscitation, and emergency management as indicated; and

(6) Collecting and submitting blood specimens in accordance with section 71-519.

Sec. 34. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a licensed professional midwife may practice professional midwifery at any location other than a hospital as defined in section 71-419 and shall not be required to practice under the supervision of or under a collaborative practice agreement with another health care provider.

(2) In order to be permitted to practice professional midwifery in a health care practitioner facility as defined in section 71-414 or a health clinic as defined in section 71-416, a licensed professional

midwife shall be subject to the rules and procedures of the facility relating to medical staff membership and privileges.

Sec. 37. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section 34 of this act, nothing in the Licensed Professional Midwives Practice Act shall abridge, limit, or change in any way the right of parents to deliver their baby where, when, how, and with whom they choose, regardless of credentialed status.

2. On page 8, lines 20 and 27, strike "section 11" and insert "sections 11 and 13".

3. On page 10, line 26, strike "for females"; in line 27 strike "immediately following birth"; and in line 28 after "age" insert ", except that in the case of a home birth, the practice of the certified nurse midwife relating to the newborn shall be limited to immediate newborn care".

4. On page 11, strike line 19 and show the old matter as stricken.

5. On page 15, line 12, strike "17 to 37" and insert "18 to 39"; and in line 16 strike "19 to 24" and insert "20 to 26".

6. On page 16, strike lines 21 through 25, and insert the following new subdivisions:

"(d)(i) Has successfully completed an educational program or pathway accredited by the Midwifery Education Accreditation Council, or a similar organization as approved by the board; or

(ii) Prior to January 1, 2026, has obtained a midwifery bridge certificate from the North American Registry of Midwives, or a similar organization as approved by the board.".

7. On page 17, strike beginning with "care" in line 14 through line 15 and insert "immediate newborn care."; and after line 21 insert the following new subsection:

"(4) A licensed professional midwife shall annually report to the board:

(a) The number of births attended;

(b) The number of fetal demise, infant death, and maternal death outcomes;

(c) The number of women whose care was transferred to another health care professional during the antepartum period and the reasons for such transfers;

(d) The number of nonemergency hospital transfers, the reasons for such transfers, and the outcomes of such transfers; and

(e) Any complications resulting in the morbidity or mortality of a child bearing woman or neonate.".

8. On page 19, after line 25 insert the following new subdivision:

"(10) Requirements for a written recommendation with referrals to at least two licensed physicians or certified nurse midwives to be presented to clients;"; in line 26 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 31 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 29, after the comma insert "the level of the licensed professional midwife's liability insurance,".

9. On page 21, line 13, strike "40" and insert "42".

10. On page 23, line 20, strike "38-618, and 44-2803" and insert "and 38-618".

11. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB559:

FA114

On page 2, line 16 eliminate the comma after the word "services".

FA115

In AM731, eliminate the comma on page 1, line 15 after the word "organization".

CEREMONIES

The Speaker introduced a group from the Nebraska Association of Former State Legislators.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Michael's of Albion, Albion; John Hughes and Virginia Hughes, Seward; LaVon Clouse, Kearney.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Kip Anderson, Columbus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:35 p.m., on a motion by Senator Murman, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY - APRIL 17, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, April 17, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Dorn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator von Gillern.

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 Armendariz who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Guereca, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-third day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 16, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Bromm, Curt
Bromm & Associates
Bromm, Jason
Bromm & Associates
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
The Fairness Project
Wesely, Don
Lindsay Harr MacDonald (Withdrawn 04/15/2025)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Senator Conrad offered MO29, found on page 365, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Ballard opened on his bill, LB645.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO29.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM876, found on page 1113, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered MO27, found on page 365, to bracket until April 24, 2025.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 7 ayes, 29 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered MO28, found on page 365, to recommit to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee.

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

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard withdrew AM248, found on page 511.

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

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. ER44, found on page 1065, was offered.

ER44 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. ER31, found on page 901, was offered.

ER31 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. ER38, found on page 1012, was offered.

ER38 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered AM882, found on page 997.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 694. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Wendy DeBoer, Vice Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to LB217:
AM1031
1 1. On page 2, line 20, after "have" insert "annual"; in line 21
2 strike "at least ninety minutes" and insert "current best practices"; and
3 in line 23 strike "and annually thereafter".

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB317:
AM1084
(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)
1 1. On page 178, lines 21, 25, and 30; page 179, lines 4, 8, 18, and
2 24; and page 286, line 18, strike "director", show as stricken, and
3 insert "department".
4 2. On page 248, line 24; page 249, lines 11 and 19; page 250, line

5 23; page 252, line 29; page 253, lines 13 and 30; page 254, lines 19 and
6 27; page 269, line 23; and page 270, lines 8 and 15, strike "director"
7 and insert "Director of Water, Energy, and Environment".
8 3. On page 286, strike beginning with "Director" in line 15 through
9 "Environment" in line 16, show the old matter as stricken, and insert
10 "department".
11 4. On page 343, line 2, after "shall" insert "(1)"; in line 3 after
12 "Act" insert "or a professional geologist as provided in the Geologists
13 Regulation Act" and after "and" insert "(2)"; and in line 4 strike "and"
14 and insert ". The Chief Water Officer".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB317:
MO183
Bracket until May 5, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 126. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Bostar, 29; Dungan, 26; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to conduct an interim study to examine the impact of certain tax incentive programs currently in effect in Nebraska. The study shall evaluate the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act in terms of their function, impact upon Nebraska's economy and communities, as well as business and industrial sectors, and influence upon overall tax receipts and the state's budgeting process. The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The impact of the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act on state revenue;

(2) The utilization of tax credits under the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act since their passage;

(3) The effectiveness of the Nebraska Advantage Act and ImagiNE Nebraska Act in promoting growth in business, industry, and employment in Nebraska; and

(4) The future of a cohesive and sustainable economic development and business attraction strategy to drive growth in Nebraska.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee may confer with state agencies, other standing committees of the Legislature, and relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the business community, economic development community, and local municipalities.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 127. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; 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; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 20 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich and Bettie Chambers competed in the tournament for the Palmyra High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Bryan-Aldrich won the Girls Class B 235-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Precious DeCora of Winnebago High School and Chambers won the 115-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Leynn Luna of Boone Central High School; and

WHEREAS, Bryan-Aldrich clinched her match with a fall in forty-eight seconds and finished her season with a 47-4 record; and

WHEREAS, Chambers completed her senior year with a 49-2 record; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Palmyra High School wrestlers Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich at 235 pounds and Bettie Chambers at 115 pounds on winning their respective 2025 Girls Class B State Wrestling Championships.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Palmyra High School, Evelyn Bryan-Aldrich, and Bettie Chambers.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 128. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; 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; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the American Occupational Therapy Association has declared the month of April 2025 to be Occupational Therapy Month; and

WHEREAS, the profession of occupational therapy makes valuable contributions in helping people live life to its fullest after an illness or injury; and

WHEREAS, occupational therapy services are available to residents of Nebraska through occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants at hospitals, home health agencies, schools, clinics, community organizations, and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the health and productivity of the residents of Nebraska depends upon the effective use of health care resources, including the important services of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes April 2025 as Occupational Therapy Month in Nebraska.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 129. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; Arch, 14; 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; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Girls State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 18 through February 20 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jocelyn Prado competed in the tournament for the Johnson County Central High School girls wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Prado won the Girls Class B 100-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Hadley Mazzula of Auburn High School; and

WHEREAS, Prado's win marked her third championship title and she did not lose a match her junior or senior season for a 91-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Johnson County Central High School wrestler Jocelyn Prado on winning the 2025 Girls Class B 100-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Johnson County Central High School and Jocelyn Prado.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Senator Moser announced the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will hold an executive session Tuesday, April 22, 2025, at 10 a.m., in Room 2102.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from students from Malcolm Public School, Malcolm; members of the Omaha Chapter of the Links, Omaha; students from Norris Elementary, Omaha; members of Greenheart Exchange, eastern Nebraska; students from Karen Western Elementary, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY - APRIL 22, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SIXTY-FIFTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, April 22, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Dr. Mark Danielson, Grace Children's Home, Henderson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Wordekemper.

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 Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Dover, Guereca, Juarez, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-fourth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 14, 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 State Racing and Gaming Commission:

John Barrett, 1637 S 154th Street, Omaha, NE 68144, At-Large/District 2/ Republican

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

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, and 122 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 116, 117, 119, 120, 121, and 122.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Senator Conrad renewed AM882, found on page 997 and considered on page 1149.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Riepe
Conrad	Fredrickson	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Hunt	Raybould	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 24:

Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Strommen
Brandt	Dover	Kauth	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Storer	

Present and not voting, 10:

Andersen	Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	Lonowski
Arch	Bostar	Hansen	Ibach	Prokop

Excused and not voting, 3:

Guereca Juarez Sanders

The Conrad amendment lost with 12 ayes, 24 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

Senator M. Cavanaugh made a parliamentary inquiry on whether or not she can reconsider the vote on AM882 once the bill moved to Select File.

The Clerk clarified that because there was no reconsideration motion before the body at the time, a reconsideration of the vote on AM882 would not be taken up. However, a theoretical reconsideration of the vote on AM882 could be taken up on Final Reading by moving the bill to Select File for the motion.

Senator M. Cavanaugh also made a parliamentary inquiry on whether the motion to advance the bill to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment was a debatable motion as she was in the queue.

The Clerk clarified that the motion to advance the bill is a debatable motion, however, when the motion was made, no names in the queue were recognized.

The Chair declared the call raised.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following motion to LB677:
MO184
Place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Sec. 20(b).

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB332:
AM1117 is available in the Bill Room.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A. Introduced by Meyer, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 382, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. ER36, found on page 1065, was offered.

ER36 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO183, found on page 1150, to bracket until May 5, 2025.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER45 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER51
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4
2 and insert "the School Retirement Fund; to amend sections 79-958 and
3 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change employee and
4 state contributions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original
5 sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER48
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "interest" in line 1 through
2 line 22 and insert "banking and finance; to amend sections 8-319, 8-330,
3 8-601, 8-820.01, 8-2701, 8-2702, 8-2703, 8-2704, 8-2705, 8-2706, 8-2707,
4 8-2708, 8-2709, 8-2710, 8-2711, 8-2712, 8-2713, 8-2714, 8-2715, 8-2716,
5 8-2717, 8-2718, 8-2719, 8-2720, 8-2721, 8-2722, 8-2723, 8-2725, 8-2726,
6 8-2727, 8-2728, 8-2731, 8-2732, 8-2733, 8-2734, 8-2736, 8-2737, 8-2738,
7 8-2739, 8-2740, 8-2741, 8-2742, 8-3027, 44-502, 44-1703, 44-4109.01,
8 45-101.04, 45-1,110, 45-334, 45-335, 45-336, 45-337, 45-338, 45-339,
9 45-340, 45-341, 45-342, 45-343, 45-344, 45-345, 45-347, 45-348, 45-350,
10 45-351, 45-352, 45-353, 45-355, 45-356, 45-702, 45-703, 45-705, 45-729,
11 45-734, 45-804, and 76-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
12 sections 8-602, 8-2724, 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, 8-3025, 45-346, 45-354,
13 and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define,
14 redefine, and eliminate terms under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act;
15 to change provisions of such act relating to applicability, licensure,
16 powers and duties of the Director of Banking and Finance,
17 confidentiality, enforcement, required reports, audits, disclosures, and
18 records, authorized delegates, prohibited activities, money transmission
19 procedures, refunds, receipts, solvency requirements, surety bonds,
20 permissible investments, discipline of a license or designation, orders
21 to cease and desist, consent orders, violations, fees, charges, and
22 costs; to provide penalties and fines; to prohibit certain insurance
23 policy or contract exclusions of certain providers; to change the name of

the Nebraska Installment Sales Act to the Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act; to change, transfer, and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Installment Loan Act and to eliminate such named act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 8-2743, 8-2744, 8-2745, 8-2746, 8-2747, 45-351.01, 45-1001, 45-1004, 45-1007, 45-1008, 45-1009, 45-1010, 45-1011, 45-1012, 45-1013, 45-1014, 45-1015, 45-1016, 45-1017, 45-1019, 45-1020, 45-1021, 45-1022, 45-1023, 45-1024, 45-1025, 45-1026, 45-1027, 45-1028, 45-1029, 45-1030, 45-1031, 45-1032, 45-1033, 45-1033.02, 45-1034, 45-1035, 45-1036, 45-1037, 45-1038, 45-1039, 45-1040, 45-1041, 45-1042, 45-1043, 45-1044, 45-1045, 45-1046, 45-1047, 45-1048, 45-1049, 45-1050, 45-1051, 45-1052, 45-1053, 45-1054, 45-1055, 45-1056, 45-1057, 45-1058, 45-1059, 45-1060, 45-1061, 45-1062, 45-1063, 45-1064, 45-1065, 45-1066, 45-1067, 45-1068, 45-1069, and 45-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-1002, 45-1003, 45-1005, 45-1006, 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.".

2. On page 2, strike lines 1 through 3.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER46 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER54

1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM635, on page 3, lines 10 and 15, strike "to" and insert "through".

2. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5 and insert "natural resources; to amend sections 37-440, 46-740, and 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438, 37-451, 37-455, 37-1214, 37-1802, 37-1803, 39-891, 39-893, 39-1301, 39-1302, 39-1309, and 39-1320, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide penalties; to create and change the use of funds; to state and change provisions relating to legislative intent, findings, declarations, and purposes; to establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse; to provide duties; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the issuance of certain permits under the Game Law; to provide for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or endangered species; to provide for payment of a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county as prescribed; to change provisions relating to ground water allocation and the use of integrated management plans, rules, or orders; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 453. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 667. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER47

1. On page 1, strike beginning with "crimes" in line 1 through line 5 and insert "crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-1008, 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide powers, duties, and immunity to animal control officers; to change provisions relating to seizure of certain animals; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER53 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER50
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "protection" in line 1 through
2 line 15 and insert "protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02,
3 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929,
4 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and
5 sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-710, 28-713.01,
6 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02,
7 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, 43-1611, and 76-1401, Revised Statutes
8 Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to
9 extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to
10 provide penalties; to provide powers and duties relating to such orders;
11 to change a penalty for violating a harassment protection order; to
12 provide for notification of reports of child abuse or neglect to a
13 military installation as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to
14 landlords relating to acts of domestic violence against tenants or
15 household members; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to
16 repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10,
17 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and
18 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 632. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER49
1 1. On page 2, line 16, after "the" insert "State".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER52
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "income" in line 1 through line
2 3 and insert "revenue and taxation; to adopt the Defense Efforts
3 Workforce Act; and to provide an operative date.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Brownell-Talbot Elementary, Omaha; students from Southern Elementary, Blue Springs; members of Matriarchs for Change.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Storm, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators DeKay, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Jacobson, Riepe, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO183, found on page 1150 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until May 5, 2025.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 1 aye, 29 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Brandt withdrew AM1035, found on page 1097.

Senator Brandt offered AM1084, found on page 1149.

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

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM1124

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)
1 1. On page 507, strike beginning with "81-1578" in line 7 through
2 "81-15,116," in line 17.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Storer offered the following amendment:
FA116
In ER36, on Page 18, Sec. 18, Line 15, strike starting with "the term" ending on line 16 with "years".

The Storer amendment was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM1133

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER36)
1 1. On page 359, line 4, after "Project" insert "for a five hundred
2 cubic feet per second canal".
3 2. On page 360, after line 26 insert the following new subsection:
4 "(3) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred fifty million
5 dollars from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on
6 July 1, 2025.".

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to his amendment:
FA117
In AM1133, on line 4, strike "one hundred fifty" and replace with "sixty one".

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, lost 12 ayes, 29 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 13 ayes, 33 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM556
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that individuals serving long-
4 term or life sentences who are rehabilitated and ready to be safely
5 released from incarceration should be able to earn a second chance by
6 receiving a commutation of their sentences from the Board of Pardons.
7 Such commutation is intended to allow such rehabilitated individuals to
8 be responsibly reintegrated into their communities while on parole and,
9 if successful on parole, as fully free individuals.
10 (2) For purposes of this section, second chance relief means a
11 program through which the department, the Division of Parole Supervision,
12 and the Board of Parole identify eligible committed offenders and work
13 with them to apply for a commutation from the Board of Pardons.
14 (3) The department, the Division of Parole Supervision, and the
15 Board of Parole shall establish a program to provide second chance relief
16 as provided in this section.
17 (4) A committed offender serving a sentence of imprisonment,
18 including life imprisonment, is eligible for second chance relief under
19 this section as follows:
20 (a) For an offense committed when the offender was younger than
21 twenty-six years of age, after serving at least twenty-five years of a
22 sentence of imprisonment; or
23 (b) For an offense committed when the offender was twenty-six years
24 of age or older, after serving at least thirty years of a sentence of
25 imprisonment.
26 (5) The department shall regularly identify committed offenders who

are eligible for second chance relief under this section or who will become eligible within five years. The department shall regularly provide lists of such offenders to the Board of Parole. The board shall advise such offenders regarding the second chance relief program and work with interested offenders to improve their chances of obtaining second chance relief through rehabilitation and good behavior.

(6) In determining whether an eligible committed offender is rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief, the Board of Parole shall:

(a) Complete a risk assessment for the committed offender; and

(b) Involve community leaders and stakeholders in the review process to ensure that public safety and community concerns are addressed.

(7) If the Board of Parole determines that an eligible committed offender is rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief, the board shall make a recommendation to the Board of Pardons that such offender's sentence be commuted.

(8)(a) If the Board of Pardons receives a recommendation for second chance relief from the Board of Parole, the Board of Pardons may consider whether to grant a commutation of some or all of the remainder of a committed offender's sentence to a term of parole.

(b) If the Board of Pardons determines not to grant a commutation, the board may provide the committed offender with a list of steps or requirements that, if satisfied, would increase the committed offender's chances of being granted a commutation at a subsequent review. The Board of Pardons may also provide a process for seeking a subsequent commutation review.

(9) If a committed offender is granted a commutation and paroled under this section, the Board of Parole shall:

(a) Develop a detailed reentry plan tailored to the committed offender's needs, including job placement, housing support, and access to continuing education and mental health services;

(b) Provide the committed offender with access to mentorship programs and community support networks to facilitate successful reintegration into the community;

(c) Provide for victim and community involvement through restorative justice programs. The Board of Parole shall offer restorative justice opportunities, when appropriate, to allow the committed offender to make amends with victims and the community; and

(d) Provide for accountability and monitoring by requiring regular check-ins with parole officers and continuous monitoring during the initial phase of reentry to ensure compliance with conditions of parole.

(10) The Board of Parole shall implement a system for ongoing evaluation and adjustment of the second chance relief program based on outcomes and feedback.

Sec. 2. Section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act.

Sec. 3. Original section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 539. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM505

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

Section 1. Section 69-2403, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

69-2403 (1) Except as provided in this section ~~and section 69-2409~~, a person shall not:

(a) Purchase ~~purchase~~, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun until he or she has obtained a certificate in accordance with section 69-2404; or. ~~Except as provided in this section and section 69-2409, a person shall not sell~~

(b) Sell, lease, rent, or transfer a handgun to a person who has not obtained a certificate.

(2) The certificate shall not be required if:

(a) The person acquiring the handgun is a licensed firearms dealer under federal law;

(b) The handgun is an antique handgun;

(c) The person acquiring the handgun is authorized to do so on behalf of a law enforcement agency;

(d) The transfer is a temporary transfer of a handgun and the transferee remains (i) in the line of sight of the transferor or (ii) within the premises of an established shooting facility;

(e) The transfer is between a person and his or her spouse, sibling, parent, child, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, or grandparent;

(f) The person acquiring the handgun is a holder of a valid permit under the Concealed Handgun Permit Act; or

(g) The person acquiring the handgun is a peace officer as defined in section 69-2429.

Sec. 2. Section 69-2409.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

69-2409.01 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ For purposes of criminal history record information checks relating to firearms or explosives~~sections 69-2401 to 69-2425~~, the Nebraska State Patrol shall be furnished with only such information as may be necessary for the purposes~~sole purpose~~ of determining whether an individual is:

(i) Qualified to receive a permit to carry a concealed handgun under section 69-2433; or

(ii) Disqualified ~~disqualified~~ from purchasing or possessing firearms or explosives~~a handgun~~ pursuant to state or federal law ~~or is subject to the disability provisions of 18 U.S.C. 922(d)(4) and (g)(4)~~.

(b) ~~Such information shall be furnished by the Department of Health and Human Services.~~ The clerks of the various courts shall furnish to the Department of Health and Human Services and Nebraska State Patrol, as soon as practicable but within thirty days after a court order is issued, in a form and manner prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services or the Nebraska State Patrol, as applicable~~an order of commitment or discharge is issued or after removal of firearm-related disabilities pursuant to section 71-963~~, all information necessary to set up and maintain the database required by this section. The clerks of the various courts shall furnish~~This information shall include (a)~~ information regarding those persons who:

(i) Are disqualified from purchasing or possessing firearms or explosives pursuant to state or federal law, including, but not limited to, 18 U.S.C. 922(d)(4) and (g)(4);

(ii) Are ~~are~~ currently receiving mental health treatment pursuant to a commitment order of a mental health board or who have been discharged;~~,~~

(iii) Have ~~(b) information regarding those persons who have~~ been committed to treatment pursuant to section 29-3702;~~, and~~

(iv) Meet the definition of adjudicated as a mental defective or committed to a mental institution pursuant to 27 C.F.R. 478.11, including individuals found not responsible by reason of insanity, found not competent to stand trial, found to lack the mental capacity to manage their own affairs, or otherwise found by a court to be not competent; and

(v) Have ~~(c) information regarding those persons who have~~ had firearm-related disabilities removed pursuant to section 71-963.

(c) The mental health board shall notify the Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska State Patrol when an individual's

firearm-related~~such~~ disabilities have been removed pursuant to section 71-963.

(d) The department~~Department of Health and Human Services~~ shall ~~also~~ maintain in the database information provided by the clerks of the various courts pursuant to this section and a listing of persons committed to treatment pursuant to section 29-3702.

(e) To ensure the accuracy of the database, any information maintained or disclosed under this subsection shall be updated, corrected, modified, or removed, as appropriate, and as soon as practicable, from any database that the state or federal government maintains and makes available to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. The procedures for furnishing the information shall guarantee that no information is released beyond what is necessary for purposes of this section.

(2) In order to comply with sections 69-2401 and 69-2403 to 69-2408 and this section, the Nebraska State Patrol shall provide to the chief of police or sheriff of an applicant's place of residence~~ or a licensee in the process of a criminal history record check pursuant to section 69-2411~~ only the information regarding whether or not the applicant is disqualified from purchasing or possessing a handgun.

(3) Any person, agency, or mental health board participating in good faith in the reporting or disclosure of records and communications under this section is immune from any liability, civil, criminal, or otherwise, that might result by reason of the action.

(4) Any person who intentionally causes the Nebraska State Patrol to request information pursuant to this section without reasonable belief that the named individual has submitted a written application under section 69-2404 or 69-2430 or is otherwise subject to a criminal history record information check pursuant to law~~has completed a consent form under section 69-2410~~ shall be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor in addition to other civil or criminal liability under state or federal law.

~~(5) The Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human Services shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on a biannual basis the following information about the database: (a) The number of total records of persons unable to purchase or possess firearms because of disqualification or disability shared with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; (b) the number of shared records by category of such persons; (c) the change in number of total shared records and change in number of records by category from the previous six months; (d) the number of records existing but not able to be shared with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System because the record was incomplete and unable to be accepted by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System; and (e) the number of hours or days, if any, during which the database was unable to share records with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and the reason for such inability. The report shall also be published on the websites of the Nebraska State Patrol and the Department of Health and Human Services.~~

Sec. 3. Section 69-2410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

69-2410 No importer, manufacturer, or dealer licensed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 923 shall sell or deliver any handgun to another person other than a licensed importer, manufacturer, dealer, or collector until he or she has:

(1)~~(1)(a)~~ Inspected a valid certificate issued to such person pursuant to sections 69-2401, 69-2403 to 69-2408, and 69-2409.01; and

(2)~~(b)~~ Inspected a valid identification containing a photograph of such person which appropriately and completely identifies such person.~~;~~

~~or~~

~~(2)(a) Obtained a completed consent form from the potential buyer or~~

~~transferee, which form shall be established by the Nebraska State Patrol and provided by the licensed importer, manufacturer, or dealer. The form shall include the name, address, date of birth, gender, race, and country of citizenship of such potential buyer or transferee. If the potential buyer or transferee is not a United States citizen, the completed consent form shall contain the potential buyer's or transferee's place of birth and his or her alien or admission number;~~

~~(b) Inspected a valid identification containing a photograph of the potential buyer or transferee which appropriately and completely identifies such person;~~

~~(c) Requested by toll-free telephone call or other electromagnetic communication that the Nebraska State Patrol conduct a criminal history record check; and~~

~~(d) Received a unique approval number for such inquiry from the Nebraska State Patrol indicating the date and number on the consent form.~~

Sec. 4. Section 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

69-2420 Any person who, in connection with the purchase, transfer, or attempted purchase of a handgun pursuant to section~~s~~ 69-2410 ~~to 69-2423~~, knowingly and intentionally makes any materially false oral or written statement or knowingly and intentionally furnishes any false identification intended or likely to deceive the licensee shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

Sec. 5. Original sections 69-2403, 69-2409.01, 69-2410, and 69-2420, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Sec. 6. The following sections are outright repealed: Sections 69-2409, 69-2411, 69-2412, 69-2413, 69-2414, 69-2415, 69-2416, 69-2417, 69-2418, 69-2419, and 69-2423, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST20

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

1. In the E & R amendments, ER31, on page 1, line 10, "a deficiency determination" has been struck and "deficiency determinations" inserted.

2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM549, on page 19, line 3, an underscored comma has been inserted after "product".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST21

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

1. On page 6, line 17, "number of" has been inserted after "highest"; and in line 19 "of the Constitution of Nebraska," has been inserted after the second comma.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB677:
AM986 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB133:
AM1116

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM251)

1. On page 1, line 16, after "welfare" insert ", if such person has received law enforcement training that is the same as or equivalent to training for law enforcement officers".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 130. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska–Lincoln men's basketball team achieved victory over the University of Central Florida to win the 2025 College Basketball Crown championship; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers overcame a deficit of fourteen points during the second quarter to win, with a final score of 77-66; and

WHEREAS, the team enjoyed key contributions from Juwan Gary, Brice Williams, Connor Essegian, all scoring twenty or more points; and

WHEREAS, Brice Williams set a new single-season scoring record for the Cornhuskers in the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers achieved decisive victories over the University of Arizona State, Georgetown University, and Boise State University in the College Basketball Crown tournament to qualify for the championship game; and

WHEREAS, the Cornhuskers, under the leadership of Head Coach Fred Hoiberg, demonstrated an impressive degree of grit, resilience, sportsmanship, teamwork, skill, hard work, and love for the game throughout the College Basketball Crown tournament and the 2024-2025 basketball season.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the University of Nebraska–Lincoln men's basketball team for winning the 2025 College Basketball Crown championship.

2. That the Legislature recognizes and commends the student-athletes, coaches, and staff for their remarkable achievement and the honor they have brought to the State of Nebraska.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln men's basketball team and to Head Coach Fred Hoiberg.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Senator Hunt offered MO4, found on page 157, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Kauth opened on her bill, LB89.

Senator Hunt opened on her motion, MO4.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

Present and not voting, 3:

Arch	Hunt	Riepe

The Bosn motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 15 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

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

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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, 1:

Hunt

The Hunt motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hunt offered the following motion:
MO185
Reconsider the vote taken on MO4.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

The Wordekemper motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 13 nays, and 5 not voting.

The Hunt motion to reconsider failed with 15 ayes, 32 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB534:
AM491 is available in the Bill Room.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Business and Labor
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Tuesday, April 29, 2025
AM491 Amending LB534

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM701, found on page 872, was offered.

Senator Hunt offered MO5, found on page 157, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO193
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Hunt motion to bracket failed with 16 ayes, 33 nays, and 0 not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 11 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB89:
FA118
Strike the enacting clause

FA119
Strike Section 1.

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB89:
FA123
Strike the enacting clause

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB89:
FA120
In AM701, Strike Section 1.

FA121
In AM701, Strike Section 2.

FA122
Strike Section 1.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB89:
AM1138
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM701)

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

Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Stand With Women Act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;

(2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational, athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members of each sex to succeed and thrive;

(3) Physical differences between males and females have long made separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk of physical injury;

(4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and aerobic energy;

(5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average, male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports performance gap between the sexes;

(6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic performance;

(7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes; and

(8) Because of the physical differences between males and females, having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other athletic accomplishments.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:

(1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions;

(2) Boy means an adolescent human male;

(3) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman and a girl;

(4) Girl means an adolescent human female;

(5) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces,

transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and a boy;

(6) Man means an adult human male;

(7) Postsecondary educational institution means a university, college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(8) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(9) Public school means any public school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(10) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and

(11) Woman means an adult human female.

Sec. 4. (1) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

(a) Males, men, or boys;

(b) Females, women, or girls; or

(c) Coed or mixed.

(2)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

(b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

(3) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

(a) Males, men, or boys;

(b) Females, women, or girls; or

(c) Coed or mixed.

(4)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

(b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

(5) In order to participate in an interscholastic athletic team or sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or designated for female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a public school or a

public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a private school or a private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or postsecondary educational institution confirmation of such student's sex on a document signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a doctor.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic athletic teams or sports designated as coed or mixed.

Sec. 5. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or private school or a public or private postsecondary educational institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic athletic team or sport for female students.

Sec. 6. The governing body of each public school and public postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the public.

Sec. 7. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

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

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:
AM1108

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

1. Strike section 1 and insert the following new section:

Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-958 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to July 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent of compensation. ~~Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.~~

(b) Beginning in 2025 and each year thereafter, the employee contribution rate shall be calculated as of July 1 and based on the funded ratio of the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund in the most recent previous year as reported in the annual actuarial valuation report for the retirement system prepared for the retirement board pursuant to section 84-1503. Beginning on July 1, 2025, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:

(i) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is less than ninety-six percent, nine and three-quarters of one percent of compensation;

(ii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is ninety-six percent or greater and less than ninety-eight percent, eight and three-quarters of one percent of compensation;

(iii) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the School Retirement Fund is ninety-eight percent or greater and less than one hundred percent, eight percent of compensation; and

(iv) If the funded ratio on the actuarial value of assets in the

School Retirement Fund is one hundred percent or greater, seven and one-quarter of one percent of compensation.
(c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same time and in the same manner as required employer contributions.
(2) For the purpose of providing the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to deposit in the School Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the required contributions of the school employees of each employer. Such deposits shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as such required employee contributions.
(3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made available. The contributions, although designated as member contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as member contributions made prior to the date picked up.
(4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions picked up under subsection (3) of this section.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following motions to LB89:
MO189
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO190
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

MO191
Indefinitely postpone.

MO192
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator von Gillern filed the following motions to LR20CA:
MO194
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO195
Indefinitely postpone.

MO196
Recommit to the General Affairs Committee.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Amherst Public School, Amherst; students and teachers from Burwell High School, Burwell.

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

MOTION - Adjournment

Senator Murman moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

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

The Murman motion to adjourn prevailed with 47 ayes, 2 nays, and 0 not voting, and at 7:11 p.m., the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTY-SIXTH DAY - APRIL 23, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, April 23, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Chaplain Bob Gannon, Pleasant View Bible Church, Aurora.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Andersen.

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 Jacobson and Sanders who were excused; and Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Juarez, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-fifth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR125 was adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR125.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1037:

Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards
Kyle Anderson
Nathan J Sorben

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Lonowski	Raybould	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKeon	Rountree	
Conrad	Hunt	McKinney	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 5:

DeBoer	Hansen	Jacobson	Sanders	Spivey

The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1064:
Board of Educational Lands and Funds
Duane Kime

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Hansen	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hardin	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Holdcroft	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 11:

Bostar	Hunt	Meyer	Spivey
Conrad	Juarez	Murman	Strommen
Hughes	Lonowski	Sanders	

Excused and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.

The appointment was confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A. Senator Bostar offered AM931, found on page 1020.

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendments to LB650:
AM1118

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

1. On page 68, line 28, strike "No", show as stricken, and insert "An"; in line 29 after "shall" insert "not"; and strike beginning with "except" in line 30 through "subsection" in line 31 and insert "other than for the purposes described in this subsection".

AM1132

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)

1. Strike sections 43 and 46 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 43. Section 77-27,187.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-27,187.02 (1) To earn the incentives set forth in the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, the taxpayer shall file an application

for an agreement with the Tax Commissioner. There shall be no new applications for incentives filed under this section after December 31, 2027.

(2) The application shall contain:

(a) A written statement describing the full expected employment or type of livestock production and the investment amount for a qualified business, as described in section 77-27,189, in this state;

(b) Sufficient documents, plans, and specifications as required by the Tax Commissioner to support the plan and to define a project; and

(c) An application fee of (i) one hundred dollars for an investment amount of less than twenty-five thousand dollars, (ii) two hundred fifty dollars for an investment amount of at least twenty-five thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars, and (iii) five hundred dollars for an investment amount of fifty thousand dollars or more. The fee shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Nebraska Incentives Fund. The application and all supporting information shall be confidential except for the name of the taxpayer, the location of the project, and the amounts of increased employment or investment.

(3)(a) The Tax Commissioner shall approve the application and authorize the total amount of credits expected to be earned as a result of the project if he or she is satisfied that the plan in the application defines a project that (i) meets the requirements established in section 77-27,188 and such requirements will be reached within the required time period and (ii) for projects other than livestock modernization or expansion projects, is located in an eligible county, city, or village.

(b) For applications filed in calendar year 2016 and each year thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall not approve further applications from applicants described in subsection (1) of section 77-27,188 once the expected credits from approved projects in this category total: For calendar years 2016 through 2022, one million dollars; ~~and~~ for calendar years~~year~~ 2023 through 2025~~and each calendar year thereafter~~, two million dollars; and for calendar year 2026 and each calendar year thereafter, one million dollars. For applications filed in calendar year 2016 and each year thereafter, the Tax Commissioner shall not approve further applications from applicants described in subsection (2) of section 77-27,188 once the expected credits from approved projects in this category total: For calendar year 2016, five hundred thousand dollars; for calendar years 2017 and 2018, seven hundred fifty thousand dollars; for calendar years 2019, 2020, and 2021, one million dollars; ~~and~~ for calendar years~~year~~ 2022 through 2024~~and each calendar year thereafter~~, ten million dollars; for calendar year 2025, seven million five hundred thousand dollars; and for calendar year 2026 and each calendar year thereafter, one million dollars. Four hundred dollars of the application fee shall be refunded to the applicant if the application is not approved because the expected credits from approved projects exceed such amounts.

(c) Applications for benefits shall be considered separately and in the order in which they are received for the categories represented by subsections (1) and (2) of section 77-27,188.

(d) Applications shall be filed by November 1 and shall be complete by December 1 of each calendar year. Any application that is filed after November 1 or that is not complete on December 1 shall be considered to be filed during the following calendar year.

(4) After approval, the taxpayer and the Tax Commissioner shall enter into a written agreement. The taxpayer shall agree to complete the project, and the Tax Commissioner, on behalf of the State of Nebraska, shall designate the approved plans of the taxpayer as a project and, in consideration of the taxpayer's agreement, agree to allow the taxpayer to use the incentives contained in the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act up to the total amount that were authorized by the Tax Commissioner at the time of approval. The application, and all supporting

9 documentation, to the extent approved, shall be considered a part of the
10 agreement. The agreement shall state:
11 (a) The levels of employment and investment required by the act for
12 the project;
13 (b) The time period under the act in which the required level must
14 be met;
15 (c) The documentation the taxpayer will need to supply when claiming
16 an incentive under the act;
17 (d) The date the application was filed; and
18 (e) The maximum amount of credits authorized.
19 Sec. 46. Section 77-3110, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
20 2024, is amended to read:
21 77-3110 The department may approve tax credits under the Relocation
22 Incentive Act each year until the total amount of credits approved for
23 the year reaches one~~five~~ million dollars.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB650:
AM1089

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)
1 1. Strike section 38.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and
3 correct the repealer accordingly.

AM1066

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER45)
1 1. On page 40, reinstate the stricken matter in lines 10 through 12.

AM1123

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER45)
1 1. On page 52, line 26; and page 57, line 10, strike "three" and
2 insert "four".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 131. Introduced by Dover, 19; 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; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Stanley Staab of Kearney, Nebraska, is posthumously inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts (NRD) Hall of Fame in the employee category, in recognition of his extraordinary career and lifelong commitment to conserving and protecting Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Stan Staab dedicated nearly thirty-six years of his professional life to Nebraska's NRDs, beginning in 1979 at the Upper Big

Blue NRD in York, Nebraska, and then serving twenty-eight years as the General Manager of the Lower Elkhorn NRD in Norfolk, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Staab provided visionary leadership in the planning, development, and construction of numerous flood control projects, including the Scribner, Pender, Howells, Wakefield, and Winslow levees, as well as the Maple Creek Recreation Area and flood control dam near Leigh, Nebraska, which required more than a decade of dedicated effort to complete; and

WHEREAS, Staab's legacy includes the enhancement and improvement of recreation areas such as Maskenthine Lake and Willow Creek State Recreation Area, and the successful development of rural water systems, including the Logan East Rural Water System and the Wau-Col Regional Water System, which provide safe and reliable water to thousands of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a strong advocate for groundwater management, working closely with staff, research partners, and the board of directors to develop comprehensive and innovative plans to address groundwater challenges, particularly during periods of drought; and

WHEREAS, Staab was a champion of outdoor recreation and community partnerships, supporting trail development projects such as the Cowboy Trail Connector in Norfolk and the Norfolk Riverfront Project, as well as urban recreation and forestry projects throughout the district; and

WHEREAS, Staab's leadership was marked by his ability to build strong relationships with local communities, partnering agencies, elected boards, and staff, all united by a shared commitment to soil and water stewardship and the long-term sustainability of Nebraska's natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Staab passed away peacefully on March 5, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven, leaving behind a profound legacy of leadership, dedication, and passion for Nebraska's natural resources and the people who depend on them.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Stanley Staab for his exceptional service, vision, and impact on Nebraska's Natural Resources Districts and for his well-deserved posthumous induction into the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Hall of Fame.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Stanley Staab.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 132. Introduced by Dover, 19; 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; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Jessica Evans, an Art and Agriculture teacher and Future Farmers of America (FFA) Advisor at Osmond Community Schools, has been selected as the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's dedication to hands-on, experience-based learning has provided her students with meaningful opportunities to expand their knowledge of natural resources through participation in programs such as Know Your Well and Northeast Area Land Judging competitions; and

WHEREAS, Jessica has instilled in her students the importance of land and soil conservation by implementing no-till practices on the Osmond FFA test plot, reinforcing real-world applications of sustainable agriculture; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership and collaboration with the Osmond community, Jessica developed and manages an eight-acre corn and soybean test plot, providing invaluable experiential learning for her students; and

WHEREAS, Jessica began her career in agricultural education in 2015, co-teaching at Osmond Community Schools and establishing the Osmond FFA Chapter, which officially chartered in 2016; and

WHEREAS, through her leadership over the past nine years, the Osmond FFA Chapter has achieved remarkable success, earning sixteen State FFA Degrees, seven Top-3 State Proficiency Awards, one State Proficiency Champion, and numerous Leadership Development Event and Career Development Event State Qualifiers; and

WHEREAS, Jessica continues to serve the agricultural education community as Chair of FFA District 4 and as a member of the Nebraska Agricultural Educators Association Board; and

WHEREAS, Jessica's exceptional ability to engage, inspire, and motivate students has been recognized by colleagues and community members alike.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jessica Evans for her outstanding contributions to agricultural education, her unwavering commitment to conservation and natural resources, and her well-deserved honor as the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Educator of the Year.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jessica Evans.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 133. Introduced by Dover, 19; 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; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, the Battle Creek High School boys wrestling team, coached by Cody Wintz, secured the Class C Wrestling State Championship title; and

WHEREAS, Battle Creek's victory was secured by top scorers Ayden Wintz, Ryan Stusse Jr., Brek Thompson, Ryan Hoehne, Mason Planer, Casey Schnebel, Ashton Kuchar, Hunter Kruse, and Tyan Thompson; and

WHEREAS, this is Battle Creek's second consecutive state wrestling title; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of the Battle Creek High School boys wrestling team on winning the 2025 Class C State Wrestling Championship and their second consecutive state title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Battle Creek High School and Coach Cody Wintz.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 134. Introduced by Dover, 19; 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; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition was held at the Heartland Events Center in Grand Island, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School cheer team and unified cheer team competed in the competition; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School cheer team placed fourth in Class A non-tumbling marking their highest placement in that category; and

WHEREAS, the Norfolk High School unified cheer team became the state champions in unified sideline cheer for Classes A, B, and C just one year after forming; and

WHEREAS, cheer team coaches Katie Nedela, Alissa Melcher, and Andi Husk and unified cheer team coaches Phoebe Matson and Phoebe Melcher

provided the team leadership and guidance to excel at the state competition; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the members of the Norfolk High School cheer team and unified cheer team for their outstanding performance at the 2025 Nebraska State Cheer and Dance Competition.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Norfolk High School cheer team.

Laid over.

MOTION(S) - Return LB287 to Select File

Senator McKinney moved to return LB287 to Select File for his specific amendment, AM1000, found on page 1059.

The McKinney motion to return prevailed with 34 ayes, 5 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Senator McKinney offered AM1000, found on page 1059.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 not voting.

The McKinney specific amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 7 present not voting, and 15 not voting.

Senator Kauth requested a machine vote on the readvancement of the bill.

Readvanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 25 ayes, 10 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. ER37, found on page 1012, was offered.

ER37 was adopted.

Senator Hunt offered AM947, found on page 1098.

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 1 nay, and 21 not voting.

The Hunt amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 6 nays, and 12 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. ER40, found on page 1013, was offered.

ER40 was adopted.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew FA96, found on page 1075.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew FA97, found on page 1075.

Senator Andersen offered the following amendment:
AM1131
1 1. On page 6, after line 29, insert the following new subsections:
2 "(5) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department shall
3 not seek, apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of any work requirement
4 established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under 7
5 U.S.C. 2015(o), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, except that
6 the department may exercise the state's option to provide an exemption
7 from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6), as such section
8 existed on January 1, 2025.
9 (6) The department may, at its discretion, exercise its authority
10 under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, to
11 require individuals, unless specifically exempted by federal regulations
12 or law, to participate in an employment and training program as defined
13 in 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.".

Senator Andersen requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 39 ayes, 3 nays, and 7 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Andersen	DeKay	Kauth	Moser	Strommen
Armendariz	Hansen	Lippincott	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Bosn	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer	
Clements	Ibach	Meyer	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hughes	McKinney	Rountree
Clouse	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 11:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Riepe
Bostar	Dorn	Hallstrom	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Jacobson Sanders

The Andersen amendment lost with 22 ayes, 14 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 9 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Senator von Gillern offered MO194, found on page 1175, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following amendments to LB319:
FA124
On page 2, line 15, strike "December" and insert "November".

FA125
On page 2, in line 14, strike "department" and insert "Department of Health and Human Services".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 135. Introduced by Storm, 23; Clements, 2; Dungan, 26; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Riepe, 12; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2025, the Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art in David City, Nebraska, celebrated its Grand Reopening; and

WHEREAS, the museum has been a cornerstone in the David City community since its opening in 2008; and

WHEREAS, the museum is the nation's only museum dedicated solely to Agrarian Art; and

WHEREAS, the museum has restored the historic David City Ford building once home to an assembly plant for Model T automobiles; and

WHEREAS, the museum connects people to the land through art, exemplifies local culture, and attracts national attention.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art on its Grand Reopening.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bone Creek Museum of Agrarian Art.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Elmwood Murdock Elementary, Elmwood; Nebraska manufacturers on behalf of the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry; students from Rumsey Station Elementary, Papillion; Community College Phi Theta Kappa Awardees and Aksarben Scholars from all six Nebraska Community Colleges.

RECESS

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, 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 Armendariz, J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Dorn, Dungan, Fredrickson, Guereca, Hansen, Hardin, Hughes, Hunt, Jacobson, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB677:
AM1006 is available in the Bill Room.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 20CA. Senator von Gillern renewed MO194, found on page 1175 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Speaker Arch, at the request of Senator Bostar, requested to pass over LR20CA.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A. 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 80, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LB243:
AM1145 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 136. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

WHEREAS, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, was established in 1945, and has served as a spiritual, cultural, and community anchor for generations of Nebraskans; and

WHEREAS, the church has been a place of worship, fellowship, and service, upholding the values of the Orthodox Christian faith and the traditions of Greek heritage throughout its eighty years of ministry; and

WHEREAS, the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church has contributed significantly to the broader Lincoln community by fostering interfaith dialogue, promoting charitable efforts, offering educational, cultural, and social programs that enrich the lives of many; and

WHEREAS, through events such as the annual Greek Festival, community outreach, and youth involvement through programs like Sunday School and

Greek Dance, the church has shared its vibrant culture and values with Nebraskans of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the church has been blessed by the leadership of dedicated clergy, lay leaders, and faithful parishioners who have nurtured and sustained the life of the parish for eight decades; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of this milestone offers an opportunity to reflect on the past, honor those who have served the church and the community, and look forward to continued growth and service in the years to come;

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church on the celebration of eighty years of service to the community.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. ER50, found on page 1160, was offered.

ER50 was adopted.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA98, found on page 1096.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA99, found on page 1096.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Senator Dungan withdrew FA114, found on page 1144.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA115, found on page 1144.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:
FA126
Strike Section 3 on page 4.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Dungan amendment lost with 8 ayes, 28 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
FA129
Strike Sections 10, 11, and 12.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Riepe
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Rountree
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Sorrentino
Ballard	Fredrickson	Juarez	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Guereca	Kauth	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hunt McKinney

Present and not voting, 10:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Dungan	Ibach
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Hallstrom	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 2:

Sanders Storer

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 2 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A. Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 645, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 137. Introduced by Lippincott, 34; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5;

Kauth, 31; 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, April 30, 2025, marks the fiftieth anniversary of the end to the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the war began November 1, 1955, and brutally continued until April 30, 1975; and

WHEREAS, Vietnam veterans represent about ten percent of their generation fighting under challenging conditions that would alter their personal worlds forever; and

WHEREAS, the veterans were not always welcomed upon their return and were often blamed and denigrated for their participation in the war regardless of whether they had been drafted or they had volunteered; and

WHEREAS, more than fifty-eight thousand United States service members died fighting for their country or were deemed missing in action during the war; and

WHEREAS, all who served during the Vietnam War deserve honor and recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature honors the veterans and the lives lost to the Vietnam War.

2. That the Legislature celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the end to the Vietnam War.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. ER42, found on page 1046, was offered.

ER42 was adopted.

Senator Hardin withdrew AM1117, found on page 1157.

Senator Hardin offered the following amendment:
AM1154 is available in the Bill Room.

The Hardin amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. ER48, found on page 1158, was offered.

ER48 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson withdrew AM1041, found on page 1119.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment:
AM1080

(Amendments to AM669)

1. Strike sections 29, 110, and 111 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 29. Section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:

8-2724 (1) Before a licensee is authorized to conduct business through an authorized delegate or allows a person to act as the licensee's authorized delegate, the licensee shall:

(a) Adopt, and update as necessary, written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's authorized delegates comply with applicable state and federal law;

(b) Enter into a written contract that complies with subsection (3) of this section; and

(c) Conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation sufficient for the licensee to determine whether the authorized delegate has complied and will likely comply with applicable state and federal law.

(2) An authorized delegate shall operate in full compliance with the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act.

(3) The written contract required by subdivision (1)(b) of this section shall be signed by the licensee and the authorized delegate and, at a minimum, also shall:

(a) Appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money transmission on behalf of the licensee;

(b) Set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties;

(c) Require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to money transmission, including the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act and the rules and regulations implementing the act, the Bank Secrecy Act, and the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001;

(d) Require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money and monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate;

(e) Impose a trust on money and monetary value net of fees received for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee;

(f) Require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain records as required by the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act or the rules and regulations implementing the act, or as reasonably requested by the director;

(g) Acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to examination or investigation by the director;

(h) State that the licensee is subject to regulation by the director and that, as part of that regulation, the director may suspend or revoke an authorized delegate designation or require the licensee to terminate an authorized delegate designation; and

(i) Acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures required under subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

(4) If the licensee's license is suspended, revoked, canceled, surrendered, or expired, the licensee shall, within five business days,

provide documentation to the director that the licensee has notified all applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the director of the suspension, revocation, cancellation, surrender, or expiration of the license. Upon suspension, revocation, cancellation, surrender, or expiration of the license, applicable authorized delegates shall immediately cease to provide money transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee.

(5) An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission. If any authorized delegate commingles any funds received from money transmission with any other funds or property owned or controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled funds and other property shall be considered held in trust in favor of the licensee in an amount equal to the amount of money net of fees received from money transmission by the authorized delegate on behalf of the licensee.

(6) An authorized delegate may not use a subdelegate to conduct money transmission on behalf of a licensee.

~~(1) The requirement for a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act does not apply to:~~

~~(a) The United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof;~~

~~(b) Any post office of the United States Postal Service;~~

~~(c) A state or any political subdivision thereof;~~

~~(d)(i) Banks, credit unions, digital asset depository institutions as defined in section 8-3003, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or mutual banks organized under the laws of any state or the United States;~~

~~(ii) Subsidiaries of the institutions listed in subdivision (d)(i) of this subsection;~~

~~(iii) Bank holding companies which have a banking subsidiary located in Nebraska and whose debt securities have an investment grade rating by a national rating agency; or~~

~~(iv) Authorized delegates of the institutions and entities listed in subdivision (d)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this subsection, except that authorized delegates that are not banks, credit unions, building and loan associations, savings and loan associations, savings banks, mutual banks, subsidiaries of any of the foregoing, or bank holding companies shall comply with all requirements imposed upon authorized delegates under the act;~~

~~(e) The provision of electronic transfer of government benefits for any federal, state, or county governmental agency, as defined in Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Regulation E, 12 C.F.R. part 1005, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025, by a contractor for and on behalf of the United States or any department, agency, or instrumentality thereof or any state or any political subdivision thereof;~~

~~(f) An operator of a payment system only to the extent that the payment system provides processing, clearing, or settlement services between or among persons who are all exempt under this section in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, automated clearinghouse transfers, or similar fund transfers; or~~

~~(g) A person, firm, corporation, or association licensed in this state and acting within this state within the scope of a license:~~

~~(i) As a collection agency pursuant to the Collection Agency Act;~~

~~(ii) As a credit services organization pursuant to the Credit Services Organization Act; or~~

~~(iii) To engage in the debt management business pursuant to sections 69-1201 to 69-1217.~~

~~(2) An authorized delegate of a licensee or of an exempt entity, acting within the scope of its authority conferred by a written contract~~

~~as described in section 8-2739, is not required to obtain a license under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act, except that such an authorized delegate shall comply with the other provisions of the act which apply to money transmission transactions.~~

Sec. 110. Section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, is amended to read:

Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of not to exceed six percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund.

(2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.

(3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar year and each year thereafter.

Sec. 111. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 113, and 114 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 112. Original sections 44-502 and 44-4109.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, are repealed.

2. On page 203, line 12, strike "and" and strike "8-2724,"; and in line 14 after the last comma insert "and section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025,".

3. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. ER46, found on page 1159, was offered.

ER46 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO198
Bracket until May 6, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. ER54, found on page 1159, was offered.

ER54 was adopted.

Senator Brandt offered the following amendment:
AM998

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM635)

1. On page 19, strike lines 21 through 31 and insert the following new subdivisions:
"(a) Establish a hub for information about the availability and application processes of and eligibility for grants, loans, or other programs that fund home weatherization projects, whether administered by the department, other state or local agencies, nonprofit organizations, or the federal government; and
(b) Assist in coordination efforts by state and local agencies to optimize the execution of home weatherization projects.".
2. On page 20, strike lines 1 through 6; and in line 7 strike "(5)" and insert "(4)".

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM733, found on page 895, was offered.

Senator McKinney withdrew AM1052, found on page 1105, to the committee amendment.

Senator McKinney offered AM1074, found on page 1120, to the committee amendment.

The McKinney amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered AM968, found on page 1072, to the committee amendment.

The Dover amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1008, found on page 1130, was offered.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1147

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1008)

1. Strike section 37 and insert the following new section:

Sec. 37. (1) Beginning January 1, 2026, each agency shall begin a review of all existing and pending rules and regulations. Every rule or regulation shall be reviewed every five years.

(2) Each agency head shall designate an individual who is responsible for oversight of the review.

(3) Each agency shall submit electronically a detailed report of its findings along with any supporting documentation to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before June 30 of each year for reviews conducted in the previous year. The report shall indicate whether:

(a) The rule or regulation is essential to the health, safety, or welfare of the public;

(b) The costs of the rule or regulation outweigh the benefits;

(c) The agency has a process in place to measure the effectiveness of the rule or regulation;

(d) A less restrictive alternative has been considered; and

(e) The rule or regulation was promulgated as the result of a (i) state statutory requirement, (ii) federal mandate, or (iii) court decision.

(4) Upon receipt of the agency reports required by this section, the Reference Committee of the Legislature shall reference each report to the appropriate standing committee of the Legislature based on each committee's jurisdictional oversight. The standing committee shall review the agency report and submit a report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature by December 15 of such year. Each such committee report shall include recommendations for legislation, if necessary, to clarify any rule or regulation or provide recommendations for clarifications to any rule or regulation.

(5) Agency rulemaking and regulationmaking authorized by the Administrative Procedure Act shall be suspended during the pendency of the agency review process mandated by this section with the exception of any proposed rule or regulation that:

(a) Affects the health, safety, or welfare of the public;

(b) Is time sensitive; or

(c) Is subject to state or federal statutory deadlines.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:57 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Committee AM1008, found on page 1130 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Conrad renewed AM1147, found and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Conrad amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM316, found on page 593, was offered.

Senator Brandt offered AM758, found on page 1038, to the committee amendment.

The Brandt amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Senator McKeon withdrew AM978, found on page 1046, to the committee amendment.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM499, found on page 734, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM750, found on page 1126, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Wordekemper withdrew AM494, found on page 697.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB645:
AM1135

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM876)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 3. Section 81-2026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-2026 (1)(a) Any officer qualified for an annuity as provided in section 81-2025 for reasons other than disability shall be entitled to receive a monthly annuity for the remainder of the officer's life. The annuity payments shall continue until the end of the calendar month in which the officer dies. The amount of the annuity shall be a percentage of the officer's final average monthly compensation. For retirement on or after the fifty-fifth birthday of the member or on or after the fiftieth birthday of a member who has been in the employ of the state for twenty-five years, as calculated in section 81-2033, the percentage shall be three percent multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, as calculated in section 81-2033, except that the percentage shall never be greater than seventy-five percent.

(b) For retirement pursuant to subsection (2) of section 81-2025 on or after the fiftieth birthday of the member but prior to the fifty-fifth birthday of the member who has been in the employ of the state for less than twenty-five years, as calculated in section 81-2033, the annuity which would apply if the member were age fifty-five at the date of retirement shall be reduced by five-ninths of one percent for each month by which the early retirement date precedes age fifty-five or for each month by which the early retirement date precedes the date upon which the member has served for twenty-five years, whichever is earlier. Any officer who has completed thirty years of creditable service with the Nebraska State Patrol shall have retirement benefits computed as if the officer had reached age fifty-five.

(c) For purposes of this computation:

(i) For an officer who became a member prior to July 1, 2016, final average monthly compensation means the sum of the officer's total compensation during the three twelve-month periods of service as an officer in which compensation was the greatest divided by thirty-six and:

(A) For any officer employed on or before January 4, 1979, the officer's total compensation includes payments received for unused vacation and sick leave accumulated during the final three years of service; or

(B) For any officer employed after January 4, 1979, and prior to July 1, 2016, the officer's total compensation includes payments received for unused holiday compensatory time and unused compensatory time; and

(ii) For an officer who became a member on or after July 1, 2016, final average monthly compensation means the sum of the officer's total compensation during the five twelve-month periods of service as an officer in which compensation was the greatest divided by sixty and does not include payments received for unused sick leave, unused vacation leave, unused holiday compensatory time, unused compensatory time, or any other type of unused leave, compensatory time, or similar benefits, converted to cash payments. The five twelve-month periods used for calculating an officer's final average monthly compensation ends with the month during which the officer's final compensation is paid. In the determination of compensation, that part of an officer's compensation for the plan year which exceeds the officer's compensation for the preceding plan year by more than eight percent during the capping period shall be excluded. Such officer's compensation for the first plan year of the capping period shall be compared to the officer's compensation received for the plan year immediately preceding the capping period. For purposes of this subdivision, capping period means the five plan years preceding the officer's retirement date. The board may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the implementation of this section, including rules and regulations related to prorating, annualizing, or recalculating an officer's final average monthly compensation for each plan year in the capping period.

(2) Any officer qualified for an annuity as provided in section 81-2025 for reasons of disability shall be entitled to receive a monthly annuity for the remainder of the period of disablement as provided in sections 81-2028 to 81-2030. The amount of the annuity shall be fifty percent of the officer's monthly compensation at the date of disablement if the officer has completed seventeen or fewer years of creditable service. If the officer has completed more than seventeen years of creditable service, the amount of the annuity shall be three percent of the final monthly compensation at the date of disablement multiplied by the total years of creditable service but not to exceed seventy-five percent of the final average monthly compensation as defined in subsection (1) of this section. The date of disablement shall be the date on which the benefits as provided in section 81-2028 have been exhausted.

(3) Upon the death of an officer after retirement for reasons other than disability, benefits shall be provided as a percentage of the amount of the officer's annuity, calculated as follows:

(a) If there is a surviving spouse but no dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the surviving spouse shall receive a benefit equal to one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(b) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age and there is no other dependent child or children of the officer not in the care of the surviving spouse under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred percent of the officer's annuity. When there is no remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(c) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age or there is another dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age not in the care of the surviving spouse, the benefit shall be twenty-five percent of the amount of the

officer's annuity to the surviving spouse and seventy-five percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent children but in no case shall the benefit received by a surviving spouse and dependent children residing with such spouse be less than fifty percent of the amount of the officer's annuity. At such time as any dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age. When there is no remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(d) If there is no surviving spouse and a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent children. At such time as any dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age; and

(e) If there is no surviving spouse or no dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the amount of benefit such officer has received under the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement Act shall be computed. If such amount is less than the contributions to the State Patrol Retirement Fund made by such officer, plus regular interest, the difference shall be paid to the officer's designated beneficiary or estate.

(4) Upon the death of an officer after retirement for reasons of disability, benefits shall be provided as if the officer had retired for reasons other than disability.

(5) Upon the death of an officer before retirement, benefits shall be provided as if the officer had retired for reasons of disability on the date of such officer's death, calculated as follows:

(a) If there is a surviving spouse but no dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the surviving spouse shall receive a benefit equal to one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(b) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age and there is no other dependent child or children of the officer not in the care of the surviving spouse under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred percent of the officer's annuity. When there is no remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(c) If there is a surviving spouse and the surviving spouse has in his or her care a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age or there is another dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age not in the care of the surviving spouse, the benefit shall be twenty-five percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the surviving spouse and seventy-five percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent children but in no case shall the benefit received by a surviving spouse and dependent children residing with such spouse be less than fifty percent of the amount of the officer's annuity. At such time as any dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the

officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age. When there is no remaining dependent child of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the amount of the officer's annuity to the surviving spouse for the remainder of the surviving spouse's life;

(d) If there is no surviving spouse and a dependent child or children of the officer under nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be equal to one hundred~~seventy-five~~ percent of the officer's annuity to the dependent children of the officer under nineteen years of age to be divided equally among such dependent children. At such time as any dependent child of the officer attains nineteen years of age, the benefit shall be divided equally among the remaining dependent children of the officer who have not yet attained nineteen years of age; and

(e) If no benefits are paid to a surviving spouse or dependent child or children of the officer, benefits will be paid as described in subsection (1) of section 81-2031.

(6) A lump-sum death benefit paid to the member's beneficiary, other than the member's estate, that is an eligible distribution may be distributed in the form of a direct transfer to a retirement plan eligible to receive such transfer under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

(7) For any member whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2007, while performing qualified military service as defined in section 414(u) of the Internal Revenue Code, the member's beneficiary shall be entitled to any additional death benefit that would have been provided, other than the accrual of any benefit relating to the period of qualified military service. The additional death benefit shall be determined as if the member had returned to employment with the Nebraska State Patrol and such employment had terminated on the date of the member's death.

(8) Any changes made to this section by Laws 2004, LB 1097, shall apply only to retirements, disabilities, and deaths occurring on or after July 16, 2004.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Rountree name added to LB173.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Doug and Vikki Gremel, Seward; Blaine and Connie Brokaw, California; students from Norfolk Catholic, Norfolk; students from Arnold Elementary, Arnold.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:57 p.m., on a motion by Senator Prokop, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY - APRIL 24, 2025

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. Strike sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 41, 42, 47, 51, 54, and 58.

2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and 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. Insert the following new amendments:
2. 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

items;.
(b) Assets over and above a maximum of one thousand dollars and current income shall be available for reimbursement to the state for the cost of care;.
(c) Assets may be deposited in a checking account, invested in United States bonds, or deposited in a savings account insured by the United States Government;.
(d) All income received from the investment or deposit of assets shall be credited to the individual child whose assets arewere invested or deposited; and.
(e) The department shall make and maintain detailed records showing all receipts, investments, and expenditures of assets owned by children under the charge of the department.
(3)(a) The department shall screen each child under its charge for social security benefit eligibility within sixty days after the date the child enters its charge.
(b)(i) If the department determines that a child may be eligible for social security benefits, it shall submit an application for such benefits on behalf of the child and, if necessary and in the child's best interest, appeal a denied application.
(ii) The department shall provide written notice to the child, using age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's parents, of all benefit eligibility determinations from the Social Security Administration, including benefit approval, denial, and appeal outcomes, within ten calendar days after the date the department is notified of such eligibility determination.
(iii) If the child is approved to receive social security benefits, within ten calendar days after the date the department is notified of the approval, the department shall provide written notice to the child, using age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's parents, that adults known to the child may apply to be the child's representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security benefit payments.
(iv) If the department is appointed to serve as the child's representative payee, within ten calendar days after the date the department is notified of such appointment, the department shall provide written notice to the child, using age-appropriate language, the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's parents, of such appointment, the child's and the child's parents' rights to appeal the appointment, and the deadline for such appeals.
(4)(2) When the Department of Health and Human Services serves as representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefits, the department shall provide:
(a) Written noticeNotice to the child beneficiary, usingin an age-appropriate languagemanner, and the child's guardian ad litem, and the child's parents that the department is acting as the child's representative payee for the purposes of receiving social security benefit paymentsbenefits, within thirty days after receiving the first social security benefit payment on behalf of the child beneficiary. The notice shall include the following information:;
(i) The department received the social security benefit payment and the amount received;
(ii) The department has created a trust account to hold such benefit payments;
(iii) Such benefit payments shall be used and conserved in accordance with federal law and this section, and any unspent or conserved funds shall be sent to the child beneficiary when the child beneficiary leaves the department's charge;
(iv) The child beneficiary may request access to such benefit payments for personal use through the department and the process for submitting such a request;
(v) A child beneficiary fourteen years of age or older may request

through the juvenile court that such benefit payments be used or conserved in a specified manner; and

(vi) The child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem, the child's attorney, or the child's parents may request all accounting records the department maintains relating to the child beneficiary's social security benefit payments and the process for submitting such a request;

(b) Written notice~~Notice~~ to the juvenile court, at each~~every~~ review hearing for~~regarding~~ the child beneficiary ~~after January 1, 2023~~, regarding the department's receipt and conservation of the child's social security benefits, which~~that~~ shall include:

(i) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds the department has received on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date of the review hearing; ~~and~~

(ii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds received on behalf of the child beneficiary that are currently conserved or unspent as of the date of the review hearing; and

(iii) The total amount of social security benefit payment funds spent on behalf of the child beneficiary as of the date of the review hearing, including itemized expenditures since the previous review hearing; and

(c) All accounting records regarding the department's receipt, use, and conservation of the child's social security benefit payments~~benefits~~, to the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem or attorney, or the child's parent upon:

(i) Request by~~from~~ the child beneficiary, the child's guardian ad litem or attorney, or the child's parent; and

(ii) Termination of the department's role as the child beneficiary's representative payee.

(5) When the department serves as representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefit payments, it shall:

(a) Manage, use, and conserve the social security benefit payments consistent with federal law and this section, for the use and benefit of the child beneficiary, and in the child beneficiary's best interest. This includes conserving social security benefit payments for the child beneficiary's reasonably foreseeable and if appropriate, expressed, future needs;

(b) Hold all social security benefit payments received on behalf of a child beneficiary separate and apart from the department's funds, and except as provided in subdivision (5)(c) of this section, in a trust account established and maintained for the child beneficiary;

(c) Manage such benefit payments in a manner that avoids exceeding the federal social security asset and resource limits, including holding benefit payments in the established trust account and in accounts and programs not counted toward such limits, so as to conserve funds without exceeding such limits. Such accounts and programs include, but are not limited to, (i) a plan for achieving self-support as described in section 68-1007, (ii) an achieving a better life experience account as described in sections 77-1401 to 77-1409, (iii) an individual development account as described in 45 C.F.R. 263.20, (iv) a special needs trust as defined in section 30-4513, and (v) a dedicated account for social security back payments;

(d) Conserve a minimum amount of social security benefit payments received on behalf of a child beneficiary, which shall not be used to reimburse the state for the cost of care, in the following percentages: (i) For child beneficiaries fourteen years of age or older, no less than twenty percent; (ii) for child beneficiaries sixteen years of age or older, no less than thirty percent; (iii) for child beneficiaries seventeen years of age or older, no less than forty percent; and (iv) for child beneficiaries eighteen years of age or older, fifty percent; and

(e) Reimburse such funds with subsequent social security benefit payments and such payments shall not be available to reimburse the

department for the child beneficiary's care if, pursuant to a request by the child beneficiary, funds from social security payments are disbursed from an established trust account or any other account or program maintained by the department for the child beneficiary.

(6) If the department serves as representative payee for a child beneficiary of social security benefits fourteen years of age or older, such child beneficiary shall:

(a) Be consulted by the department no less than every six months regarding the child beneficiary's current and reasonably foreseeable future needs so that the child beneficiary's social security benefit payments are spent and conserved in a manner that supports the child beneficiary's needs and best interests;

(b) Have the right to request through the juvenile court, that the child beneficiary's social security benefit payments be used or conserved for current or reasonably foreseeable future needs in a manner that is different from the department's use and conservation of such payments. Such request shall be granted if it is determined to be in the best interest of the child beneficiary;

(c) Be informed in writing, at least six months prior to exiting the department's charge, of the process for continuing to receive social security benefit payments, the applicable federal asset and resource limits, and the process for using and conserving benefit payments to comply with such limits, including funds in accounts and programs that do not count toward such limits; and

(d) At least six months prior to exiting the department's charge, have an application submitted on behalf of the child beneficiary, or receive assistance in submitting an application, for renewed or new social security benefits for which the child beneficiary may be eligible if necessary for the child beneficiary to continue receiving benefits.

(7) When a child beneficiary exits the department's charge, the department shall provide written notice to such child beneficiary using age-appropriate language, and if applicable, the child's parents or guardians, that:

(a) The child beneficiary has the right to receive unspent or conserved social security benefit payments, the amount of unspent or conserved benefits the child beneficiary is expected to receive, that such payments will be disbursed from the Social Security Administration, and contact information for the Social Security Administration; and

(b) The department is no longer acting as the child beneficiary's representative payee and if the child beneficiary is younger than eighteen years of age, an adult known to the child may apply to be a representative payee through the Social Security Administration to ensure continued receipt of the child's social security benefit payments.

(8) On or before October 1, 2026, the department shall create a publicly available form for child beneficiaries under the department's charge to request access to social security benefit payments for personal use.

(9)~~(3)~~ On or before October 1, 2026~~2023~~, the Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out subsections (2) through (8)~~subsection (2)~~ of this section consistent with federal requirements regarding representative payees for social security beneficiaries.

(10) The department shall seek to maximize federal Title IV-E funding prior to utilizing General Funds for costs associated with implementation of this section.

Sec. 2. Original section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative 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. Strike amendment 1 and insert the following new amendment:
1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. At a special election on May 12, 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
To amend Article III, section 12:
III-12 (1) A~~N~~o person shall not be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for more than three terms in such person's lifetime~~four years next after the expiration of two consecutive terms regardless of the district represented~~.
(2) Service prior to January 1, 2023~~2001~~, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating ~~consecutive~~ terms in subsection (1) of this section.
(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.
Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:
A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to a lifetime limit of three terms not including terms served prior to January 1, 2023.
For
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

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY - APRIL 25, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, April 25, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Kevin Johnson, Christ Cathedral Church of God in Christ, Bellevue.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Armendariz.

ROLL CALL

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

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-seventh day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 24, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Amack, Angela K.
Greenlight Omaha
Foxx, Kelley
Maplebear Inc. d/b/a Instacart (Withdrawn 04/23/2025)
Holman, Matthew
Farmers Mutual of Nebraska
Sand Creek Strategy Group LLC
Mueller Robak, LLC
Smith, Scott
Stilmock McIntosh Government Relations, LLC

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM308, found on page 539, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM399, found on page 604, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM761, found on page 833, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM606, found on page 1126, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review

Senator DeKay offered MO199, found on page 1210, to recommit LB246 to Enrollment and Review to correct an error and for reengrossment pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8(b)(1).

The DeKay motion to recommit to Enrollment and Review prevailed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB245 with 39 ayes, 2 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 245. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Ibach	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB295 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 295. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,244.01, 81-2,245.01, 81-2,254, 81-2,257, 81-2,259, 81-2,268, 81-2,270, 81-2,271, 81-2,274, 81-2,277, 89-186, 89-187, 89-187.02, and 89-187.05, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to change provisions of the Weights and Measures Act; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-2,272.01, 81-2,272.10, 81-2,272.24, and 81-2,272.32, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB388 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 388.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judicial nominating commissions; to amend sections 24-802, 24-805, 24-806, 24-808, 24-809, 24-810, and 24-810.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 24-803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to commission member residency requirements, terms of office, powers and duties of commissioners and the Clerk of the Supreme Court, appointments, vacancies, elections, and automatic removals; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 414.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to establish a suicide mortality review team; to define terms; to provide for powers and duties; and to require a report as prescribed.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Spivey
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 428.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-532, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to school policies on the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in schools; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Strommen
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	von Gillern
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Hunt McKinney Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

McKeon Raybould Sanders

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB9 to Select File

Senator Conrad moved to return LB9 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA136
Strike the enacting clause

The Conrad motion to return failed with 7 ayes, 27 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Conrad amendment, FA136, was not considered.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB9 with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tobacco and related products; to amend sections 77-2604, 77-2612, 77-2615.01, and 77-4015, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-1418.01, 59-1523, 69-2705, 69-2709, 69-2710.01, 77-4001, 77-4002, 77-4003.01, 77-4007, and 77-4008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define and redefine terms relating to nicotine and nicotine analogues; to provide for regulation of alternative nicotine products and electronic nicotine delivery systems containing nicotine analogues; to change provisions relating to notices of deficiency determinations for certain cigarette taxes and under the Tobacco Products Tax Act; to provide for taxation of alternative nicotine products, sanctions, and administrative penalties under the Tobacco Products Tax Act, to declare tobacco products involved in violations of the act to be contraband and provide for their forfeiture, seizure, and disposal; to provide for immunity; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe
Arch	Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Clouse	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bostar	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 10:

Ballard	Dungan	Hunt	Lonowski*	Rountree*
Conrad	Guereca*	Juarez	McKinney	Strommen*

Excused and not voting, 5:

Hansen	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Committee AM556, found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221, was renewed.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 314. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
General Affairs
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 6, 2025
J Chris Stinson - State Racing and Gaming Commission
John Barrett - State Racing and Gaming Commission
Tyler C Ritz - State Electrical Board

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Committee AM556, found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator Holdcroft requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Bosn	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Juarez	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeKay	Guereca	McKinney	
Brandt	Dorn	Holdcroft	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	Spivey	

Voting in the negative, 13:

Andersen	Clements	Lonowski	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Kauth	Meyer	Sorrentino	
Cavanaugh, M.	Lippincott	Moser	Storer	

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Hallstrom	Hardin	Jacobson	Riepe
Ballard	Hansen	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 5:

Clouse	McKeon	Raybould	Sanders	von Gillern

The committee amendment lost with 21 ayes, 13 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO207
Reconsider the vote taken on AM556.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider prevailed with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Committee AM566, found on page 1162 and considered on page 1221 and in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 25, 2025, at 12:48 p.m. were the following: LBs 245e, 295e, 388, 414, 428, and 9.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB322:
AM1142 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Read. Considered.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Committee AM884, found on page 1116, was offered.

Senator Lippincott offered AM1175, found on page 1221, to the committee amendment.

Senator Lippincott moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

The Lippincott amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 22 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 7 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 7 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 24, 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 individuals are being appointed as members of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission:

Lorelle Mueting, 19740 Chandler Street, Gretna, NE 68028, Governor appointed member
Monica Oldenburg, 6521 S 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68512, Governor appointed member

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to LB645:
FA137
Insert the following new section: Section 5: Section 3 of this act becomes effective on July 1, 2027. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB414.
Senator Conrad name added to LB693.
Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LR22CA.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Guereca name withdrawn from LR19CA.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Nina Kimbrough Johnson, Omaha; students from Shelton Public School, Shelton; students from Bryan Elementary, Lexington; students and teachers from St. Wenceslaus School, Dodge; students from Westridge Elementary, Elkhorn; Ryan Wicoff, Elkhorn; students from Umo^{n}Ho^{n} Nation Public School, Macy; Jill and Millie Owens, Iowa; Joan Luebbe, Goehner.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
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Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, April 28, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Lippincott.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Ballard.

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 Senator Sanders who was excused; and Senators Andersen, Bosn, Bostar, DeBoer, Dorn, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-eighth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 127, 128, and 129 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 127, 128, and 129.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB645

Senator Ballard withdrew FA137, found on page 1234.

MOTION(S) - Return LB645 to Select File

Senator Ballard moved to return LB645 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1190 is available in the Bill Room.

The Ballard motion to return prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. The Ballard specific AM1190, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Readvanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 400. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM702
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
4 (a) Firefighter includes both professional and volunteer
5 firefighters;
6 (b) Professional firefighter means a person who has been employed
7 for five or more years in this state in a full-time salaried occupation
8 as:

(i) A firefighter for the benefit or safety of the public;
(ii) An investigator of fires or arson; or
(iii) An instructor or officer for the provision of training concerning fire or hazardous materials; and
(c) Volunteer firefighter means a person who has acted for five or more years in this state as a volunteer firefighter described in subdivision (3) of section 48-115.
(2) Notwithstanding any provision of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act to the contrary, cancer that results in either temporary or permanent disability or death of a firefighter is an occupational disease and compensable as such under the act if:
(a) The cancer develops or manifests itself out of and in the course of the employment of a firefighter; and
(b) It is demonstrated that:
(i) The firefighter was exposed, while in the course of employment, to a known carcinogen or a substance reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, as defined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer or the National Toxicology Program; and
(ii) Such carcinogen is reasonably associated with such cancer.
(3) With respect to a firefighter, the following substances shall be deemed, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with the following cancers:
(a) Diesel exhaust, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with bladder cancer;
(b) Acrylonitrile, formaldehyde, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with brain cancer;
(c) Asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, digoxin, ethylene oxide, polychlorinated biphenyls, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with breast cancer;
(d) Diesel exhaust and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with colon cancer;
(e) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with esophageal cancer;
(f) Formaldehyde shall be deemed to be a known carcinogen that is reasonably associated with Hodgkin's lymphoma;
(g) Formaldehyde and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney cancer;
(h) Benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, 1,3-butadiene, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with leukemia;
(i) Chloroform, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with liver cancer;
(j) Arsenic, asbestos, cadmium, chromium compounds, oils, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, radon, silica, soot, and tars shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lung cancer;
(k) Acrylonitrile, benzene, formaldehyde, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lymphatic or haemotopoietic cancer;
(l) Diesel exhaust and soot, aldehydes, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma and melanoma;
(m) Benzene, dioxins, and glyphosate shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with multiple myeloma;
(n) Arsenic, asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot,

formaldehyde, and hydrogen chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with nasopharyngeal cancer, including laryngeal cancer and pharyngeal cancer;

(o) Benzene, chronic hepatitis B and C viruses, formaldehyde, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;

(p) Asbestos, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with ovarian cancer;

(q) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be a known carcinogen that is reasonably associated with pancreatic cancer;

(r) Acrylonitrile, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with prostate cancer;

(s) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with rectal cancer;

(t) Chlorophenols, chlorophenoxy herbicides, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with soft tissue sarcoma;

(u) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with stomach cancer;

(v) Diesel exhaust and soot, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with testicular cancer;

(w) Diesel exhaust, benzene, and X-ray radiation shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with thyroid cancer;

(x) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with urinary tract cancer and ureteral cancer;

(y) Benzene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with uterine cancer; and

(z) Polyfluoroalkyl substances shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney cancer, testicular cancer, and prostate cancer.

(4) Subsection (3) of this section is not an exhaustive list and shall not preclude any person from demonstrating, on a case-by-case basis for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that a substance is a known carcinogen or is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, including an agent classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Group 1 or Group 2A, that is reasonably associated with a cancer.

(5) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a cancer experienced by a firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if (i) the cancer is diagnosed during the course of the firefighter's employment and (ii) such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.

(6)(a) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a retired firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if (i) the cancer is diagnosed within a period, not to exceed sixty months, which begins with the last date the retired firefighter actually worked in the qualifying capacity and extends for a period calculated by multiplying three months by the number of full years of such employment and (ii) such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.

(b) This subsection applies to a professional firefighter who retires before January 1, 2026, and to a volunteer firefighter, regardless of the date of retirement.
(7) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a professional firefighter who retires on or after January 1, 2026, arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer, and such cancer was diagnosed:
(a) If the firefighter ceases employment before completing twenty years of service as a professional firefighter, during the period after separation from employment which is equal to the number of years worked; or
(b) If the firefighter ceases employment after completing twenty years or more of service as a professional firefighter, investigator, or instructor, at any time during the person's life.
(8) Service credit which is purchased in a retirement system shall not be used to calculate the number of years of service or employment for purposes of this section.
(9) A person who files a claim for benefits for cancer pursuant to subsection (7) of this section after retiring from employment as a professional firefighter is not entitled to receive any compensation for such cancer under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act other than medical benefits.
(10)(a) The presumptions in subsections (5), (6), and (7) of this section shall control the awarding of benefits pursuant to this section unless evidence to rebut the relevant presumption is presented.
(b) The presumptions provided for under this section may be rebutted if the employer or agency against whom such a claim for benefits is made can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the cancer experienced by the firefighter resulted from accident, exposure to cancer-causing substances, or any other medical cause not arising out of and in the course of the firefighter's employment.
Sec. 2. Section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
48-1,110 Sections 48-101 to 48-1,117 and section 1 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.
Sec. 3. Original section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A. Senator Ballard offered the following amendment:
AM1197
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $40,000 from the School Expense Fund and $26,000 from the State Patrol Expense Fund for FY2025-26 and (2) $-0- from the School Expense Fund and $-0- from the State Patrol Expense Fund for FY2026-27 to the Public Employees Retirement Board, for Program 41, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 645, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed $20,000

for FY2025-26 or $-0- for FY2026-27.
Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Senator J. Cavanaugh offered MO62, found on page 726, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Kauth opened on her bill, LB316.

Senator J. Cavanaugh opened on his motion, MO62.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB645:
AM1194

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER51)

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

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO62, found on page 726, and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Moser moved the previous question.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	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	
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 7:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Prokop	Raybould
Bostar	DeBoer	Quick	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Fredrickson Sanders

The Moser motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 10:

Conrad	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	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, 5:

Bostar Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Prokop Quick

Excused and not voting, 2:

Fredrickson Sanders

The J. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 10 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO208
Reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1157
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. Section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
24-201.01 ~~On July 1, 2022, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be one hundred ninety-eight thousand four hundred twenty-six dollars and fifty-one cents. On July 1, 2023, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred twelve thousand three hundred sixteen dollars and thirty-seven cents.~~ On July 1, 2024, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred twenty-five thousand fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents. On July 1, 2025, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred twenty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-one dollars and eighteen cents. On July 1, 2026, the salary of the Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall be two hundred thirty-one thousand eight hundred fifty-seven dollars and sixty-five cents.
The Chief Justice and the judges of the Supreme Court shall hold no

other public office of profit or trust during their terms of office nor accept any public appointment or employment under the authority of the government of the United States for which they receive compensation for their services. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments.

Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

Sec. 3. Original section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1187 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Nebraska Tourism Commission:
Debra L Kelly

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Bob Andersen, Vice Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from St. Margaret Mary Catholic, Omaha; students from Birchcrest Elementary, Bellevue.

RECESS

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dorn, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators DeBoer, DeKay, Dorn, Hansen, and Wordekemper who were excused until they arrive.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB316:
MO209
Indefinitely postpone.

MO210
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO211
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO208, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SENATOR IBACH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST26
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 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "retirement; to amend sections 79-916, 79-958, 79-966, and 81-2026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and state legislative intent relating to retirement systems for Class V school districts; to change employee and state contributions to the School Retirement Fund; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1149 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA143
In AM628, on page 1, line 6, strike "," after "economical".

FA146
In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "four".

FA147
In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "five".

FA148
In AM628, on page 32, line 4 strike "three" and insert "ten".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendments to LB530:
AM1182
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)
1 1. On page 1, line 19, after "device" insert "that is".

AM1183
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)
1 1. On page 33, line 26, strike the second occurrence of "the" and
2 insert "such".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO208, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO62.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 2 nays, and 16 not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 13 ayes, 33 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM944, found on page 1094, was offered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered MO63, found on page 726, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA144
Strike Section 1.

FA145
Strike Section 2.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB647:
AM1107
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM994)
1. On page 37, line 7, strike "2026", show as stricken, and insert "2032".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB644:
FA138
Strike Section 1.

FA139
Strike Section 2.

FA140
Strike the enacting clause

FA141
In AM959, Strike Section 1.

FA142
Strike Section 1.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendments to LB644:
AM1199
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)
1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new sections:
Sec. 11. (1) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating within the State of Nebraska shall attest that they are cognizant of and in compliance with the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.
(2) The attestation required by this section shall be filed as follows:
(a) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-125;
(b) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska

Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or 21-304;

(c) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-19,172;

(d) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;

(e) For banking, insurance, and building and loan association corporations paying fees and making reports to the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance, the attestation shall be included on a report filed with the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance. Each director shall determine the frequency with which such reports must be filed but shall not require a report to be filed more frequently than on an annual basis; and

(f) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described in subdivisions (2)(a) through (e) of this section, the attestation shall be included on the annual or biennial report submitted to the Secretary of State as required by the organic law of the business or nonprofit organization.

(3) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by this section in consultation with the Secretary of State.

(4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

(5) An unincorporated entity that is of a type that is not created by filing a public organic document with the Secretary of State is exempt from this section.

Sec. 23. Section 49-1496, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

49-1496 (1) The statement of financial interests filed pursuant to sections 49-1493 to 49-14,104 shall be on a form prescribed by the commission.

(2) Individuals required to file under sections 49-1493 to 49-1495 shall file the following information for themselves:

(a) The name and address of and the nature of association with any business with which the individual was associated;

(b) The name and address of any entity in which a position of trustee was held;

(c) The name, address, and nature of business of a person or government body from whom any income in the value of one thousand dollars or more was received and the nature of the services rendered, except that the identification of patrons, customers, patients, or clients of such person from which employment income was received is not required;

(d) A description, but not the value, of the following, if the fair market value thereof exceeded one thousand dollars:

(i) The nature and location of all real property in the state, except any such real property used as a residence of the individual;

(ii) The depository of checking and savings accounts;

(iii) The issuer of stocks, bonds, and government securities; and

(iv) A description of all other property owned or held for the production of income, except property owned or used by a business with which the individual was associated;

(e) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of one thousand dollars or more was owed or guaranteed by the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family, except for the following:

(i) Accounts payable;

(ii) Debts arising out of retail installment transactions;

(iii) Loans made by financial institutions in the ordinary course of business;

(iv) Loans from a relative; and

(v) Land contracts that have been properly recorded with the county clerk or the register of deeds;
(f) The name, address, and occupation or nature of business of any person from whom a gift in the value of more than one hundred dollars was received, a description of the gift and the circumstances of the gift, and the monetary value category of the gift, based on a good faith estimate by the individual, reported in the following categories:
(i) $100.01 - $200;
(ii) $200.01 - $500;
(iii) $500.01 - $1,000; and
(iv) $1,000.01 or more; ~~and~~
(g) An attestation that the individual is not an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization, as such terms are defined in the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act. Such attestation shall be made by checking a box on the form attesting to such fact; and
(h)~~(g)~~ Such other information as the individual or the commission deems necessary, after notice and hearing, to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.
2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

AM1208

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new sections:
Sec. 11. (1) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating within the State of Nebraska shall attest that they are cognizant of and in compliance with the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.
(2) The attestation required by this section shall be filed as follows:
(a) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-125;
(b) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or 21-304;
(c) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-19,172;
(d) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;
(e) For banking, insurance, and building and loan association corporations paying fees and making reports to the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance, the attestation shall be included on a report filed with the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance. Each director shall determine the frequency with which such reports must be filed but shall not require a report to be filed more frequently than on an annual basis; and
(f) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described in subdivisions (2)(a) through (e) of this section, the attestation shall be included on the annual or biennial report submitted to the Secretary of State as required by the organic law of the business or nonprofit organization.
(3) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by this section in consultation with the Secretary of State.
(4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.
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(b) The name and address of any entity in which a position of trustee was held;

(c) The name, address, and nature of business of a person or government body from whom any income in the value of one thousand dollars or more was received and the nature of the services rendered, except that the identification of patrons, customers, patients, or clients of such person from which employment income was received is not required;

(d) A description, but not the value, of the following, if the fair market value thereof exceeded one thousand dollars:

(i) The nature and location of all real property in the state, except any such real property used as a residence of the individual;

(ii) The depository of checking and savings accounts;

(iii) The issuer of stocks, bonds, and government securities; and

(iv) A description of all other property owned or held for the production of income, except property owned or used by a business with which the individual was associated;

(e) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of one thousand dollars or more was owed or guaranteed by the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family, except for the following:

(i) Accounts payable;

(ii) Debts arising out of retail installment transactions;

(iii) Loans made by financial institutions in the ordinary course of business;

(iv) Loans from a relative; and

(v) Land contracts that have been properly recorded with the county clerk or the register of deeds;

(f) The name, address, and occupation or nature of business of any person from whom a gift in the value of more than one hundred dollars was received, a description of the gift and the circumstances of the gift, and the monetary value category of the gift, based on a good faith estimate by the individual, reported in the following categories:

(i) $100.01 - $200;

(ii) $200.01 - $500;

(iii) $500.01 - $1,000; and

(iv) $1,000.01 or more; ~~and~~

(g) An attestation that the individual is not an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization, as such terms are defined in the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act. Such attestation shall be made by checking a box on the form attesting to such fact; and

(h)~~(g)~~ Such other information as the individual or the commission deems necessary, after notice and hearing, to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 141. Introduced by Quick, 35; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on April 10 through 12, 2025, more than one thousand six hundred students across the state converged in Grand Island at the Heartland Events Center and Fonner Park to compete in the 2025 SkillsUSA Nebraska Championships; and

WHEREAS, SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers, and industry that serves middle school, high school, and college students originally founded as Vocational Industrial Clubs of America in 1965 to ensure America has a skilled workforce; and

WHEREAS, since 1965, the organization has served more than fourteen million members; and

WHEREAS, students compete in more than one hundred career and technical competitions including architecture and construction, arts, audio and video technology, business management and administration, education, health science, public safety, hospitality and tourism, leadership, manufacturing, science, technology, engineering and math, information technology, and transportation; and

WHEREAS, top students earn prizes and scholarships from community colleges, businesses, and industry and first-place winners go on to the national championships in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the SkillsUSA's framework complements technical skill training with instruction and implementation of the employability skills that make a well-rounded worker and citizen.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes SkillsUSA for enhancing the lives of the citizens of Nebraska.

Laid over.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:31 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Committee AM944, found on page 1094 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO63, found on page 726 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO212
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, and 14 not voting.

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 11 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 33 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 7 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 13 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA149
Strike Section 1.

FA150
Strike Section 2.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEKAY PRESIDING

Committee AM874, found on page 1110, was offered.

Senator Clements withdrew FA113, found on page 1110, to the committee amendment.

Senator Bostar offered AM1069, found on page 1120, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:
FA151
Strike Section 1.

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB468:
AM1137 is available in the Bill Room.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Rountree name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teachers from St. John's Lutheran, Columbus.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Eric Thomsen, Beatrice.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m., on a motion by Senator Dungan, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SEVENTIETH DAY - APRIL 29, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator von Gillern.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Bosn.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators J. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, and Juarez who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the sixty-ninth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following amendment to LB319:
AM1176

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

Section 1. Section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-1017.02 (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall apply for and utilize to the maximum extent possible, within limits established by the Legislature, any and all appropriate options available to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and regulations adopted under such program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents being served under such program within such limits. The department shall seek to maximize federal funding for such program and minimize the utilization of General Funds for such program and shall

employ the personnel necessary to determine the options available to the state and issue the report to the Legislature required by subdivision (b) of this subsection.

(b) The department shall submit electronically an annual report to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 1 on efforts by the department to carry out the provisions of this subsection. Such report shall provide the committee with all necessary and appropriate information to enable the committee to conduct a meaningful evaluation of such efforts. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, a clear description of various options available to the state under the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the department's evaluation of and any action taken by the department with respect to such options, the number of persons being served under such program, and any and all costs and expenditures associated with such program.

(c) The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, after receipt and evaluation of the report required in subdivision (b) of this subsection, shall issue recommendations to the department on any further action necessary by the department to meet the requirements of this section.

(2)(a) The department shall develop a state outreach plan to promote access by eligible persons to benefits of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. The plan shall meet the criteria established by the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for approval of state outreach plans. The Department of Health and Human Services may apply for and accept gifts, grants, and donations to develop and implement the state outreach plan.

(b) For purposes of developing and implementing the state outreach plan, the department shall partner with one or more counties or nonprofit organizations. If the department enters into a contract with a nonprofit organization relating to the state outreach plan, the contract may specify that the nonprofit organization is responsible for seeking sufficient gifts, grants, or donations necessary for the development and implementation of the state outreach plan and may additionally specify that any costs to the department associated with the award and management of the contract or the implementation or administration of the state outreach plan shall be paid out of private or federal funds received for development and implementation of the state outreach plan.

(c) The department shall submit the state outreach plan to the Food and Nutrition Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for approval on or before August 1, 2011, and shall request any federal matching funds that may be available upon approval of the state outreach plan. It is the intent of the Legislature that the State of Nebraska and the Department of Health and Human Services use any additional public or private funds to offset costs associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of the state outreach plan.

(d) The department shall be exempt from implementing or administering a state outreach plan under this subsection, but not from developing such a plan, if it does not receive private or federal funds sufficient to cover the department's costs associated with the implementation and administration of the plan, including any costs associated with increased caseload resulting from the implementation of the plan.

(3)(a) It is the intent of the Legislature that:

(i) Hard work be rewarded and no disincentives to work exist for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants;

(ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program participants be enabled to advance in employment, through greater earnings or new, better-paying employment;

(iii) Participants in employment and training pilot programs be able

to maintain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits while seeking employment with higher wages that allow them to reduce or terminate such program benefits; and

(iv) Nebraska better utilize options under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that other states have implemented to encourage work and employment.

(b)(i) The department shall create a TANF-funded program or policy that, in compliance with federal law, establishes categorical eligibility for federal food assistance benefits pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to maximize the number of Nebraska residents being served under such program in a manner that does not increase the current gross income eligibility limit except as otherwise provided in subdivision (3)(b)(ii) of this section.

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, such TANF-funded program or policy shall increase the gross income eligibility limit to one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines as allowed under federal law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2), as such law and regulation existed on April 1, 2021, but shall not increase the net income eligibility limit. Beginning October 1, 2025, the gross income eligibility limit shall return to the amount used prior to the increase required by this subdivision. The department shall evaluate the TANF-funded program or policy created pursuant to this subsection and provide a report electronically to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst on or before December 15 of each year regarding the gross income eligibility limit and whether it maximizes the number of Nebraska residents being served under the program or policy. The evaluation shall include an identification and determination of additional administrative costs resulting from the increase to the gross income eligibility limit, a recommendation regarding the gross income eligibility limit, and a determination of the availability of federal funds for the program or policy.

(iii) To the extent federal funds are available to the Department of Labor for the SNAP Next Step Program, until September 30, 2023, any recipient of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits whose household income is between one hundred thirty-one and one hundred sixty-five percent of the federal Office of Management and Budget income poverty guidelines and who is not exempt from work participation requirements shall be encouraged to participate in the SNAP Next Step Program administered by the Department of Labor if the recipient is eligible to participate in the program and the program's services are available in the county in which such household is located. It is the intent of the Legislature that no General Funds be utilized by the Department of Labor for the processes outlined in this subdivision (iii). For purposes of this section, SNAP Next Step Program means a partnership program between the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Labor to assist under-employed and unemployed recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits in finding self-sufficient employment.

(iv) Such TANF-funded program or policy shall eliminate all asset limits for eligibility for federal food assistance benefits, except that the total of liquid assets which includes cash on hand and funds in personal checking and savings accounts, money market accounts, and share accounts shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars pursuant to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, as allowed under federal law and under 7 C.F.R. 273.2(j)(2).

(v) This subsection becomes effective only if the department receives funds pursuant to federal participation that may be used to implement this subsection.

(c) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Federal law means the federal Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, 7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq., and regulations adopted under the act; and
(ii) TANF means the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program established in 42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.
(4)(a) As authorized in 21 U.S.C. 862, as such section existed on January 1, 2025~~Within the limits specified in this subsection~~, the State of Nebraska opts out of the provision of the federal Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, as such act existed on January 1, 2009, that eliminates eligibility for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for any person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance.
(b)(i)~~(b)~~ A person convicted of a felony involving the possession, use, or distribution of a controlled substance shall only be eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if such person (A) has completed the person's sentence for such felony or (B) is serving a term of parole, probation, or post-release supervision for the felony.
(ii) Unless a health care provider licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act has determined that substance abuse treatment is not required since the date of the most recent conviction, a~~shall be ineligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if he or she (i) has had three or more felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance or (ii) has been convicted of a felony involving the sale or distribution of a controlled substance or the intent to sell or distribute a controlled substance. A~~ person with three or more~~one or two~~ felony convictions for the possession or use of a controlled substance shall only be eligible to receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits under this subsection if the person (A)~~he or she~~ is participating in, or has completed, a state-licensed or nationally accredited substance abuse treatment program since the date of the most recent conviction or (B) has completed a treatment program while the person was incarcerated, on probation, or on parole. The determination of ~~such~~ participation or completion shall be made by the treatment provider administering the program.
Sec. 2. Original section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR130 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR130.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Committee AM874, found on page 1110 and considered on page 1253, was renewed.

Senator Bostar renewed AM1069, found on page 1120 and considered on page 1254, to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 4 ayes, 32 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered AM1137, found on page 1254, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 2 ayes, 33 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1152 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB530:
MO213
Indefinitely postpone.

MO214
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO215
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Anne Sorrentino, Omaha; Matthew Cavanaugh, Omaha; students with the Nebraska Civic Leaders Program, Omaha; students from Christ Lutheran School, Norfolk; students from Sagewood Elementary, Omaha; students from St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln.

RECESS

At 11:58 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hansen, Jacobson, Kauth, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Committee AM874, found on page 1110 and considered on page 1253, and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Raybould offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA152
In AM874, delete "three" on page 14, line 8 and replace with "six" and delete "three" on page 14, line 26 and replace with "ten".

The Raybould amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 2 ayes, 30 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 3 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Clements withdrew FA54, found on page 877.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 10 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Appropriations

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM831 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM832 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM834 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM835 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM575, found on page 760, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM612, found on page 800, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

April 28, 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 Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Board:

Michael Donley, 1825 St Andrews Pl, Lincoln, NE 68512 - State Employee

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

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB260:
FA156
In AM831, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB261:
FA157
In AM832, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB263:
FA158
In AM834, Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA159
In AM835, Strike Section 1.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1111, found on page 1216, was offered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1189

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1111)

1. Strike section 19 and insert the following new section:

Sec. 19. Section 86-704, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

86-704 (1) Any telecommunications company, incorporated or qualified to do business in this state, is granted the right to construct, operate, and maintain telecommunications lines and related facilities along, upon, across, and under the public highways of this state, and upon and under lands in this state, whether state or privately owned, except that (a) such lines and related facilities shall be so constructed and maintained as not to interfere with the ordinary use of such lands or of such highways by the public and (b) all aerial wires and cables shall be placed at a height of not less than eighteen feet above all highway crossings.

(2) Sections 86-701 to 86-707 shall not transfer the rights now vested in governing entities~~municipalities~~ in relation to the regulation of the poles, wires, cables, and other appliances or authorize a telecommunications company to erect any poles or construct any conduit, cable, or other facilities along, upon, across, or under a public highway ~~within a municipality~~ without first obtaining the consent of the governing entity~~body of the municipality~~. The governing entity~~municipality~~ shall not exercise any authority over any rights the telecommunications company may have to deliver telecommunications services as authorized by the Public Service Commission or the Federal Communications Commission and shall not impose any requirement or condition on Internet-protocol-enabled service and voice over Internet protocol service, including rates, service, or service contract terms or

conditions.

(3) Consent from a governing entity~~body~~ for the use of a public highway ~~within a municipality~~ shall be based upon a lawful exercise of the governing entity's~~its~~ statutory and constitutional authority. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, and a preference or disadvantage shall not be created through the granting or withholding of such consent. A governing entity~~municipality~~ shall not adopt an ordinance, resolution, rule, or regulation that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the ability of a telecommunications company to provide telecommunications service.

(4)~~(4)(a)~~ A municipality shall not levy a tax, fee, or charge for any right or privilege of engaging in a telecommunications business or for the use by a telecommunications company of a public highway other than:

(a)~~(i)~~ An occupation tax authorized under section 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 16-205, or 17-525 that meets the following requirements:

(i)~~(A)~~ The occupation tax shall be imposed only on the receipts from the sale of telecommunications service as defined in subdivision (7)(aa) of section 77-2703.04; and

(ii)~~(B)~~ Except as provided in subsection (5) of this section, the occupation tax shall not exceed:

(A)~~(I)~~ Before October 1, 2024, six and twenty-five hundredths percent; and

(B)~~(II)~~ Beginning October 1, 2024, four percent; and

(b)~~(ii)~~ A public highway construction permit fee or charge that complies with subsection (7) of this section.~~to the extent that the fee or charge applies to all persons seeking use of the public highway in a substantially similar manner. All public highway construction permit fees or charges shall be directly related to the costs incurred by the municipality in providing services relating to the granting or administration of permits. Any highway construction permit fee or charge shall also be reasonably related in time to the occurrence of such costs.~~

~~(b) Any tax, fee, or charge imposed by a municipality shall be competitively neutral.~~

(5) A municipality may increase an occupation tax described in subdivision (4)(a)~~(4)(a)(i)~~ of this section to a rate that exceeds the limit contained in subdivision (4)(a)(ii)~~(4)(a)(i)(B)~~ of this section if the question of whether to increase such rate has been submitted at a primary or general election at which members of the governing body of the municipality are nominated or elected or at a special election held within the municipality and in which all registered voters shall be entitled to vote on such question. A municipality may not increase its existing rate pursuant to this subsection by more than twenty-five hundredths percent at any one election. The officials of the municipality shall order the submission of the question by submitting a certified copy of the resolution proposing the rate increase to the election commissioner or county clerk at least fifty days before the election. The election shall be conducted in accordance with the Election Act. If a majority of the votes cast upon such question are in favor of such rate increase, then the governing body of such municipality shall be empowered to impose the rate increase. If a majority of those voting on the question are opposed to such rate increase, then the governing body of the municipality shall not impose such rate increase.

(6) The changes made by Laws 1999, LB 496, shall not be construed to affect the terms or conditions of any franchise, license, or permit issued by a municipality prior to August 28, 1999, or to release any party from any obligations thereunder. Such franchises, licenses, or permits shall remain fully enforceable in accordance with their terms. A municipality may lawfully enter into agreements with franchise holders, licensees, or permittees to modify or terminate an existing franchise,

license, or agreement.
(7) Any public highway construction permit fee or charge that is imposed by a governing entity for the use of a public highway shall (a) apply to all persons seeking use of the public highway in a substantially similar manner, (b) be directly related to the costs incurred by the governing entity in providing services relating to the granting or administration of permits, and (c) be reasonably related in time to the occurrence of such costs.
(8) Any tax, fee, or charge imposed by a governing entity as described in this section shall be competitively neutral.
(9)~~(7)~~ Taxes or fees shall not be collected by a governing entity~~municipality~~ through the provision of in-kind services by a telecommunications company, and a governing entity~~municipality~~ shall not require the provision of in-kind services as a condition of consent to the use of a public highway.
(10)~~(8)~~ The terms of any agreement between a governing entity~~municipality~~ and a telecommunications company regarding use of public highways shall be matters of public record and shall be made available to any member of the public upon request, except that information submitted to a governing entity~~municipality~~ by a telecommunications company which such telecommunications company determines to be proprietary shall be deemed to be a trade secret pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 84-712.05 and shall be accorded full protection from disclosure to third parties in a manner consistent with state law.
(11) For purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
(a) Governing entity has the same meaning as in section 12 of this act;
(b) Internet-protocol-enabled service has the same meaning as in section 86-111.01;
(c) Telecommunications service has the same meaning as in section 86-121; and
(d) Voice over Internet protocol service has the same meaning as in section 86-121.01.

The DeBoer amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM994, found on page 1142, was offered.

Senator Dungan requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:
AM1203 is available in the Bill Room.

The second committee amendment is as follows:
AM1202 is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, AM1203, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The first committee amendment was adopted with 32 ayes, 11 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER55 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER58
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "government" in line 1 through
2 line 2 and insert "government; to amend sections 72-803, 73-307,
3 81-1108.15, 81-1701, 82-317, 82-318, 82-319, 82-321, 84-906.02, 84-911,
4 and 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-101,
5 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State Building
6 Construction Alternatives Act and the Secure Drone Purchasing Act; to
7 require agencies to submit a federal funding inventory as prescribed; to
8 change provisions relating to planning, building, construction, and
9 procurement for state buildings; to define and redefine terms; to change
10 provisions related to the acquisition of works of art for state
11 buildings; to change provisions relating to agency rules and regulations;
12 to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the
13 original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER57
1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert "section 60-6,298,
2 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-6,290,
3 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the issuance
4 and revocation of permits for overweight raw-milk vehicles; to state
5 legislative findings; to define terms; to require the Department of
6 Transportation to create and publish a bridge map; to provide for
7 liability for damage to bridge structures as prescribed; to harmonize
8 provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an
9 emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER56
1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and after "sections" insert ";
2 and to declare an emergency".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 80. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST24
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER37, on page 17, lines 10 and 16, "and 38-2531," has been struck and "38-2531, and 71-1913," inserted; in lines 11 and 17 and 18 "and 38-2518," has been struck and "38-2518, 71-1911.03, and 71-1912," inserted; and in line 21 "to change and provide requirements for licensees and inspectors under the Child Care Licensing Act relating to liability insurance;" has been inserted after the first semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST23
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the McKinney amendment, AM990:
a. On page 8, line 1, "5" has been struck and "6" inserted; and
b. On page 12, line 5, "3, 4, 5, and 8" has been struck and "1, 4, 5, 6, and 9" inserted; and in line 11 "71-1572" has been struck and "14-102, 71-1572," inserted.
2. In the E & R amendments, ER32, on page 1, line 3, the second "and" has been struck and "and 71-15,169," has been inserted after "71-1572,"; and in line 9 "to require a report for certain housing agencies;" has been inserted after the first semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST29
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In lieu of the Storer amendment, FA116, in the E&R amendments, ER36, on page 18, lines 15 and 16, the new matter has been struck.
2. In the E&R amendments, ER36:
a. On page 17, line 29, the stricken comma has been reinstated;
b. On page 162, lines 18 and 20, "it" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the Chief Water Officer" inserted;
c. On page 191, line 8, an underscored comma has been inserted after "Act";
d. On page 215, line 12, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the" inserted; and in line 30 "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "his or her" inserted;
e. On page 222, line 20, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the" inserted; and
f. On page 223, line 25, "its" has been struck, shown as stricken, and "the Chief Water Officer's" inserted.

3. On page 3, the matter beginning with "81-1578" in line 25 through line 31 has been struck.
4. On page 4, the matter beginning with "81-15,104.01" in line 1 through "81-15,116," in line 4 has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST25
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Hardin amendment, AM1154, on page 19, line 4, "34," has been inserted after "33,".
2. In the E&R amendments, ER42, on page 34, line 6, "38-1506," has been struck; in line 23 "to eliminate provisions relating to applicability of the Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act;" has been inserted after the first semicolon; and in line 24 "to outright repeal sections 38-512 and 38-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST27
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER48, on page 1, line 2, "banking and finance" has been struck and "law" inserted; in line 11 the second "and" has been struck; in line 12 "8-2724," has been struck; in line 13 ", section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025" has been inserted after "2024"; and in line 26 "to change provisions relating to certain taxes under the Medicaid Access and Quality Act;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services 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.

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee:
Alysson Muotri
Rui Yi

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM1201 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA160
In AM835, Strike Section 1.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LB660:
AM1234
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1008)
1. On page 15, strike lines 1 through 5.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM1207 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB649:
AM1210
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM933)
1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 6. Defense contractor has the same meaning as in 50 U.S.C. 4552, as such section existed on January 1, 2025.
2. On page 1, line 3, strike "19" and insert "20"; and in line 11 strike "13" and insert "14".
3. On page 2, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 7 after "wage" insert ", and (4) employed in a position in which no one was employed within this state prior to July 1, 2025".
4. On page 3, line 5, strike "15" and insert "16"; and in line 27 strike "employer".
5. On page 4, strike beginning with "description" in line 11 through "markets" in line 12 and insert "detailed description of the nature of the company's business, including the products sold, services rendered, and respective markets in which such products or services are sold or rendered, to demonstrate the company is a defense contractor".
6. On page 7, lines 10 and 15, strike "16" and insert "17".
7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB653:
FA155
In AM995, strike subsection (b) of section 7.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LB644:
AM1205
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)
1. On page 32, line 21, strike "includes unmanned aircraft" and insert "does not include unmanned aerial systems"; and strike lines 22 through 24 and insert the following new subdivisions:
"(7) Unmanned aerial system means a powered, aerial vehicle that:
(a) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft;
(b) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift;
(c) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and
(d) Can be expendable or recoverable.".

2. On page 34, line 2, after the semicolon insert "or"; in line 5 strike "; or" and insert an underscored period; and strike lines 6 through 9.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:30 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. The second committee amendment, AM1202, found in this day's Journal, was offered.

Senator Quick offered AM1107, found on page 1248, to the second committee amendment.

The Quick amendment, to the second committee amendment, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The second committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1149, found on page 1247, was offered.

Senator Spivey requested a division of the question on the committee amendment.

The Chair sustained the division of the question.

The first committee amendment is as follows:
AM1218 is available in the Bill Room.

The second committee amendment is as follows:
AM1219

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

Sec. 5. Section 28-416, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

28-416 (1) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally: (a) To manufacture, distribute, deliver, dispense, or possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance; or (b) to create, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a

counterfeit controlled substance.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (4), (5), (7), (8), (9), and (10) of this section, any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to: (a) A controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 which is an exceptionally hazardous drug shall be guilty of a Class II felony; (b) any other controlled substance classified in Schedule I, II, or III of section 28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIA felony; or (c) a controlled substance classified in Schedule IV or V of section 28-405 shall be guilty of a Class IIIA felony.

(3) A person knowingly or intentionally possessing a controlled substance, except marijuana or any substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405, unless such substance was obtained directly or pursuant to a medical order issued by a practitioner authorized to prescribe while acting in the course of his or her professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by the act, shall be guilty of a Class IV felony. A person shall not be in violation of this subsection if section 28-472 or 28-1701 applies.

(4)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, any person eighteen years of age or older who knowingly or intentionally manufactures, distributes, delivers, dispenses, or possesses with intent to manufacture, distribute, deliver, or dispense a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance (i) to a person under the age of eighteen years, (ii) in, on, or within one thousand feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary, vocational, or secondary school, a community college, a public or private college, junior college, or university, or a playground, or (iii) within one hundred feet of a public or private youth center, public swimming pool, or video arcade facility shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

(b) For purposes of this subsection:

(i) Playground means any outdoor facility, including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility, intended for recreation, open to the public, and with any portion containing three or more apparatus intended for the recreation of children, including sliding boards, swingsets, and teeterboards;

(ii) Video arcade facility means any facility legally accessible to persons under eighteen years of age, intended primarily for the use of pinball and video machines for amusement, and containing a minimum of ten pinball or video machines; and

(iii) Youth center means any recreational facility or gymnasium, including any parking lot appurtenant to the facility or gymnasium, intended primarily for use by persons under eighteen years of age which regularly provides athletic, civic, or cultural activities.

(5)(a) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen years to manufacture, transport, distribute, carry, deliver, dispense, prepare for delivery, offer for delivery, or possess with intent to do the same a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

(b) Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,

it shall be unlawful for any person eighteen years of age or older to knowingly and intentionally employ, hire, use, cause, persuade, coax, induce, entice, seduce, or coerce any person under the age of eighteen years to aid and abet any person in the manufacture, transportation, distribution, carrying, delivery, dispensing, preparation for delivery, offering for delivery, or possession with intent to do the same of a controlled substance or a counterfeit controlled substance.

(c) Any person who violates subdivision (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, depending upon the controlled substance involved, for the first violation and for a second or subsequent violation shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than that prescribed for a first violation of this subsection, but in no event shall such person be punished by a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.

(6) It shall not be a defense to prosecution for violation of subsection (4) or (5) of this section that the defendant did not know the age of the person through whom the defendant violated such subsection.

(7) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to cocaine or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(8) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to base cocaine (crack) or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of base cocaine in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(9) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to heroin or any mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of heroin in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(10) Any person who violates subsection (1) of this section with respect to amphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its isomers, or with respect to methamphetamine, its salts, optical isomers, and salts of its isomers, in a quantity of:

(a) One hundred forty grams or more shall be guilty of a Class IB felony;

(b) At least twenty-eight grams but less than one hundred forty grams shall be guilty of a Class IC felony; or

(c) At least ten grams but less than twenty-eight grams shall be guilty of a Class ID felony.

(11) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than one ounce but not more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor.

(12) Any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing more than one pound shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.

(13) Except as provided in section 28-1701, any person knowingly or intentionally possessing marijuana weighing one ounce or less or any substance containing a quantifiable amount of the substances, chemicals, or compounds described, defined, or delineated in subdivision (c)(27) of Schedule I of section 28-405 shall:
(a) For the first offense, be guilty of an infraction, receive a citation, be fined three hundred dollars, and be assigned to attend a course as prescribed in section 29-433 if the judge determines that attending such course is in the best interest of the individual defendant;
(b) For the second offense, be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor, receive a citation, and be fined four hundred dollars and may be imprisoned not to exceed five days; and
(c) For the third and all subsequent offenses, be guilty of a Class IIIA misdemeanor, receive a citation, be fined five hundred dollars, and be imprisoned not to exceed seven days.
(14) Any person convicted of violating this section, if placed on probation, shall, as a condition of probation, satisfactorily attend and complete appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse provided by a program authorized under the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act or other licensed drug treatment facility.
(15) Any person convicted of violating this section, if sentenced to the Department of Correctional Services, shall attend appropriate treatment and counseling on drug abuse.
(16)(a) Any person convicted of a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section if:
(i) The~~(16) Any~~ person knowingly or intentionally possessed~~possessing~~ a firearm while in violation of subsection (1) of this section; or
(ii) Such violation resulted in the use of the controlled substance and directly and proximately caused the death of, or serious bodily injury to, another person.~~ shall be punished by the next higher penalty classification than the penalty prescribed in subsection (2), (7), (8), (9), or (10) of this section, but in no event shall such person be punished by~~
(b) A penalty enhanced under this subsection shall in no event result in a penalty greater than a Class IB felony.
(17) A person knowingly or intentionally in possession of money used or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of a Class IV felony.
(18) In addition to the existing penalties available for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, including any criminal attempt or conspiracy to violate subsection (1) of this section, a sentencing court may order that any money, securities, negotiable instruments, firearms, conveyances, or electronic communication devices as defined in section 28-833 or any equipment, components, peripherals, software, hardware, or accessories related to electronic communication devices be forfeited as a part of the sentence imposed if it finds by clear and convincing evidence adduced at a separate hearing in the same prosecution, following conviction for a violation of subsection (1) of this section, and conducted pursuant to section 28-1601, that any or all such property was derived from, used, or intended to be used to facilitate a violation of subsection (1) of this section.
(19) In addition to the penalties provided in this section:
(a) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and has one or more licenses or permits issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:
(i) For the first offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment

of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for thirty days and (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;

(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for ninety days and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education class; and

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as a part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) impound any such licenses or permits for twelve months and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor; and

(b) If the person convicted or adjudicated of violating this section is eighteen years of age or younger and does not have a permit or license issued under the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act:

(i) For the first offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until thirty days after the date of such order and (B) require such person to attend a drug education class;

(ii) For a second offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until ninety days after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than twenty hours and no more than forty hours of community service and to attend a drug education class; and

(iii) For a third or subsequent offense, the court may, as part of the judgment of conviction or adjudication, (A) prohibit such person from obtaining any permit or any license pursuant to the act for which such person would otherwise be eligible until twelve months after the date of such order and (B) require such person to complete no fewer than sixty hours of community service, to attend a drug education class, and to submit to a drug assessment by a licensed alcohol and drug counselor.

A copy of an abstract of the court's conviction or adjudication shall be transmitted to the Director of Motor Vehicles pursuant to sections 60-497.01 to 60-497.04 if a license or permit is impounded or a juvenile is prohibited from obtaining a license or permit under this subsection.

Sec. 33. Original sections 28-306, 28-394, 29-2262.06, 29-2267, 60-682.01, 60-6,186, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-416, 28-1204.05, 29-2263, 29-3001, 43-245, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, 43-260.01, 43-286.01, 43-2,108, 43-2,108.05, 43-2,129, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The third committee amendment is as follows:

AM1220

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

Sec. 10. Section 29-3001, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

29-3001 (1) A prisoner in custody under sentence and claiming a right to be released on the ground that there was such a denial or infringement of the rights of the prisoner as to render the judgment void or voidable under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution of the United States, may file a verified motion, in the court which imposed such sentence, stating the grounds relied upon and asking the court to

vacate or set aside the sentence.
(2) Unless the motion and the files and records of the case show to the satisfaction of the court that the prisoner is entitled to no relief, the court shall cause notice thereof to be served on the county attorney, grant a prompt hearing thereon, and determine the issues and make findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect thereto. If the court finds that there was such a denial or infringement of the rights of the prisoner as to render the judgment void or voidable under the Constitution of this state or the Constitution of the United States, the court shall vacate and set aside the judgment and shall discharge the prisoner or resentence the prisoner or grant a new trial as may appear appropriate. Proceedings under the provisions of sections 29-3001 to 29-3004 shall be civil in nature. Costs shall be taxed as in habeas corpus cases.
(3) A court may entertain and determine such motion without requiring the production of the prisoner, whether or not a hearing is held. Testimony of the prisoner or other witnesses may be offered by deposition. The court need not entertain a second motion or successive motions for similar relief on behalf of the same prisoner.
(4) A one-year period of limitation shall apply to the filing of a verified motion for postconviction relief. The one-year limitation period shall run from the later of:
(a) The date the judgment of conviction became final by the conclusion of a direct appeal or the expiration of the time for filing a direct appeal;
(b) The date on which the factual predicate of the constitutional claim or claims alleged could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence;
(c) The date on which an impediment created by state action, in violation of the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of Nebraska or any law of this state, is removed, if the prisoner was prevented from filing a verified motion by such state action;
(d) The date on which a constitutional claim asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court of the United States or the Nebraska Supreme Court, if the newly recognized right has been made applicable retroactively to cases on postconviction collateral review; ~~or~~
(e) The date on which the Supreme Court of the United States denies a writ of certiorari or affirms a conviction appealed from the Nebraska Supreme Court. This subdivision only applies if, within thirty days after petitioning the Supreme Court of the United States for a writ of certiorari, the prisoner files a notice in the district court of conviction stating that the prisoner has filed such petition; or ~~.~~
(f) The date on which the prisoner reaches twenty-one years of age for an offense committed when the prisoner was younger than eighteen years of age.
Sec. 33. Original sections 28-306, 28-394, 29-2262.06, 29-2267, 60-682.01, 60-6,186, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-416, 28-1204.05, 29-2263, 29-3001, 43-245, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, 43-260.01, 43-286.01, 43-2,108, 43-2,108.05, 43-2,129, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

The fourth committee amendment is as follows:
AM1238 is available in the Bill Room.

The first committee amendment, AM1218, found in this day's Journal was offered.

Senator Bosn asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM1182, found on page 1247, to the first committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1230, to the first committee amendment.

AM1230

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)

1. On page 34, insert the following new subdivision after line 3:
"(a) A validated risk assessment instrument completed by probation;"; in line 4 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 5 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 6 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; in line 7 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "enforcement" insert "submitted to the county attorney"; and in line 8 strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".
2. On page 38, line 24, strike "fourteen" and insert "thirty".
3. On page 39, line 3, strike "seven" and insert "fourteen".
4. On page 42, strike beginning with "Upon" in line 17 through "officer" in line 19 and insert "Upon a request by such an officer or a law enforcement agency, the Office of Probation Administration shall provide such officer or law enforcement agency with access to the electronic monitoring database"; in line 24 after the second occurrence of "name" insert "and contact information of the juvenile's parents or guardians, the name and contact information"; in line 26 after the comma insert "the placement of the juvenile if placed out of home,"; and in line 28 strike "school records" and insert "the school the juvenile is attending".
5. On page 46, line 28, strike "over such county".

Senator M. Cavanaugh objected.

Senator Bosn offered the following motion:

MO216

Withdraw AM1182 and Substitute AM1230

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER59

1. On page 1, strike beginning with "first" in line 1 through line 11 and insert "first responders; to amend sections 85-2601, 85-2602, 85-2604, 85-2605, 85-2606, 85-2607, and 85-2608, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 44-314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of professional firefighter for purposes of certain insurance protections; to include correctional officers, youth detention officers, certain eligible disabled persons and their children within the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to require partial reimbursement for certain tuition waivers by the state; to provide duties for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and postsecondary educational institutions; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 85-2603 and 85-2603.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 453. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 526. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 667. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB530:
FA153
In AM1149, on page 30, line 21 strike the word "ten" and reinstate the word "twelve".

FA154
In AM1149, Strike Section 19.

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:
AM1230
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1149)
1. On page 34, insert the following new subdivision after line 3:
"(a) A validated risk assessment instrument completed by probation;"; in line 4 strike "(a)" and insert "(b)"; in line 5 strike "(b)" and insert "(c)"; in line 6 strike "(c)" and insert "(d)"; in line 7 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "enforcement" insert "submitted to the county attorney"; and in line 8 strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".
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VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and teachers from Villa Marie School, Waverly; students from Tekamah-Herman, Tekamah; students from Washington Elementary, Norfolk.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:15 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lippincott, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jeff Baker, New Life Church, Kearney.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Brandt.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were Senators Guereca and Hansen who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventieth day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, and 137.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB650 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 650. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 18-3417, 60-3,185, 77-202.23, 77-202.24, 77-1804, 77-1806, 77-1815, 77-1816, 77-1819, 77-1823, 77-1825, 77-1829, 77-1836, 77-1856, 77-1902, 77-1909, and 81-1201.12, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-908, 77-1632, 77-1633, 77-1802, 77-1807, 77-1818, 77-1831, 77-1832, 77-1833, 77-1837, 77-1838, 77-2701.16, 77-2703, 77-2706.02, 77-2708, 77-2711, 77-2715.07, 77-2734.03, 77-27,187.02, 77-27,188, 77-27,241, 77-3110, 77-3120, 77-3126, 77-3136, 77-3169, 77-3806, 77-4602, 77-6605, 77-6919, 77-7012, 77-7304, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Community Development Assistance Act; to change provisions relating to land banks; to change a motor vehicle tax exemption and a property tax exemption relating to certain disabled veterans; to change provisions relating to community colleges; to change provisions relating to real property sold for delinquent taxes and certain tax-related foreclosure actions; to change provisions relating to a sales tax exemption for the lease or use of certain towers; to change sales tax collection fees; to change provisions relating to purchasing agents; to provide for an audit by the Auditor of Public Accounts for suspected tax reporting irregularities or discrepancies; to create an exception to the disclosure of confidential tax information by municipalities; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act, a food donation tax credit, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act, the Cast and Crew Nebraska Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, the Reverse Osmosis System Tax Credit Act, certain transfers of General Fund net receipts, the Renewable Chemical Production Tax Credit Act, the Urban Redevelopment Act, the Nebraska Biodiesel Tax Credit Act, and the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Rountree
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sanders
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Clouse	Hunt	Spivey*
Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Hansen

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB645

Senator Conrad withdrew AM1194, found on page 1242.

MOTION(S) - Return LB645 to Select File

Senator Ballard moved to return LB645 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA161
Strike Section 1.

Senator Ballard withdrew his motion.

The Ballard amendment, FA161, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB645 with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend sections 79-916, 79-958, 79-966, and 81-2026, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions and state legislative intent relating to retirement systems for Class V school districts; to change employee and state contributions to the School Retirement Fund; to change provisions of the Nebraska State Patrol Retirement System relating to benefits provided upon the death of an officer as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Cavanaugh, M.* Spivey*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Hansen

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 645A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 645, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Guereca Hansen

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 650e, 645e, and 645Ae.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad offered MO146, found on page 956, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

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

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Bostar	Conrad	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 2:

Arch Fredrickson

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

The Ballard motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to bracket:

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Bostar	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Prokop	Spivey
DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 33:

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

Present and not voting, 4:

Arch Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 33 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:
MO217
Reconsider the vote taken on MO146.

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

Senator Raybould moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 1 nay, and 24 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 1:

Arch

Absent and not voting, 2:

Hunt Ibach

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

The Jacobson motion to cease debate prevailed with 32 ayes, 13 nays, 1 present and not voting, 2 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider:

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

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

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Arch

Absent and not voting, 1:

Ibach

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 14 ayes, 32 nays, 1 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered MO147, found on page 956, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Pending.

COMMUNICATION(S)

Received a copy of Senate Joint Resolution 12 from the state of Utah relating to calling on the President of the United States to issue an executive order on federalism.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on April 30, 2025, at 9:40 a.m. were the following: LBs 650e, 645e, and 645Ae.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB561:
AM1209

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM316)

1. On page 9, strike lines 26 through 30 and insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) The opportunity and need for overweight raw-milk vehicle permits to operate overweight raw-milk vehicles to carry only raw milk from a dairy farm to a milk processing facility for such raw milk is needed due to 23 U.S.C. 127(a)(13), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, concerning the carrying of fluid milk products.".

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to LB261:
AM1246 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1247

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 106. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.
(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b)~~providing~~ system improvements, (c)~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d)~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f)~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g)~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i)~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) reimbursement of the actual costs of providing eligible activities and services described in section 81-2222, as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.
(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital

23 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning
24 October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the
25 fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
26 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
1 accordingly.
2 3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the
3 section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date
4 with the emergency clause.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Pastor Jeff and Kim Baker, Kearney; LaVon Clouse, Kearney; students from Yutan Elementary, Yutan; students from Stolley Park Elementary, Grand Island; students from Prairie Queen Elementary, Papillion/La Vista; students, teacher, and sponsors from St. Patrick Elementary, McCook.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Andersen, Bosn, Dorn, Hansen, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 676. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER60
1 1. On page 3, line 3, strike the new matter and reinstate the
2 stricken matter.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB169:
AM1231 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB170:
AM1232 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1245

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 71. The State Treasurer shall transfer $500,000,000 from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before December 21, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. On page 34, line 4, after the period insert "Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.".
3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
4. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Donley, Michael - Public Employees Retirement Board - Nebraska Retirement Systems
Mueting, Lorelle - Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission - General Affairs
Oldenburg, Monica - Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission - General Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

SPEAKER'S MAJOR PROPOSALS

April 30, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Please be advised that pursuant to Rule 1, Section 17, the Executive Board has approved Speaker Arch's request that LB264 and LB261 be designated as a 2025 Speaker's Major Proposal.

Respectfully,
(Signed) Senator Ben Hansen
Chair, Executive Board

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad renewed MO147, found on page 956, and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

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

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 2:

Arch Fredrickson

Excused and not voting, 3:

Dorn Hansen McKinney

The Hughes motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

Bostar	Dungan	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 33:

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

Present and not voting, 3:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 12 ayes, 33 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:
MO218
Reconsider the vote taken on MO147.

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

Senator Guereca moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 1 nay, and 21 not voting.

Senator Guereca requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 15:

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

Present and not voting, 1:

Arch

The Hansen motion to cease debate prevailed with 33 ayes, 15 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Conrad motion to reconsider failed with 14 ayes, 33 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Raybould asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM880, found on page 955, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1254.

AM1254

1 1. On page 2, strike beginning with "the" in line 17 through "cents"
2 in line 25, show the old matter as stricken, and insert "one and three-
3 quarters percent".

Senator Dungan objected.

Senator Raybould offered the following motion:

MO221

Withdraw AM880 and substitute AM1254

Senator Raybould offered the following motion:

MO222

Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

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

Senator Raybould requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

The Raybould motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Raybould motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 34 ayes, 11 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Raybould amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 12 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. ER39, found on page 1013, was offered.

ER39 was adopted.

Senator Fredrickson withdrew AM1034, found on page 1101.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO220
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO223
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Rountree withdrew FA71, found on page 910.

Senator Rountree withdrew FA124, found on page 1187.

Senator Rountree withdrew FA125, found on page 1187.

Senator Rountree offered AM1176, found on page 1255.

Senator Rountree moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

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

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 31 ayes, 14 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. ER53, found on page 1160, was offered.

ER53 was adopted.

Senator Storer offered AM1180, found on page 1216.

The Storer amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

Senator Storer withdrew FA133, found on page 1212.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:
AM1115

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER53)

1. Strike sections 26 to 30 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 26. Sections 26 to 30 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Parental Rights in Social Media Act.

Sec. 27. For purposes of the Parental Rights in Social Media Act:

(1) Content harmful to minors means content that is obscene as to minors as described in section 28-808 or harmful to minors as defined in section 28-807;

(2) Minor means an individual under eighteen years of age who is not an emancipated minor; and

(3) Social media platform means an online service or application that enables account holders to post and share content with other users. Social media platform does not include services focused on professional networking, cloud storage, customer product reviews, and peer-to-peer payment platforms.

Sec. 28. (1) A social media platform operating in this state shall:

(a) Provide optional parental supervision tools that can be activated with verified parental consent;

(b) Provide clear privacy settings allowing parents and minors to manage account visibility, time-limit tools, and content filtering;

(c) Provide a clear and revocable authorization process for a minor to allow parental account access; and

(d) Offer educational materials and digital literacy resources aimed at minors and parents about online safety, data privacy, and digital wellness.

(2) A social media platform operating in this state shall not:

(a) Retain identifying information collected during any age verification process beyond the time required to confirm access to parental tools; and

(b) Mandate account access for parents of a minor account holder of the social media platform unless explicitly authorized by the minor through a clear and revocable authorization process created by the social media platform.

Sec. 29. A social media platform operating in this state shall implement optional content filtering systems that can be enabled by account holders using the social media platform or parents of minor account holders to filter content reasonably deemed to be content harmful to minors. Such filtering system shall:

(1) Be clearly disclosed;

(2) Allow account holders of the social media platform to opt out of the filtering system once the account holder reaches sixteen years of age or becomes an emancipated minor; and

(3) Not prevent access to constitutionally protected speech unless such access restriction is narrowly tailored to achieve the compelling government interest of protecting minors.

Sec. 30. (1) The Attorney General may investigate violations of

sections 28 and 29 of this act relating to:
(a) Failure of a social media platform to provide required tools or disclosures; or
(b) Retention by the social media platform of identifying information after age verification.
(2) A person or social media platform that violates the Parental Rights in Social Media Act is liable for a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars for each violation, unless such violation is the result of willful and repeated conduct.
(3) The Attorney General may bring an action in the name of the State of Nebraska to:
(a) Recover a civil penalty under this section; and
(b) Seek injunctive relief.
(4) All civil penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.
(5) No private right of action shall exist for individual account holders under the Parental Rights in Social Media Act.
2. Correct the operative date section so that the sections added by this amendment become operative on July 1, 2026.

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

Senator Jacobson requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 12:

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

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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, 4:

Bostar	Prokop	Quick	Raybould

The McKinney amendment lost with 12 ayes, 33 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 38 ayes, 4 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. ER52, found on page 1160, was offered.

ER52 was adopted.

Senator von Gillern offered AM1210, found on page 1268.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 1 nay, and 13 present and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 40 ayes, 4 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Business and Labor

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1243 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER63
1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM399:
2 a. On page 1, line 10, strike the new matter and reinstate the
3 stricken matter; and
4 b. On page 5, line 13, reinstate the stricken matter and strike ",
5 or"; and in line 14 strike the new matter.
6 2. On page 1, line 6, strike "amateur kickboxing, and slap fighting"
7 and insert "professional muay thai, amateur muay thai, and amateur
8 kickboxing".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER62
1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. Section 80-316, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 80-316 (1) The department shall provide long-term care~~domiciliary~~
6 ~~and nursing home care and subsistence~~ to:
7 (a) All persons who either served on active duty in the armed forces
8 of the United States, other than active duty for training, or served on

active duty ~~for training~~ in the Nebraska National Guard, including active duty for training, and who were discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) if, at the time of making an application for admission to one of the Nebraska veterans homes:

(i) The applicant has been a bona fide resident of the State of Nebraska for at least two years; and

(ii) The applicant is in need of long-term care available at one of the Nebraska veterans homes;~~has become disabled due to service, old age, or otherwise to an extent that it would prevent such applicant from earning a livelihood; and~~

~~(iii) The applicant's income from all sources is such that the applicant would be dependent wholly or partially upon public charities for support or the type of care needed is available only at a state institution;~~

(b) The spouse of any such person admitted to one of the homes who ~~has attained the age of fifty years and~~ has been married to such member for at least two years before his or her entrance into the home;

(c) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the surviving spouses and parents of eligible servicemen and servicewomen as defined in subdivision (a) of this subsection who died while in the service of the United States or who have since died of a service-connected disability as determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; and

(d) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the surviving spouses of eligible servicemen or servicewomen as defined in subdivision (a) of this subsection who have since died.

(2) The surviving spouses and parents referred to in subdivision (1) (c) or (d) of this section shall be eligible for such care ~~and subsistence~~ if, at the time of applying, they:

(a) Have been bona fide residents of the State of Nebraska for at least two years; and

~~(b) Have attained the age of fifty years;~~

(b)~~(c)~~ Are unable to earn a livelihood.~~; and~~

~~(d) Are dependent wholly or partially upon public charities or the type of care needed is available only at a state institution.~~

(3) No one admitted to one of the Nebraska veterans homes under conditions enumerated in this section shall have a vested right to continued residence in such home if such person ceases to meet any of the eligibility requirements of this section, except that no person who has been regularly admitted shall be denied continued residence solely because of his or her marriage to a member of one of the homes.

Sec. 2. Section 80-401.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

80-401.03 (1) The Director of Veterans' Affairs shall be responsible for the administration of the income funds from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund for the aid of needy veterans and their dependents.

(2) The Director of Veterans' Affairs, the deputy director, or a designee of the director shall receive and approve for payment or disapprove applications for aid which shall originate with~~in~~ any local post service officer of any recognized veterans organization, ~~or~~ with a county veterans service officer, or with a state service officer. An applicant may only submit one claim within any thirty-day period, except that there may be an additional application for funeral expenses. ~~If there are two or more local posts of one or more recognized veterans organizations in any community, no claimant can originate a claim in more than one such post at any given time and a period of at least thirty days shall elapse between the filing of claims.~~ An application shall not be deemed to be filed until it has been received and filed in the office of the Director of Veterans' Affairs. The director may adopt and promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for administering such

aid.
(3) No part of the interest accumulation of the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund shall be expended for the purpose of organizing and maintaining any veterans organization. There shall be expended under the direction of the Director of Veterans' Affairs such sum or sums as may be specifically appropriated by the Legislature for the employment of necessary assistants or deputies and clerical employees at such reasonable compensation as may be fixed by the director in each particular case and for the maintenance and expenses of a state service office with necessary service officers and assistants to prepare and present meritorious cases of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen for benefits before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Such cases shall be accepted by the state service officer on behalf of any claimant when a proper power of attorney is given by such claimant to the office of the Director of Veterans' Affairs or to a state service officer, if he or she is so designated by any recognized veterans organization as its sole representative, and regardless of where the cases originate. No part of such sum or sums is to be paid out of the twelve-million-dollar trust fund or the income therefrom. Upon the completion of the trust, the principal fund so held by the State Treasurer shall revert to the treasury of the state.
(4) For purposes of this section, veteran means any person who:
(a) Served on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, other than active duty for training, and who:
(i) Was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions) from such service; or
(ii) Died while in service or as a direct result of such service; or
(b) Being a citizen of the United States at the time of his or her entry into such service, served with the military forces of any government allied with the United States during any period identified in section 80-401.01 and was discharged or otherwise separated with a characterization of honorable or general (under honorable conditions).
Sec. 3. Original sections 80-316 and 80-401.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 142. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

WHEREAS, the Myositis Association is organizing a nationwide observance of Myositis Awareness Month in May 2025; and

WHEREAS, residents of Nebraska are among those affected by myositis and other rare diseases; and

WHEREAS, idiopathic inflammatory myopathies, collectively referred to as myositis, are rare, chronic, autoimmune muscle wasting diseases and often feature debilitating muscle inflammation and other symptoms such as pain, fatigue, trouble swallowing, and can result in myositis-associated interstitial lung disease; and

WHEREAS, more research is needed to identify the causes of and modes of treatments for the myositis group of diseases; and

WHEREAS, myositis is difficult to diagnose, treatment is often delayed, and individuals experience difficulty finding a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, all who suffer from myositis experience reduced quality of life and shortened life expectancy; and

WHEREAS, women and people of color with all forms of myositis experience particularly pronounced health disparities; and

WHEREAS, the Myositis Association is the leading international patient advocacy organization serving the myositis community, focusing on patient services, education, research, and public awareness, so as to achieve a world without myositis.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as Myositis Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses support for all people affected by myositis.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. The first committee amendment AM1218, found on page 1269 and considered on page 1274, was renewed.

Senator Bosn renewed MO216, found and considered on page 1275, to withdraw AM1182 and substitute AM1230.

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:33 p.m. until 6:05 p.m.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. The first committee amendment, AM1218, found on page 1269 and considered on page 1274, was renewed.

Senator Bosn renewed MO216, found and considered on page 1275, to withdraw AM1182 and substitute AM1230.

Senator Dungan moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

The Bosn motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 31 ayes, 1 nay, and 17 present and not voting.

Senator Bosn offered AM1230, found on page 1276, to the first committee amendment.

The Bosn amendment, to the first committee amendment, was adopted with 31 ayes, 5 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered FA154, found on page 1276, to the first committee amendment.

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

Senator Dungan offered FA153, found on page 1276, to the first committee amendment.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Dungan amendment, to the first committee amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 29 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER64
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "criminal" in line 1 through
2 line 6 and insert "the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections Act; to amend
3 section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to state
4 findings; to define a term; to require the establishment of a program to
5 provide second chance relief as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and
6 to repeal the original section.".

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Placed on Final Reading Second with the attached statement.
ST28
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Final Reading copy, on page 2, line 26, the second underscored comma has been struck and an underscored comma has been inserted after "sell".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 143. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6; Armendariz, 18; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10;

Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; McKinney, 11; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43.

WHEREAS, over twenty-four thousand babies are born in Nebraska each year and the mental health of women before, during, and after pregnancy is an issue of great concern to women, their families, and Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, one in five women and one in seven men are affected by a Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorder, and may experience associated symptoms, which are often overlooked and heavily stigmatized because new and expectant parents suffering from Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorders often feel confused, ashamed, and isolated; and

WHEREAS, according to the 2024 Maternal Death Review Team report eighteen percent of pregnancy-associated deaths in Nebraska between 2014 and 2022 had a contributing circumstance of mental health; and

WHEREAS, seventy percent of women identified during routine screenings do not seek help because they are not informed about Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorders as part of their health care, there is a lack of provider knowledge and use of screening tools, and they are unaware of treatment and community supportive services for Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorders; and

WHEREAS, Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorders are highly treatable with therapeutic intervention such as medication, therapy, counseling, support groups, and community support services.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as Maternal Mental Health Awareness Month in Nebraska.

2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all people diagnosed with a Perinatal Mood, Anxiety, and Depression disorder.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB693.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Guereca name withdrawn from LB684.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students and sponsors from Sandhills Public School, Dunning; Picotte Elementary, Omaha; students from Ravenna Public School, Ravenna; Kate Bolz and Michael Bolz Flowerday, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. James Watson, Papillion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hughes, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 1, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Former Senator Bruce Bostelman, Retired Air Force.

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, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hunt, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-first day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 12:00 PM

Thursday, May 8, 2025
Jeff Kanger - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of April 30, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Bromm & Associates
Douglas County West Community Schools
Hoppe, Ryan
Students for Life Action

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 138, 139, and 140 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 138, 139, and 140.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB317 with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 317. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment; to amend sections 2-408, 2-969, 2-1501, 2-1504, 2-1508, 2-1509, 2-1510, 2-1511, 2-1588, 2-1592, 2-1593, 2-1594, 2-1595, 2-2626, 2-3202, 2-3225, 2-3241, 2-3254, 2-3279, 2-3280, 2-4602, 2-4603, 2-4604, 2-4901, 13-1701, 13-2008, 13-2009, 13-2042.01, 16-6,106, 25-1062.01, 25-1064, 25-1920, 25-2159, 25-2160, 31-415, 31-509, 31-515, 31-516, 31-1003, 31-1015, 37-707, 37-708.01, 46-106, 46-122, 46-190, 46-192, 46-193, 46-1,155, 46-1,157, 46-205, 46-226, 46-226.01, 46-226.02, 46-226.03, 46-227, 46-229, 46-229.01, 46-229.02, 46-229.03, 46-229.04, 46-229.05, 46-229.06, 46-230, 46-231, 46-233, 46-233.01, 46-234, 46-235, 46-235.01, 46-235.02, 46-235.03, 46-235.04, 46-236, 46-237, 46-238, 46-240.01, 46-241, 46-242, 46-250, 46-252, 46-254, 46-256, 46-258, 46-261, 46-263.02, 46-273, 46-286, 46-288, 46-289, 46-290, 46-291, 46-292, 46-293, 46-294, 46-294.01, 46-294.02, 46-294.05, 46-297, 46-2,101, 46-2,104, 46-2,105, 46-2,108, 46-2,109, 46-2,110, 46-2,111, 46-2,112, 46-2,113, 46-2,114, 46-2,115, 46-2,116, 46-2,116.01, 46-2,116.02, 46-2,117, 46-2,118, 46-2,119, 46-2,120, 46-2,122, 46-2,123, 46-2,124, 46-2,125, 46-2,128, 46-2,130, 46-2,139, 46-302, 46-303, 46-304, 46-305, 46-312, 46-315, 46-514, 46-515, 46-516, 46-517, 46-518, 46-519, 46-521, 46-522, 46-524, 46-525, 46-526, 46-527, 46-528, 46-529, 46-530, 46-536, 46-541, 46-583, 46-601.01, 46-602, 46-604, 46-606, 46-609, 46-610, 46-613.01, 46-613.02, 46-637, 46-638, 46-639, 46-640, 46-641, 46-642, 46-644, 46-645, 46-648, 46-649, 46-653, 46-654, 46-655.01, 46-676, 46-677, 46-678, 46-679, 46-680, 46-682, 46-683, 46-683.01, 46-684, 46-685, 46-686, 46-686.01, 46-688, 46-691, 46-703, 46-704, 46-705, 46-706, 46-707, 46-709, 46-711, 46-712, 46-713, 46-714, 46-715, 46-716, 46-717, 46-718, 46-719, 46-720, 46-721, 46-722, 46-723, 46-724, 46-725, 46-726, 46-728, 46-729, 46-730, 46-731, 46-732, 46-733, 46-736, 46-737, 46-739, 46-740, 46-742, 46-743, 46-744, 46-745, 46-746, 46-748, 46-749, 46-750, 46-751, 46-753, 46-754, 46-755, 46-801, 46-802, 46-803, 46-804, 46-1001, 46-1004, 46-1005, 46-1011, 46-1023, 46-1102, 46-1108, 46-1109, 46-1204.01, 46-1207, 46-1217, 46-1222, 46-1224, 46-1235, 46-1301, 46-1304, 46-1403, 46-1404, 46-1502, 46-1605, 46-1606, 46-1607, 46-1611, 46-1613, 46-1614, 46-1636, 46-1637, 46-1639, 46-1640, 46-1641, 46-1642, 46-1645, 46-1646, 46-1647, 46-1648, 46-1649, 46-1650, 46-1651, 46-1652, 46-1653, 46-1654, 46-1655, 46-1656, 46-1657, 46-1658, 46-1659, 46-1660, 46-1661, 46-1662, 46-1663, 46-1664, 46-1665, 46-1666, 46-1667, 46-1668, 46-1669, 46-1670, 54-2417, 54-2421, 54-2429, 54-2430, 57-1407, 57-1502, 57-1609, 57-1614, 57-1619, 58-202, 60-6,363, 60-6,364, 60-6,367, 60-6,368, 61-201, 61-202, 61-203, 61-204, 61-205, 61-207, 61-208, 61-209, 61-210, 61-211, 61-215, 61-216, 70-669, 71-3508.04, 71-3524, 76-2,124, 77-3,112, 81-101, 81-102, 81-2,294, 81-502, 81-829.05, 81-1108.55, 81-1316, 81-1502, 81-1503, 81-1537, 81-1540, 81-1561, 81-15,118, 81-15,120, 81-15,124, 81-15,124.04, 81-15,124.05, 81-15,125, 81-15,126, 81-15,127, 81-15,129, 81-15,149, 81-15,159, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,159.02, 81-15,166, 81-15,170, 81-15,175, 81-15,177, 81-15,178, 81-15,179, 81-15,180, 81-15,183, 81-15,184, 81-15,185, 81-15,185.01, 81-15,185.02, 81-15,185.03, 81-15,186, 81-15,213, 81-15,229, 81-15,235, 81-15,242, 81-15,243, 81-15,260, 81-15,262, 81-15,263, 81-15,292, 81-15,299,

81-15,300, 81-15,302, 81-15,312, 81-1604, 81-1606, 81-1607, 81-1609, 81-1611, 81-1612, 81-1625, 81-1635, 81-1636, 81-1637, 81-1638, 81-1640, 81-3449, 81-3453, 84-166, 84-602.04, 85-162.03, 86-570, and 88-550, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 2-414, 2-415, 2-416, 2-1507, 19-1201, 19-1202, 19-1203, 19-1204, 19-5706, 31-508, 37-806, 37-814, 46-1,164, 46-1,165, 46-296, 49-506, 49-617, 54-2940, 58-221, 61-206, 61-218, 61-222, 61-224, 61-226, 61-227, 61-228, 61-303, 61-305, 61-401, 61-403, 61-404, 61-405, 61-502, 61-520, 66-203, 66-204, 66-301, 66-302, 66-303, 66-304, 66-489.02, 66-1004, 66-1009, 66-1105, 66-1344, 66-1504, 66-1518, 66-1529.02, 66-2001, 66-2201, 66-2216, 69-2011, 69-2502, 70-1003, 71-2433, 71-3503, 71-5301, 71-5316, 71-5328, 71-6406, 72-804, 72-805, 76-2602, 76-2608, 77-27,150, 77-27,151, 77-27,152, 77-27,153, 77-27,154, 77-27,187.01, 77-27,236, and 77-3442, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to merge the Department of Natural Resources with the Department of Environment and Energy; to rename the department, the director, and certain funds; to change procedures for appointment of the director; to create a new position; to provide, change, transfer, and eliminate powers and duties; to provide exemptions from the State Personnel System; to change and eliminate provisions relating to irrigation districts and natural resources districts; to eliminate provisions relating to the Conservation Corporation Act, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Act, the Nebraska Soil Survey Fund, and the state water planning and review process; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to change provisions relating to the Water Sustainability Fund and the boundary lines of state game refuges; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 2-1596, 2-1597, 2-1598, 2-1599, 2-15,100, 2-15,101, 2-15,103, 2-15,105, 2-15,106, 2-3277, 2-3278, 2-4201, 2-4202, 2-4203, 2-4204, 2-4205, 2-4206, 2-4207, 2-4208, 2-4209, 2-4210, 2-4211, 2-4212, 2-4213, 2-4214, 2-4215, 2-4216, 2-4217, 2-4218, 2-4219, 2-4220, 2-4221, 2-4222, 2-4223, 2-4224, 2-4225, 2-4226, 2-4227, 2-4228, 2-4229, 2-4230, 2-4231, 2-4232, 2-4233, 2-4234, 2-4235, 2-4236, 2-4237, 2-4238, 2-4239, 2-4240, 2-4241, 2-4242, 2-4243, 2-4244, 2-4245, 2-4246, 46-199, 71-3508.02, 81-15,254, 81-15,255, 81-15,256, 81-15,257, 81-15,258, 81-15,259, 81-15,293, 81-15,294, 81-15,295, 81-15,296, 81-15,297, and 81-15,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick
Cavanaugh, M.*	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey*
Conrad	Guereca	Murman*	Storer

Excused and not voting, 3:

DeBoer Hunt Rountree

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB317e.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM247, found on page 803, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM895, found on page 1124, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Spivey withdrew AM162, found on page 814.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. ER63, found on page 1295, was offered.

ER63 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. ER62, found on page 1296, was offered.

ER62 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. ER57, found on page 1265, was offered.

ER57 was adopted.

Senator Brandt offered AM1209, found on page 1285.

The Brandt amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. ER55, found on page 1265, was offered.

ER55 was adopted.

Senator Kauth offered the following amendment:
AM1181

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER55)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 9. Section 58-701, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

58-701 Sections 58-701 to 58-711 and section 10 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act.

Sec. 10. The Department of Economic Development shall not require any new construction project or rental conversion project which receives funding from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to meet the requirements of section 72-805 related to complying with the International Energy Conservation Code and obtaining approval of building plans and specifications by the Department of Environment and Energy.

Sec. 13. Section 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

72-805 Except as provided in section 10 of this act for certain projects funded by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the~~The~~ 2018 International Energy Conservation Code, published by the International Code Council, applies to all new buildings constructed in whole or in part with state funds after July 1, 2020. The Department of Environment and Energy shall review building plans and specifications necessary to determine whether a building will meet the requirements of this section, except that the department shall not be required to review building plans and specifications upon evidence that the building plans and specifications have previously been reviewed by a county, city, or village enforcing a local building or construction code adopted pursuant to section 71-6406 if such local building or construction code includes the requirements of the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code. The department shall provide a copy of any~~its~~ review to the agency receiving funding. The agency receiving the funding shall verify that the building as constructed meets or exceeds the code. The verification shall be provided to the department. The Director of Environment and Energy may, in consultation with the State Building Administrator of the Department

of Administrative Services, adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly and correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

The Kauth amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 1, 2025, at 9:32 a.m. was the following: LB317e.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1201, found on page 1268, was offered.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1229

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1201)

1. On page 4, strike lines 4 through 7 and insert the following new subdivision:
"(20) Specialty pharmacy means:
(a) A pharmacy that specializes in dispensing drugs for patients with rare or complex medical conditions;
(b) A pharmacy that specializes in prescription drugs that have specific storage or dispensing requirements; or
(c) A pharmacy that holds a specialty pharmacy accreditation from a nationally recognized independent accrediting organization; and".
2. On page 7, strike beginning with "at" in line 30 through "cost" in line 31 and insert "and provides for administration at substantially similar costs".

The Jacobson amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1152, found on page 1259, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM538, found on page 757, was offered.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM672

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM538)

1. On page 2, line 6, after the period insert "Such care may be reimbursed or unreimbursed.".

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM254, found on page 624, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. The first committee amendment, AM1218, found on page 1269 and considered on pages 1274 and 1298, was renewed.

Senator Bosn withdrew AM1183, found on page 1247, to the first committee amendment.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment, to the first committee amendment.
FA163
In AM1218, Strike Section 17 and renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

The Spivey amendment, to the first committee amendment, lost with 14 ayes, 25 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment, to the first committee amendment:
FA164
In AM1218, Strike Section 22 and renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

The Spivey amendment, to the first committee amendment, lost with 12 ayes, 25 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment, to the first committee amendment:
FA165
In AM1218, on page 1, strike lines 13 through 17 and insert the following new subsection: "(2) A violation of this section is a Class I misdemeanor."

The Spivey amendment, to the first committee amendment, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment, to the first committee amendment:
FA166
In AM1218, on page 42, lines 15 through 21, strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.

The Spivey amendment, to the first committee amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 27 nays, and 9 present and not voting.

The first committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

The second committee amendment, AM1219, found on page 1269, was offered.

The second committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 5 nays, and 11 present and not voting.

The third committee amendment, AM1220, found on page 1273, was offered.

The third committee amendment was adopted with 28 ayes, 3 nays, and 18 present and not voting.

The fourth committee amendment, AM1238, found on page 1274, was offered.

The fourth committee amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA38, found on page 783.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 1, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 295e was received in my office on April 25, 2025, and signed on April 30, 2025.

This bill was signed and delivered to the Secretary of State on May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

May 1, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 9, 245e, 388, 414, and 428 were received in my office on April 25, 2025, and signed on April 29, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 1, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB376:
AM1263 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB647:
AM1255 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB530:
FA162
In AM1149, insert the following new section: "Sec. 24. Any increase in costs for a political subdivision caused by the changes made by this legislative bill to sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, and 23 of this Act shall be the responsibility of, and paid or reimbursed by, the State of Nebraska. Such payment or reimbursement shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to the political subdivision incurring such increased costs." And renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

The Education 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 Educational Telecommunications Commission:
Clay Smith
Paul Turman

Aye: 8. Conrad, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, Lonowski, Meyer, Murman, Sanders.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Quick name added to LB50.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Gibbon Public School, Gibbon; students and teacher from Pierce High School, Pierce; Christina and Murphie Campbell, Lincoln; members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Omaha; Madeleine Beck, Chicago; students from Pawnee City Elementary, Pawnee City; students from Randolph Public School, Randolph.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:29 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SEVENTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, May 6, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Joe Laughlin, Victory Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Clouse.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hunt, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-second day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 650e was received in my office on April 30, 2025, and signed on May 6, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on May 6, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

May 6, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 317e was received in my office on May 1, 2025, and signed on May 6, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on May 6, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

April 24, 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 to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board:

Joshua N Andersen, 2080 Road 307, Edgar, NE 68935, District 3

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 24, 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 Superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety for the State of Nebraska:

Bryan D Waugh, 6011 5th Avenue Place, Kearney, NE 68847

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

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

Enclosures

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB677:
FA167
In AM1251, on page 11, after line 17 insert "(p) post-traumatic stress disorder".

FA168
In AM1251, Strike Section 1.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR141 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR141.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM832, found on page 1260, was offered.

Senator Meyer offered AM1246, found on page 1285, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER61 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER67
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "cannabis" in line 1 through
2 line 8 and insert "cannabis; to amend sections 2-501, 2-503, 2-505,
3 2-515, and 28-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to
4 redefine hemp under the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act; to define terms; to
5 provide an excise tax for certain cannabidiol products; to prohibit
6 conduct relating to hemp other than cannabidiol products as prescribed;
7 to provide a period of time for compliance with certain hemp-related
8 prohibitions; to change provisions relating to transportation of hemp; to
9 provide for regulation of cannabidiol products; to define and redefine
10 terms in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to harmonize provisions;
11 and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER68
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "revenue" in line 1 through line
2 17 and insert "revenue and taxation; to amend sections 33-110, 60-158,
3 60-3,186, 76-903, 77-684, 77-912, 77-1720, 77-1804, and 81-12,146,
4 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-1120, 77-913,
5 77-2004, 77-2005, 77-2006, 77-6203, 77-6801, 77-6815, 77-6831, and
6 77-6833, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to distribute
7 certain funds to counties as prescribed; to change provisions relating to
8 certain fees and the motor vehicle tax; to change the distribution of the
9 documentary stamp tax; to change the distribution of taxes relating to
10 car line companies and insurance premiums; to change fee provisions
11 relating to real estate sold for delinquent taxes; to change provisions
12 relating to inheritance taxes and the nameplate capacity tax; to change
13 provisions of the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to eliminate a sales tax
14 exemption and definitions relating to data centers; to state legislative
15 intent; to provide applicability; to harmonize provisions; to provide an
16 operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal
17 sections 77-2701.54 and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska;
18 and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER66
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "county" in line 1 through line
2 4 and insert "public records; to amend sections 23-3211 and 24-814,
3 Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-607, Revised
4 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the county treasurer to
5 maintain confidentiality relating to residential addresses of certain

persons; to prohibit the disclosure of certain information filed with the Secretary of State relating to judicial officeholders; to change provisions relating to candidate filing forms; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER69
1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5 and insert "law; to amend sections 75-342, 76-2325.01, 86-111.01, 86-124, 86-704, and 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01 and 75-311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Telecommunications Exchange Deregulation Act; to provide certain restrictions on governing entities as prescribed; to change provisions relating to jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; to change and provide provisions relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity, permits for certain common or contract carriers, medicaid nonemergency medical transportation services and certificates of authority, and certain transportation network companies and participating drivers; to provide duties for the Public Service Commission; to provide penalties for interference with certain facilities of broadband, communications, and wireless infrastructure companies; to redefine terms and change provisions of the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to telecommunications companies and governing entities as prescribed; to change provisions of the Rural Communications Sustainability Act; to eliminate requirements relating to issuance of securities by a common carrier; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 75-148; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER70
1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM994:
a. Strike section 54 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 54. Sections 21, 22, 25, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 57 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 24, 26, and 58 of this act become operative on January 1, 2026. Sections 7, 8, 9, 29, 31, 32, 33, and 56 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
b. On page 17, line 8; page 70, line 17; page 77, lines 18 and 29; page 80, line 25; and page 81, line 8, strike "higher" and show as stricken.
2. On page 1, strike beginning with "property" in line 1 through line 4 and insert "revenue and taxation; to amend sections 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 16-205, 17-525, 77-1613, 85-1801, 85-1802, 85-1804, 85-1805, 85-1806, 85-1807, 85-1808, 85-1809, 85-1810, 85-1811, 85-1812, 85-1813, 85-1814, 85-1815, 85-1816, 85-1817, 85-2802, 85-2803, and 85-2804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-518, 13-3402, 13-3403, 13-3405, 13-3406, 18-1208, 68-1201, 72-1239.01, 76-214, 77-202, 77-3,110, 77-1631, 77-1701, 77-2715.07, 77-2716, 77-2727, 77-2734.01, 77-2776, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act; to adopt the Adoption Tax Credit Act; to redefine a term relating to budget limitations; to redefine terms and change provisions of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act relating to calculation of property

26 tax request authority, authorized increases to such authority, and unused
27 property tax request authority; to change provisions relating to
1 municipal occupation taxes; to change provisions relating to the filing
2 of statements of recorded easements and property tax exemptions; to
3 change provisions relating to duties of the county assessor regarding
4 real property assessments; to define and redefine terms under the
5 Property Tax Request Act; to change provisions relating to income tax
6 credits allowed for the purchase of certain residences; to change
7 provisions relating to the taxation of partnerships and small business
8 corporations and notices of deficiency; to change certain calculations
9 and authorize the county to retain certain funds for costs under the
10 School District Property Tax Relief Act; to include savings plans for
11 elementary and secondary education in the Nebraska educational savings
12 plan trust and redefine terms relating to such trust; to change the names
13 of certain funds; to transfer provisions; to eliminate obsolete
14 provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to
15 repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER71
1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "and structures".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 319. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 380. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST31
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER53, on page 17, lines 11 and 24, the comma has been struck and shown as stricken.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 649. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 288, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
General Affairs
Room 1023 2:00 PM

Thursday, May 22, 2025
Lorelle Mueting - Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission
Monica Oldenburg - Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1524 12:00 PM

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
Michael Donley - Public Employees Retirement Board
Brent Larson - Public Employees Retirement Board

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 144. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine potential changes to Nebraska's teacher certification requirements to create an apprenticeship-based pathway for individuals with equivalent education and professional experience who seek to transition into kindergarten through grade twelve teaching.

Nebraska faces ongoing challenges in attracting and retaining qualified educators, particularly in rural and high-need school districts, and the traditional teacher certification process may present barriers for individuals with equivalent education and professional experience in other fields who seek to transition into the teaching profession later in their careers. Alternative pathways to certification, including onsite apprenticeship programs conducted by school districts, may provide opportunities to increase the number of qualified teachers while maintaining high-quality standards for Nebraska schools. Such apprenticeship programs would focus on pedagogical training, classroom management, and other essential instructional skills to ensure competency and effectiveness in teaching. The State Board of Education plays a critical role in establishing standards and oversight mechanisms for teacher certification programs, including alternative pathways such as school district led apprenticeships.

This interim study is meant to examine potential changes to Nebraska's teacher certification requirements to allow individuals with equivalent education and experience to enter the teaching profession through an apprenticeship-based pathway conducted by school districts. Such study shall include, but need not be limited to:

(1) An evaluation of existing barriers within Nebraska's current teacher certification process that may hinder professionals from transitioning into teaching;

(2) An examination of best practices from other states that have implemented alternative certification pathways, including apprenticeship programs;

(3) An assessment of the pedagogical and classroom management training necessary to maintain high-quality instructional standards in an apprenticeship program;

(4) A determination of the role of school districts in designing and implementing apprenticeship programs for prospective teachers;

(5) An examination of the process by which the State Board of Education would approve school district apprenticeship programs and ensure alignment of such programs with state educational standards;

(6) An investigation of the criteria and process by which individuals completing an apprenticeship program would be certified as teachers in Nebraska;

(7) Consideration of the potential impact of an apprenticeship pathway on addressing teacher shortages in critical subject areas and geographic regions;

(8) An identification of any statutory or regulatory changes necessary to implement such an apprenticeship pathway; and

(9) Input from relevant stakeholders, including representatives from the State Department of Education, the State Board of Education, school district administrators, teacher preparation programs, educators, and other interested parties.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 145. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the effectiveness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were University of Nebraska President Jeffrey Gold, University of Nebraska-Kearney Priority Chancellor, Neal Schnoor; Chris Kratovil, Jackie Ostrowicki; Grand Island Central Catholic, Grand Island; students from Tri-County School, De Witt; students and teachers from St. Cecilia School, Omaha.

RECESS

At 12:07 p.m., on a motion by Senator Spivey, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, Dover, Hunt, Raybould, Sanders, and Wordekemper who were excused until they arrive.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 645e and 645Ae were received in my office on April 30, 2025, and signed on May 6, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 6, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Committee AM832, found on page 1260 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Meyer renewed AM1246, found on page 1285 and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1303 is available in the Bill Room.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER72
1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert "to amend sections
2 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604, 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised
3 Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership,
4 purpose, powers, duties, meetings, and reports; to harmonize provisions;
5 and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 419. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 696. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB79:

FA169
Strike Section 1.

FA170
On line 10, between "and" and "scope" insert "the".

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB79:
FA171
Strike Section 1.

FA172
On line 10 between "and" and "scope" insert "the".

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. 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 647, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A. Introduced by Hunt, 8.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 275, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Committee AM832, found on page 1260 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed AM1303, found and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 4 ayes, 32 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Guereca offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1264

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM832)

1. On page 61, strike line 9 and insert "CASH FUND 20,325,817
20,325,817"; strike line 11 and insert "PROGRAM TOTAL 112,257,738
112,257,738"; in lines 13 and 16 strike $20,025,817" and insert
"$20,325,817"; and after line 30 insert the following new paragraph:
"There is included in the amount shown as aid for this program for
FY2025-26 $300,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for
state aid to a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption
under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 providing
health care screening, sports competitions, educational opportunities,
and leadership training for persons with developmental or intellectual
disabilities, which shall only be used for such purpose. There is
included in the amount shown as aid for this program for FY2026-27
$300,000 Cash Funds from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for state aid
to a nonprofit organization holding a certificate of exemption under
section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 providing health
care screening, sports competitions, educational opportunities, and
leadership training for persons with developmental or intellectual
disabilities, which shall only be used for such purpose.".

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

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

The Guereca amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 29 ayes, 7 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB558:
AM1317

1. Strike the original section and insert the following new section:
Section 1. (1) The Infrastructure Review Task Force is created.
(2) The task force shall:
(a) Review and analyze Nebraska's transportation infrastructure
network;
(b) Examine and consider Nebraska's historic transportation
infrastructure development efforts and expected future transportation
infrastructure needs;
(c) Utilize information and research available from the annual
report on the needs of the state highway system prepared by the
Department of Transportation and any other information or resources
available to the department;
(d) Examine the status and condition of Nebraska's transportation

infrastructure with consideration given to highway safety concerns and make recommendations as to how Nebraska might maintain and ensure safe transportation infrastructure now and in the future;

(e) Consider transportation through the lens of its economic impact on Nebraska; and

(f) Research any federal funding that may be available to Nebraska and make recommendations as to how Nebraska might obtain and use such funds.

(3)(a) The task force consists of the following members:

(i) The Governor;

(ii) A designee of the Governor;

(iii) The chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature;

(iv) The chairperson of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature;

(v) The Speaker of the Legislature;

(vi) The Director-State Engineer;

(vii) The Tax Commissioner; and

(viii) Three members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council.

(b) Members of the task force who are not members of the Legislature shall be nonvoting, ex officio members.

(4) The chairperson of the task force shall be the chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature. Any staff support needed for the task force shall be fulfilled by the staff of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature.

(5) The members of the task force shall serve on the task force without compensation.

(6) On or before December 1 of each year, the task force shall submit a report containing the results of its work study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations. The reports shall be submitted electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

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.

State Racing and Gaming Commission:
John Barrett
J Chris Stinson

Aye: 8. Andersen, J. Cavanaugh, 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.

State Electrical Board:
Tyler C Ritz

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

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 6, 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 Director of the Department Water, Energy and Environment for the State of Nebraska:

Jesse Bradley, 245 Fallbrook Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68521

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

May 6, 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 Chief Water Officer of the Department of Water, Energy and Environment for the State of Nebraska:

Matthew T Manning, 14601 Alvo Road, Waverly, NE 68462

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 5:29 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Committee AM832, found on page 1260 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:
MO225
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, and 11 not voting.

Speaker Arch requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

DeBoer	Guereca	Quick	Rountree
Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Spivey

The Arch motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 35 ayes, 6 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 38 ayes, 5 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 6 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST30
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER55:
a. On page 29, line 30, "9, 10, and 17" has been struck and "11, 12, and 20" inserted; and
b. On page 30, line 2, "58-701," has been inserted after "18-2102,"; in line 4 "and 18-2103," has been struck and "18-2103, and 72-805," inserted; in line 10 "58-701," has been inserted after "18-2102,"; in lines 11 and 12 "and 18-2103," has been struck and "18-2103, and 72-805," inserted; and the matter beginning with "to" in line 16 through the semicolon in line 18 has been struck and "to change and provide provisions under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act relating to the construction of new buildings, grants, and reports; to change provisions relating to buildings constructed with state funds;" inserted.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB707:
AM1282 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM835, found on page 1260, was offered.

Senator Meyer withdrew AM1247, found on page 1285, to the committee amendment.

Senator Raybould offered AM1245, found on page 1287, to the committee amendment.

The Raybould amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 5 ayes, 24 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:
AM1297

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER61)

1 1. Strike section 29.
2 2. On page 37, strike beginning with "and" in line 13 through
3 "consumers" in line 14 and show as stricken; strike beginning with the

comma in line 21 through "years" in line 23 and show as stricken; and in line 26 strike "seven", show as stricken, and insert "ten".
3. On page 79, line 22, strike "58-202,".
4. On page 80, strike lines 1 through 5; in line 6 strike "2-4246,"; and in line 8 strike "sections 43-1306 and" and insert "section".
5. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1295 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1298

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 124. Section 79-1119, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-1119 Excess cost means the difference between the total cost of the special education program excluding residential care minus ~~federal medicaid funds received pursuant to section 43-2511 for services to school-age children excluding amounts designated as reimbursement for costs associated with the implementation and administration of the billing system pursuant to section 43-2511 and minus~~ the product of the number of students in the special education program multiplied by the adjusted average per pupil cost of the preceding year for the school district of residence of each child.
Sec. 125. Section 79-1142, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-1142 (1) Level I services refers to services provided to children with disabilities who require an aggregate of not more than three hours per week of special education services and support services and includes all administrative, diagnostic, consultative, and vocational-adjustment counselor services.
(2)(a) The total allowable excess cost for special education programs and support services is (i) the excess cost for special education programs plus (ii) the total allowable reimbursable cost for support services minus (iii) federal medicaid funds received pursuant to section 43-2511 for services to school-age children excluding amounts designated pursuant to such section as reimbursement for costs associated with the implementation and administration of the billing system.
(b)~~(2)~~ The total allowable reimbursable cost for support services shall not exceed a percentage, established by the State Board of Education, of the school district's or approved cooperative's total allowable reimbursable cost for all special education programs and support services. The percentage established by the board for support services shall not exceed the difference of ten percent minus the percentage of the appropriations for special education approved by the Legislature set aside for reimbursements for support services pursuant to subsection (5) of this section.
(3)(a)~~(3)~~ Except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, for special education and support services provided in each school fiscal year, the department shall reimburse each school district in the following school fiscal year a pro rata amount~~eighty percent~~ of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services as determined by the department pursuant to subdivision (3)(b) of this section. Cooperatives of school districts or educational service units shall also be eligible for reimbursement for cooperative programs pursuant to this section if such cooperatives or educational service units have complied with the reporting and approval requirements of

section 79-1155 for cooperative programs which were offered in the preceding school fiscal year.

(b) The department shall reimburse the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services from the General Fund and Education Future Fund appropriations approved by the Legislature for special education pursuant to section 79-1145, minus the amounts set aside pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, on a pro rata basis at the maximum rate of reimbursement such appropriations will allow as determined by the department.

(4) The department shall make the reimbursement payments~~(4)(a) The payments shall be made by the department~~ to the school district of residence, cooperative of school districts, or educational service unit each school fiscal year in a minimum of seven payments between the fifth and twentieth day of each month beginning in December. Such reimbursement payments may be adjusted as claims are reviewed and finalized~~Additional payments may be made based upon additional valid claims submitted~~. The State Treasurer shall, between the fifth and twentieth day of each month, notify the Director of Administrative Services of the amount of funds available in the General Fund and the Education Future Fund for payment purposes. The director shall, upon receiving such certification, draw warrants against such funds as appropriated.

~~(b) If the General Fund appropriations for special education approved by the Legislature, minus the amounts set aside pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, are insufficient to reimburse eighty percent of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services for any school fiscal year:~~

~~(i) Such allowable excess costs shall be reimbursed from the General Fund appropriations for special education approved by the Legislature, minus the amounts set aside pursuant to subsection (5) of this section, on a pro rata basis at the maximum rate of reimbursement such appropriations will allow as determined by the department; and~~

~~(ii) The remainder of the eighty percent reimbursement of such allowable excess costs shall be paid from the Education Future Fund.~~

(5) Residential settings described in subdivision (10)(c) of section 79-215 shall be reimbursed for the educational services, including special education services and support services, in an amount determined pursuant to the average per pupil cost of the service agency. Reimbursements pursuant to this section shall be made from funds set aside for such purpose within sixty days after receipt of a reimbursement request submitted in the manner required by the department and including any documentation required by the department for educational services that have been provided, except that if there are not any funds available for the remainder of the state fiscal year for such reimbursements, the reimbursement shall occur within thirty days after the beginning of the immediately following state fiscal year. The department may audit any required documentation and subtract any payments made in error from future reimbursements. The department shall set aside separate amounts from the appropriations for special education approved by the Legislature for reimbursements pursuant to this subsection for students receiving special education services and for students receiving support services for each state fiscal year. The amounts set aside for each purpose shall be based on estimates of the reimbursements to be requested during the state fiscal year and shall not be less than the total amount of reimbursements requested in the prior state fiscal year plus any unpaid requests from the prior state fiscal year.

(6) For each school district that received a payment pursuant to the Extraordinary Increase in Special Education Expenditures Act in the school fiscal year for which special education expenditures were reimbursed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section, an amount equal to such payment shall be subtracted from the reimbursement calculated

pursuant to subsection (3) of this section and such amount shall be transferred to the Education Future Fund.

(7) On or before November 15 of each year, the department shall submit to the Governor, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, and the Education Committee of the Legislature:

(a) The total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services for all school districts, cooperatives of school districts, and educational service units; and

(b) The total reimbursements requested pursuant to subsection (5) of this section for the most recently completed school fiscal year.

Sec. 126. Section 79-1145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1145 (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Nonreimbursable expenditure means an expenditure included within the total allowable excess cost for all special education programs and support services as submitted to the department on or before the first October 31 following the school fiscal year in which the expenditure occurred that is later determined to be nonreimbursable as a special education program or support services expenditure; and

(b) Three-year average nonreimbursable expenditures means the average total nonreimbursable expenditures for all school districts for the most recent three school fiscal years for which such information is available.

(2)(a) For each fiscal year, the aggregate amount appropriated from the~~of~~ General Fund and the Education Future Fund~~Funds appropriated~~ for special education programs and support services pursuant to sections 79-1129, 79-1132, and 79-1144 shall not be less than the amounts required pursuant to section 79-1142 to (i) reimburse residential settings described in subdivision (10)(c) of section 79-215 for educational services and reimburse eighty percent of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services or (ii) meet federal maintenance of state financial support requirements, whichever is greater~~exceed the aggregate amount of General Funds appropriated pursuant to such sections for the previous fiscal year, increased by ten percent~~.

(b) The amount required to reimburse eighty percent of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services shall be calculated by subtracting eighty percent of three-year average nonreimbursable expenditures from eighty percent of the total allowable excess costs for all special education programs and support services as submitted to the department on or before the first October 31 following the school fiscal year in which the allowable excess costs occurred.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the sections added by this amendment become operative on their effective date with the emergency clause.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendments to LB264:

FA174

In AM835, strike Section 13, Page 3, Lines 4-8, Section 17, Page 3, Lines 25-29, Section 79, Page 13, Lines 28-31, and Page 14, Line 1.

FA176

In AM835, Strike Section 112 on pages 45-46 and in Section 157 on page 89, line 24, on page 90, line 1, line 4, line 17, and line 29, strike "2025" and reinsert "2026".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB264:

AM1294

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)
1. Strike sections 56, 57, 134, and 135.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the repealer accordingly.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1321

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)
1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 71. The State Treasurer shall transfer $100,000,000 from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before December 21, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. On page 34, line 4, after the period insert "Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.".
3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
4. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Jacobson name added to LB693.
Senator Quick name added to LB693.
Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB693.
Senator Dover name added to LB693.
Senator Hallstrom name added to LB693.
Senator Meyer name added to LB693.
Senator Lippincott name added to LB693.
Senator Murman name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Lyons-Decatur School, Lyons.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:03 p.m., on a motion by Senator Prokop, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 7, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY - MAY 7, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Rajan Zed, President of the Universal Society of Hinduism, Reno, NV.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

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 Lippincott who was excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, Juarez, Rountree, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-third day was approved.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Committee AM835, found on page 1260 and considered on page 1332, was renewed.

Pending.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR142 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR142.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Committee AM835, found on page 1260 and considered on page 1332 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1300 is available in the Bill Room.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB560:
AM1314

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. On page 2, line 29, strike "such" and after "village" insert "with a creative district as described in section 82-312 within its boundaries".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from DC West Elementary, Valley; students from Sterling Elementary, Sterling; students from High Plains Community Schools, Clarks; staff and students from the University of Nebraska Center – Madison Bierman, Del D'Souza, Sidherta Kumer, Jeff Kratz.

RECESS

At 11:59 a.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., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Lippincott who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Brandt, Conrad, Hansen, Hardin, Hunt, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER76
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 2 through line 8
2 and insert "to amend sections 44-4601, 44-4603, and 44-4610, Revised
3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to change
4 provisions relating to specialty pharmacies and clinician-administered
5 drugs; to prohibit health benefit plans, health carriers, and pharmacy
6 benefit managers from taking certain actions; to authorize a network
7 pharmacy or network pharmacist to decline to provide a drug as
8 prescribed; to change provisions relating to retail pharmacies; to
9 prohibit spread pricing as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to
10 provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER75
1 1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM1152:
2 a. On page 38, line 31, strike "office" and insert "offices"; and
3 b. On page 95, line 3, strike "32-1049" and insert "32-1409"; and
4 strike beginning with the second comma in line 10 through "2024" in line
5 11.
6 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "elections" in line 1 through
7 line 18 and insert "government; to amend sections 14-201, 14-202, 14-204,
8 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-217.01, 14-376, 14-521, 14-811,
9 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 15-301, 32-104, 32-239, 32-307,
10 32-315, 32-401, 32-402, 32-536, 32-554, 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624,
11 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912, 32-1032, 32-1037, 32-1049,
12 32-1119, 32-1122, 32-1404, 43-1304, 43-1308, and 84-1411, Reissue Revised
13 Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-211, 31-727.02, 32-101, 32-123,
14 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312, 32-326, 32-405, 32-607, 32-613,
15 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630, 32-631, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803,
16 32-809, 32-811, 32-1002, 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1013, 32-1409, 32-1524,
17 32-1525, 32-1546, 70-1014, and 70-1014.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative
18 Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to
19 elections in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary
20 class; to change provisions relating to voter registration, primary,
21 general, and special elections, petitions, political parties, write-in
22 candidates, ballots, vote counting devices, counting watchers and
23 observers, judges of election and clerks of election, candidate filing
24 forms, the board of state canvassers, and counting and recounting
25 ballots; to provide forms for petitions; to provide for the verification
26 of identification envelopes; to provide powers and duties for the
27 Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks; to
1 eliminate provisions relating to voter registration and political party
2 delegates; to exempt local foster care review boards from the Open
3 Meetings Act; to change requirements for notice of meetings under the
4 Open Meetings Act; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete
5 provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections;
6 to outright repeal sections 32-309 and 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes
7 of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER73
1 1. On page 1, line 3, after "disclaimers" insert "on political
2 materials".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER74 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Committee AM835, found on page 1260 and considered on page 1332 and in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Clements renewed AM1300, found and considered in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

Senator Guereca 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 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

The Guereca motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 12 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 32 ayes, 2 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hughes offered AM1298, found on page 1333, to the committee amendment.

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

Senator DeBoer moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 2 nays, and 19 not voting.

Senator DeBoer requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 18:

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

Voting in the negative, 25:

Andersen	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	Storm
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	Strommen
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	von Gillern
DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 4:

Arch	Ballard	Bosn	Hughes

Absent and not voting, 1:

Bostar

Excused and not voting, 1:

Lippincott

The DeBoer motion to cease debate failed with 18 ayes, 25 nays, 4 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Senator Hallstrom offered AM1294, found on page 1335, to the committee amendment.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew and refiled his amendment, AM1294, found on page 1335.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1328

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. On page 15, strike line 12.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:
MO231
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

Speaker Arch requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

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

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez
Conrad	Hunt	McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Lippincott

The Arch motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 34 ayes, 6 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Dungan amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 17 ayes, 27 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 34 ayes, 7 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 6 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB712:
MO226
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO227
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

MO228
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO229
Bracket until June 2, 2025.

MO230
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M.Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB712:
FA178
Strike Section 1.

FA179
Strike Section 2.

FA180
Strike Section 3.

FA181
Strike Section 4.

FA182
Strike Section 5.

FA183
Strike Section 1.

FA184
Strike Section 2.

FA185
Strike Section 3.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1322
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM835)
1 1. On page 1, lines 4, 8, and 12, strike "2025" and insert "2026".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1332
(Amendments to AM1300)
1 1. Strike section 187.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1324

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. Strike section 58.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB264:
AM1327

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. On page 15, strike lines 19 and 20.

AM1331

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. Strike sections 69 and 97.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

AM1330

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. Strike sections 68 and 96.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1325

(Amendments to AM1300)

1 1. Strike sections 59 and 83.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 146. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the intersection of tax increment financing and affordable housing within the State of Nebraska. The study would also examine ways to improve the Community Development Law for the purpose of creating more affordable housing.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 147. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine land banks under the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act. The study shall examine the possibility of changing provisions of the Nebraska Municipal Land Bank Act relating to board representation, the resources granted to land banks to address tax-delinquent properties, and the general allowance of land banks to facilitate the return of properties.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 148. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 149. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore methods for providing public hearing notices for municipalities. The study would examine the possibility of adopting a statute similar to

section 17-505.01, which applies to cities of the second class and villages, that would apply to all municipalities.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 150. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current powers of city councils for cities of the metropolitan class. The study would consider the feasibility of expanding the duties and authority of city councils of cities of the metropolitan class.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 151. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clouse, 37; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to hear reports submitted pursuant to the Poverty Elimination Action Plan Act. The Poverty Elimination Action Plan Act requires any city of the metropolitan class or city of the primary class to develop and submit a five-year poverty elimination action plan to the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature and the Clerk of the Legislature. The Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may request such cities to present the report at a public hearing.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM831, found on page 1260, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA186
In AM835, Strike Section 65 on Page 11.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendment to LB434:
AM1334
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM750)
1. On page 4, line 2, strike "an additional" and insert "one hundred dollars plus"; and in line 4 after "81-505.01" insert "in addition to such plan review fee".
2. On page 5, line 16, strike "ten" and insert "five".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 152. Introduced by Storer, 43; Andersen, 49; Conrad, 46; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Meyer, 17; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the costs to persons and businesses in Nebraska associated with the adoption, amendment, or repeal of rules or regulations.

Utilizing the fiscal impact statements issued pursuant to section 84-907.09 and other available financial and economic data, the study shall examine the costs to businesses and persons being regulated. The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of selected rules and regulations adopted, amended, or repealed in 2023 or 2024.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:30 p.m. until 6:01 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Committee AM831, found on page 1260 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

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

The Chair declared the call raised.

The committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM834, found on page 1260, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1336 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB644:
AM1272

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1. Strike section 11 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 11. (1) All businesses and nonprofit organizations operating within the State of Nebraska shall attest that they are cognizant of and in compliance with the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act.

(2) The attestation required by this section shall be filed as follows:

(a) For a domestic or foreign limited liability company, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-125;

(b) For a domestic or foreign corporation subject to the Nebraska Model Business Corporation Act, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each even-numbered year under section 21-301 or 21-304;

(c) For a domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation, the attestation shall be included in the biennial report in each odd-numbered year under section 21-19,172;

(d) For a domestic or foreign limited liability partnership, the attestation shall be included in the annual report under section 67-456;

(e) For banking, insurance, and building and loan association corporations paying fees and making reports to the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance, the attestation shall be included on a report filed with the Director of Insurance or the Director of Banking and Finance. Each director shall determine the frequency with which such reports must be filed but shall not require a report to be filed more frequently than on an annual basis; and

(f) For any other business or nonprofit organization not described in subdivisions (2)(a) through (e) of this section, the attestation shall be included on the annual or biennial report submitted to the Secretary of State as required by the organic law of the business or nonprofit organization.

(3) The Attorney General shall develop the attestation required by this section in consultation with the Secretary of State.

(4) The Secretary of State may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out this section.

(5) An unincorporated entity that is of a type that is not created by filing a public organic document with the Secretary of State is exempt from this section.

Sec. 23. Section 49-1496, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

49-1496 (1) The statement of financial interests filed pursuant to sections 49-1493 to 49-14,104 shall be on a form prescribed by the commission.

(2) Individuals required to file under sections 49-1493 to 49-1495 shall file the following information for themselves:

(a) The name and address of and the nature of association with any business with which the individual was associated;
(b) The name and address of any entity in which a position of trustee was held;
(c) The name, address, and nature of business of a person or government body from whom any income in the value of one thousand dollars or more was received and the nature of the services rendered, except that the identification of patrons, customers, patients, or clients of such person from which employment income was received is not required;
(d) A description, but not the value, of the following, if the fair market value thereof exceeded one thousand dollars:
(i) The nature and location of all real property in the state, except any such real property used as a residence of the individual;
(ii) The depository of checking and savings accounts;
(iii) The issuer of stocks, bonds, and government securities; and
(iv) A description of all other property owned or held for the production of income, except property owned or used by a business with which the individual was associated;
(e) The name and address of each creditor to whom the value of one thousand dollars or more was owed or guaranteed by the individual or a member of the individual's immediate family, except for the following:
(i) Accounts payable;
(ii) Debts arising out of retail installment transactions;
(iii) Loans made by financial institutions in the ordinary course of business;
(iv) Loans from a relative; and
(v) Land contracts that have been properly recorded with the county clerk or the register of deeds;
(f) The name, address, and occupation or nature of business of any person from whom a gift in the value of more than one hundred dollars was received, a description of the gift and the circumstances of the gift, and the monetary value category of the gift, based on a good faith estimate by the individual, reported in the following categories:
(i) $100.01 - $200;
(ii) $200.01 - $500;
(iii) $500.01 - $1,000; and
(iv) $1,000.01 or more; ~~and~~
(g) An attestation that the individual is not an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization, as such terms are defined in the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act. Such attestation shall be made by checking a box on the form attesting to such fact; and
(h)~~(g)~~ Such other information as the individual or the commission deems necessary, after notice and hearing, to carry out the purposes of the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

2. On page 18, strike lines 26 through 31 and insert the following new subsection:

"(4) In any proceeding under the act brought by the Attorney General in which it is alleged that a person is an agent of a foreign principal from an adversary nation or a foreign terrorist organization, the specific identity of the principal shall be alleged and it shall be the burden of the Attorney General to prove such identity.".

3. On page 19, strike lines 1 through 4.

4. On page 22, after line 2 insert the following new subsection:

"(3) In conducting investigations of potential violations of the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and in enforcing the act, the Attorney General shall not infringe upon the protections set forth in the Personal Privacy Protection Act.".

5. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB644:
AM1306

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)

1. Strike sections 1 to 21 and insert the following new section:
Section 1. (1) For purposes of this section:
(a) Foreign agent means a person required to register under the federal Foreign Agents Registration Act, 22 U.S.C. 611 et seq., as such act existed on January 1, 2025; and
(b) Lobbying has the same meaning as in section 49-1433.
(2) A foreign agent that engages in lobbying shall register with the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission, disclose any compensation received, and detail lobbying activities conducted in a form and manner prescribed by the commission.
(3) A foreign agent that does not engage in lobbying shall register with the Attorney General in a form and manner prescribed by the Attorney General.
(4) The commission may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement this section.
(5) The commission and Attorney General may refer violations of this section to the United States Department of Justice.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Senator Conrad offered MO39, found on page 527, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bosn opened on her bill, LB513.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO39.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 1 nays, and 32 not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

The Conrad motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 1 aye, 29 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Pending.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Wordekemper name added to LB693.
Senator Kauth name added to LB693.
Senator DeBoer name added to LB693.
Senator Dungan name added to LB693.

Senator Bostar name added to LB693.
Senator Brandt name added to LB693.
Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB693.
Senator Dorn name added to LB693.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator J. Cavanaugh name withdrawn from LB345.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Fillmore County Development-Odegeo Leadership Class; students from Weeping Water Public School, Weeping Water; students from St. Mary's Catholic School, Osmond; students from Hawthorne Elementary, Hastings; students from Trinity Lutheran, Madison.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Hunter Allen, North Platte.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:27 p.m., on a motion by Senator Riepe, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Bishop James Conley, Diocese of Lincoln Roman Catholic Church, Lincoln.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, DeBoer, Hansen, Hughes, Juarez, Prokop, Raybould, Rountree, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-fourth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sorrentino filed the following amendment to LB647:
AM1311

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM994)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 11. Section 13-3103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

13-3103 (1) Any applicant may apply to the board for state assistance if (a) the applicant has acquired, constructed, improved, or equipped an eligible sports arena facility, (b) the applicant has approved a revenue bond issue or a general obligation bond issue to acquire, construct, improve, or equip an eligible sports arena facility, (c) the applicant has adopted a resolution authorizing the applicant to pursue a general obligation bond issue to acquire, construct, improve, or

equip an eligible sports arena facility, (d) a building permit has been issued within the applicant's jurisdiction for an eligible sports arena facility that is a privately owned concert venue, ~~or~~ (e) a building permit has been issued or construction has been completed within the applicant's jurisdiction for an eligible sports arena facility that is a privately owned sports complex or (f) each coapplicant described in subdivision (1)(b) of section 13-3102 has adopted a resolution authorizing either the political subdivision or the nonprofit corporation to pursue financing or bonds to acquire, construct, improve, or equip an eligible sports arena facility for the purposes set forth in subdivision (4)(b) of section 13-3103.

(2) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this section, the state assistance shall only be used by the applicant to pay back amounts expended or borrowed through one or more issues of bonds to be expended by the applicant to acquire, construct, improve, or equip the publicly owned eligible sports arena facility and to acquire, construct, improve, or equip publicly owned nearby parking facilities.

(3) For an eligible sports arena facility that is a privately owned concert venue, the state assistance shall only be used by the applicant (a) to pay back amounts expended or borrowed through one or more issues of bonds to be expended by the applicant to acquire, construct, improve, or equip a nearby parking facility or (b) to promote arts and cultural events which are open to or made available to the general public.

(4) For an eligible sports arena facility that is a privately owned sports complex, the state assistance shall only be used by the applicant:

(a) To~~to~~ pay back amounts expended or borrowed through one or more issues of bonds to be expended by the applicant to acquire, construct, improve, or equip one or more public infrastructure projects, as defined in section 77-27,142, related to a privately owned sports complex;~~,~~

(b) To~~to~~ lease all or a portion of such privately owned sports complex for the governmental use of the political subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, lease means any contractual lease agreement between the coapplicants described in subdivision (1)(b) of section 13-3102 for the use of an eligible sports arena facility at fair market rental value for a term not to exceed twenty years;~~,~~

(c) To~~to~~ promote sporting events which are open to or made available to the general public;~~,~~ or

(d) To~~to~~ pay back amounts expended or borrowed through one or more debt issues to be expended by the nonprofit corporation coapplicant to acquire, construct, improve, or equip a privately owned sports complex, subject to voter approval as provided in section 13-3110.

(5)(a) No more than ten years of funding for promotion of the arts and cultural events shall be paid by state assistance received pursuant to section 13-3108.

(b) No more than ten years of funding for promotion of sporting events shall be paid by state assistance received pursuant to section 13-3108.

(c) No more than five years of funding for a sports complex located in a city of the second class or village shall be paid by state assistance received pursuant to section 13-3108.

(6) For any application for state assistance for a large public stadium approved on or after July 19, 2024, up to one hundred percent of the final cost of the project may be funded by state assistance received pursuant to section 13-3108.

Sec. 12. Section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

13-3106 (1) After consideration of the application and the evidence, if the board finds that the project described in the application is eligible and that state assistance is in the best interest of the state, the application shall be approved, except that:

(a) An ~~an~~ approval of an application submitted because of the requirement in subdivision (1)(c) of section 13-3103 is a temporary approval. If the general obligation bond issue is subsequently approved by the voters of the political subdivision, the approval by the board becomes permanent. If the general obligation bond issue is not approved by such voters, the temporary approval shall become void; and ~~.~~

(b) An approval of an application submitted because of the requirement in subdivision (1)(f) of section 13-3103 is a temporary approval. If a building permit for the eligible sports arena facility is issued within twenty-four months of the temporary approval, the approval by the board becomes permanent. If a building permit is not issued within twenty-four months of the temporary approval, the temporary approval shall become void.

(2) In determining whether state assistance is in the best interest of the state, the board shall consider the fiscal and economic capacity of the applicant to finance the local share of the project.

(3) A majority of the board members constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. All actions of the board shall be by a majority vote of all the board members, one of whom must be the Governor.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1157, found on page 1244, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 5 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 6 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendments to LB150:
FA187
Strike Section 1.

FA188
Strike Section 2.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468A. Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 468, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1243, found on page 1295, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth withdrew AM491, found on page 1169.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. ER58, found on page 1265, was offered.

ER58 was adopted.

Senator Andersen offered AM1234, found on page 1268.

The Andersen amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment:
FA189
Amend LB441 into LB660.

The Spivey amendment lost with 8 ayes, 27 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. ER69, found on page 1321, was offered.

ER69 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. ER76, found on page 1339, was offered.

ER76 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. ER75, found on page 1339, was offered.

ER75 was adopted.

Senator Sanders offered the following amendment:
AM1333
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1152)

1. Strike section 77 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 36. Section 32-568, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
32-568 (1) If any vacancy occurs in the office of city council member or ~~of a city of the metropolitan class, the remaining members of the council shall appoint a person to fill such vacancy from the district in which the vacancy occurred for the remainder of the term. The person thus appointed shall qualify and give bond as by law provided for council members elected to such office. A vacancy in the office of~~ mayor of a city of the metropolitan class, the vacancy shall be filled as provided by local law.
(2) The city council of a city of the primary class may provide for filling any vacancies that occur in any elective office by appointment by the mayor, with the advice and consent of the council, to hold office until the next general city election. In case of vacancy in the office of mayor of a city of the primary class or his or her absence or disability, the president of the council shall exercise the powers and duties of the office until such vacancy is filled or disability removed or, in case of temporary absence, until the mayor returns, and such acting mayor shall perform such other duties as may be required by law.
(3) In a city of the first class except a city which has adopted the commissioner or city manager plan of government, any vacancy on the

council resulting from causes other than expiration of the term shall be filled by appointment by the mayor with the consent of the city council to hold office for the remainder of the term. When there is a vacancy in the office of the mayor in a city of the first class, the president of the city council shall serve as mayor for the unexpired term. In case of any temporary absence or disability on the part of the mayor, the president of the council shall exercise the powers and duties of the office of mayor until such disability is removed, or in case of temporary absence until the mayor returns, and shall perform such other duties as may be required by law.

(4) Any vacancy on the city council of a city of the second class shall be filled as provided in section 32-569. In the case of any vacancy in the office of mayor, or in case of his or her disability or absence, the president of the council shall exercise the office of mayor for the unexpired term, until such disability is removed, or in case of temporary absence, until the mayor returns. If the president of the council assumes the office of mayor for the unexpired term, there shall be a vacancy on the council.

(5) A vacancy on the board of trustees of a village shall be filled as provided in section 32-569, except that the board of trustees of a village situated in more than one county shall have power to fill by appointment any vacancy that may occur in their number.

(6) If any vacancy occurs in the office of council member in a city under the commission plan of government, the vacancy shall be filled as provided in section 32-569. If an incumbent in a city under the commission plan of government files for a city office other than the office he or she holds, the office he or she holds shall become vacant as of the date of the commencement of the term of the office for which he or she has filed. If such vacancy results in an unexpired term, such vacancy shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term. In a city under the commission plan of government, the vice president of the city council shall perform the duties of the mayor of the city in the absence or inability of the mayor to serve. If a vacancy occurs in the office of mayor by death or otherwise, the vice president shall perform the duties of mayor of the city until such time as the council shall fill such vacancy, which shall be done at the first council meeting after such vacancy occurs or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

(7) If a vacancy occurs in the office of council member in a city under a city manager plan, a successor council member shall be elected at the next regular city election to serve for the remainder of the term, except that a majority of the remaining members of the council shall appoint a registered voter to serve as council member until the successor is so elected and has qualified. If the council members are elected by ward, the council member elected or appointed to fill the vacancy shall be a registered voter of the ward in which the vacancy exists. If for any reason the seats of one-half or more of the members of the council become vacant, the Secretary of State shall conduct a special election to fill the vacancies for the unexpired portion of each term. A vacancy in any office to which the council elects shall be filled by the council for the unexpired term.

(8) Vacancies in city offices in any city under home rule charter shall be filled as provided in the home rule charter.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the internal references accordingly.

3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

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

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment:
FA190
Strike Sections 80 and 81.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:
FA191
In AM1152, Strike Section 17.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

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

Voting in the negative, 30:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Dungan Hughes

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hansen

The Dungan amendment lost with 16 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO233
Reconsider the vote taken on FA191.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 4 nays, and 13 not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 18 ayes, 26 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. ER66, found on page 1320, was offered.

ER66 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. ER73, found on page 1340, was offered.

ER73 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. ER59, found on page 1275, was offered.

ER59 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:
AM1347
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM904)
1 1. Strike section 9 and insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 9. (1) Except as provided in subsections (3) and (4) of this

section, a qualifying child of a first responder who satisfies section 5 of this act or of an eligible disabled person who satisfies section 7 of this act shall be entitled to a tuition waiver as provided in section 13 of this act from any state university, state college, or community college for an associate or baccalaureate degree program if the qualifying child:

(a) Meets all admission requirements of the state university, state college, or community college;

(b) Executes an agreement in accordance with section 10 of this act;

(c) Has not previously earned a baccalaureate degree;

(d) Completes and submits to the United States Department of Education a Free Application for Federal Student Aid;

(e) Submits a document to the state university, state college, or community college confirming that the qualifying child has satisfied subdivision (1)(d) of this section. Such document shall be submitted in a form and manner as prescribed by the university, college, or community college;

(f) Submits the certificate of verification required by subsection (2) of this section; and

(g) Files with the Department of Revenue documentation showing proof that, for each year in which the qualifying child applies for and receives the tuition waiver, the first responder or eligible disabled person through whom the qualifying child is claiming the tuition waiver:

(i) Is employed as a first responder or is an eligible disabled person, as applicable; and

(ii) Resides in Nebraska.

(2)(a) An application for the tuition waiver shall include a certificate of verification from:

(i) The first responder's superior officer attesting to such first responder's satisfaction of section 5 of this act; or

(ii) The eligible disabled person's former superior officer attesting to such person's satisfaction of section 7 of this act.

(b) The applicant shall include the certificate of verification when applying to the state university, state college, or community college in order to obtain a tuition waiver upon initial enrollment.

(3) The death of a first responder in the line of duty that occurs after submission of an application for a tuition waiver shall not disqualify such first responder's otherwise eligible qualifying child from receiving the tuition waiver. In such case:

(a) In lieu of submitting the certificate of verification provided for in subsection (2) of this section, the qualifying child shall submit a certificate of verification from the first responder's superior officer attesting that:

(i) At the time of such death, such first responder satisfied section 5 of this act; and

(ii) Such first responder died in the line of duty; and

(b) In lieu of making the filing required by subdivision (1)(g) of this section, the qualifying child shall file with the Department of Revenue documentation showing proof that, at the time of such death:

(i) Such first responder was employed as a first responder; and

(ii) Such first responder resided in Nebraska.

(4) For a qualifying child of a first responder who is a correctional officer or a youth detention officer or of an eligible disabled person who was a correctional officer or a youth detention officer, the tuition waiver shall only be available beginning July 1, 2027, and shall only be available for attendance at a state university.

2. On page 3, line 17, strike "as a result of injury or illness" and insert "due to injury or illness that resulted from or is connected to such employment".

3. On page 6, line 8; and page 7, line 18, after "waiver" insert

"shall only be available beginning July 1, 2027, and".
4. On page 11, line 22, strike "2026" and insert "2028".

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

Senator Wordekemper offered the following amendment:
AM1129

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM904)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 2. (1) For purposes of this section:
(a) Firefighter includes both professional and volunteer firefighters;
(b) Professional firefighter means a person who has been employed for five or more years in this state in a full-time salaried occupation as:
(i) A firefighter for the benefit or safety of the public;
(ii) An investigator of fires or arson; or
(iii) An instructor or officer for the provision of training concerning fire or hazardous materials; and
(c) Volunteer firefighter means a person who has acted for five or more years in this state as a volunteer firefighter described in subdivision (3) of section 48-115.
(2) Notwithstanding any provision of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act to the contrary, cancer that results in either temporary or permanent disability or death of a firefighter is an occupational disease and compensable as such under the act if:
(a) The cancer develops or manifests itself out of and in the course of the employment of a firefighter; and
(b) It is demonstrated that:
(i) The firefighter was exposed, while in the course of employment, to a known carcinogen or a substance reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, as defined by the International Agency for Research on Cancer or the National Toxicology Program; and
(ii) Such carcinogen is reasonably associated with such cancer.
(3) With respect to a firefighter, the following substances shall be deemed, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with the following cancers:
(a) Diesel exhaust, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with bladder cancer;
(b) Acrylonitrile, formaldehyde, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with brain cancer;
(c) Asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, digoxin, ethylene oxide, polychlorinated biphenyls, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with breast cancer;
(d) Diesel exhaust and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with colon cancer;
(e) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with esophageal cancer;
(f) Formaldehyde shall be deemed to be a known carcinogen that is reasonably associated with Hodgkin's lymphoma;
(g) Formaldehyde and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney cancer;
(h) Benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, 1,3-butadiene, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known

carcinogens that are reasonably associated with leukemia;
(i) Chloroform, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with liver cancer;
(j) Arsenic, asbestos, cadmium, chromium compounds, oils, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, radon, silica, soot, and tars shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lung cancer;
(k) Acrylonitrile, benzene, formaldehyde, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, soot, and vinyl chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with lymphatic or haemotopoietic cancer;
(l) Diesel exhaust and soot, aldehydes, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, and melanoma;
(m) Benzene, dioxins, and glyphosate shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with multiple myeloma;
(n) Arsenic, asbestos, benzene, diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and hydrogen chloride shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with nasopharyngeal cancer, including laryngeal cancer and pharyngeal cancer;
(o) Benzene, chronic hepatitis B and C viruses, formaldehyde, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma;
(p) Asbestos, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with ovarian cancer;
(q) Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be a known carcinogen that is reasonably associated with pancreatic cancer;
(r) Acrylonitrile, benzene, and formaldehyde shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with prostate cancer;
(s) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with rectal cancer;
(t) Chlorophenols, chlorophenoxy herbicides, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with soft tissue sarcoma;
(u) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with stomach cancer;
(v) Diesel exhaust and soot, and polychlorinated biphenyls shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with testicular cancer;
(w) Diesel exhaust, benzene, and X-ray radiation shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with thyroid cancer;
(x) Diesel exhaust and soot, formaldehyde, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with urinary tract cancer and ureteral cancer;
(y) Benzene and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with uterine cancer; and
(z) Polyfluoroalkyl substances shall be deemed to be known carcinogens that are reasonably associated with kidney cancer, testicular cancer, and prostate cancer.

(4) Subsection (3) of this section is not an exhaustive list and shall not preclude any person from demonstrating, on a case-by-case basis for the purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that a substance is a known carcinogen or is reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, including an agent classified by the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Group 1 or Group 2A, that is reasonably associated with a cancer.

(5) There shall be a rebuttable presumption that a cancer

experienced by a firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if (a) the cancer is diagnosed during the course of the firefighter's employment and (b) such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.

(6)(a) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a retired firefighter arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if (i) the cancer is diagnosed within a period, not to exceed sixty months, which begins with the last date the retired firefighter actually worked in the qualifying capacity and extends for a period calculated by multiplying three months by the number of full years of such employment and (ii) such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer.

(b) This subsection applies to a professional firefighter who retires before January 1, 2026, and to a volunteer firefighter, regardless of the date of retirement.

(7) There shall be a rebuttable presumption, for purposes of subsection (2) of this section, that cancer experienced by a professional firefighter who retires on or after January 1, 2026, arose out of and in the course of employment and was medically caused by employment-related exposure to cancer-causing substances if such firefighter successfully passed a physical examination upon entry into such employment or subsequent to such entry, which examination failed to reveal any evidence of cancer, and such cancer was diagnosed:

(a) If the firefighter ceases employment before completing twenty years of service as a professional firefighter, during the period after separation from employment which is equal to the number of years worked; or

(b) If the firefighter ceases employment after completing twenty years or more of service as a professional firefighter, investigator, or instructor, at any time during the person's life.

(8) Service credit which is purchased in a retirement system shall not be used to calculate the number of years of service or employment for purposes of this section.

(9) A person who files a claim for benefits for cancer pursuant to subsection (7) of this section after retiring from employment as a professional firefighter is not entitled to receive any compensation for such cancer under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act other than medical benefits.

(10)(a) The presumptions in subsections (5), (6), and (7) of this section shall control the awarding of benefits pursuant to this section unless evidence to rebut the relevant presumption is presented.

(b) The presumptions provided for under this section may be rebutted if the employer or agency against whom such a claim for benefits is made can show by a preponderance of the evidence that the cancer experienced by the firefighter resulted from accident, exposure to cancer-causing substances, or any other medical cause not arising out of and in the course of the firefighter's employment.

Sec. 3. Section 48-1,110, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-1,110 Sections 48-101 to 48-1,117 and section 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Hallstrom requested a ruling of the Chair on whether the Wordekemper amendment is germane to the bill.

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

Senator Wordekemper challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1251 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB677:
AM1340

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1251)

1. Strike section 43 and insert the following new section:

Sec. 43. Qualifying medical condition means a medical condition for which a health care practitioner has determined, based on a professional medical assessment of the patient's health status:

(1) That the condition, its related symptoms, or side effects of the condition's treatment can be appropriately treated or alleviated with medical cannabis; and

(2) That, in the practitioner's professional judgment, and in accordance with the accepted standards of care that a reasonable and prudent practitioner would apply when recommending any medication or course of treatment, the potential benefits of medical cannabis outweigh the potential harms.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 153. Introduced by Storer, 43; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; Raybould, 28; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to gather information relating to electronic identification devices utilized as a method of identifying and managing animals for disease traceability, surveillance, and control regulations, for use by Nebraska livestock producers for compliance with such regulations, or for private herd management and marketing purposes. The study shall compile a list of electronic identification devices and related animal data collection and management equipment, services, and software available for purchase and

use in Nebraska and shall identify manufacturers and vendors of such products and the brand names under which such products are sold.

The study shall also collect information regarding the locations of manufacturers and the final assembly of electronic identification devices as well as the manufacturing sources of chip components in such devices. The information compiled by this study can be used to assist future legislative deliberations regarding requirements for the sourcing of or limitations on the use of such devices and related data collection and management systems in order to mitigate any vulnerabilities to foreign interference in the livestock industry through the malicious manipulation of such devices and related data management systems.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were young leaders from various southeast Asian countries of the U.S. Department of State-YSEALI, led by Val McPherson; students from Centennial Elementary, Utica; students from Elgin Public School, Elgin; University of Nebraska-Kearney Wrestling Team-Zach Ourada, Jacobi Deal, Jacori Deal, Crew Howard, and Coaches Andrew Sorenson and Dalton Jensen; students from Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Schools, Sumner; students from Western Hills Elementary, Omaha; Former Senator Dave and Dee Bloomfield; Pippa Eicher and Cheryl Ober.

RECESS

At 12:27 p.m., on a motion by Senator Fredrickson, the Legislature recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 2:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Ibach, Raybould, Storer, Storm, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. Senator Wordekemper renewed his motion to overrule the Chair, found and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Wordekemper moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 3 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on the motion to overrule the Chair.

The Wordekemper motion to overrule the Chair prevailed with 27 ayes, 15 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair was overruled.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Wordekemper renewed AM1129, found and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the Wordkemper amendment:
FA192
In AM1129, on line 6, strike "-" between "full" and "time".

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO234
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 20 ayes, 1 nay, and 28 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 13:

Bostar	DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey	

Present and not voting, 3:

Cavanaugh, M. Fredrickson Hunt

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hardin Raybould

The Storer motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 13 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 0.

Voting in the negative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bostar	Fredrickson	Juarez	Prokop	
Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Clements	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Spivey	Storm

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hardin Raybould

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 0 ayes, 41 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO236
Reconsider the vote taken on MO234.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

The Wordekemper amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment:
AM1356

(Amendments to Standing Committee Amendments, AM904)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 2. Section 48-118, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-118 (1) When a third person is liable to the employee or to the dependents for the injury or death of the employee, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall be subrogated to the right of the employee or to the dependents against such third person. The recovery by such employer or workers' compensation insurer shall not be limited to the amount payable as compensation to such employee or dependents, but such employer or workers' compensation insurer may recover any amount which such employee or his or her dependents should have been entitled to recover.

(2) Any recovery by the employer or workers' compensation insurer against such third person, in excess of the compensation paid by the employer or workers' compensation insurer after deducting the expenses of making such recovery, including reasonable attorney's fees, shall be paid forthwith to the employee or to the dependents pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of section 48-118.04.~~and shall be treated as an advance payment by the employer on account of any future installments of compensation.~~

(3) Nothing in the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act shall be construed to deny the right of an injured employee or of his or her personal representative to bring suit against such third person in his or her own name or in the name of the personal representative based upon such liability, but in such event an employer or workers' compensation insurer having paid or paying compensation to such employee or his or her dependents shall be made a party to the suit for the purpose of reimbursement, under the right of subrogation, of any compensation paid.

(4) For purposes of sections 48-118 to 48-118.05, third person shall include, but is not limited to, an insurer that issued a policy that includes uninsured or underinsured motorist coverage insuring the injured employee, his or her employer, or both the injured employee and his or her employer.

Sec. 3. Section 48-118.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-118.04 (1) A settlement of a third-party claim or suit under the

Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act is void unless:

(a) Such settlement is agreed upon in writing by the employee or his or her personal representative and the workers' compensation insurer of the employer, if there is one, and if there is no insurer, then by the employer; or

(b) In the absence of such agreement, the court before which the action is pending or, if no action is pending, the district court in which such action could be brought or the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, determines that the settlement offer is fair and reasonable considering liability, damages, and the ability of the third person and his or her liability insurance carrier to satisfy any judgment.

(2) If the employee or his or her personal representative or the employer or his or her workers' compensation insurer do not agree in writing upon distribution of the proceeds of any judgment or settlement, the court before which the action is pending or, if no action is pending, the district court in which such action could be brought or the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court, upon application, shall order the~~a fair and equitable~~ distribution of the proceeds as follows:~~of any judgment or settlement.~~

(a) After deducting the reasonable expenses of making the recovery, including reasonable attorney's fees, one-third of the remainder shall be paid to the employee or his or her personal representative;

(b) Out of the balance remaining after the deduction and payment specified in subdivision (a) of this subsection, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall be paid for all compensation payments that have been made by the employer or workers' compensation insurer; and

(c) Any balance remaining after the distributions described in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this subsection have been made shall be paid to the employee or his or her personal representative.

(3) Payment to the employee or his or her personal representative under subsection (2) of this section shall be treated as an advance payment by the employer of any future installments of compensation owed by the employer to the employee. The amount of the advance payment shall be reduced by the amount of compensation which would have been owed by the employer but for the payment to the employee specified under subsection (2) of this section. In the event the employee or his or her personal representative and the employer or workers' compensation insurer do not agree that the advance payment has been exhausted, the employee or his or her personal representative shall make application to the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court for a determination of exhaustion. When the amount of the advance payment is exhausted, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall resume payment of all additional benefits owed to the employee under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

Sec. 4. Section 48-144.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-144.01 (1) In every case of reportable injury arising out of and in the course of employment, the employer or workers' compensation insurer shall file a report thereof with the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court. Such report shall be filed within ten days after the employer or insurer has been given notice of or has knowledge of the injury.

(2)(a) To protect the confidentiality of the employee, a report made under subsection (1) of this section shall not be disclosed, redisclosed, released, disseminated, or otherwise published with the employee's confidential information except as otherwise provided in this subsection or as necessary for the compensation court to administer and enforce or perform its lawful duties under the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act.

(b) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this section may be made available to the employee for whom the report is made, with or without a request from the employee. If the employee is

deceased, any right or obligation under this subdivision shall extend to the employee's personal representative as defined in section 30-2209. The compensation court may provide any or all information from that report to the employee or such personal representative.

(c) The information reported pursuant to subsection (1) of this section is subject to disclosure by the compensation court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, except as to the employee's confidential information and any other personally identifiable information. A request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section or for any information contained in such report may be fulfilled by the compensation court pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09 so long as the confidential information and any other personally identifiable information is redacted from such report or extract.

(d) An employee may elect to waive confidentiality of reports under subsection (1) of this section involving such employee. A waiver of confidentiality shall permit disclosure of the employee's confidential information. An election to waive, once made, shall remain in effect notwithstanding any change in employment by such employee unless the election to waive is revoked by the employee. An election to waive confidentiality or revocation of that waiver shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

(e) At the discretion of the compensation court, information from the report made pursuant to subsection (1) may be used in any pending matter before the compensation court involving the employee.

(f) In response to a public records request pursuant to sections 84-712 to 84-712.09, any report made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section that includes the employee's confidential information may be provided by the compensation court:

(i) To an attorney or authorized agent representing the employee as to any workers' compensation claim or claim involving personal injury. An attorney or authorized agent representing the employee shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the employee if requested by the compensation court;

(ii) To the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator involved in the reported injury or an attorney or authorized agent who represents the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator. An attorney or authorized agent representing the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the employer, workers' compensation insurer, risk management pool, or third-party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

(iii) To an attorney or authorized agent of an insurer or a third-party administrator who is involved in administering any claim for insurance benefits related to any injury of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court. An attorney or authorized agent of such insurer or third-party administrator shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the insurer or third-party administrator if requested by the compensation court;

(iv) To an attorney representing a party to a lawsuit filed by or on behalf of the employee whose report is filed with the compensation court. An attorney representing a party to such a lawsuit shall provide a written authorization to obtain a report from the party if requested by the compensation court;

(v) To a federal or state governmental unit at the request of the governmental unit if the information sought to be disclosed is necessary for the receiving federal or state governmental unit to operate a program or carry out a purpose specifically authorized by federal or state statute, including, but not limited to, the investigation of a fraud, criminal offense, or licensing or regulatory violation, child support

enforcement, or to act upon an application for benefits submitted by the employee who is the subject of the report under subsection (1) of this section;

(vi) To a person engaged in bona fide statistical research, including, but not limited to, actuarial studies and health or safety investigations which are authorized by federal or state statute or regulation or other federal or state governmental units. The employee's confidential information or any other personally identifiable information shall not be disclosed unless the researcher has entered into a confidentiality agreement with the compensation court and has agreed that any research findings or reports will not disclose the employee's confidential information or any other personally identifiable information;

(vii) To a nonprofit organization that certifies to the administrator of the compensation court under penalty of perjury that the purpose of using the confidential information is to offer financial assistance to dependents of the employee or to send condolences to, provide memorials for, or offer grief counseling to family members of an employee whose injury or death was caused by a workplace incident;

(viii) When release of the report is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction; or

(ix) When a request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section is made by a treating physician or other health care provider who has rendered treatment to an employee or is seeking authorization for treatment or special services and the information sought to be disclosed relates to the compensability of a claim related to such treatment or authorization for special services or billing for services provided.

(g) Any request to obtain a report filed under subsection (1) of this section shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the administrator of the compensation court.

(3)~~(2)~~ For purposes of this section:

(a) Reportable injury means an injury or diagnosed occupational disease which results in: (i) Death, regardless of the time between the death and the injury or onset of disease; (ii) time away from work; (iii) restricted work or termination of employment; (iv) loss of consciousness; or (v) medical treatment other than first aid;

(b) Restricted work means the inability of the employee to perform one or more of the duties of his or her normal job assignment. Restricted work does not occur if the employee is able to perform all of the duties of his or her normal job assignment, but a work restriction is assigned because the employee is experiencing minor musculoskeletal discomfort and for the purpose of preventing a more serious condition from developing;

(c) Medical treatment means treatment administered by a physician or other licensed health care professional;~~ and~~

(d) First aid means:

(i) Using a nonprescription medication at nonprescription strength. For medications available in both prescription and nonprescription form, a recommendation by a physician or other licensed health care professional to use a nonprescription medication at prescription strength is not first aid;

(ii) Administering tetanus immunizations. Administering other immunizations, such as hepatitis B vaccine and rabies vaccine, is not first aid;

(iii) Cleaning, flushing, or soaking wounds on the surface of the skin;

(iv) Using wound coverings, such as bandages and gauze pads, and superficial wound closing devices, such as butterfly bandages and steri-strips. Using other wound closing devices, such as sutures and staples, is not first aid;

(v) Using hot or cold therapy;
(vi) Using any nonrigid means of support, such as elastic bandages, wraps, and nonrigid back belts. Using devices with rigid stays or other systems designed to immobilize parts of the body is not first aid;
(vii) Using temporary immobilization devices, such as splints, slings, neck collars, and back boards, while transporting accident victims;
(viii) Drilling of a fingernail or toenail to relieve pressure or draining fluid from a blister;
(ix) Using eye patches;
(x) Removing foreign bodies from the eye using only irrigation or a cotton swab;
(xi) Removing splinters or foreign material from areas other than the eye by irrigation, tweezers, cotton swabs, or other simple means;
(xii) Using finger guards;
(xiii) Using massages. Using physical therapy or chiropractic treatment is not first aid; and
(xiv) Drinking fluids for relief of heat stress; and.
(e) Confidential information means an employee's name, address, telephone number, and email address.
2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

The Hallstrom amendment was withdrawn.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 29 ayes, 5 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. ER35, found on page 1065, was offered.

ER35 was adopted.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO167, found on page 1095, to indefinitely postpone.
MO168, found on page 1095, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.
MO169, found on page 1096, to bracket until June 9, 2025.
MO170, found on page 1096, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Meyer offered AM999, found on page 1089.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB632:
AM1281

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 30-2223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

30-2223 (1) Except as otherwise provided by section 23-1824, a person who is eighteen years of age or older and of sound mind, by testamentary disposition, by entering into a pre-need sale as defined by section 12-1102, or by affidavit as provided in subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this section, may direct the location, manner, and conditions of disposition of his or her remains and the arrangements for funeral goods and services to be provided upon his or her death.

(2) Except as set forth in subsection (3) of this section, ~~or in~~ section 71-20,121, or section 3 of this act, the right of disposition, including the right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person, the location, manner, and conditions of disposition, and the arrangements for funeral goods and services to be provided, vests in the following order if the person listed is eighteen years of age or older and is of sound mind:

(a)(i) A person designated by the decedent as the person with the right of disposition in an affidavit executed in accordance with subdivision (2)(a)(ii) of this section.

(ii) A person who is eighteen years of age or older and of sound mind wishing to convey the right of disposition to another person may execute an affidavit before a notary public in substantially the following form:

State of .....)
County of .....)

I, ..., do hereby designate ..... with the right to control the disposition of my remains upon my death. I (..... have) (..... have not) attached specific directions concerning the disposition of my remains which the designee shall substantially comply with, so long as such directions are lawful and there are sufficient resources in my estate to carry out the directions. This affidavit does not constitute a durable power of attorney for health care.

..... (signature of person executing affidavit)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ..... day of the month of ..... of the year ..... .

..... (signature of notary public);

(b) The surviving spouse of the decedent;

(c) The sole surviving child of the decedent or, if there is more than one child of the decedent, the majority of the surviving children, except that less than a majority of the surviving children shall be vested with the right of disposition if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving children of their instructions regarding the right of disposition and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of a majority of the surviving children;

(d) The surviving parent or parents of the decedent. If one of the surviving parents is absent, the remaining parent shall be vested with the right of disposition after reasonable efforts have been unsuccessful in locating the absent surviving parent;

(e) The surviving brother or sister of the decedent or, if there is more than one sibling of the decedent, the majority of the surviving siblings, except that less than the majority of the surviving siblings

shall be vested with the right of disposition if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving siblings of their instructions regarding the right of disposition and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of a majority of the surviving siblings;

(f) The surviving grandparent of the decedent or, if there is more than one surviving grandparent, the majority of the grandparents, except that less than the majority of the surviving grandparents shall be vested with the right of disposition if they have used reasonable efforts to notify all other surviving grandparents of their instructions regarding the right of disposition and are not aware of any opposition to those instructions on the part of a majority of the surviving grandparents;

(g) The person in the next degree of kinship, in descending order, under the laws of descent and distribution, to inherit the estate of the decedent. If there is more than one person of the same degree, any person of that degree may exercise the right of disposition;

(h) The guardian of the person of the decedent at the time of the decedent's death, if one had been appointed;

(i) The personal representative of the estate of the decedent. The powers and duties under this section of the personal representative shall commence upon his or her appointment. Such powers and duties of the personal representative shall relate back in time to give acts by the personal representative which are beneficial to the disposition of the decedent's remains occurring prior to appointment the same effect as those occurring thereafter. Prior to appointment, the personal representative may carry out written instructions of the decedent relating to his or her body, funeral, and burial arrangements. The personal representative may also ratify and accept acts regarding disposition of the decedent's remains done by others where the acts would have been proper for the personal representative;

(j) The State Anatomical Board or the county board of the county where the death occurred in the case of an indigent person or any other person the disposition of whose remains is a responsibility of the state or county;

(k) A representative as described in section 38-1426 or 38-1427 that has arranged with the funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority to cremate or bury a body part in the case of body parts received from the entity described in section 38-1426 or 38-1427; and

(l) In the absence of any person listed in subdivisions (2)(a) through (k) of this section, any other person willing to assume the right of disposition, including the funeral director with custody of the body, after attesting, in writing, that a good faith effort has been made to no avail to contact the persons listed in subdivisions (2)(a) through (k) of this section.

(3) A person entitled under this section to the right of disposition shall forfeit that right and the right is passed on to the next qualifying person as listed in subdivisions (2)(a) through (l) of this section in the following circumstances:

(a) Any person charged with first or second degree murder or voluntary manslaughter in connection with the decedent's death and whose charges are known to the funeral director. If the charges against such person are dismissed, or if such person is acquitted of the charges, the right of disposition is returned to such person;

(b) Any person who does not exercise his or her right of disposition within three days after notification of the death of the decedent or within four days after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier;

(c) If the person and the decedent are spouses and a petition to dissolve the marriage was pending at the time of the decedent's death; or

(d) If a county court pursuant to subsection (4) of this section determines that the person entitled to the right of disposition and the

decedent were estranged at the time of death. For purposes of this subdivision, estranged means a physical and emotional separation from the decedent at the time of death which has existed for a period of time that clearly demonstrates an absence of due affection, trust, and regard for the decedent.

(4)(a) If two or more persons with the same relationship to the decedent hold the right of disposition and cannot by majority vote make a decision regarding the disposition of the decedent's remains, any of such persons or a funeral home with custody of the remains may file a petition asking the court to make a determination in the matter.

(b) Notwithstanding subsections (1) through (3) of this section, the county court of the county where the decedent died may award the right of disposition to the person determined by the court to be the most fit and appropriate to carry out the right of disposition and may make decisions regarding the decedent's remains if those sharing the right of disposition cannot agree.

(c) In making a determination under this subsection, the court shall consider the following:

(i) The reasonableness and practicality of the proposed funeral arrangements and disposition;

(ii) The degree of the personal relationship between the decedent and each of the persons claiming the right of disposition;

(iii) The desires of the person or persons who are ready, able, and willing to pay the cost of the funeral arrangements and disposition; and

(iv) The convenience and needs of other families and friends wishing to pay respects.

(d) In the event of a dispute regarding the right of disposition, a funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority is not liable for refusing to accept the remains or to inter or otherwise dispose of the remains of the decedent or complete the arrangements for the final disposition of the remains until the funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority receives a court order or other written agreement signed by the parties in disagreement that decides the final disposition of the remains. If the funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority retains the remains for final disposition while the parties are in disagreement, the funeral establishment may embalm or refrigerate and shelter the body, or both, in order to preserve it while awaiting the final decision of the court and may add the cost of embalming or refrigeration and sheltering to the final disposition costs. If a funeral home brings an action under this subsection, the funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority may add the legal fees and court costs associated with a petition under this subsection to the cost of final disposition. This subsection may not be construed to require or to impose a duty upon a funeral establishment, cemetery, or crematory authority to bring an action under this subsection.

(e) Except to the degree it may be considered by the court under subdivision (4)(c)(iii) of this section, the fact that a person has paid or agreed to pay for all or part of the funeral arrangements and final disposition does not give that person a greater claim to the right of disposition than the person would otherwise have. The personal representative of the estate of the decedent does not, by virtue of being the personal representative, have a greater claim to the right of disposition than the personal representative would otherwise have.

Sec. 2. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-479 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

Sec. 3. (1) The Legislature declares that the purposes of this section are to: (a) Protect the public health and welfare; (b) encourage and express respect for the dignity of unborn children by ensuring that

the remains of aborted unborn children are disposed of in a dignified and safe manner; and (c) ensure that a mother who wishes to direct the dignified and safe disposition of her child's remains may do so.
(2) For purposes of this section, (a) remains of an aborted unborn child means the physical remains of an unborn child at any stage of gestation whose life has been terminated by an elective abortion and (b) remains of an aborted unborn child shall not include remains from (i) in vitro fertilization or (ii) a chemical or medication abortion.
(3) It shall be unlawful for a health care facility at which an elective abortion has been performed and completed to deposit or dispose of the remains of an aborted unborn child in a manner other than as provided in this section.
(4) No notice of the disposition shall be required to be given to a woman upon whom an abortion was performed. If, however, the woman expresses a desire to direct the disposition of the remains of her aborted unborn child by individual or collective cremation or by individual or collective interment by burial, the health care facility at which the elective abortion was performed and completed shall comply with her direction.
(5) If the woman upon whom the elective abortion was performed does not exercise such direction, the health care facility at which the elective abortion was performed and completed shall provide for the individual disposition of the remains of the aborted unborn child by cremation or interment by burial or as directed by the State Board of Health. The health care facility shall have the sole authority and responsibility of an authorizing agent for the final individual disposition of the remains of the aborted unborn child by cremation or interment by burial. No name or other identifying information other than "aborted unborn child" shall be required for the remains.
(6) No person shall have a right of action against a funeral director, an embalmer, a cemetery, or a crematory authority for carrying out the requirements of this section.
Sec. 4. Original section 30-2223, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LR19CA:
AM1353
1. Strike the Standing Committee amendment, AM884.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB608:
FA193
Strike Section 1.

FA194
Strike the enacting clause

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646:
AM1342 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendments to LB632:
FA197
Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:

Section 71-20,121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

(1) Every hospital or health clinic licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act shall maintain a written policy for the disposition of the remains of a child born dead at such hospital or health clinic. A parent of such child shall have the right to direct the disposition of such remains, except that disposition may be made by the hospital or health clinic if no such direction is given by a parent within fourteen days following the delivery of such remains. Such policy and such disposition shall comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law. Upon the delivery of a child born dead, the hospital or health clinic shall notify at least one parent of such parents' right to direct the disposition of the remains of such child and shall provide at least one parent with a copy of its policy with respect to such disposition.

(2) For purposes of this section, child born dead means a child at any stage of gestation (a) who has died in utero, (b) whose remains have been removed from the uterus of the mother, for whom pregnancy has been confirmed prior to such removal, and (c) whose remains are identified with the naked eye at the time of such removal by the attending physician or upon subsequent pathological examination if requested by a parent. Strike "This section shall not apply to the performance of an elective abortion."

(3) Except as otherwise provided by law, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit any hospital or health clinic from providing additional notification and assistance to the parent of a child born dead at such hospital or health clinic relating to the disposition of the remains of such child, even if such remains cannot be identified with the naked eye at the time of delivery or upon subsequent pathological examination.

FA198
Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:

Section 71-20,121, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

(1) Every hospital or health clinic licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act shall maintain a written policy for the disposition of the remains of a child born dead at such hospital or health clinic. A parent of such child shall have the right to direct the disposition of such remains, except that disposition may be made by the hospital or health clinic if no such direction is given by a parent within fourteen days following the delivery of such remains. Such policy and such disposition shall comply with all applicable provisions of state and federal law. Upon the delivery of a child born dead, the hospital or health clinic shall notify at least one parent of such parents' right to direct the disposition of the remains of such child and shall provide at least one parent with a copy of its policy with respect to such disposition.

(2) For purposes of this section, child born dead means a child at any stage of gestation (a) who has died in utero, (b) whose remains have been removed from the uterus of the mother, for whom pregnancy has been confirmed prior to such removal, and (c) whose remains are identified with the naked eye at the time of such removal by the attending physician or upon subsequent pathological examination if requested by a parent. Strike "This section shall not apply to the performance of an elective abortion."

(3) Except as otherwise provided by law, nothing in this section shall be interpreted to prohibit any hospital or health clinic from providing additional notification and assistance to the parent of a child born dead at such hospital or health clinic relating to the disposition of the remains of such child, even if such remains cannot be identified with the naked eye at the time of delivery or upon subsequent pathological examination.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

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 Environmental Trust Board:
Jeff Kanger

Aye: 7. Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. 1.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 7 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Senator McKinney offered MO200, found on page 1216, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Bostar opened on his bill, LB644.

Senator McKinney opened on his motion, MO200.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER78
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with line 3 through "69" in line 4
2 and insert "Laws 2024, LB1087A, section 2; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6;
3 and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53, 69, and 110".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:34 p.m. until 6:05 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Senator McKinney renewed MO200, found on page 1216 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Holdcroft 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 21 ayes, 0 nays, and 28 not voting.

Senator Holdcroft requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Lippincott	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Rountree
Conrad	McKinney	Spivey

Present and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Guereca	Juarez	Quick

Excused and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Hallstrom	Ibach	Raybould
DeBoer	Hunt	Jacobson	Storer

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 6 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 1:

McKinney

Voting in the negative, 30:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Lippincott	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 10:

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

Excused and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Hallstrom	Ibach	Raybould
DeBoer	Hunt	Jacobson	Storer

The McKinney motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 1 aye, 30 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO237
Reconsider the vote taken on MO200.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO237, to reconsider the vote taken on MO200.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM959, found on page 1211, was offered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA141, found on page 1248, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1306, found on page 1331, to the committee amendment.

No objections. So ordered.

The Conrad amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 10 ayes, 27 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM1199, found on page 1248, to the committee amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1272, found on page 1349, to the committee amendment.

No objections. So ordered.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 9 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

Senator Andersen withdrew AM1205, found on page 1268, to the committee amendment.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA199
In AM959, on page 18 strike lines 17-25.

The Dungan amendment, to the committee amendment, lost with 9 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 31 ayes, 1 nay, 9 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered FA138, found on page 1248.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered FA139, found on page 1248.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered FA140, found on page 1248.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 30 ayes, 2 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendment to LB77:
AM1261
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1187)
1. On page 12, line 10; and page 13, line 10, after "Alzheimer's disease" insert "and related dementias".

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Strommen name added to LB693.
Senator Sorrentino name added to LB693.
Senator Raybould name added to LB693.
Senator Storer name added to LB693.
Senator Prokop name added to LB693.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Christy Warner and Annette Brower, Kimball; Reggie Bosn, Lincoln.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 9, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Haywood Wright, Jr., Victorious Living Ministries, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dorn.

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, Brandt, Conrad, Hardin, Hunt, Juarez, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-fifth day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of May 8, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Brashear, Kurth A.
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
Gunsalus, Catherine
Heritage Action for America (Withdrawn 05/08/2025)
Harding, Mariel
Reproductive Health Collaborative Nebraska (Withdrawn 05/07/2025)
Reed, Annissa
CTIA - The Wireless Association
Sutton, Eric
Nebraska Medical Association
Tut, Buey
Spark

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. ER78, found on page 1379, was offered.

ER78 was adopted.

Senator Clements withdrew FA156, found on page 1262.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment:
AM1362

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM831)

1. On page 6, strike lines 27 though 29 and insert the following new paragraph:
"There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2024-25 $6,822,827 Cash Funds estimate for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose. Cash Fund expenditures for this program shall not be limited to the amounts shown and shall be no greater than the amount certified pursuant to subsection (3) of section 85-1543.".
2. On page 11, line 14, strike "1,276,856,501" and insert "1,276,856,451"; in line 19 strike "2,015,595,590" and insert "2,015,595,540"; and in line 25 strike "$1,276,856,501" and insert "$1,276,856,451".

The Clements amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Senator Clements withdrew FA158, found on page 1262.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Title read. Considered.

Senator McKeon offered AM213, found on page 796.

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

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM841, found on page 1031, was offered.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM438, found on page 735, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Title read. Considered.

Senator von Gillern offered AM1317, found on page 1328.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. ER71, found on page 1322, was offered.

ER71 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. ER72, found on page 1326, was offered.

ER72 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB90 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bills were put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to improvement districts; to amend sections 16-617, 16-617.01, 16-618, 16-619, 16-620, 16-621, 16-622, 16-623, and 16-624, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to establishment and creation of improvement districts, funding and costs of improvements, included property, notice of creation, objections of property owners, bids, special assessments, and bonds; to redefine a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act; to amend sections 69-1311 and 69-1317, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to abandoned property notices and access to records; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 419.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to veterans; to amend sections 80-316 and 80-401.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to eligibility for admission to veterans homes and veterans aid; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section 83-4,114.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require independent confirmatory testing of potential items of contraband drugs; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB635 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Athletic Commissioner; to amend sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01, 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to authorize the regulation of professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur muay thai, and amateur kickboxing; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sanders
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz* Fredrickson*

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 90, 183, 419, 519, and 635.

AMENDMENT(S) - Refile in Journal

Senator Andersen refiled his amendment, AM1205, found on page 1268 and withdrawn on page 1382, to LB644.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM547, found on page 788, was offered.

Senator Quick offered AM952, found on page 1027, to the committee amendment.

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

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. Title read. Considered.

Senator Fredrickson offered AM1031, found on page 1149.

The Fredrickson amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 36 ayes, 0 nays, and 13 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1187, found on page 1245, was offered.

Senator Bostar offered AM1261, found on page 1382, to the committee amendment.

The Bostar amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 present and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM187, found on page 736, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1336, found on page 1349, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 0 nays, and 15 present and not voting.

Senator von Gillern withdrew AM615, found on page 796.

Senator von Gillern withdrew AM1282, found on page 1332.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. ER56, found on page 1266, was offered.

ER56 was adopted.

Senator Wordekemper offered AM1334, found on page 1347.

The Wordekemper amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment:
FA201
On page 5, line 15, strike new language.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

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

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 6 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 9, 2025, at 10:12 a.m. were the following: LBs 90, 183, 419, 519, and 635.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB376:
AM1312 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB261:

AM1320 is available in the Bill Room.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motions to LB468:
MO241
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO242
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

MO243
Indefinitely postpone.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 316, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 608, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 154. Introduced by Hardin, 48; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, David L. Wilson, County Attorney of Kimball County, has served with distinction and unwavering dedication to the people of Kimball County for more than thirty-seven years; and

WHEREAS, during Wilson's tenure, he upheld the highest standards of justice, professionalism, and integrity, guiding the county through complex legal matters and ensuring the fair and equitable application of the law; and

WHEREAS, Wilson has been a mentor to countless attorneys and legal professionals, nurturing a culture of excellence and public service throughout the Nebraska Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, Wilson has played a vital role in enhancing public safety, protecting the rights of victims, and collaborating with law enforcement and community leaders to address the evolving needs of the county; and

WHEREAS, Wilson has earned the respect and admiration of colleagues, judges, law enforcement, and the broader community through his tireless commitment and steadfast leadership; and

WHEREAS, the occasion of his retirement marks the conclusion of an extraordinary career in public service and provides an opportunity to honor his many contributions and achievements.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its sincere congratulations and deepest gratitude to David L. Wilson upon his retirement after more than thirty-seven years of dedicated service as the County Attorney of Kimball County.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to David L. Wilson.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 155. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the reports the Department of Correctional Services is statutorily required to submit to the Legislature. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an analysis of the reports currently required to be submitted by the department to the Legislature or specific committees of the Legislature to determine the current utility of such reports and if they are effective or duplicative and to recommend legislation on any modifications of such reports, if appropriate.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 156. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues that emerged during the Judiciary Committee hearing on March 28, 2025, for Legislative Bill 600, One Hundred Ninth Legislature,

First Session, 2025. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Speeding-related safety problems in highway work zones in Nebraska;

(2) The use of a speed safety camera program in highway work zones in Nebraska to curb excessive speeding in highway work zones;

(3) Consideration of a penalty structure to enforce violations when a speed safety camera program is in use in highway work zones in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, whether penalties will be enforced against drivers or vehicle owners, whether those penalties could be civilly or criminally enforced, and the issues resulting from multiple penalties for speeding in a highway work zone;

(4) The rules and regulations necessary to implement such a program, including, but not limited to: When a speed safety camera program will be in use; requirements for administration, oversight, equipment testing and maintenance, and any vendor agreement; violators' or vehicle owners' rights and responsibilities; data sharing and privacy of camera footage requirements; and appropriate driver notification signage;

(5) Other states' use of speed safety camera programs in highway work zones; and

(6) Other issues discussed during the Judiciary Committee hearing on Legislative Bill 600.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 157. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and monitor issues relating to broadband and broadband deployment in Nebraska. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Projects being undertaken as a part of any state or federal effort for the expansion of broadband availability in Nebraska, including, but not limited to, an examination of changing federal requirements for various programs and any delays such changes may cause;

(2) Cooperation across jurisdictions on the shared goal of ensuring broadband is available for all Nebraskans;

(3) Resiliency and redundancy in the broadband networks being built to ensure Nebraskans have consistent access to broadband services;

(4) The changing regulatory landscape with regard to broadband services, the necessity of the state to provide oversight to protect the interests of Nebraska consumers, the necessity of related regulations in Nebraska, and

where efficiencies can be found to speed up the deployment of broadband services; and

(5) Other issues relating to broadband expansion in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 158. Introduced by Storer, 43; Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process for and feasibility of the State of Nebraska assuming the administration of the seventy-six mile stretch of the Niobrara River that has been designated as a national scenic river. Since its designation in 1991, the Niobrara National Scenic River has been administered by the National Park Service. Unlike many national park sites, the National Park Service owns very little of the land along the Niobrara. Management of the river, including natural features and recreation, is primarily through partnerships with and facilitation of landowner stewardship efforts.

The interim study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Administration of national scenic rivers by other states;

(2) The process needed to transfer the administration of the Niobrara National Scenic River from the National Park Service to the State of Nebraska;

(3) Rules and regulations in place or necessary to protect or administer the Niobrara River;

(4) The current status of the water supply of the basin to determine whether the water will remain at a level necessary to support the needs of the users, including any studies, management plans, or water rights obtained that impact river flow; and

(5) The role of state departments, the Game and Parks Commission, Cherry, Keya Paha, Brown, and Rock counties, the Niobrara Council, and the affected natural resources districts in the future administration of the Niobrara River.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 159. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how the nameplate capacity tax affects the development, operation, and long-term viability of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities located in Nebraska. Among several criteria, the study shall evaluate whether the current nameplate capacity tax framework and rate of three thousand five hundred eighteen dollars per megawatt continues to support Nebraska's energy infrastructure goals and renewable energy development objectives while ensuring fair compensation to localities hosting these facilities. As part of this evaluation, the study shall determine whether the current nameplate capacity tax rate remains appropriate given changes in renewable energy technologies, development costs, and market conditions since the tax's implementation in 2010, or whether adjustments should be made to better align with Nebraska's energy development priorities. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) An analysis of how the nameplate capacity tax has influenced renewable energy development across Nebraska since its creation in 2010, including an analysis of revenue collected and distributed;
(2) An assessment of whether the current nameplate capacity tax structure continues to serve its original purpose of supporting renewable energy infrastructure development by replacing traditional property taxes while maintaining appropriate compensation to localities;
(3) An evaluation of changes in renewable energy development costs, technological efficiencies, and expected facility lifespans and how these and other factors may necessitate adjustments to the current nameplate capacity tax rate;
(4) An analysis of how Nebraska's renewable energy tax framework affects the competitiveness of the state's energy industry compared to other taxes imposed on energy production from other sources in the state;
(5) A determination of whether the nameplate capacity tax is competitive with taxes imposed directly or indirectly on renewable energy development in other states, particularly other states within the Southwest Power Pool;
(6) An analysis of anticipated impacts to businesses, counties, and the energy development landscape if the nameplate capacity tax rate were increased or decreased; and
(7) A recommendation of whether the nameplate capacity tax should be increased, decreased, or remain the same, based on the criteria included in the study and its impact on Nebraska's energy infrastructure and development goals.

In conducting this interim study, the Natural Resources Committee may confer with state agencies, county officials, other standing committees of

the Legislature, and owners and operators of privately developed renewable energy generation facilities.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 160. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, the Bellevue West High School girls soccer team participated in the Metro Conference at Collin Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue West Thunderbirds defeated the Omaha Westside Warriors; and

WHEREAS, a wind-aided goal by junior Maddy Morgan sealed the win with a 1-0 score; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Bellevue West High School girls soccer team on winning the Metro Conference.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Bellevue West High School girls soccer team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 161. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars hockey team completed a historic and record-setting 2024-25 season marked by exceptional team and individual accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars captured their fourth Anderson Cup in team history which is awarded to the team with the best regular season record in the United States Hockey League (USHL); and

WHEREAS, the team set franchise records with forty-four wins and two hundred seventy-two goals scored in a single season; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars energized the community by selling out the Ice Box three times during the season for the first time since 2019; and

WHEREAS, General Manager and Head Coach Rocky Russo was named USHL General Manager and Head Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, goaltender Yan Shostak was named USHL Goaltender of the Year and selected for the All-USHL First Team; and

WHEREAS, William Prowse was named to the All-USHL Rookie Team as a goaltender, Jack Pechar earned All-USHL Second Team honors as a forward, and Etienne Lessard was named to the All-USHL Third Team as a defenseman; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars' achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of the players, coaches, staff, and the unwavering support of fans, families, and the Lincoln community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of athletics in building character, leadership, and community spirit.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lincoln Stars hockey team on winning the 2024–2025 Anderson Cup and completing a record-setting season.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Stars organization, Head Coach Rocky Russo, Yan Shostak, William Prowse, Jack Pechar, and Etienne Lessard.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Senator Dover offered AM1353, found on page 1377.

The Dover amendment was adopted with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Lippincott offered the following amendment:
AM1233
1 1. On page 1, line 8, strike "four", show as stricken, and insert
2 "eight"; and in line 19 before the period insert "and change the period
3 of ineligibility from four years to eight years after a person serves
4 three consecutive terms".

The Lippincott amendment lost with 5 ayes, 24 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER77 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. ER70, found on page 1321, was offered.

ER70 was adopted.

Senator Sanders asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA80, found on page 963, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1360, available in the Bill Room.

No objections. So ordered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

Senator Raybould withdrew AM1255, found on page 1314.

Senator Sorrentino withdrew AM1311, found on page 1353.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:
FA200
Strike Sections 21, 22, 25, 30, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 57.

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

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

The Brandt motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, 16 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

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

Voting in the negative, 28:

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

Excused and not voting, 5:

Armendariz	Hallstrom	McKeon	Quick	Storer

The Dungan amendment lost with 16 ayes, 28 nays, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

Andersen, Joshua N - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board - Natural Resources
Bradley, Jesse - Director - Department of Water, Energy and Environment - Natural Resources
Manning, Matthew T - Chief Water Officer - Department of Water, Energy and Environment - Natural Resources
Waugh, Bryan D - Superintendent - Nebraska State Patrol - Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Health and Human Services
Room 2102 12:00 PM

Monday, May 19, 2025
Roy Christensen - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 28 ayes, 6 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Meyer filed the following amendment to LB382A:
AM1361
1 1. Strike original section 1.
2 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 162. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine necessary reforms to Nebraska's criminal and prison systems in light of the Nebraska Supreme Court's decision in State ex rel. Hilgers v. Evnen, 318 Neb. 803 (2025), which upheld the constitutionality of accelerated and geriatric parole eligibility provisions enacted by Laws 2023, LB50. The study will focus on the implications of this ruling for parole eligibility, sentencing structure, overcrowding in correctional facilities, reentry planning, and equitable application of parole policies for all incarcerated individuals. The study shall include, but is not limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The projected impact of the accelerated and geriatric parole eligibility provisions upheld by the Nebraska Supreme Court on the state's prison population, parole board capacity, and reentry services;
(2) The implementation status and timeline for applying the provisions of Laws 2023, LB50, to eligible incarcerated individuals and ensuring timely parole hearings;
(3) The existing barriers to parole for individuals serving long-term consecutive or mandatory sentences and recommendations to enhance fairness and transparency in eligibility determinations;

(4) The development of a uniform, service-based needs assessment process for individuals eligible for parole that includes, but is not limited to, mental health, educational, vocational, and trauma-informed evaluations;

(5) The coordination between the Department of Correctional Services, the Board of Parole, and reentry organizations to ensure a smooth transition for individuals released under the new eligibility framework; and

(6) How Laws 2023, LB50, aligns with or departs from best practices in other states that have implemented parole reforms aimed at reducing incarceration, improving rehabilitation, and preventing recidivism.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 163. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of lead and other environmental pollutants on the health and well-being of Nebraska communities, particularly those located in historically marginalized or economically distressed areas. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) An evaluation regarding how exposure to such pollutants correlates with increased rates of juvenile justice system involvement, lower educational attainment, and long-term negative health outcomes;

(2) An assessment as to how exposure to such pollutants correlates with increased rates of juvenile justice system involvement, lower educational attainment, and long-term negative health outcomes; and

(3) An examination of the geographic distribution of environmental hazards in relation to community demographics, school performance, and juvenile justice system statistics.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee may confer with state and local agencies, public health professionals, education stakeholders, juvenile justice experts, and community organizations to examine the prevalence and impact of lead and other pollutants in Nebraska neighborhoods.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 164. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine to what extent inmates between five and twenty-one years of age, that are under the care of the Department of Correctional Services, are being provided educational services and what statutory or regulatory changes are necessary to ensure these inmates receive educational instruction. This study shall include, but is not limited to, determining how many such incarcerated individuals are participating in educational programs, including a General Educational Development program to earn their high school equivalency diploma, offered by the department as well as through partnerships with educational institutions such as Southeast Community College.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 165. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the concentration and impact of nonprofit organizations in historically marginalized communities, specifically North and South Omaha. This study will explore how the development of a nonprofit industrial complex, a system in which nonprofit organizations operate in ways that often maintain existing power structures and rely heavily on philanthropic or government funding, may be hindering sustainable economic growth and upward mobility for residents of historically marginalized communities. The study shall include, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) The geographic density and types of nonprofit organizations operating in North and South Omaha;

(2) The role of nonprofit organizations in shaping local economies, employment pipelines, and community development efforts;

(3) The extent to which nonprofit organization programming aligns with the expressed needs of residents and how outcomes are measured;

(4) Whether nonprofit organizations are displacing or duplicating the roles of local businesses, grassroots organizations, or public institutions;

(5) The funding landscape, including public and philanthropic investments, and the accountability and transparency measures tied to such funding;

(6) The governance structure of major nonprofit organizations, including levels of community representation on boards and in executive leadership; and

(7) How the nonprofit industrial complex may perpetuate dependency, dilute authentic community leadership, and inhibit long-term systemic change.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee may confer with residents, business owners, community leaders, and public agencies on whether the current nonprofit landscape fosters or hinders trust, prosperity, and opportunity within these neighborhoods.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Cheryl and Issac Rountree, Omaha; Vickie Wright, Omaha; David and Karen Wilson, Kimball; students from Laurel Concord Coleridge, Laurel; Robert Navarro, Georgia; students from Central City Elementary, Central City.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Hunter Allen, North Platte.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:28 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 12, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY - MAY 12, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

SEVENTY-SEVENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, May 12, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Joseph Joseph, St. John Capistran Catholic Church, Elm Creek.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Dover.

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 Senator Andersen, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hunt, Juarez, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-sixth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Natural Resources
Room 1023 12:00 PM

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Joshua N Andersen - Nebraska Environmental Trust Board
Jesse Bradley - Department of Water, Energy and Environment
Matthew T Manning - Department of Water, Energy and Environment

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 166. Introduced by Bosn, 25; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Storm, 23.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every ninety minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, the exact cause of ALS is unknown and, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages Nebraskans to join in supporting ALS research and funding and recognizes those affected by this relentless disease.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR143 was adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LR143.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Senator Clements withdrew FA157, found on page 1262.

Senator Clements offered AM1320, found on page 1395.

Senator Holdcroft offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1379 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 21 ayes, 2 nays, and 26 not voting.

The Holdcroft amendment, to the Clements amendment, was adopted with 26 ayes, 17 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 48, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215A. 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 215, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 513, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 530, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 8, 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:

I hereby respectfully request you withdraw Mark Andersen from consideration for confirmation to the Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The appointee is not able to serve.

Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Room 1507 12:00 PM

Wednesday, May 21, 2025
Bryan D Waugh - Nebraska State Patrol

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 167. Introduced by Moser, 22.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Senator Clements renewed AM1320, found on page 1395, and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment, to his amendment:
AM1407 is available in the Bill Room, to his amendment.

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

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1410

(Amendments to AM1320)
1 1. On page 32, line 22, strike "$5,000,000" and insert "$1,800,000".

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA207
Strike Section 4.

FA208
Strike Section 2.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB644:
AM1351

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM959)
1 1. On page 2, after line 11, insert the following new subdivision:
2 "(3) Commission means the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
3 Commission;"; in line 12, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)"; and in line 24,
4 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
5 2. On page 3, line 2, strike "(5)" and insert "(6)"; in line 11,
6 strike "(6)" and insert "(7)"; and in line 30, strike "(6)(d)" and insert
7 "(7)(d)".
8 3. On page 4, line 1, strike "(6)(a)" and insert "(7)(a)"; in line
9 4, strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 8, strike "(8)" and insert
10 "(9)"; in line 17, strike "(9)" and insert "(10)"; and in line 26, strike
11 "(10)" and insert "(11)".
12 4. On page 5, line 2, strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; in line 14,
13 strike "(12)" and insert "(13)"; in line 17, strike "(13)" and insert
14 "(14)"; in line 25, strike "(14)" and insert "(15)"; and in line 29,
15 strike "(15)" and insert "(16)".
16 5. On page 6, line 3, strike "(16)" and insert "(17)"; in line 5,
17 strike "(17)" and insert "(18)"; in line 15, strike "(18)" and insert
18 "(19)"; in line 19, strike "(19)" and insert "(20)"; in line 24, strike
19 "(20)" and insert "(21)"; and in line 30, strike "(21)" and insert
20 "(22)".
21 6. On page 2, line 26; page 6, line 25; page 7, lines 5, 11 and 12,
22 and 13; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 18; page

23 12, lines 5, 11 and 12, and 15; page 14, lines 16 and 28; page 15, lines
24 1, 2, and 28; page 16, lines 6, 21, 25 and 26, and 27; page 17, lines 1,
25 4, 5, 6, 11, and 16; page 18, lines 10 and 30; page 19, lines 4, 9, 12,
26 14, 18, and 21; page 20, line 13; page 21, lines 10, 14 and 15, 19, 25,
1 and 28; and page 22, line 1, strike "Attorney General" and insert
2 "commission".
3 7. On page 21, line 16, strike "Attorney General's" and insert
4 "commission's".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from West Bay Elementary, Omaha; students from Belle Ryan Elementary, Omaha; students, teacher, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Dover, Dungan, Fredrickson, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 168. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Brandt, 32; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Jacobson, 42; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sorrentino, 39; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study of the purposes, uses, and utility of the Noxious Weed and Invasive Plant Species Assistance Fund and associated grants awarded pursuant to the Noxious Weed Control Act. The study shall include a review of the history and accomplishments of riparian vegetation management projects funded in whole or in part through grants awarded under the act. This history shall include:

(1) A listing of recipients of grant awards;

(2) An overview of management objectives of projects awarded grants under the program;

(3) An overview of cooperating and participating state, federal, and local governmental entities or private entities providing cost-share funds, in-kind contributions, or other contributions;

(4) An overview of landowner participation; and

(5) A review of the role of the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force.

The study shall identify and prioritize riparian vegetation management projects. Such identification and prioritization may include, along with other relevant considerations, the value and urgency of vegetation management projects to: Maintain Nebraska's compliance with obligations on compact streams and the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program; maintain stream conveyance for the efficient movement of water and to minimize consumptive losses; address riparian vegetation congestion in streambeds as a factor contributing to the frequency and severity of incidents of flooding; and mitigate degradation of wildlife habitats.

The study shall also identify potential funding sources for riparian vegetation management projects.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Senator Clements renewed AM1320, found on page 1395, and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator DeBoer renewed AM1410, found and considered in this day's Journal, to the Clements amendment.

The DeBoer amendment, to the Clements amendment, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1408

(Amendments to AM1320)
1 1. On page 25, line 1, strike "$9,632,419" and insert "$9,896,907".

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 8 nays, and 18 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 17:

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

Voting in the negative, 26:

Andersen	Clouse	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Jacobson	Riepe	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dover	Kauth	Sanders	
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Bosn	Hardin	McKeon	Storer	
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm	

Present and not voting, 4:

Dorn	Hughes	Lonowski	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hansen	Hunt

The Murman amendment, to the Clements amendment, lost with 17 ayes, 26 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dover offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1384 is available in the Bill Room.

The Dover amendment, to the Clements amendment, was adopted with 30 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1429

(Amendments to AM1320)
1 1. On page 23, line 25, strike "1,291,308,286" and insert
2 "1,291,572,774"; and in line 28 strike "2,097,694,336" and insert
3 "2,097,958,824".
4 2. On page 24, line 3, strike "$1,291,308,286" and insert
5 "$1,291,572,774".
6 3. On page 25, line 1, strike "$9,632,419" and insert "$9,896,907".

Senator Bostar moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 not voting.

The Murman amendment, to the Clements amendment, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment, to the Clements amendment:
AM1386 is available in the Bill Room.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:
MO244
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	Dungan	McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

DeBoer	Guereca	Quick	Rountree
Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Arch motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 35 ayes, 5 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Bosn amendment, to the Clements amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 2 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

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

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Raybould

Present and not voting, 3:

DeBoer	Fredrickson	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 39 ayes, 6 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 79. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM790 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 103. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM878
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 27-412, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:
5 27-412 (1) The following evidence is not admissible in any civil or
6 criminal proceeding involving alleged sexual misconduct except as

provided in subsections (2) and (3) of this section:
(a) Evidence offered to prove that any victim engaged in other sexual behavior or has been the victim of any other sexual assault; and
(b) Evidence offered to prove any victim's sexual predisposition.
(2)(a) In a criminal case, the following evidence is admissible, if otherwise admissible under the Nebraska Evidence Rules:
(i) Evidence of specific instances of sexual behavior by the victim offered to prove that a person other than the accused was the source of semen, injury, or other physical evidence;
(ii) Evidence of specific instances of sexual behavior of the victim with respect to the accused offered by the accused to prove consent of the victim if it is first established to the court that such behavior is similar to the behavior involved in the case and tends to establish a pattern of behavior of the victim relevant to the issue of consent; and
(iii) Evidence, the exclusion of which would violate the constitutional rights of the accused.
(b) In a civil case, evidence offered to prove the sexual behavior or sexual predisposition of any victim is admissible if it is otherwise admissible under the Nebraska Evidence Rules and its probative value substantially outweighs the danger of harm to any victim and of unfair prejudice to any party. Evidence of a victim's reputation is admissible only if it has been placed in controversy by the victim.
(3)(a) A party intending to offer evidence under subsection (2) of this section shall:
(i) File a written motion at least fifteen days before trial specifically describing the evidence and stating the purpose for which it is offered unless the court, for good cause, requires a different time for filing or permits filing during trial; and
(ii) Serve the motion on all parties and notify the victim or, when appropriate, the victim's guardian or representative.
(b) Before admitting evidence under this section, the court shall conduct a hearing in camera outside the presence of any jury.
(4) Evidence of the victim's consent is not admissible in any civil proceeding involving alleged:
(a) Sexual penetration when the actor is nineteen years of age or older and the victim is less than sixteen years of age; or
(b) Sexual contact when the actor is nineteen years of age or older and the victim is less than fifteen years of age.
Sec. 2. Section 29-1917, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
29-1917 (1) Except as provided in section 29-1926, at any time after the filing of an indictment or information in a felony prosecution, the prosecuting attorney or the defendant may request the court to allow the taking of a deposition of any person other than the defendant who may be a witness in the trial of the offense. The court may order the taking of the deposition when it finds the testimony of the witness:
(a) May be material or relevant to the issue to be determined at the trial of the offense; or
(b) May be of assistance to the parties in the preparation of their respective cases.
(2) An order granting the taking of a deposition shall include the time and place for taking such deposition and such other conditions as the court determines to be just.
(3) Except as provided in subsections~~subsection~~ (4) and (5) of this section, the proceedings in taking the deposition of a witness pursuant to this section and returning it to the court shall be governed in all respects as the taking of depositions in civil cases, including section 25-1223.
(4)(a) If the prosecuting attorney or defendant seeks to question a sexual assault victim at a deposition under this section regarding

evidence admissible under subsection (2) of section 27-412 or regarding a prior alleged false allegation of sexual assault, such party shall first file a motion requesting the court to allow such questioning. The requesting party shall state the grounds relied upon in support of such motion.

(b) A motion filed pursuant to this subsection shall be heard no fewer than seven days before any scheduled deposition in which a party seeks to adduce evidence pursuant to this subsection.

(c) A hearing on a motion under this subsection shall be conducted in camera, and only the parties shall be permitted to be present. The record of such hearing shall be sealed and preserved to be made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal, and the contents shall not otherwise be revealed without a court order.

(d) The court may allow questioning described in subdivision (4)(a) of this section if the court finds that such testimony could be relevant and admissible at trial.

(5)(a)~~(4)(a)~~ A sexual assault victim may request to have an advocate of the victim's choosing present during a deposition under this section. The prosecuting attorney shall inform the victim that the victim may make such request as soon as reasonably practicable prior to the deposition. If the victim wishes to have an advocate present, the victim shall, if reasonably practicable, inform the prosecuting attorney if an advocate will be present, and, if known, the advocate's identity and contact information. If so informed by the victim, the prosecuting attorney shall notify the defendant as soon as reasonably practicable.

(b) An advocate present at a deposition under this section shall not interfere with the deposition or provide legal advice.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, the terms sexual assault victim, victim, and advocate have the same meanings as in section 29-4309.

(6)~~(5)~~ A deposition taken pursuant to this section may be used at the trial by any party solely for the purpose of contradicting or impeaching the testimony of the deponent as a witness.

Sec. 3. Original sections 27-412 and 29-1917, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB346:
AM1397

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER61)

1. Strike section 29.

2. On page 9, line 6, strike the first "two" and insert "one" and strike "administrators" and insert "administrator"; and in line 7 strike "three" and insert "four".

3. On page 10, line 22, strike "and"; in line 23 strike "or" and insert ", and one"; in line 28 strike "three" and insert "four"; and in

7 line 29 after "serves" insert "until December 1, 2028, one serves".
8 4. On page 37, strike beginning with "and" in line 13 through
9 "consumers" in line 14 and show as stricken; strike beginning with the
10 comma in line 21 through "years" in line 23 and show as stricken; and in
11 line 26 strike "seven", show as stricken, and insert "ten".
12 5. On page 79, line 22, strike "58-202,".
13 6. On page 80, strike lines 1 through 5; in line 6 strike "2-4246,";
14 and in line 8 strike "sections 43-1306 and" and insert "section".
15 7. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
16 accordingly.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB261:
AM1366

(Amendments to AM1320)
1 1. On page 64, after line 27, insert the following new paragraph:
2 "The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June
3 30, 2025, is hereby reappropriated.".
4 2. On page 65, after line 19 insert the following new paragraph:
5 "The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June
6 30, 2025, is hereby reappropriated.".
7 3. On page 89, line 12, after "unexpended" insert "General Fund and"
8 and strike "balance" and insert "balances"; and in line 13 strike "is"
9 and insert "are".

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB261:
AM1377 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB261:
AM1423 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 169. Introduced by Clements, 2.

WHEREAS, Elmwood-Murdock High School secured the Class C-1 Championship play production title with their performance of "Coffee with Grandma"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to winning the state championship title, Elmwood-Murdock also earned the Outstanding Technical Crew Award; and

WHEREAS, with the help of coach Keri Hogue, the Elmwood-Murdock cast also earned individual awards including the first place Outstanding Performer Award to Averi Hogue and both of the Outstanding Technical Crew Member Awards to Harrison Koehn and Leo Rikli; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Elmwood-Murdock High School on winning the Class C-1 Championship play production title.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Elmwood-Murdock High School.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 170. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine children's access to legal counsel in juvenile proceedings in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) State and federal legislation and case law regarding the right to legal counsel in juvenile delinquency and status offense proceedings;

(2) Current data from the Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation regarding numbers and rates of juveniles requesting or waiving counsel, as well as any legislative history of research, studies, or special investigations regarding waiver of counsel in juvenile delinquency and status offense proceedings;

(3) Local court rules, practices, and procedures that promote or prevent meaningful access to legal counsel in juvenile delinquency and status offense proceedings; and

(4) A review of national policies, recommendations, and best practices for ensuring meaningful access to legal counsel for juveniles in both urban and rural environments.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. ER77, found on page 1402, was offered.

ER77 was adopted.

Senator Dungan withdrew AM1332, found on page 1343.

Senator McKinney withdrew AM1324, found on page 1344.

Senator Conrad withdrew AM1327, found on page 1344.

Senator Conrad withdrew AM1331, found on page 1344.

Senator Conrad withdrew AM1330, found on page 1344.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew AM1325, found on page 1344.

Senator Raybould withdrew AM1321, found on page 1336.

Senator McKinney withdrew FA174, found on page 1335.

Senator McKinney withdrew FA176, found on page 1335.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew AM1295, found on page 1333.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew AM1294, found on page 1341.

Senator Raybould withdrew FA160, found on page 1268.

Senator Clements withdrew FA159, found on page 1262.

Senator Spivey withdrew FA186, found on page 1347.

Senator Clements withdrew AM1322, found on page 1343.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment:
AM1396

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 86. The State Treasurer shall transfer $1,250,000 from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
Sec. 87. The State Treasurer shall transfer $1,250,000 from the Nebraska Litter Reduction and Recycling Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. On page 1, line 8; and page 2, line 5, strike the first "Fund" and insert "Fund — Medical".
3. On page 16, line 24, after "Fund" insert "to the General Fund".
4. On page 94, lines 24 through 30, strike the new language and insert "Any cash fund estimates for administrative costs related to the Economic Recovery Act provided by the Department of Economic Development in a budget request report pursuant to section 81-132 shall be considered an obligation of the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund. Any transfer of money from the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund authorized by the Legislature and scheduled to occur after July 31, 2026, shall be considered an obligation of the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund.".

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Raybould moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion failed with 23 ayes, 4 nays, and 22 not voting.

The Clements amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 12 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment:
AM1389

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 146. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.
(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b) ~~providing~~ system improvements, (c) ~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d) ~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f) ~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g) ~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i) ~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) domestic violence services, as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the purposes described in this section.
(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
3. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

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

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment:
AM1402

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. Strike sections 54, 55, 178, and 179 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 54. The State Treasurer shall transfer $8,000,000 from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the repealer accordingly.
3. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 5 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment:
AM1428

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)
1 1. On page 5, line 7, strike "$2,000,000" and insert "$1,000,000".
2 2. On page 16, line 13, strike "$1,000,000" and insert "$2,000,000".

The Clements amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 18 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders offered the following amendment:
AM1403

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER77)
1 1. On page 115, strike line 14 and insert "81-829.10,".

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

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

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM1401

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)
1 1. Strike sections 67 and 110.
2 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
3 accordingly.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Conrad amendment lost with 13 ayes, 22 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator McKinney offered the following amendment:
AM1427

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)
1 1. On page 42, lines 27 and 31, strike "2025" and insert "2026"; and
2 in line 29 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.
3 2. On page 55, lines 8 and 15, strike "2025" and insert "2026"; and
4 in line 11 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.
5 3. On page 106, line 24; and page 107, lines 1, 4, 17, 26, and 29,
6 strike the new matter and reinstate the stricken matter.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 166. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 198. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 275. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382. Placed on Final Reading with amendment.
ST33
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER35, amendment 2 has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 640. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 641. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST36
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM1008, on page 16, line 15, "SDC" has been struck and "SOC" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER79
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "establish" in line 1 through
2 line 3 and insert "amend section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative
3 Supplement, 2024; to establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment
4 Center Pilot Program as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the
5 Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to provide an operative date;
6 to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB391A:
AM1169
1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $-0- from the Give to
3 Enable Support Cash Fund for FY2025-26 and (2) $1,000,000 from the Give
4 to Enable Support Cash Fund for FY2026-27 to the State Treasurer, for
5 Program 475, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill
6 391, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
7 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems
8 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this
9 section.
10 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to LB306:
FA210
Strike Section 1.

FA211
Strike Section 2.

FA212
Strike Section 3.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendments to LB79:
FA215
In AM790, on page 18, line 16 strike "two" and insert "four".

FA216
In AM790, Strike Section 1 through 7.

FA217
In AM790, Strike Sections 8 through 16.

FA218
In AM790, Strike Sections 17 through 21.

FA219
In AM790, Strike Sections 22 and 23.

FA220
In AM790, Strike Section 24.

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB89:
FA221
Strike the enacting clause

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 171. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of the "cliff effect" on Nebraska families receiving public assistance. The cliff effect occurs when an increase in income such as accepting a raise, promotion, or additional work hours results in a disproportionate loss of public assistance, such as aid to dependent children, medicaid, or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. This effect often deters individuals from advancing in their careers or increasing earnings. The study will analyze how the cliff effect impacts workforce participation and long-term economic self-sufficiency and will identify potential strategies or reforms to address such cliffs in a way that encourages upward mobility without immediate loss of public assistance.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 172. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the accessibility of Nebraska's unicameral legislative process to the general public to determine to what extent systematic and logistical barriers impact such accessibility. The barriers to be evaluated include, but are not limited to:

(1) Lack of transportation;

(2) Unfamiliarity with the legislative process;

(3) Inability to secure paid leave from employment;

(4) Lack of accessible child care during committee hearings; and

(5) Technological obstacles in accessing or participating virtually in committee hearings.

The study will also identify policy and procedural solutions to increase equitable access to the legislative process for all Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 173. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate the financial and structural barriers impeding Nebraskans from attaining homeownership. This study will examine financial and structural barriers, including, but not limited to, high down payments, limited access to credit, rising housing costs, and inadequate supply of affordable housing, review the impact of these barriers on economic mobility, and evaluate potential state or local policy solutions aimed at increasing homeownership opportunities across Nebraska.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 174. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Arch, 14.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study for a comprehensive analysis of the standing committee system of the Legislature to determine if any improvements or changes to that system would be warranted. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The creation of new standing committees to reflect contemporary needs of Nebraska and the elimination or consolidation of current committees associated with the creation of any new standing committees;

(2) Standing committee subject matter jurisdiction;

(3) The legislative bill load of each standing committee; and

(4) Other issues relating to standing committees.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may designate a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Rules Committee of the Legislature, the Speaker of the Legislature, and one member of the Legislature from each congressional district in Nebraska, to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the select committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:27 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Senator McKinney renewed AM1427, found and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 1 nay, and 23 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

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

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bosn Hunt

The McKinney amendment lost with 15 ayes, 32 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Clements offered the following amendment:
FA222
In ER77, on page 106, line 8 strike "forty-two" and insert "forty-seven".

Speaker Arch offered the following motion:
MO245
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Speaker Arch moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 20 ayes, 1 nay, and 28 not voting.

Speaker Arch requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Spivey

Present and not voting, 5:

DeBoer	Fredrickson	Quick	Raybould	Rountree

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Arch motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 35 ayes, 8 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1390

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)
1 1. On page 115, line 17, after "Nebraska" insert ", and section
2 68-2107, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024".

Senator McKinney filed the following amendments to LB264:
FA205
In ER77, Strike Sections 12, 16, and 79.

FA206
In ER77, Strike Section 56 on page 10.

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA209
In ER77, on page 106, line 8, strike "forty-two" and insert "forty-five".

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1420

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 71. The State Treasurer shall transfer $100,000,000 from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before December 21, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. On page 42, line 23, after the period insert "Transfers may be made from the fund to the General Fund at the direction of the Legislature.".
3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
4. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA213

In AM1402, on line 4, page 1, strike "Affordable Housing Trust Fund" and replace with "The Cash Reserve Fund".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB264:
AM1399

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. On page 54, line 15, strike "the Education Future Fund" and insert "such cash fund".

AM1400

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER77)

1. Strike sections 66 and 109.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB264:
AM1433

(Amendments to E & R amendments, ER77)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 86. The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred million dollars from the Perkins County Canal Project Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
2. On page 9, lines 23 and 28, strike "$4,000,000" and insert "$1,000,000".
3. On page 11, line 1; and page 18, line 1, strike "$2,500,000" and insert "$1,000,000".
4. On page 106, strike lines 8 through 12.
5. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.
6. Correct the operative date section so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on its effective date with the emergency clause.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB264:
FA223
Strike Section 79.

FA224
On page 54, line 15, strike "the Education Future Fund" and insert "such cash fund".

FA225
Strike Section 56.

FA226
Strike Sections 12, 16, and 79.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB264:
FA203
In ER77, Strike Section 79. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB468:
AM1430 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 175. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues relating to assaults in Nebraska. This interim study shall examine, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) The current statutory scheme regarding assaults and assaults on individuals during the performance of their duties in certain professions;

(2) The inclusion of other individuals to be protected by virtue of their profession; and

(3) Other issues relating to assaults in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 176. Introduced by DeBoer, 10; Raybould, 28; Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the establishment and recognition of tribal customary adoptions for

Native American children in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Data regarding the number of children who have been and potentially will be eligible for tribal customary adoptions in Nebraska;

(2) Opportunities for public support and benefits for tribal customary adoption families;

(3) Best practices and statutory language employed by other states that recognize tribal customary adoptions; and

(4) Whether any statutory changes are necessary or useful in order to establish and recognize tribal customary adoptions for Native American children in Nebraska.

This study will also explore establishing and recognizing tribal customary adoptions as a permanency option for Native American children in Nebraska state court proceedings.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 177. Introduced by Strommen, 47; Hallstrom, 1.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired celebrated one hundred fifty years of service to Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the center was founded in 1875 by Samuel Bacon who convinced the Nebraska Legislature of the necessity for such a school; and

WHEREAS, Bacon created the school using his own money and served as the first principal to one of the first schools for the blind west of the Missouri River; and

WHEREAS, the center began in a rented building housing three students and has changed its name several times before finally landing its current moniker; and

WHEREAS, the center focuses on standard education and specializes in teaching students how to read braille, how to use specialized technology, and how to care for themselves; and

WHEREAS, the center also curates specialists to help students achieve success throughout Nebraska regardless of location; and

WHEREAS, the center has created a facilitating community where individuals feel understood and, more importantly, feel like family.

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 Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired on celebrating one hundred fifty years of service to Nebraska.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children who are Blind or Visually Impaired.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 3 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB468:
AM1380

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM874)

1. On page 13, line 16, strike "one hundred fifty thousand" and insert "one million".

2. On page 14, lines 10 and 28, strike "fifty thousand" and insert "one million".

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Pawnee Elementary, Omaha; Sutton Christian School, Sutton.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:31 p.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator DeBoer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Raybould.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Guereca, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-seventh day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 178. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 179. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review occupational regulations under the Nebraska Livestock Dealer Licensing Act for purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 180. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Meyer, 17; Quick, 35; Storer, 43; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine current and future availability and sustainability of nursing facility care for individuals in Nebraska, including the accessibility for individuals reliant on Medicaid to pay for their medical care. More than thirty-four percent of Nebraska's population is over the age of fifty and that number increases to over forty percent in rural areas of the state. In the future, these numbers will grow, making access to nursing facilities more challenging. Ensuring that older Nebraskans have access to appropriate care close to home is important. Residential nursing care is an integral part of the care continuum needed to provide individuals with a safe and secure environment and the medical and daily living assistance they require.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying the availability of nursing facility care in Nebraska, accessibility for Medicaid beneficiaries, and the future sustainability of this type of care especially for rural areas of Nebraska; and

(2) Examining the barriers to providing adequate access to care, including the cost of care, workforce issues, resident demographics, licensure and regulation, and Medicaid reimbursement rates.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 181. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented Charles "Chuck" Scripter with the American Heroes Award and the Excellence in Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Scripter joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Okinawa, Japan; and

WHEREAS, upon his return, Scripter became an electrician with a telephone company in Omaha while also going to night school; and

WHEREAS, Scripter then became a manager for the telephone company in Lexington and started working with his community to start a homeless shelter; and

WHEREAS, Scripter focused on being a servant to his community and through the fruits of his labor, he has volunteered his time to countless nonprofits helping build sixty-four homes, volunteering in the face of thirty-five disasters, and delivering blood for his community; and

WHEREAS, Scripter also spends his time with individuals in hospice at Brookestone Home Health and Hospice by seeing people through their last days with true honor; and

WHEREAS, Scripter's servant's heart for his community deserves recognition.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Charles "Chuck" Scripter on earning the American Heroes Award and the Excellence in Community Service Award from the Sioux Lookout Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles "Chuck" Scripter.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. ER33, found on page 954, was offered.

ER33 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO138, found on page 929, to bracket until May 31, 2025.

Senator Holdcroft 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 25 ayes, 1 nay, and 23 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, and 19 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 3 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Strommen asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM743, found on page 844, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1337. No objections. So ordered.

AM1337

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM545)

1. Strike sections 1 and 4 and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act:

(1) Department means the Department of Labor;

(2) Employ means to permit to work by an employer pursuant to an employment relationship;

(3)~~(3)(a)~~ Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but does not include:

(a) An~~an~~ individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty hours in a calendar year;~~.~~

(b) An individual owner-operator;

(c) An independent contractor;

(d) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a seasonal or other temporary nature;

(e) An~~(b) Employee does not include an~~ "employee" as defined by 45 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or

(f) An individual under sixteen years of age so long as such individual:

(i) Is not an emancipated minor;

(ii) Is not the parent of a child; and

(iii) Does not have a dependent;

(4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative, or organized group of persons that~~who~~ employs six~~one~~ or more employees.

(b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;

(5) Family member means:

(a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis;

(b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;

(c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor

child;
(d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state;
(e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological, foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's spouse; or
(f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship;
(6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;
(7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 48-1203. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for employees paid on a commission, piece-rate, mileage, or fee-for-service basis, paid sick time means time that is compensated at an hourly rate determined by the employer using the average weekly rate calculation under section 48-126, which shall then be reduced to an hourly rate based on a forty-hour workweek, and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 3 of this act. Paid sick time includes time made available to employees for purposes including, but not limited to, the purposes described in section 3 of this act under a paid leave policy described in subsection (7) of section 2 of this act;
(8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;
(9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act;
(10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least six but fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-time, or temporary employees.
(b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and
(11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as determined by the employer.
Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:
Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.
(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.

(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.

(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator Holdcroft 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 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 4 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Strommen amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 4 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Wordekemper offered AM754, found on page 896.

The Wordekemper amendment was withdrawn.

Senator von Gillern offered AM1207, found on page 1268.

Pending.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB316:
MO246
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 182. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive fatal neurodegenerative disease in which a person's brain loses connection with their muscles, slowly reducing a person's ability to walk, talk, eat, and eventually breathe; and

WHEREAS, thousands of new ALS cases are reported every year, and estimates show that every ninety minutes, someone is diagnosed with ALS and someone passes away from ALS; and

WHEREAS, the exact cause of ALS is unknown and, on average, patients diagnosed with ALS survive only two to five years from the time of diagnosis; and

WHEREAS, securing access to new therapies, durable medical equipment, and communication technologies is of vital importance to people living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, clinical trials play a pivotal role in evaluating new treatments, enhancing quality of life, and fostering assistive technologies for those living with ALS; and

WHEREAS, Joe Erhardt of Grand Rapids, Michigan, fought valiantly during his six year battle with ALS, never losing his sense of humor, and all the while encouraging, and being a catalyst for, personal and professional growth to all he knew; and

WHEREAS, like Joe, many others have bravely endured the disease, setting an example of strength and resilience in the midst of suffering; and

WHEREAS, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month provides an opportunity to increase public awareness of the dire circumstances of people living with ALS, acknowledge the terrible impact this disease has on those individuals and their families, and support research to eradicate this disease.

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

1. That the Legislature recognizes May 2025 as ALS Awareness Month.

2. That the Legislature encourages Nebraskans to join in supporting ALS research and funding and recognizes those affected by this relentless disease.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 183. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Kauth, 31; Sanders, 45; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Bill Huben has served as the dedicated and respected principal of St. Wenceslaus School in Omaha, Nebraska, for sixteen years, providing exceptional leadership, unwavering commitment, and a deep sense of faith to students, faculty, and the broader school community; and

WHEREAS, under Huben's guidance, St. Wenceslaus School has flourished as a center of academic excellence, moral development, and community service, upholding its mission to nurture the whole child in spirit, mind, and body; and

WHEREAS, Huben's career in education has been marked by integrity, compassion, and a passion for helping students grow into thoughtful, responsible, and faith-filled citizens; and

WHEREAS, colleagues, students, parents, and parishioners alike have benefited from Huben's steady leadership, sense of humor, and tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, Huben is now retiring, leaving behind a legacy of service that will impact generations of students and educators at St. Wenceslaus and across the Catholic school system in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Bill Huben on the occasion of his retirement and expresses sincere appreciation for his outstanding contributions to education and to the faith-based community of Nebraska.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Bill Huben.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Dual Language Academy at St. Joan of Arc, Omaha; students from Ft. Calhoun Elementary, Ft. Calhoun; Dale Quick, Hordville; Alice and Stephen Quick, Grand Island; students from Morton Elementary, Omaha; Elaina Sperry, Omaha; students, teachers, and sponsor from North Star High School, Lincoln; students from Ponca Elementary, Ponca.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Brandt, DeBoer, Dungan, Lippincott, McKeon, and Quick who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Senator von Gillern renewed AM1207, found on page 1268 and considered in this day's Journal.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

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

Voting in the negative, 7:

Bostar	Guereca	McKinney	Spivey
Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 5:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Prokop	Wordekemper

Absent and not voting, 8:

Armendariz	Conrad	Fredrickson	Hunt
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Quick

The Bosn motion to cease debate prevailed with 29 ayes, 7 nays, 5 present and not voting, 8 absent and not voting, and 0 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 18 nays, and 8 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 48 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Jacobson offered the following motion:
MO247
Reconsider the vote taken on AM1337.

Senator Ballard offered the following motion:
MO248
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 not voting.

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 14:

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

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Wordekemper

The Ballard motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 14 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Jacobson motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

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

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	Bostar	Fredrickson	Hunt
Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	Strommen

The Jacobson motion to reconsider prevailed with 29 ayes, 12 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The Strommen amendment, AM1337, found and considered in this day's Journal, was reconsidered.

The Strommen amendment lost with 15 ayes, 28 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 14 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB415:
FA227
Strike Section 1.

FA228
Strike Section 2.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LR12CA:
AM1101
1. Strike original sections 1 and 2 and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:
To amend Article VIII, section 1, and add a new section 14 to Article VIII:
VIII-1 The necessary revenue of the state and its governmental subdivisions shall be raised by taxation in such manner as the Legislature may direct. Notwithstanding Article I, section 16, Article III, section 18, or Article VIII, section 4, of this Constitution or any other provision of this Constitution to the contrary: (1) Real property shall all be taxed in accordance with Article VIII, section 14, of this Constitution~~Taxes shall be levied by valuation uniformly and proportionately upon all real property and franchises as defined by the Legislature~~ except as otherwise provided in or permitted by this Constitution; (2) tangible personal property, as defined by the Legislature, not exempted by this Constitution or by legislation, shall all be taxed at depreciated cost using the same depreciation method with reasonable class lives, as determined by the Legislature, or shall all be taxed by valuation uniformly and proportionately; (3) the Legislature may provide for a different method of taxing motor vehicles and may also establish a separate class of motor vehicles consisting of those owned and held for resale by motor vehicle dealers which shall be taxed in the manner and to the extent provided by the Legislature and may also establish a separate class for trucks, trailers, semitrailers, truck-tractors, or combinations thereof, consisting of those owned by residents and nonresidents of this state, and operating in interstate commerce, and may provide reciprocal and proportionate taxation of such vehicles. The tax proceeds from motor vehicles taxed in each county shall be allocated to the county and the cities, villages, and school districts of such county; (4) ~~the Legislature may provide that agricultural land and horticultural land, as defined by the Legislature, shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may provide for a different method of taxing agricultural land and horticultural land which results in values that are not uniform and proportionate with all other real property and franchises but which results in values that are uniform and proportionate upon all property within the class of agricultural land and horticultural land; (5)~~ the Legislature may enact laws to provide that the value of land actively devoted to agricultural or horticultural use shall for property tax purposes be that value which such land has for agricultural or horticultural use without regard to any value which such land might have for other purposes or uses; (5)~~(6) the Legislature may prescribe standards and methods for the determination of the value of real property~~

~~at uniform and proportionate values; (7)~~ in furtherance of the purposes for which such a law of the United States has been adopted, whenever there exists a law of the United States which is intended to protect a specifically designated type, use, user, or owner of property or franchise from discriminatory state or local taxation, such property or franchise shall constitute a separate class of property or franchise under the laws of the State of Nebraska, and such property or franchise may not be taken into consideration in determining whether taxes are levied by valuation uniformly or proportionately upon any property or franchise, and the Legislature may enact laws which statutorily recognize such class and which tax or exempt from taxation such class of property or franchise in such manner as it determines; and (6)~~(8)~~ the Legislature may provide that livestock shall constitute a separate and distinct class of property for purposes of taxation and may further provide for reciprocal and proportionate taxation of livestock located in this state for only part of a year. Each actual property tax rate levied for a governmental subdivision shall be the same for all classes of taxed property and franchises. Taxes uniform as to class of property or the ownership or use thereof may be levied by valuation or otherwise upon classes of intangible property as the Legislature may determine, and such intangible property held in trust or otherwise for the purpose of funding pension, profit-sharing, or other employee benefit plans as defined by the Legislature may be declared exempt from taxation. Taxes other than property taxes may be authorized by law. Existing revenue laws shall continue in effect until changed by the Legislature.

VIII-14 (1) Beginning January 1, 2027:

(a) Real property shall be divided into two separate classes for property taxation. The two classes shall be:

(i) Agricultural land; and

(ii) Nonagricultural land;

(b) Real property shall be valued, for property tax purposes, at its full taxable value unless such property is exempt from tax pursuant to this Constitution; and

(c) The property taxes levied on any parcel of real property shall not increase, from one year to the next, by more than the allowable growth percentage, except in those cases when the full taxable value is adjusted pursuant to subdivision (2)(e) of this section.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) Agricultural land means real property that is primarily used for agricultural or horticultural purposes;

(b) Agricultural or horticultural purposes means used for the commercial production of any plant or animal product in a raw or unprocessed state that is derived from the science and art of agriculture, aquaculture, or horticulture;

(c) Nonagricultural land means any real property other than agricultural land;

(d) Allowable growth percentage means the lesser of:

(i) Three percent; or

(ii) The percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, or its successor index, as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve-month period ending on June 30 of the year in which the relevant property taxes are determined; and

(e) Full taxable value means the assessed value of the real property for 2025, except that a property's full taxable value shall be adjusted when purchased, when newly constructed, or when a change of ownership has occurred after the 2025 assessment. In such case, the full taxable value shall be adjusted as follows:

(i) For nonagricultural land, the full taxable value shall be adjusted to one hundred percent of the property's fair market value; or

(ii) For agricultural land, the full taxable value shall be adjusted to seventy-five percent of the property's fair market value, except that for property taxes levied by a school district to pay the principal and interest on bonds that are approved by a vote of the people on or after January 1, 2022, the full taxable value shall be adjusted to fifty percent of the property's fair market value.

(3) For purposes of subdivision (2)(e) of this section, the term "newly constructed" does not include the construction, installation, removal, or modification of any portion or structural component of an existing building or structure.

(4) For purposes of subdivision (2)(e) of this section, the terms "purchased" and "change of ownership" do not include the purchase or transfer of real property between spouses since January 1, 2027, including, but not limited to, all of the following:

(a) Transfers to a trustee for the beneficial use of a spouse, or the surviving spouse of a deceased transferor, or by a trustee of such a trust to the spouse of the trustor;

(b) Transfers to a spouse that take effect upon the death of a spouse;

(c) Transfers to a spouse or former spouse in connection with a property settlement agreement or decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation;

(d) The creation, transfer, or termination, solely between spouses, of any co-owner's interest; or

(e) The distribution of a legal entity's property to a spouse or former spouse in exchange for the interest of the spouse in the legal entity in connection with a property settlement agreement or a decree of dissolution of a marriage or legal separation.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to provide a new method of valuing real property for property tax purposes, provide a limit on property tax increases, provide certain exceptions, and eliminate conflicting constitutional provisions.

For

Against.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Committee AM411, found on page 640, and considered on pages 802, 808, and 834, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO86, found on page 802 and considered on pages 802, 808, and 834, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Arch withdrew AM1263, found on page 1314.

Senator Arch offered AM1312, found on page 1394, to the committee amendment.

The Arch amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO249
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

The M. Cavanaugh motion, MO75, found on page 779, to bracket until April 30, 2025, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO68, found on page 778, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

The committee amendment, as amended, 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.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 184. Introduced by Prokop, 27; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars hockey team completed a historic and record-setting 2024-25 season marked by exceptional team and individual accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars captured their fourth Anderson Cup in team history which is awarded to the team with the best regular season record in the United States Hockey League (USHL); and

WHEREAS, the team set franchise records with forty-four wins and two hundred seventy-two goals scored in a single season; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars energized the community by selling out the Ice Box three times during the season for the first time since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rocky Russo was named Head Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, General Manager Nick Fabrizio was named USHL General Manager of the Year; and

WHEREAS, goaltender Yan Shostak was named USHL Goaltender of the Year and selected for the All-USHL First Team; and

WHEREAS, William Prowse was named to the All-USHL Rookie Team as a goaltender, Jack Pechar earned All-USHL Second Team honors as a forward, and Etienne Lessard was named to the All-USHL Third Team as a defenseman; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Stars' achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of the players, coaches, staff, and the unwavering support of fans, families, and the Lincoln community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the value of athletics in building character, leadership, and community spirit.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lincoln Stars hockey team on winning the 2024-2025 Anderson Cup and completing a record-setting season.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Stars organization, Head Coach Rocky Russo, General Manager Nick Fabrizio, Yan Shostak, William Prowse, Jack Pechar, and Etienne Lessard.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 185. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to consider whether Nebraska should adopt the Uniform Law Commission's 2017 Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act. The study should consider Nebraska's current statutory framework for guardianships and conservatorships and any issues that have arisen since the current statutes were adopted. The study should also contemplate whether the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act might address any such issues or whether it might create different issues.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, a review of statutes, case law, and potential hearing testimony from individuals who have experience with Nebraska's current statutes that govern this area of law.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. ER68, found on page 1320, was offered.

ER68 was adopted.

Senator Conrad offered MO241, found on page 1395, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator Holdcroft 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 23 ayes, 2 nays, and 24 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 8 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Conrad motion to bracket failed with 9 ayes, 30 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO250
Reconsider the vote taken on MO241.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 13, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 90, 183, 419, 519, and 635 were received in my office on May 9, 2025, and signed on May 13, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 13, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1370 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

EASE

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

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER80 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER82
1 1. On page 1, strike lines 2 through 4 and insert "to amend sections
2 60-101, 60-137, 60-152, 60-164, and 60-166, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to allow applications for certificates of title for certain
4 vehicles; to change provisions relating to issuance of title, records of
5 a security agreement or certain conveyances, and evidence of liens; to
6 provide for the perfection and priority of security interests in and the
7 surrender and acquisition of certificates of title of certain vehicles;
8 to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER81
1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:
3 Section 1. Section 81-1802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
4 amended to read:
5 81-1802 (1) The~~A~~ Crime Victim's Reparations Committee is hereby
6 created. The committee shall consist of five members of the commission
7 and ~~three~~ public members to be appointed by the Governor, subject to
8 approval by the Legislature, as provided in subsection (2) of this
9 section.
10 (2)(a) Until successors are appointed pursuant to subdivision (b) of
11 this section, one ~~One~~ public member shall represent charitable
12 organizations, one public member shall represent businesses, and one
13 public member, who has training and relevant work experience with victims
14 and survivors of crime, shall represent crime victims.
15 (b) Five public members shall be appointed within thirty days after
16 the effective date of this act as follows:
17 (i) Two public members that represent charitable organizations

engaged in providing services to victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least one such member shall represent charitable organizations engaged in providing services to victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section 42-903;

(ii) Two public members that have training and relevant work experience with victims, dependents, and relatives of victims. At least one such member shall have training and relevant work experience with victims of sexual assault as defined by section 28-319, 28-319.01, or 28-320, human trafficking as defined by section 28-830, or domestic abuse as defined by section 42-903; and

(iii) One public member who is a victim.

(3) The members of the committee shall select a chairperson who is a member of the commission.

Sec. 2. Section 81-1803, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1803 (1) Except as otherwise provided in section 81-1802 or subsection (2) of this section, a member~~Members~~ of the committee shall serve for a term~~terms~~ of four years. The term of each public member shall begin on October 1.

(2) One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(i) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. One of the two public members appointed pursuant to subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of section 81-1802 shall serve a two-year term. Thereafter, all members shall serve four-year terms.

Sec. 3. Section 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

81-1804 When a vacancy occurs on the committee, appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. A member whose term has~~As the terms of the initial appointees to the committee expire, succeeding appointees shall be appointed to four-year terms. Members whose terms have~~ expired shall continue to serve until a successor has~~their successors have~~ been appointed.

Sec. 4. Original sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Senator Dungan renewed MO250, found and considered in this day's Journal, to reconsider the vote taken on MO241.

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

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, and 23 not voting.

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 9 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 31 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Conrad offered MO242, found on page 1395, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator Holdcroft 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 Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 7 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the Conrad motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Juarez	McKinney	Raybould

Voting in the negative, 31:

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

Present and not voting, 10:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca	Rountree
Bostar	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Quick	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Hansen	Hunt	Prokop

The Conrad motion to recommit to committee failed with 5 ayes, 31 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO251
Reconsider the vote taken on MO242.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh raised a point of order, asserting that Senator Meyer's motion to cease debate was out of order because he began speaking before formally calling the question.

The Chair sustained the point of order.

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

The Conrad motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO251, to reconsider the vote taken on MO242

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Clements asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA55, found on page 877, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1447. No objections. So ordered.
AM1447 is available in the Bill Room.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 120. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST37
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the Bosn amendment, AM1389, section 146 has been renumbered as section 147.
2. In the Clements amendment, AM1396, sections 86 and 87 have been renumbered as sections 85 and 86.
3. In the E&R amendments, ER77:
a. On page 114, line 24, "155" has been struck and "157" inserted;
b. On page 115, line 2, "81-1230, 81-1239," has been struck; in line 10 "68-996," has been inserted after "66-2308,"; and in line 25 "81-1230, 81-1239," has been struck; and

c. On page 116, line 2, "68-996," has been inserted after "66-2308,"; in line 9 "and" has been inserted after the second comma; the matter beginning with "Nebraska" in line 11 through "the" in line 12 has been struck; in line 13 "the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act and" has been inserted after the first "to"; in line 15 "81-829.06," has been struck; and in line 16 "81-829.07, 81-829.08, 81-829.09," has been struck and "81-829.11," has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 614. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB89:
AM1454

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

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

Section 1. Sections 1 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Stand With Women Act.

Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) Males and females possess unique and immutable differences that manifest prior to birth and increase as they age and experience puberty;

(2) Differences between the sexes are enduring and may, in some circumstances, warrant the creation of separate social, educational, athletic, or other spaces in order to ensure safety and to allow members of each sex to succeed and thrive;

(3) Physical differences between males and females have long made separate and sex-specific sports teams important so that female athletes can have equal opportunities to compete in sports while reducing the risk of physical injury;

(4) Physical advantages for males relevant to sports include, on average, a larger body size with more skeletal muscle mass, a lower percentage of body fat, and a greater maximal delivery of anaerobic and aerobic energy;

(5) Even at young ages, males typically score higher than females on cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and speed and agility. These differences become more pronounced during and after puberty as males produce higher levels of testosterone. On average, male athletes are bigger, faster, stronger, and more physically powerful than their female counterparts. This results in a significant sports performance gap between the sexes;

(6) Testosterone provides benefits in relation to athletic performance;

(7) Studies have shown that the benefits that natural testosterone provides to male athletes are not significantly diminished through the use of testosterone suppression. Testosterone suppression in males does not result in a level playing field between male and female athletes; and

(8) Because of the physical differences between males and females, having separate athletic teams based on the sex of the athlete reduces the chance of injury to female athletes, promotes equality between the sexes, provides opportunities for female athletes to compete against their female peers rather than against male athletes, and allows female athletes to compete on a fair playing field for scholarships and other

athletic accomplishments.

Sec. 3. For purposes of the Stand With Women Act:

(1) Athletic association means a corporation, association, or organization which has as one of its primary purposes the sponsoring or administration of extracurricular interscholastic athletic contests or competitions;

(2) Boy means an adolescent human male;

(3) Female means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes eggs for fertilization. Female includes a woman and a girl;

(4) Girl means an adolescent human female;

(5) Male means an individual who naturally has, had, will have, or would have, but for a congenital anomaly or intentional or unintentional disruption, the reproductive system that at some point produces, transports, and utilizes sperm for fertilization. Male includes a man and a boy;

(6) Man means an adult human male;

(7) Postsecondary educational institution means a university, college, or community college located in Nebraska that is a member institution of an accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;

(8) Private school means any private, denominational, or parochial school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(9) Public school means any public school offering instruction in elementary or high school grades;

(10) Sex means an individual's sex, either male or female; and

(11) Woman means an adult human female.

Sec. 4. (1) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

(a) Males, men, or boys;

(b) Females, women, or girls; or

(c) Coed or mixed.

(2)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

(b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public school, a private school whose students or teams compete against a public school in an interscholastic sport, or a private school that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

(3) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, the team or sport shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on sex:

(a) Males, men, or boys;

(b) Females, women, or girls; or

(c) Coed or mixed.

(4)(a) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary

educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for females, women, or girls shall not be open to a male student.

(b) For an interscholastic athletic team or sport sponsored by a public postsecondary educational institution, a private postsecondary educational institution whose students or teams compete against a public postsecondary educational institution, or a private postsecondary educational institution that is a member of an athletic association, a team or sport designated for males, men, or boys shall not be open to a female student unless there is no female team offered or available for such sport for such female student.

(5) In order to participate in an interscholastic athletic team or sport that is designated for males, men, or boys or designated for female, women, or girls and that is sponsored by (a) a public school or a public postsecondary educational institution or (b) a private school or a private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act, a student shall provide to such school or postsecondary educational institution confirmation of such student's sex on a document signed by a doctor or signed under the authority of a doctor.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the eligibility of any student to participate in any interscholastic athletic teams or sports designated as coed or mixed.

Sec. 5. A government entity, licensing or accrediting organization, or athletic association shall not entertain a complaint, open an investigation, or take any other adverse action against a public or private school or a public or private postsecondary educational institution for maintaining any separate interscholastic athletic team or sport for female students.

Sec. 6. The governing body of each public school and public postsecondary educational institution and each private school and private postsecondary educational institution subject to the Stand With Women Act shall adopt a policy implementing the Stand With Women Act. Such policy shall include provisions regarding the conduct of visitors and the public.

Sec. 7. An individual born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference in sex development shall have the relevant legal protections and accommodations afforded under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

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

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB150:
FA229
In AM1370, remove the comma on page 1, line 16 following "state".

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 186. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to consider necessary revisions to Legislative Bill 222, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and to existing statutes or regulations to minimize the use of racial profiling or racial disparity in traffic stops in Nebraska in order to address the disparity of Black and Hispanic drivers

being stopped, detained, and arrested throughout the state for various traffic infractions and offenses.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 468. Senator Clements renewed AM1447, found and considered in this day's Journal.

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

The Clements motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 1 nay, 19 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Clements amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 1 nay, 19 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered MO243, found on page 1395, to indefinitely postpone.

Senator Clements offered the following motion:
MO252
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Clements moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 39 ayes, 2 nays, and 8 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

Bostar	Conrad	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 5:

Dover	Fredrickson	Guereca	Quick	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt	Prokop

The Clements motion to invoke cloture failed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bostar filed the following amendments to LB468:
AM1432

(Amendments to AM1430)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 77-2004, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2004 (1) In the case of a father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, son, daughter, child or children legally adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any lineal descendant, any lineal descendant legally adopted as such in conformity with the laws of the state where adopted, any person to whom the deceased for not less than ten years prior to death stood in the acknowledged relation of a parent, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any such persons, the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, one percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; ~~.~~

(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, 0.95% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, 0.90% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, 0.85% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, 0.80% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, 0.75% of the clear market value of the property received

by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, 0.70% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, 0.65% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, 0.60% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, 0.55% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to January 1, 2037, 0.50% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to January 1, 2038, 0.45% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to January 1, 2039, 0.40% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(o) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to January 1, 2040, 0.35% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to January 1, 2041, 0.30% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(q) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to January 1, 2042, 0.25% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to January 1, 2043, 0.20% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to January 1, 2044, 0.15% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to January 1, 2045, 0.10% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;
(u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to January 1, 2046, 0.05% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of one hundred thousand dollars; and
(v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent.

(2) Any interest in property, including any interest acquired in the manner set forth in section 77-2002, which may be valued at a sum less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section shall not be subject to tax. In addition the homestead allowance, exempt property, and family maintenance allowance shall not be subject to tax. Interests passing to the surviving spouse by will, in the manner set forth in section 77-2002, or in any other manner shall not be subject to tax. Any interest passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

Sec. 2. Section 77-2005, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2005 (1) In the case of an uncle, aunt, niece, or nephew related to the deceased by blood or legal adoption, or other lineal descendant of the same, or the spouse or surviving spouse of any of such persons, the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, thirteen percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in

excess of fifteen thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, eleven percent of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; ~~.~~

(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, 10.45% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, 9.90% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, 9.35% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, 8.80% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, 8.25% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, 7.70% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, 7.15% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, 6.60% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, 6.05% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to January 1, 2037, 5.50% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to January 1, 2038, 4.95% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to January 1, 2039, 4.40% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(o) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to January 1, 2040, 3.85% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to January 1, 2041, 3.30% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(q) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to January 1, 2042, 2.75% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to January 1, 2043, 2.20% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to January 1, 2044, 1.65% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to January 1, 2045, 1.10% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars;

(u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to January 1, 2046, 0.55% of the clear market value of the property received by each person in excess of forty thousand dollars; and

(v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent.

(2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section, it shall not be subject to tax. In addition, any interest passing to a person described in subsection (1) of this section who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

Sec. 3. Section 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

77-2006 (1) In all other cases the rate of tax shall be:

(a) For decedents dying prior to January 1, 2023, eighteen percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of ten thousand dollars; ~~and~~

(b) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2027, fifteen percent of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars; ~~.~~

(c) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2027, and prior to January 1, 2028, 14.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(d) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2028, and prior to January 1, 2029, 13.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(e) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2029, and prior to January 1, 2030, 12.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(f) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2030, and prior to January 1, 2031, 12.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(g) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2031, and prior to January 1, 2032, 11.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(h) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2032, and prior to January 1, 2033, 10.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(i) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2033, and prior to January 1, 2034, 9.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(j) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2034, and prior to January 1, 2035, 9.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(k) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2035, and prior to January 1, 2036, 8.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(l) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2036, and prior to January 1, 2037, 7.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(m) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2037, and prior to January 1, 2038, 6.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;

(n) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2038, and prior to January 1, 2039, 6.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand

dollars;
(o) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2039, and prior to January 1, 2040, 5.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(p) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2040, and prior to January 1, 2041, 4.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(q) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2041, and prior to January 1, 2042, 3.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(r) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2042, and prior to January 1, 2043, 3.00% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(s) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2043, and prior to January 1, 2044, 2.25% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(t) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2044, and prior to January 1, 2045, 1.50% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars;
(u) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2045, and prior to January 1, 2046, 0.75% of the clear market value of the beneficial interests received by each person in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars; and
(v) For decedents dying on or after January 1, 2046, zero percent.

(2) If the clear market value of the beneficial interest is less than or equal to the applicable exempt amount under subsection (1) of this section, it shall not be subject to any tax. In addition, any interest passing to a person who is under twenty-two years of age shall not be subject to tax.

Sec. 4. Original sections 77-2004, 77-2005, and 77-2006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

AM1437 is available in the Bill Room.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from York Elementary, York; Pepe Herrero, Lincoln; Robert and Kathy Ledig, Washington D.C.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Theresa Hatcher, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:24 p.m., on a motion by Senator Sanders, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Clouse.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hardin.

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 Jacobson who was excused; and Senators Armendariz, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hardin, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the seventy-eighth day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB215:
AM1305

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM556)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that individuals serving long-term or life sentences who are rehabilitated and ready to be safely released from incarceration should be able to earn a second chance by receiving a commutation of their sentences from the Board of Pardons. Such commutation is intended to allow such rehabilitated individuals to be responsibly reintegrated into their communities while on parole and, if successful on parole, as fully free individuals.

(2) For purposes of this section, second chance relief means a program through which the department, the Division of Parole Supervision,

and the Board of Parole identify eligible committed offenders and work with them to apply for a commutation from the Board of Pardons.

(3) The department, the Division of Parole Supervision, and the Board of Parole shall establish a program to provide second chance relief as provided in this section.

(4) A committed offender serving a sentence of imprisonment, including life imprisonment, is eligible for second chance relief under this section after serving at least thirty years of such sentence of imprisonment.

(5) The department shall regularly identify committed offenders who are eligible for second chance relief under this section or who will become eligible within five years. The department shall regularly provide lists of such offenders to the Division of Parole Supervision and Board of Parole. The Board of Parole and Division of Parole Supervision shall advise such offenders regarding the second chance relief program and work with interested offenders to improve their chances of obtaining second chance relief through rehabilitation and good behavior.

(6) In determining whether an eligible committed offender is rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief, the department, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Parole shall:

(a) Complete a risk assessment for the committed offender; and

(b) Involve community leaders, victims, families, and other stakeholders in the review process to ensure that public safety and community concerns are addressed.

(7) If the department, Division of Parole Supervision, and the Board of Parole determine that an eligible committed offender is rehabilitated and a good candidate for second chance relief, the Board of Parole shall make a recommendation to the Board of Pardons that such offender's sentence be commuted.

(8)(a) If the Board of Pardons receives a recommendation for second chance relief from the Board of Parole, the Board of Pardons may consider whether to grant a commutation of some or all of the remainder of a committed offender's sentence to a term of parole.

(b) If the Board of Pardons determines not to grant a commutation, the Board of Pardons may provide the committed offender with a list of steps or requirements that, if satisfied, would increase the committed offender's chances of being granted a commutation at a subsequent review. The Board of Pardons may also provide a process for seeking a subsequent commutation review.

(9) If a committed offender is granted a commutation and paroled under this section, the department, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Parole shall:

(a) Develop a detailed reentry plan tailored to the committed offender's needs, including job placement, housing support, and access to continuing education and mental health services;

(b) Provide the committed offender with access to mentorship programs and community support networks to facilitate successful reintegration into the community;

(c) Provide for victim and community involvement through restorative justice programs. The department, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Parole shall offer restorative justice opportunities, when appropriate, to allow the committed offender to make amends with victims and the community; and

(d) Provide for accountability and monitoring by requiring regular check-ins with parole officers and continuous monitoring during the initial phase of reentry to ensure compliance with conditions of parole.

(10) The department, Division of Parole Supervision, and Board of Parole shall implement a system for ongoing evaluation and adjustment of the second chance relief program based on outcomes and feedback.

Sec. 2. Section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:
83-1,135 Sections 83-170 to 83-1,135.05 and section 1 of this act
shall be known and may be cited as the Nebraska Treatment and Corrections
Act.
Sec. 3. Original section 83-1,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of
Nebraska, is repealed.

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB170:
AM1318 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 187. Introduced by Rountree, 3.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to identify and examine the ability of the State of Nebraska to draw down Title IV-E funds for purposes of pre-petition legal services for parent and child legal representation as permitted under federal law. This interim study shall examine, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) The benefits Nebraska families would receive if the State of Nebraska could access Title IV-E funds for pre-petition legal services;
(2) The organizational structure needed within state government to coordinate the receipt and disbursement of payments for pre-petition legal services from Title IV-E funding; and
(3) Whether any statutory changes are necessary or useful in order to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to serve as the conduit for Title IV-E funding for pre-petition legal services.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.
2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 7 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 215A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608A. Title read. Considered.

Senator Bostar offered the following motion:
MO253
Indefinitely postpone.

The Bostar motion to indefinitely postpone prevailed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A. Senator Meyer offered AM1361, found on page 1404.

Senator Moser requested a point of order because the body is voting on an amendment that the introducer claims he did not file. Should the Clerk clarify what this amendment is?

The Clerk clarified the amendment.

Senator Meyer made a point of personal privilege with an explanation of the amendment on LB382A in that it harmonizes the A Bill with what was done to the mainline bill, LB382.

The Meyer amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 188. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Prokop, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the significance of the state financial partnership with the federal government in delivering health services to Nebraskans through the medicaid program. Medicaid is a large part of the state's budget, but provides critical support for health care and stimulates local economies. Medicaid is complex but is integral to the federal and state health care system.

In 2024, 342,546 children and adults were insured by medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. Thirty-two percent of children and youths up to eighteen years of age in Nebraska are covered by medicaid. Twelve percent of adults, including disabled Nebraskans and very low-income families, access health care through medicaid. Thirty-three percent of adults living in rural areas from nineteen through sixty-four years of age access health care through medicaid. Eighty-seven percent of youths from twelve to seventeen years of age in Nebraska with mental health diagnoses access health care through medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. This study will focus on understanding the impact of how the programs work in Nebraska and how changes to funding may impact Nebraskans.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 189. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the financing of public education through the Tax Equity and

Educational Opportunities Support Act formula and develop recommendations for improving school funding in Nebraska. The study may review ways to increase the amount of state aid committed to schools to offset property tax use and reduce property taxes as a share of total state and local taxes.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, examining:

(1) Fairness and equity for public school students in all parts of the state;

(2) Efficiencies and effectiveness in the use of tax resources to educate public school students in Nebraska; and

(3) Stability in the resources available to school districts, particularly in times of economic volatility.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

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 1211:

Nebraska Power Review Board
Dennis Grennan

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	DeKay	Hunt	Moser	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Juarez	Murman	Spivey
Bosn	Fredrickson	Kauth	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree	
DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Holdcroft	Riepe
Armendariz	Clements	Dungan	Ibach	Storer
Bostar	Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointment was confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 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 1379:
Nebraska Environmental Trust Board
Jeff Kanger

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Guereca	Juarez	Prokop	Strommen
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould	
Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	McKinney	Spivey
Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Riepe	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1245:
Nebraska Tourism Commission
Debra L Kelly

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer	Storm
Bosn	Fredrickson	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 15:

Armendariz	Clouse	Dungan	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Conrad	Hughes	Prokop	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	McKinney	Riepe	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointment was confirmed with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1267:

Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee
Alysson Muotri
Rui Yi

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lippincott	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 17:

Arch	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper
Armendariz	Dover	Hunt	Riepe	
Bostar	Dungan	McKeon	Spivey	
Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Storer	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointments were confirmed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman moved the adoption of the Education Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1314:

Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission
Clay Smith
Paul Turman

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Ballard	Dorn	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sanders
Bosn	Dungan	Hughes	Moser	Sorrentino
Brandt	Fredrickson	Ibach	Murman	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Storm
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	Strommen
DeBoer	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern
DeKay	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Andersen	Bostar	Conrad	McKeon	Storer
Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	McKinney	Wordekemper
Armendariz	Clouse	Hunt	Prokop	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointments were confirmed with 34 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1329:

State Racing and Gaming Commission
John Barrett
J Chris Stinson

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Ibach	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	
Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Bostar	Dover	McKeon	Prokop	Storer
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Sorrentino	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointment was confirmed with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1329:
State Electrical Board
Tyler C Ritz

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 8:

Bostar	DeKay	McKeon	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Jacobson

The appointment was confirmed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM1451

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Strike sections 1 and 4 and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 2, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. For purposes of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act:

(1) Department means the Department of Labor;

(2) Employ means to permit to work;

(3)~~(3)(a)~~ Employee means any individual employed by an employer, but does not include:

(a) An~~an~~ individual who works in Nebraska for fewer than eighty hours in a calendar year;~~.~~

(b) An individual owner-operator;

(c) An independent contractor;

(d) An individual who is employed in agricultural employment of a seasonal or other temporary nature;

(e) An~~(b) Employee does not include an~~ "employee" as defined by 45 U.S.C. 351(d) who is subject to the federal Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, 45 U.S.C. 351 et seq.; or

(f) An individual under sixteen years of age so long as such individual:

(i) Is not an emancipated minor;

(ii) Is not the parent of a child; and

(iii) Does not have a dependent;

(4)(a) Employer means any individual, partnership, limited liability company, association, corporation, business trust, legal representative, or organized group of persons that~~who~~ employs six~~one~~ or more employees.

(b) Employer does not include the United States or the State of Nebraska or its agencies, departments, or political subdivisions;

(5) Family member means:

(a) Any of the following, regardless of age: A biological, adopted, or foster child, a stepchild, a legal ward, or a child to whom the employee stands in loco parentis;

(b) A biological, foster, step, or adoptive parent or a legal guardian of an employee or an employee's spouse;

(c) A person who stood in loco parentis to the employee or the employee's spouse when the employee or employee's spouse was a minor child;

(d) A person to whom the employee is legally married under the laws of any state;

(e) A grandparent, grandchild, or sibling, whether of a biological, foster, adoptive, or step relationship, of the employee or the employee's

spouse; or

(f) Any other individual related by blood to the employee or whose close association with the employee is the equivalent of a family relationship;

(6) Health care professional means any person licensed under any federal or state law to provide medical or emergency services;

(7) Paid sick time means time that is compensated at the same hourly rate and with the same benefits, including health care benefits, as the employee typically earns during hours worked and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 4 of this act, and in no case shall the amount of this hourly rate be less than that provided under section 48-1203. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for employees paid on a commission, piece-rate, mileage, or fee-for-service basis, paid sick time means time that is compensated at an hourly rate determined by the employer using the average weekly rate calculation under section 48-126, which shall then be reduced to an hourly rate based on a forty-hour workweek, and that is provided by an employer to an employee for the purposes described in section 3 of this act. Paid sick time includes time made available to employees for purposes including, but not limited to, the purposes described in section 3 of this act under a paid leave policy described in subsection (7) of section 2 of this act;

(8) Public health emergency means a declaration or proclamation related to a public health threat, risk, disaster, or emergency that is made or issued by a federal, state, or local official with the authority to make or issue such a declaration or proclamation;

(9) Retaliatory personnel action means a denial of any right guaranteed under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act and any threat, discharge, suspension, demotion, reduction of hours or pay, or other adverse action against an employee for exercising or attempting to exercise any right guaranteed in the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act;

(10)(a) Small business means an employer with at least six but fewer than twenty employees during a given week, including full-time, part-time, or temporary employees.

(b) Small business does not include an employer that maintained twenty or more employees on its payroll in each of twenty or more calendar weeks in the current or preceding calendar year; and

(11) Year means a regular and consecutive twelve-month period as determined by the employer.

Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:

Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid

citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.

(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.

(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. 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 707, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346. ER61, found on page 1320, was offered.

ER61 was adopted.

Senator Arch withdrew AM1297, found on page 1332.

Senator Arch offered AM1397, found on page 1420.

The Arch amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. ER79, found on page 1426, was offered.

ER79 was adopted.

Senator von Gillern requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 3 nays, and 19 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 30 ayes, 13 nays, 4 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Holdcroft filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1421

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1370)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 7. Section 25-1030.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

25-1030.01 (1) Upon filing an application for determination of liability of the garnishee, the plaintiff shall give the garnishee and the defendant in the original action notice of the filing thereof and of the time and place of trial thereon. Subject to subsections (2) and (3) of this section, the~~The~~ notice shall be given within such time and in such manner as the court shall direct.

(2) For purposes of this section:

(a) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska; and

(b) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution as described in subsection (6) of section 25-1056.

(3)(a) If the garnishee is a corporate entity, notice under subsection (1) of this section shall be served upon the location of the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state.

(b) If service is unable to be accomplished as provided in subdivision (3)(a) of this section, such notice shall be served in accordance with section 25-509.01.

(4) In a case involving a garnishment served upon a corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor, the corporate entity shall not be liable as a garnishee under this section unless the plaintiff shows:

(a) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(a) of this section; or

(b) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(b) of this section and:

(i) That a copy of the notice described in subsection (1) of this section was sent to the location of the corporate entity's registered agent;

(ii) That the garnishee requested no such copy be sent to such location; or

(iii) That the corporate entity does not have a registered agent in this state.

Sec. 8. Section 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

25-1056 (1) In all cases when a judgment has been entered by any

court of record and the judgment creditor or his or her agent or attorney has filed an affidavit setting forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs in the office of the clerk of the court where the judgment has been entered and that he or she has good reason to and does believe that any person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, naming him, her, or it, has property of and is indebted to the judgment debtor, the clerk shall issue a summons which shall set forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs as shown in the affidavit and require such person, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, as garnishee, to answer written interrogatories to be furnished by the plaintiff and to be attached to such summons respecting the matters set forth in section 25-1026. The summons shall be returnable within ten days from the date of its issuance and shall require the garnishee to answer within ten days from the date of service upon him or her. Except when wages are involved, the garnishee shall hold the property of every description and the credits of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories until the further order of the court. If the only property in the possession or under the control of the garnishee at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories is credits of the defendant and the amount of such credits is not in dispute by the garnishee, then such garnishee shall only hold the credits of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories to the extent of the amount of the judgment, interest, and costs set forth in the summons until further order of the court. When wages are involved, the garnishee shall pay to the employee all disposable earnings exempted from garnishment by statute, and any disposable earnings remaining after such payment shall be retained by the garnishee until further order of the court. Thereafter, the service of the summons and interrogatories and all further proceedings shall be in all respects the same as is provided for in sections 25-1011 and 25-1026 to 25-1031.01 unless inconsistent with this section.

(2) If it appears from the answer of the garnishee that the judgment debtor was an employee of the garnishee, that the garnishee otherwise owed earnings to the judgment debtor when the garnishment order was served, or that earnings would be owed within sixty days thereafter and there is not a successful written objection to the order or the answer of the garnishee filed, on application by the judgment creditor, the court shall order that the nonexempt earnings, if any, withheld by the garnishee after service of the order be transferred to the court for delivery to the judgment creditor who is entitled to such earnings. Except for garnishments in support of a person, the payments may be made payable to the judgment creditor or assignee and shall be forwarded to the issuing court to record the judgment payment prior to the court delivering the payment to the judgment creditor or assignee. The court shall, upon application of the judgment creditor, further order that the garnishment is a continuing lien against the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor. An order of continuing lien on nonexempt earnings entered pursuant to this section shall require the garnishee to continue to withhold the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor for as long as the continuing lien remains in effect.

Beginning with the pay period during which the writ was served and while the continuing lien remains in effect, the garnishee shall deliver the nonexempt earnings to the court from which the garnishment was issued for each pay period or on a monthly basis if the garnishee so desires and shall deliver to the judgment debtor his or her exempt earnings for each pay period.

(3) A continuing lien ordered pursuant to this section shall be invalid and shall have no force and effect upon the occurrence of any of

the following:
(a) The underlying judgment is satisfied in full or vacated or expires;
(b) The judgment debtor leaves the garnishee's employ for more than sixty days;
(c) The judgment creditor releases the garnishment;
(d) The proceedings are stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, including the United States Bankruptcy Court;
(e) The judgment debtor has not earned any nonexempt earnings for at least sixty days;
(f) The court orders that the garnishment be quashed; or
(g) Ninety days have expired since service of the writ. The judgment creditor may extend the lien for a second ninety-day period by filing with the court a notice of extension during the fifteen days immediately prior to the expiration of the initial lien, and the continuing lien in favor of the initial judgment creditor shall continue for a second ninety-day period.

(4)(a) To determine priority, garnishments and liens shall rank according to time of service.

(b) Garnishments, liens, and wage assignments which are not for the support of a person shall be inferior to wage assignments for the support of a person. Garnishments which are not for the support of a person and liens shall be inferior to garnishments for the support of a person.

(5) Only one order of continuing lien against earnings due the judgment debtor shall be in effect at one time. If an employee's wages are already being garnished pursuant to a continuing lien at the time of service of a garnishment upon an employer, the answer to garnishment interrogatories shall include such information along with the date of termination of such continuing lien and the title of the case from which such garnishment is issued. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, a continuing lien obtained pursuant to this section shall have priority over any subsequent garnishment or wage assignment.

(6)(a) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a financial institution where deposits are received within this state, the financial institution shall (i) if its main chartered office is located in this state, designate its main chartered office for the service of summons or (ii) if its main chartered office is located in another state, designate any one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of process in this state for service of summons. The designation of a main chartered office or an office or branch or the agent for service of process under this subdivision shall be made by filing a notice of designation with the Department of Banking and Finance, shall contain the physical address of the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated, and shall be effective upon placement on the department website. The department shall post the list of such designated main chartered offices and offices or branches or agents for service of process on its website for access by the public. A financial institution may modify or revoke a designation made under this subdivision by filing the modification or revocation with the department. The modification or revocation shall be effective when the department's website has been updated to reflect the modification or revocation, except that the judgment creditor may rely upon the designation that was modified or revoked during the thirty-day period following the effective date of the modification or revocation if the summons is timely served upon the financial institution. The department shall update its website to reflect a filing by a financial institution pursuant to this subdivision or a modification or revocation filed by a financial institution pursuant to this subdivision within ten business days following the filing by the financial institution. The department website shall reflect the date its online records for each financial institution

have most recently been updated.
(b) If a financial institution where deposits are received has designated its main chartered office or one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of process for the service of summons, service made on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process so designated shall be valid and effective as to any property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or branches located within this state. If service of summons is not made on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated by the financial institution, but instead is made at another office or branch of the financial institution located in Nebraska, the financial institution, in its discretion, and without violating any obligation to its customer, may elect to treat the service of summons as valid and effective as to any property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or branches located within this state. In the absence of such an election, the financial institution shall file a statement with the interrogatories that the summons was not served at the financial institution's designated location for receiving service of summons and, therefore, was not processed, and shall provide the address at which the financial institution is to receive service of summons.
(c) For purposes of this subsection, financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union whether chartered by the United States, the Department of Banking and Finance, or a foreign state agency.
(d) The notice of designation, modification, or revocation shall be made by a financial institution on forms prescribed by the Department of Banking and Finance~~department~~.
(e) The Department of Banking and Finance, any employee of the department, or any person acting on behalf of the department shall be immune from civil and criminal liability for any acts or omissions which occur as a result of the requirements of this subsection.
(7)(a) For purposes of this section:
(i) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska; and
(ii) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution described in subsection (6) of this section.
(b) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor from the corporate entity, service shall be made upon the corporate entity in accordance with section 25-509.01 or in a manner mutually agreed upon by the garnishee and judgment creditor.
(c) If service is not made upon the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state, the judgment creditor shall send a copy of such summons to the location of the corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state unless the corporate entity has requested that no such copy be sent or no such registered agent exists. Proof of compliance with this subdivision (7)(c) is not required for a garnishment to continue.
2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. ER80, found on page 1454, was offered.

ER80 was adopted.

Senator McKinney offered MO201, found on page 1216, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator McKinney offered MO202, found on page 1216, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to recommit to committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad offered FA142, found on page 1248.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Bostar offered AM1208, found on page 1250.

The Bostar amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Andersen reoffered AM1205, found on page 1268, and refiled on page 1392.

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

The Andersen amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 23 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered AM1351, found on page 1413.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM1455

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER80)

1 1. On page 18, line 16; and page 29, line 16, after the period

2 insert "All penalties collected under this section shall be remitted to
3 the State Treasurer for distribution in accordance with Article VII,
4 section 5, of the Constitution of Nebraska.".

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM1456

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER80)
1 1. On page 2, after line 11, insert the following new subdivision:
2 "(3) Commission means the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure
3 Commission;"; in line 12, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)"; and in line 24,
4 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
5 2. On page 3, line 2, strike "(5)" and insert "(6)"; in line 11,
6 strike "(6)" and insert "(7)"; and in line 30, strike "(6)(d)" and insert
7 "(7)(d)".
8 3. On page 4, line 1, strike "(6)(a)" and insert "(7)(a)"; in line
9 4, strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 8, strike "(8)" and insert
10 "(9)"; in line 17, strike "(9)" and insert "(10)"; and in line 26, strike
11 "(10)" and insert "(11)".
12 4. On page 5, line 2, strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; in line 14,
13 strike "(12)" and insert "(13)"; in line 17, strike "(13)" and insert
14 "(14)"; in line 25, strike "(14)" and insert "(15)"; and in line 29,
15 strike "(15)" and insert "(16)".
16 5. On page 6, line 3, strike "(16)" and insert "(17)"; in line 5,
17 strike "(17)" and insert "(18)"; in line 15, strike "(18)" and insert
18 "(19)"; in line 19, strike "(19)" and insert "(20)"; in line 24, strike
19 "(20)" and insert "(21)"; and in line 30, strike "(21)" and insert
20 "(22)".
21 6. On page 2, line 26; page 6, line 25; page 7, lines 5, 11 and 12,
22 and 13; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 18; page
23 12, lines 5, 11 and 12, and 15; page 14, lines 16 and 28; page 15, lines
24 1, 2, and 28; page 16, lines 6, 21, 25 and 26, and 27; page 17, lines 1,
25 4, 5, 6, 11, and 16; page 18, lines 10, 26, and 30; page 19, lines 4, 7,
26 9, 13, and 16; page 20, line 30; page 21, lines 6 and 7, 11, 17, 20, 24,
1 and 28, strike "Attorney General" and insert "commission".
2 7. On page 21, line 8, strike "Attorney General's" and insert
3 "commission's".

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:
FA230
On page 18, strike lines 17-22 and strike "for permanent expulsion and dismissal of" and insert "regarding" in its place.

The Dungan amendment lost with 12 ayes, 19 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following amendments to LB170:

FA231
In AM1318, Strike Section 1.

FA232
Strike Section 1.

Senator Clements filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1422

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1370)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 21. Sections 29-4801 to 29-4807 apply on and after July 1, 2027.
Sec. 22. Section 29-4803, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
29-4803 (1) The probation administrator shall create a veteran justice program as provided in sections 29-4802 to 29-4804 and subject to the Supreme Court's rules. The program shall be available in every district court and county court. A veteran justice program shall not supersede, alter, or otherwise interfere with the establishment, functioning, participation, or operation of a problem solving court established pursuant to section 24-1302.
(2) A veteran justice program shall be operated by use of deferred judgments as provided in this section.
(3) Upon a finding of guilt for which a judgment of conviction may be rendered, a defendant that is eligible to participate in a veteran justice program may request the court defer the entry of judgment of conviction under this section. Upon such request, the court shall provide notice to any victim of the offense of the request and provide an opportunity for the victim to provide a statement for consideration by the court. After giving the prosecutor and defendant the opportunity to be heard, the court may defer the entry of a judgment of conviction and the imposition of a sentence and place the defendant on probation, upon conditions as the court may require under sections 29-2262 and 29-4804. If the court defers the entry of judgment, the court shall provide notice to victims of the offense.
(4)(a) Whenever a court considers a request to defer judgment under this section, the court shall consider the following:
(i) The factors set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of section 29-2260 and section 29-4802;
(ii) The supervision, treatment, and other programming options available in the community; and
(iii) Any other information the court deems relevant.
(b) Except as provided in subdivision (4)(c) of this section, there shall be a presumption that a veteran eligible under section 29-4802 shall be allowed to participate in a veteran justice program. The presumption shall only be overcome by a judicial finding, based on an individualized assessment of the veteran and consideration of the factors set forth in subdivisions (4)(a)(i), (ii), and (iii) of this section, that entry of judgment of conviction should not be deferred. The fact that a veteran has previously absconded from or violated pretrial release, probation, parole, supervised release, post-release supervision, or another form of court-ordered supervision, including a violation arising from commission of a new offense or an offense committed while previously participating in a veteran justice program, is not, standing alone, a sufficient basis to overcome the presumption.
(c) The presumption provided for in subdivision (4)(b) of this

section does not apply to a veteran charged with:
(i) A violation of section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197, or a city or village ordinance enacted in conformance with section 60-6,196 or 60-6,197, following a previous conviction for a violation of any such section or ordinance; or
(ii) An offense that resulted in serious bodily injury to another person.
(5) Except as otherwise provided in this section and sections 29-2293 and 29-2294, the supervision of a defendant on probation pursuant to a deferred judgment shall be governed by the Nebraska Probation Administration Act and sections 29-2270 to 29-2273.
(6) After a hearing providing the prosecutor and defendant an opportunity to be heard and upon a finding that a defendant has violated a condition of his or her probation, the court may enter any order authorized by section 29-2268 or pronounce judgment and impose such new sentence as might have been originally imposed for the offense for which the defendant was convicted.
(7) Upon satisfactory completion of the conditions of probation and the payment or waiver of all administrative and programming fees assessed under section 29-2293, the defendant or prosecutor may file a motion to withdraw any plea entered by the defendant and to dismiss the action without entry of judgment. The court shall not grant such motion until a victim of the offense has received notice and the opportunity to be heard, as required by subsection (4) of section 29-4804.
(8) Sections 29-4802 to 29-4804 apply to offenses committed on or after July 1, 2027~~2025~~. For purposes of this subsection, an offense shall be deemed to have been committed prior to July 1, 2027~~2025~~, if any element of the offense occurred prior to such date.
Sec. 23. Section 29-4807, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
29-4807 (1) The State Court Administrator shall compile information on the number of veterans receiving, successfully completing, declining, and denied participation in a veteran justice program and the sentencing mitigation described in section 29-4805.
(2) The State Court Administrator shall track outcomes among veterans who participate in a veteran justice program, including completion status, recidivism, and housing and employment status.
(3) Data collected under this section shall be disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, age, military discharge characterization, and the offense involved.
(4) On or before July 1, 2028~~2026~~, and on or before each July 1 thereafter, the State Court Administrator shall electronically submit a report to the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature. The report shall contain de-identified data collected pursuant to this section and shall analyze the outcomes, successes, and areas for improvement of the veteran justice programs and the sentencing mitigation described in section 29-4805.
Sec. 106. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,

90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 107, and 109 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 108. Original sections 29-4803 and 29-4807, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

Sec. 110. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 190. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues related to Legislative Bill 238, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, regarding meetings of local foster care review boards under the Foster Care Review Act. The study shall examine whether to allow video conferencing for such meetings and whether to exempt discussions of confidential information regarding foster children from the Open Meetings Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 191. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 192. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate public notice requirements in Nebraska, including those mandated under the Open Meetings Act and the Administrative Procedure Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 193. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature that may arise in the interim.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 194. Introduced by Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the credentialing requirements for lobbyists in furtherance of the purposes of the Occupational Board Reform Act.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, examining whether the current means of regulating lobbyists:

(1) Is the least restrictive means which is necessary to protect consumers from the undue risk of present, significant, and substantiated harms that clearly threaten or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public when competition alone is not sufficient and which is consistent with public interest;

(2) Protects the fundamental right of an individual to pursue a lawful occupation;

(3) Is construed and applied to increase opportunities, promote competition, and encourage innovation; and

(4) Should be changed to conform to the policy principles set out in the Occupational Board Reform Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students, teachers, and sponsor from Standing Bear High School, Lincoln; students from students, teachers, and parents from St. Paul Public School, St. Paul.

RECESS

At 12:05 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeKay, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hansen, Juarez, Meyer, Sorrentino, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER83

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "powers" in line 3 through
2 "authorities" in line 4 and insert "provisions relating to regional
3 behavioral health authorities and the Behavioral Health Services Fund".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER84

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 3 through line 6

2 and insert "to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human
3 Services relating to certain curriculum and training materials; to
4 require suicide awareness and prevention training for child welfare
5 workers, for certain licensure, and for employees of child-placing
6 agencies as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative
7 date; and to repeal the original sections.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER86
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "to" in line 2 through line 3
2 and insert "to provide for insurance and medicaid coverage of biomarker
3 testing as prescribed; to provide operative dates; and to provide
4 severability.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER85
1 1. On page 1, line 3, strike "Scholarship" and insert "Support".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 195. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review the impact of unfunded and underfunded mandates on counties and county governments. The study will identify and examine certain programs and services enacted by the Legislature which have resulted in or may result in an increase in expenditures of funds by counties and county governments assigned to perform or provide such programs and services without a corresponding provision of state funding to carry them out. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The statutes which presently impose the largest burden of unfunded or underfunded obligations on counties;

(2) Any corresponding increases in property taxes by counties to meet the requirements of unfunded or underfunded obligations; and

(3) Mandated but unfunded or underfunded programs or services which could be changed, eliminated, or repealed.

In conducting this interim study, the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, legislative officers and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB258

Senator Raybould withdrew the following amendments:
FA26, found on page 636.
FA25, found on page 636.
AM15, found on page 342.
AM14, found on page 341.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB258 to Committee

Senator Conrad offered MO149, found on page 956, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

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

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB258

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:
FA76, found on page 955.
FA77, found on page 955.
FA73, found on page 955.
FA74, found on page 955.
FA78, found on page 956.
FA75, found on page 955.

Senator Clouse withdrew AM1077, found on page 1120.

WITHDRAW - Motions to LB258

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO8, found on page 193, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO148, found on page 956, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

Senator Kauth requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the passage of the bill.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Wage and Hour Act; to amend section 48-1203.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the minimum wage and the training wage; to enact a youth minimum wage; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

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

Voting in the negative, 17:

Ballard*	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Sorrentino

*Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

Having failed to receive a constitutional two-thirds majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO254
Reconsider the vote taken on FA230.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
FA233
On page 10 line 26-27, page 11 line 9-10, and page 16 line 6-7 strike ", having due regard for the national security and the public interest,".

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 18 ayes, 23 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM1460
(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER80)
1. On page 2, after line 11, insert the following new subdivision:
"(3) Commission means the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission;"; in line 12, strike "(3)" and insert "(4)"; and in line 24, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
2. On page 3, line 2, strike "(5)" and insert "(6)"; in line 11, strike "(6)" and insert "(7)"; and in line 30, strike "(6)(d)" and insert "(7)(d)".
3. On page 4, line 1, strike "(6)(a)" and insert "(7)(a)"; in line 4, strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 8, strike "(8)" and insert "(9)"; in line 17, strike "(9)" and insert "(10)"; and in line 26, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".
4. On page 5, line 2, strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; in line 14, strike "(12)" and insert "(13)"; in line 17, strike "(13)" and insert "(14)"; in line 25, strike "(14)" and insert "(15)"; and in line 29, strike "(15)" and insert "(16)".
5. On page 6, line 3, strike "(16)" and insert "(17)"; in line 5, strike "(17)" and insert "(18)"; in line 15, strike "(18)" and insert "(19)"; in line 19, strike "(19)" and insert "(20)"; in line 24, strike "(20)" and insert "(21)"; and in line 30, strike "(21)" and insert "(22)".
6. On page 2, line 26; page 6, line 25; page 7, lines 5, 11 and 12, and 13; page 10, line 26; page 11, lines 6, 7, 9, 14, 15, and 18; page 12, lines 5, 11 and 12, and 15; page 14, lines 16 and 28; page 15, lines 1, 2, and 28; page 16, lines 6, 21, 25 and 26, and 27; page 17, lines 1, 4, 5, 6, 11, and 16; page 18, line 10; page 20, line 30; page 21, lines 6 and 7, 11, 17, 20, 24, and 28, strike "Attorney General" and insert "commission".
7. On page 21, line 8, strike "Attorney General's" and insert "commission's".

The J. Cavanaugh amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:
FA234
On page 18, strike lines 17-25 and insert the following new subsections: "(2) If a person found to be in violation of subsection (1) of this section is a student, faculty member, a researcher, or an adjunct or is otherwise employed by or associated with a postsecondary educational institution, such person may be expelled or dismissed from any role with any postsecondary educational institution in Nebraska and may be prohibited from entering any campus of such an

institution in this state. It shall be the purview of the postsecondary educational institution to establish appropriate responses to violations of subsection (1) of this section. (3) Each postsecondary educational institution in Nebraska shall adopt a policy regarding any permanent expulsion and dismissal of persons found to be in violation of subsection (1) of this section.".

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 29 ayes, 4 nays, and 16 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB133 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, and 6 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-1008, 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define a term; to provide powers, duties, and immunity to animal control officers; to change provisions relating to seizure of certain animals; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan*	Hunt	Raybould*
Conrad*	Hughes*	McKinney	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 140. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require each school board of a public school district to develop and adopt a policy relating to use of electronic communication devices by students as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

*Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9)

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - MOTION(S) TO LB230

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO102, found on page 828, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB230

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew AM49, found on page 823.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew AM50, found on page 823.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB230 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 28-405 and 77-5601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to regulate the sale of nitrous oxide products; to provide penalties; to change provisions of the schedules of controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act; to provide for the use of the Department of Revenue Enforcement Fund for the Kratom Consumer Protection Act; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 230, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB287 with 44 ayes, 3 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 287. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend section 31-752, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-102, 31-735, 71-1572, and 71-15,169, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide powers to cities of the metropolitan class to regulate housing authorities by ordinance; to change provisions relating to the election of a board of trustees and assessments for sanitary and improvement districts; to

provide duties for certain housing agencies relating to bed bugs under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to require a report for certain housing agencies; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Arch	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Meyer	Spivey
Bostar	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Brandt	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hunt	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Ibach	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	Clements	Jacobson	Lonowski	Riepe
Ballard	Hansen	Kauth	McKeon	Sorrentino
Bosn	Hardin	Lippincott	Murman	Storer

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB332 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 332. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 38-511, 38-1401, 38-1402, 38-1413, 38-1424, 38-1501, 38-1502, 38-1504, 38-1505, 38-1508, 38-1510, 38-1511, 38-1514, 38-2849, and 38-2884, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1509, 38-1512, 38-1513, 38-28,104, and 68-911, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, and eliminate definitions; to provide for assistant funeral directors; to provide for credentialing, scope of practice, collaborative agreements, restrictions on practice, and disciplinary actions under the Funeral Directing and Embalming Practice Act; to change provisions relating to licensure and regulation of hearing instrument specialists under the Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act; to change membership requirements for the Board of Pharmacy; to change

requirements relating to compounding and delegated dispensing permits; to provide requirements for certain prescription refills as prescribed; to require medicaid coverage for psychology services provided by certain practitioners as prescribed; to require a memorandum of understanding regarding a Rural Health Opportunity Program; to provide for tuition waivers for eligible students as prescribed; to state intent regarding appropriations; to eliminate provisions relating to applicability of the Hearing Instrument Specialists Practice Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 38-512 and 38-1506, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB561 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 561. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend section 60-6,298, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-601 and 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for the issuance and revocation of permits for overweight raw-milk vehicles; to state legislative findings; to define terms; to require the

Department of Transportation to create and publish a bridge map; to provide for liability for damage to bridge structures as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB78 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 29-2260, 76-901, 76-903, and 77-1327, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act; to change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax; to provide for sentencing consideration of a defendant's status as a victim of abuse or trafficking; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 78A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 78, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB257 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, and 6 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to occupational credentials; to amend sections 38-2501, 38-2503, 38-2506, 38-2507, 38-2510, 38-2511, 38-2512, 38-2513, 38-2514, 38-2520, 38-2526, 38-2527, 38-2530, 38-2531, and 71-1913, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-2125, 38-2130, 38-2516, 38-2517, 38-2518, 71-1911.03, and 71-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for credentials for marriage and family therapists based on licensure in another jurisdiction; to change licensure and scope of practice provisions for occupational therapy; to change and provide requirements for licensees and inspectors under the Child Care Licensing Act relating to liability insurance; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 3:

Clements	Lippincott	McKeon

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Department of Transportation; to amend section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to solicitation of bids; to change the threshold required for legislative consent relating to certain construction projects; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB453 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 453.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to guardians and conservators; to amend section 30-2630.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 30-2602.02 and 30-2626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for background checks; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB474 with 46 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 474.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 8-319, 8-330, 8-601, 8-820.01, 8-2701, 8-2702, 8-2703, 8-2704, 8-2705, 8-2706, 8-2707, 8-2708, 8-2709, 8-2710, 8-2711, 8-2712, 8-2713, 8-2714, 8-2715, 8-2716, 8-2717, 8-2718, 8-2719, 8-2720, 8-2721, 8-2722, 8-2723, 8-2725, 8-2726, 8-2727, 8-2728, 8-2731, 8-2732, 8-2733, 8-2734, 8-2736, 8-2737, 8-2738, 8-2739, 8-2740, 8-2741, 8-2742, 8-3027, 44-502, 44-1703, 44-4109.01, 45-101.04, 45-1,110, 45-334, 45-335, 45-336, 45-337, 45-338, 45-339, 45-340, 45-341, 45-342, 45-343, 45-344, 45-345, 45-347, 45-348, 45-350, 45-351, 45-352, 45-353, 45-355, 45-356, 45-702, 45-703, 45-705, 45-729, 45-734, 45-804, and 76-2711, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 8-602, 8-2729, 8-2730, 8-2735, 8-3025, 45-346, 45-354, and 69-2103, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, section 8-2724, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, as amended by section 18, Legislative Bill 251, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and section 4, Legislative Bill 527, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms under the Nebraska Money Transmitters Act; to change provisions of such act relating to applicability, licensure, powers and duties of the Director of Banking and

Finance, confidentiality, enforcement, required reports, audits, disclosures, and records, authorized delegates, prohibited activities, money transmission procedures, refunds, receipts, solvency requirements, surety bonds, permissible investments, discipline of a license or designation, orders to cease and desist, consent orders, violations, fees, charges, and costs; to provide penalties and fines; to prohibit certain insurance policy or contract exclusions of certain providers; to change the name of the Nebraska Installment Sales Act to the Nebraska Installment Loan and Sales Act; to change, transfer, and eliminate provisions of the Nebraska Installment Loan Act and to eliminate such named act; to change provisions relating to certain taxes under the Medicaid Access and Quality Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 8-2743, 8-2744, 8-2745, 8-2746, 8-2747, 45-351.01, 45-1001, 45-1004, 45-1007, 45-1008, 45-1009, 45-1010, 45-1011, 45-1012, 45-1013, 45-1014, 45-1015, 45-1016, 45-1017, 45-1019, 45-1020, 45-1021, 45-1022, 45-1023, 45-1024, 45-1025, 45-1026, 45-1027, 45-1028, 45-1029, 45-1030, 45-1031, 45-1032, 45-1033, 45-1033.02, 45-1034, 45-1035, 45-1036, 45-1037, 45-1038, 45-1039, 45-1040, 45-1041, 45-1042, 45-1043, 45-1044, 45-1045, 45-1046, 45-1047, 45-1048, 45-1049, 45-1050, 45-1051, 45-1052, 45-1053, 45-1054, 45-1055, 45-1056, 45-1057, 45-1058, 45-1059, 45-1060, 45-1061, 45-1062, 45-1063, 45-1064, 45-1065, 45-1066, 45-1067, 45-1068, 45-1069, and 45-1070, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 45-346.01, 45-1002, 45-1003, 45-1005, 45-1006, 45-1018, and 45-1033.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 526.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cryptocurrency mining; to define terms; to provide powers and duties for public power suppliers; to allow public power suppliers to impose requirements on cryptocurrency mining operations for the costs of certain infrastructure upgrades; and to provide an operative date.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB559 with 42 ayes, 2 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 559.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend sections 28-618, 28-1601, and 28-1602, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 28-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for offenses relating to skimmer devices and continuing criminal enterprises involving financial offenses; to provide penalties; to define terms; to provide for forfeiture; to clarify and harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

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

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	McKinney
Conrad	Hunt	Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB667 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 667.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Industry Regulation Act; to amend section 60-1438, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to compensation for diagnostic work and compensation for parts; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB246 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, and 7 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to adulterated food; to amend sections 81-2,239, 81-2,240, 81-2,282, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to prohibit certain conduct related to adulterated food including cultivated-protein food products under the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to provide a deceptive trade practice; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Riepe
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	Raybould	

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB319 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 319.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to eligibility for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Armendariz	Conrad	Hallstrom	McKinney	Sanders
Bosn	DeBoer	Hansen	Meyer	Spivey
Bostar	Dorn	Hardin	Moser	von Gillern
Brandt	Dover	Hughes	Prokop	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Raybould	
Clouse	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 17:

Andersen	DeKay	Lippincott	Riepe*	Strommen*
Arch	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Ballard	Ibach	McKeon	Storer	
Clements	Kauth	Murman	Storm*	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend section 37-342, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to legislative approval of an indication of intent to incorporate land into the state park system; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 3:

McKeon	Meyer	Storer

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB383 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 383.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to minors; to amend sections 25-21,291, 25-21,302, 27-1301, 28-116, 28-320.02, 28-813.02, 28-833, 28-1463.01, 28-1463.02, 28-1463.06, 28-1601, 28-1602, 83-174.02, 84-205, and 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-813.01, 28-1354, 28-1463.03, 28-1463.05, 28-1701, 29-110, 29-119, 29-4003, 29-4309, and 29-4316, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Parental Rights in Social Media Act; change the name of the Child

Pornography Prevention Act to the Child Sexual Abuse Material Prevention Act; to prohibit conduct involving computer-generated child pornography; to prohibit receipt of child pornography; to transfer provisions of the Nebraska Criminal Code and the Child Pornography Prevention Act; to provide enhanced penalties; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-1463.04, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 3:

Hunt McKinney Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 399.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mutual Finance Assistance Act; to amend section 35-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 35-1204, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to property tax rates; to change qualifications for certain distributions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB696 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 696.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Landscape Architects Act; to amend sections 81-8,184, 81-8,192, 81-8,196, 81-8,199, 81-8,200, 81-8,206, and 81-8,208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a term; to change, provide, and eliminate provisions relating to the State Board of Landscape Architects, the complete roster of professional landscape architects, applications for licensure, certificates of registration, certificates of licensure, and disciplinary actions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz* DeKay*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political accountability and disclosure; to amend section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions related to disclaimers on political materials; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

DeKay* McKeon*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB36 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural resources; to amend sections 37-440, 46-740, and 81-15,160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 37-438, 37-451, 37-455, 37-1214, 37-1802, 37-1803, 39-891, 39-893, 39-1301, 39-1302, 39-1309, and 39-1320, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Safe Battery Collection and Recycling Act; to provide penalties; to create and change the use of funds; to state and change provisions relating to legislative intent, findings, declarations, and purposes; to establish the Home Weatherization Clearinghouse; to provide duties; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the issuance of certain permits under the Game Law; to provide for a mitigation bank or an in-lieu fee program relating to the incidental taking of threatened or endangered species; to provide for payment of a sum in lieu of ad valorem taxes lost by the county as prescribed; to change provisions relating to ground water allocation and the use of integrated management plans, rules, or orders; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	Dorn	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	Dover	Hunt	Moser	Spivey
Armendariz	Dungan	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree	
DeKay	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 6:

Ballard*	Cavanaugh, M.*	DeBoer*
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	McKinney

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 36A.

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.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB80 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to protection orders; to amend sections 28-311.02, 28-311.05, 42-901, 42-905, 42-924.01, 42-924.03, 42-927, 42-928, 42-929, 42-931, 43-2,107, and 60-3209, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 25-2740, 28-311.04, 28-311.12, 28-358.01, 28-710, 28-713.01, 28-1205, 28-1206, 29-404.02, 29-422, 29-2292, 42-903, 42-924, 42-924.02, 42-925, 42-926, 43-1609, 43-1611, and 76-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Protection Orders Act; to extend the initial period of protection orders; to define terms; to provide penalties; to provide powers and duties relating to such orders; to change a penalty for violating a harassment protection order; to provide for notification of reports of child abuse or neglect to a military installation as prescribed; to provide powers and duties to landlords relating to acts of domestic violence against tenants or household members; to transfer provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 28-311.10, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-311.09 and 28-311.11, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

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

Voting in the negative, 3:

Hunt	McKinney	Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 80A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 80, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 166.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public records; to amend sections 23-3211 and 24-814, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-607, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the county treasurer to maintain confidentiality relating to residential addresses of certain persons; to prohibit the disclosure of certain information filed with the Secretary of State relating to judicial officeholders; to change provisions relating to candidate filing forms; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Conrad

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB198 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 198.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Benefit Manager Licensure and Regulation Act; amend sections 44-4601, 44-4603, and 44-4610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to define terms; to change provisions relating to specialty pharmacies and clinician-administered drugs; to prohibit health benefit plans, health carriers, and pharmacy benefit managers from taking certain actions; to authorize a network pharmacy or network pharmacist to decline to provide a drug as prescribed; to change provisions relating to retail pharmacies; to prohibit spread pricing as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB311 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 311. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 75-342, 76-2325.01, 86-111.01, 86-124, 86-704, and 86-1505, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 75-109.01 and 75-311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Telecommunications Exchange

Deregulation Act; to provide certain restrictions on governing entities as prescribed; to change provisions relating to jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission; to change and provide provisions relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity, permits for certain common or contract carriers, medicaid nonemergency medical transportation services and certificates of authority, and certain transportation network companies and participating drivers; to provide duties for the Public Service Commission; to provide penalties for interference with certain facilities of broadband, communications, and wireless infrastructure companies; to redefine terms and change provisions of the Nebraska Telecommunications Regulation Act; to change provisions relating to telecommunications companies and governing entities as prescribed; to change provisions of the Rural Communications Sustainability Act; to eliminate requirements relating to issuance of securities by a common carrier; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 75-148; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB560

Senator Dungan withdrew AM1314, found on page 1338.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to tourism; to amend section 81-3725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to innovative tourism grants; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 640.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to jails; to amend section 47-502, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to a sentence reduction for good behavior during confinement in a jail; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Lonowski* Riepe*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB641 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 641.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the medical assistance program; to amend section 68-919, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to medicaid estate recovery by the Department of Health and Human Services; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB660 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 660. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 72-803, 73-307, 81-1108.15, 81-1701, 82-317, 82-318, 82-319, 82-321, 84-906.02, 84-911, and 84-920, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 73-101, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the State Building Construction Alternatives Act and the Secure Drone Purchasing Act; to require agencies to submit a federal funding inventory as prescribed; to change provisions relating to planning, building, construction, and procurement for state buildings; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions related to the acquisition of works of art for state buildings; to change provisions relating to agency rules and regulations; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB704 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 704.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child support; to amend section 43 512.13, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43 512.12, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the review and modification of an incarcerated individual's child support order; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 3:

McKeon* Riepe* Storer*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB398 to Select File

Senator Ballard moved to return LB398 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1464

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Strike section 38 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 38. Section 60-483, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
60-483 (1) The director shall assign a distinguishing number to each operator's license issued and shall keep a record of the same which shall be open to public inspection by any person requesting inspection of such record who qualifies under section 60-2906 or 60-2907. Any person requesting such driver record information shall furnish to the Department of Motor Vehicles (a) verification of identity and purpose that the requester is entitled under section 60-2906 or 60-2907 to disclosure of the personal information in the record, (b) the name of the person whose record is being requested, and (c) when the name alone is insufficient to identify the correct record, the department may request additional identifying information. The department shall, upon request of any requester, furnish a certified abstract of the operating record of any person, in either hard copy or electronically, and shall charge the requester a fee of three dollars per abstract.
(2) The department shall remit any revenue generated under subsections (1) through (5) of this section to the State Treasurer, and except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) of this section, the State Treasurer shall credit forty-one and two-thirds percent to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund, twenty-five percent to the General Fund, and thirty-three and one-third percent to the Records Management Cash Fund.
(3) The director shall, upon receiving a request and an agreement from the United States Selective Service System to comply with requirements of this section, furnish driver record information to the

United States Selective Service System to include the name, post office address, date of birth, sex, and social security number of licensees. The United States Selective Service System shall pay all costs incurred by the department in providing the information but shall not be required to pay any other fee required by law for information. No driver record information shall be furnished to the United States Selective Service System regarding any female, nor regarding any male other than those between the ages of seventeen years and twenty-six years. The information shall only be used in the fulfillment of the required duties of the United States Selective Service System and shall not be furnished to any other person.

(4) The director shall keep a record of all applications for operators' licenses that are disapproved with a brief statement of the reason for disapproval of the application.

(5) The director may establish a monitoring service which provides information on operating records that have changed due to any adjudicated traffic citation or administrative action. The director shall charge a fee of fifteen~~six~~ cents per operating record searched pursuant to this section and the fee provided in subsection (1) of this section for each abstract returned as a result of the search. For each fifteen-cent fee charged, the State Treasurer shall credit nine cents to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and six cents as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(6) Driver record header information, including name, license number, date of birth, address, and physical description, from every driver record maintained by the department may be made available so long as the Uniform Motor Vehicle Records Disclosure Act is not violated. Monthly updates, including all new records, may also be made available. There shall be a fee of thirty~~eighteen~~ dollars per thousand records. All fees collected pursuant to this subsection shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

(7) The department may enter into a reciprocity agreement with a foreign country to provide for the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a valid operator's license issued by this state or the foreign country if the department determines that the licensing standards of the foreign country are comparable to those of this state. Any such agreement entered into by the department shall not include the mutual recognition and reciprocal exchange of a commercial driver's license.

(8)(a) For~~(8) Beginning July 1, 2021, for~~ any record provided pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the requester shall be required to pay, in addition to the fee prescribed in such subsection, the following~~a~~ fee ~~of four dollars and fifty cents~~ per record:~~.~~

(i) For requests made prior to July 1, 2025, four dollars and fifty cents;

(ii) For requests made beginning on July 1, 2025, and prior to July 1, 2029, twelve dollars; and

(iii) For requests made beginning on July 1, 2029, four dollars and fifty cents.

(b) The department shall remit all fees paid under this subsection to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit~~Fifty cents shall be credited to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and~~ four dollars of the fee for each record~~shall be credited~~ to the Operator's License Services System Replacement and Maintenance Fund and the remainder of each such fee to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund.

The Ballard motion to return prevailed with 31 ayes, 10 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. The Ballard specific amendment, AM1464, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 29 ayes, 12 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

MOTION(S) - Return LB192 to Select File

Senator Andersen moved to return LB192 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1225

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. On page 6, after line 29, insert the following new subsections:
"(5) Unless expressly required by federal law, the department shall not seek, apply for, accept, or renew a waiver of any work requirement established by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, except that the department may exercise the state's option to provide an exemption from the work requirement under 7 U.S.C. 2015(o)(6), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.
(6) The department may, at its discretion, exercise its authority under 7 U.S.C. 2015(d), as such section existed on January 1, 2025, to require individuals, unless specifically exempted by federal regulations or law, to participate in an employment and training program as defined in 7 U.S.C. 2015(d)(4), as such section existed on January 1, 2025.".

The Andersen motion to return prevailed with 26 ayes, 16 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. The Andersen specific amendment, AM1225, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 28 ayes, 14 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER87

1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 4 and insert "revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-4403, 77-4404, 77-4405, 77-4406, 77-4410, 77-4412, 77-4413, and 77-4414, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST34
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. Due to the adoption of the Jacobson amendment, FA201, in the Standing Committee amendment, AM750, on page 5, line 16, the underscored comma has been struck.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1440 is available in the Bill Room.

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 77, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 644, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM1449

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:
Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.
(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.
(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the

citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.
(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.
(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.
(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.
(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.
(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB261:
AM1461 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB504A:
FA235
Strike the enacting clause

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB415:
FA236
Strike Section 2, paragraph (7).

FA237
Strike the added language on page 1, lines 8-9.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM1469

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Strike section 4 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. Section 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436, is amended to read:
Sec. 8. (1) The Commissioner of Labor shall issue a citation to an employer when an investigation reveals that the employer may have violated the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act.

(2) When a citation is issued, the commissioner shall notify the employer of the proposed administrative penalty, if any, by certified mail, by any other manner of delivery by which the United States Postal Service can verify delivery, or by any method of service recognized under Chapter 25, article 5. The administrative penalty shall not be more than five hundred dollars in the case of a first violation and not more than five thousand dollars in the case of a second or subsequent violation.

(3) The employer has fifteen working days after the date of the citation or penalty to contest such citation or penalty. Notice of contest shall be sent to the commissioner who shall provide a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(4) Any employer who has an unpaid citation for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act shall be barred from contracting with the state or any political subdivision until such citation is paid. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be considered an unpaid citation under this subsection until after such contest has been resolved.

(5) Citations issued under this section and the names of employers who have been issued a citation shall be made available to the public upon request, except that this subsection shall not apply to any citations that are being contested as described in subsection (3) of this section.

(6) An employee having a claim for a violation of the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act may institute suit for legal and equitable relief in the proper court. In any action brought to enforce the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act, the court shall have jurisdiction to grant such legal or equitable relief as the court deems appropriate to effectuate the purposes of the act. If an employee establishes a claim and secures judgment on the claim, such employee shall also be entitled to recover the full amount of the judgment and all costs of such suit, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(7) If an employee institutes suit against an employer under subsection (6) of this section, any citation that is issued against an employer under subsection (1) of this section and that relates directly to the facts in dispute shall be admitted into evidence unless specifically excluded by the court. If a citation has been contested as described in subsection (3) of this section, it shall not be admitted into evidence under this subsection until such contest has been resolved.

(8) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no later than one~~four~~ calendar year~~years~~ after the cause of action accrues.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following motion to LB258:
MO256
Reconsider the vote taken on LB258.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 196. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to study truancy in Nebraska schools.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 197. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine violence in behavioral health settings.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 198. Introduced by Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the process of creating the Technology Committee of the Legislature as a new standing committee and combining the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature and the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 199. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the causes of recent increases to homeowner's insurance premiums and to determine possible public policy options that the Legislature could utilize to address the increase in homeowner's insurance premiums.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Analyzing the recent history of homeowner's insurance premiums in the Nebraska marketplace;

(2) Examining the availability of homeowner's insurance in Nebraska and the number of homeowner's insurance companies in Nebraska;

(3) Examining the utilization of replacement cost policies versus actual cash value policies in Nebraska;

(4) Considering legislative actions in other states that address the cost and availability of insurance;

(5) Considering policy options to encourage the utilization of storm-resistant materials in home construction and repair;

(6) Examining the role of post assignment of rights and benefits of a homeowner policy by residential contractors, including the prevalence of such assignments in compliance with the Insured Homeowners Protection Act;

(7) Examining the number of judicial cases and costs in Nebraska involving residential contractors' causes of action against property and casualty insurance companies; and

(8) Determining the role and cost of insurance fraud in the repair of residential real estate, including the unlawful rebating of deductibles.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 200. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of increasing insurance costs on Nebraska homeowners and businesses and explore programs or policies that could be implemented by the Legislature to encourage, provide, or supplement property insurance coverage access.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining the historical and forecasted premium costs for property insurance in Nebraska;

(2) Examining the historical and forecasted number of uninsured or underinsured properties in Nebraska;

(3) Analyzing causes and trends that influence the ability of property owners to access affordable property insurance coverage;

(4) Examining policies and programs, including Fair Access to Insurance Requirements Plans and incentive programs, deployed in other states to

improve access to residual property insurance and the nuances and merits of such policies and plans; and

(5) Reviewing proposed policies or programs related to residual property insurance coverage that may be appropriate to implement in Nebraska.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 201. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the rates, revenues, and uses of the documentary stamp tax. The study shall assess potential increases to the documentary stamp tax for housing purposes and the placement of restrictions on the use of the tax revenue for purposes other than housing. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) A review of current revenues and uses of the documentary stamp tax;

(2) A review of any legislation introduced or passed by the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, that would change the tax;

(3) The proposed uses of the revenue; and

(4) The impact any increase in the tax would have on the cost of housing.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 202. Introduced by Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore a landscape analysis of the various higher education teacher preparation programs around the state, campus by campus, to see how future teachers are being prepared to teach literacy.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 133e, 140e, 230e, 230Ae, 287e, 332e, 561e, 78, 78A, 257, 323, 453, 474, 526, 559, 667, 246, 319, 364, 383, 399, 696, 32, 36, 36A, 80, 80A, 166, 198, 311e, 560, 640, 641, 660e, and 704.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Senator Kauth asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM1024, found on page 1087, and replace it with the Riepe substitute amendment, AM1138, found on page 1172. No objections. So ordered.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 11 nays, and 15 not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to cease debate prevailed with 27 ayes, 3 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 34 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA118, found on page 1171.

Senator Dungan withdrew FA119, found on page 1171.

Senator Conrad offered FA120, found on page 1171.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered FA121, found on page 1171.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered FA122, found on page 1172.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment:
FA239
Strike Section 1.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the Dungan amendment:
FA240
Strike "1" and replace with "2" in FA239.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO257
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO258
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 not voting.

Senator Kauth requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on her motion to invoke cloture.

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 14 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 13 ayes, 33 nays, and 3 present and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the Dungan amendment, lost with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Dungan amendment lost with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 15 nays, and 1 present and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB89:
FA241
Strike Section 2.

Senator Murman filed the following amendment to LB306:
FA238
In AM1440, Strike Section 1.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 14, 2025, at 4:46 p.m. were the following: LBs 133e, 140e, 230e, 230Ae, 287e, 332e, 561e, 78, 78A, 257, 323, 453, 474, 526, 559, 667, 246, 319, 364, 383, 399, 696, 32, 36, 36A, 80, 80A, 166, 198, 311e, 560, 640, 641, 660e, and 704.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 215A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 203. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Prokop, 27; Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the existing passenger rail infrastructure in Nebraska and gather feedback from the public to inform future legislation. In recent years, interest in rail transit and public transportation has grown in Nebraska, especially among young professionals. In addition to retaining Nebraska's homegrown talent and meeting the needs of a growing workforce, passenger rail projects are major development opportunities that drive large public and private investment.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining existing and historic passenger rail infrastructure in Nebraska;

(2) Examining plans by Amtrak for services relevant to Nebraska in the future and steps Nebraska has taken to participate in those plans;

(3) Examining public opinion on rail transit in Nebraska, which includes comments from public meetings hosted across the state. Public meetings may be held in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, and Columbus, in addition to other locations; and

(4) Considering actions needed by the Legislature to advance passenger rail planning in Nebraska, including directing the Department of Transportation.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 204. Introduced by Juarez, 5; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the causes of burnout in kindergarten through twelfth grade teachers and its impact on teachers and students. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following factors: Educational mandates, administrative burdens, classroom discipline issues, educational funding, emotional demands, workloads, safety issues, salaries, and staff shortages. The study shall also examine what the state can do to mitigate teacher burnout and incentivize retention.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 205. Introduced by Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine barriers to and benefits of data sharing between the State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of the Early Childhood Integrated Data System.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Describing the Early Childhood Integrated Data System as it currently exists and the historical context for its development;

(2) Examining the use of the Early Childhood Integrated Data System to maximize efficiencies for participating state agencies to meet legislatively mandated reporting requirements, providing accountability for public dollars, and supporting parental choice in early childhood settings;

(3) Analyzing the statutory barriers to interagency data sharing and potential solutions;

(4) Examining data privacy procedures and data access rules maintained in the Early Childhood Integrated Data System;

(5) Analyzing the infrastructure necessary to improve the Early Childhood Integrated Data System, including funding; and

(6) Reviewing early childhood integrated data systems in other states.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 206. Introduced by Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the initiative and referendum petition processes in the twenty-six states in which such a process exists. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Recent proposed statutory or constitutional changes to initiative and referendum petition processes, including changes to signature requirements, circulation periods, initiative content, circulator requirements, signer requirements, petition requirements, ballot language, election requirements, withdrawing signatures, and campaign finance requirements;

(2) Whether all Nebraskans, including individuals in low-population areas, are fairly and properly represented in the initiative petition process; and

(3) Spending on initiative petition measures in Nebraska over the last fifteen years, including names of funding entities, dollar amounts, and where such entities are located.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from McPhee Elementary, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. John Jacobsen, Kearney.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:48 p.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 15, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ben Holdren, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Seward.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Holdcroft.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Dover, Guereca, Hansen, Hunt, Juarez, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

On page 1493, line 30, after "constitutional" and before "majority", insert "two-thirds".
The Journal for the seventy-ninth day was approved as corrected.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 14, 2025

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

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

With this letter, I am returning LB 319 without my signature and with my objections. Under federal law, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) bans individuals with felony drug convictions from receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Federal law also allows states to modify or remove the ban by enacting legislation.

Nebraska already has a modified ban where individuals are eligible for SNAP provided they 1) have less than three felony convictions for the use or possession of a controlled substance, and 2) have completed or are participating in a state-licensed or nationally accredited treatment program after the date of their conviction. Individuals with three or more such felony convictions, as well as those convicted of the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, are ineligible for SNAP benefits. Further, other members of a household may still be eligible for SNAP benefits even if an individual household member is deemed ineligible.

LB 319 would further expand SNAP eligibility to convicted drug dealers and remove the requirement of substance abuse treatment for individuals with one or two felony convictions for possession or use of a controlled substance. It also contains loopholes that could allow habitual offenders with three or more felony convictions to evade the requirement of substance abuse treatment.

Individuals that distribute or sell illicit drugs should not be entitled to tax-payer-funded benefits. And illegal drug users should be required to complete treatment before they receive their third felony conviction.

It is for these reasons that I have decided to veto LB 319.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 207. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine Nebraska's protection order statutes. Of particular concern is a review of the history of the development of the protection order statutes and consideration for how such statutes are being utilized. The study may also consider whether protection orders issued pursuant to statute can or should be issued for the benefit of or against juveniles in the state. The study should consider data and statistics about protection order filings, the type and number of requests for protection orders made, and potential testimony from individuals with experience navigating or administering the process to be granted a protection order.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 208. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of mobile services on the delivery of health care services. This study will examine the various ways of providing medical and dental services, the advantages of and opportunities for improvement, the historical background and reasons for these new technologies, legislation from other states impacting these areas, and the costs and benefits of using new technologies for medical services.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Telehealth;
(2) Mobile imaging;
(3) Mobile clinicians;
(4) Mobile clinics;
(5) Mobile dentistry; and
(6) Other medical services provided by new technologies.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 209. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the funding sources of skilled nursing facilities throughout Nebraska. This study will examine the funding sources, organizations involved with skilled nursing facilities, and current laws that impact this process.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The amount of medicaid reimbursement for skilled nursing facilities;
(2) The role of other organizations involved with skilled nursing facility care;
(3) The current impact of the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act and any other related statutes; and
(4) A breakdown of funding for patient services and costs of other organizations involved with skilled nursing care.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 210. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and compare how health information exchanges work in other states.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:
(1) The role of third parties;
(2) Auditing processes used by other state auditors or federal auditors;
(3) Whether any fees are charged;
(4) Data sharing with the federal government;
(5) Historical background;
(6) Other states' legislation; and
(7) Privacy issues.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Rountree filed the following motion to LB319:
MO259
That the bill becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of May 14, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Owen, Anthony
Code.org (Withdrawn 05/14/2025)

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB170:
AM1406 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 211. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the InternNE program.

This study shall examine the InternNE program in order to evaluate its effectiveness in retaining students in the State of Nebraska, assess its contribution to workforce development, and analyze its impact on addressing the brain drain phenomenon affecting the state. The study shall also include, but not be limited to, an evaluation of similar talent attraction and retention programs existing in other states, availability of adequate programming and partnership opportunities with institutions of higher education across Nebraska, and possible future funding mechanisms of a redevelopment program.

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

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 212. Introduced by Lippincott, 34.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the organization of the Rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature rulebook. The study may also examine the charts and graphs in the rulebook and which votes of the Legislature require the majority of elected members or the majority of those voting.

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

1. That a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Rules Committee of the Legislature, shall be designated by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

MOTION(S) - Return LB261 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, AM1461, found on page 1530.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1461, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB261

Senator DeBoer withdrew AM1377, found on page 1421.

MOTION(S) - Return LB261 to Select File

Senator Spivey moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, AM1366, found on page 1421.

Senator Spivey withdrew her motion to return.

The Spivey amendment, AM1366, was not considered.

Senator Spivey moved to return LB261 to Select File for her specific amendment, AM1423, found on page 1421.

Senator Spivey withdrew her motion to return.

The Spivey amendment, AM1423, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB261 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 261. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent; to define terms; to make appropriations for the expenses of Nebraska State Government for the biennium ending June 30, 2027; to appropriate funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, 42 U.S.C. 802, as amended; to appropriate funds for capital construction and property acquisition as prescribed; to require program statements and a

request for funding; to transfer funds; to provide duties; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

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

Voting in the negative, 11:

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

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1468

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)
1 1. Strike sections 71, 72, 73, 87, 120, 142, 143, 153, and 199.
2 2. On page 106, lines 27 and 28, strike "forty-seven million" and
3 insert "forty-nine million four hundred thousand".
4 3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references
5 and the repealer accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1468, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB264

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew FA213, found on page 1432.

Senator DeBoer withdrew AM1390, found on page 1431.
Senator Holdcroft withdrew FA209, found on page 1431.
Senator Conrad withdrew AM1399, found on page 1432.
Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew FA224, found on page 1433.
Senator Raybould withdrew AM1433, found on page 1432.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA223, found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA223, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB264

Senator Spivey withdrew FA203, found on page 1433.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA225, found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA225, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA226, found on page 1433.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA226, was not considered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB264

Senator Raybould withdrew AM1420, found on page 1432.

MOTION(S) - Return LB264 to Select File

Senator McKinney moved to return LB264 to Select File for his specific amendment, FA205, found on page 1431.

The McKinney motion to return failed with 10 ayes, 31 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, FA205, was not considered.

Senator McKinney moved to return LB264 to Select File for his specific amendment, FA206, found on page 1431.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to return.

The McKinney motion to return failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The McKinney amendment, FA206, was not considered.

Senator Conrad moved to return LB264 to Select File for her specific amendment, AM1400, found on page 1432.

Senator Conrad withdrew her motion to return.

The Conrad amendment, AM1400, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB264 with 44 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 264. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 2-1577, 37-351, 39-2803, 39-2807, 48-1,116, 48-3405, 50-501, 57-1411, 60-3,201, 71-7608, 72-2401, 76-3219, 77-2911, 77-4310.03, 79-810, 79-1064, 79-1119, 79-1142, 79-1145, 79-2510, 79-3501, 81-179, 81-302, 81-407, 81-8,239.02, 81-1210.04, 81-1211, 81-1213.02, 81-1213.05, 81-1216, 81-12,174, 81-12,176, 81-12,177, 81-12,178, 81-12,182, 81-12,183, 81-12,184, 81-12,185, 81-12,186, 81-12,187, 81-12,189, 81-12,191, 81-12,193, 81-12,224, 81-12,238, 81-12,243, 81-12,245, 81-1329, 81-1558, 81-15,174, 81-15,300, 81-2004.07, 81-2004.08, 82-139, 83-973, 84-612, 84-622, 85-1643, 85-1654, 85-2009, 86-324, and 86-1028, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 8-604, 9-1,101, 9-1107, 13-3315, 37-1017, 37-1804, 39-1390, 39-2806, 46-1,164, 55-901, 60-3,201.01, 60-1505, 60-1513, 61-218, 61-222, 61-305, 61-405, 66-2308, 68-996, 68-1010, 69-1317, 71-5328, 71-7611, 72-232.02, 72-820, 72-1001, 72-2211, 75-1101, 77-4025, and 77-6841, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for, change, and eliminate provisions relating to investment earnings, transfers, and uses of funds; to change provisions relating to the Mayhew Cabin, the Ferguson House, expenses for special education programs and support services, and the Nebraska Transformational Projects

Act; to provide for termination of the Economic Opportunity Program, the Biotechnology Development Cash Fund, and a pilot program regarding patients with complex health needs; to eliminate the Customized Job Training Act, the Small Business Assistance Act, and provisions relating to the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act and funds for broadband infrastructure projects; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 81-829.10, 81-1214, 81-1215, 81-1217, 81-1218, 81-1219, 81-12,232, 81-12,233, 81-12,234, 81-12,235, 81-12,236, 81-12,237, and 81-12,244, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 15, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 32, 230e, 230Ae, 323, 560, 561e, 640, 667, and 696 were received in my office on May 14, 2025, and signed on May 15, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 15, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677A. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 677, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 213. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the connection between neighborhood-level investment and youth outcomes, including, but not limited to, educational attainment, youth violence, and long-term well-being. This study will evaluate how housing conditions, safety, and neighborhood stability influence youth outcomes and will explore place-based solutions to address neighborhood disparities and promote youth success.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 214. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore systemic and logistical barriers that prevent meaningful civic participation among residents in high-poverty and marginalized

communities in Nebraska. These barriers include, but are not limited to, language access, limited transportation options, lack of child care, insufficient knowledge of civic processes, and historic disenfranchisement. The study will evaluate how state and local systems can be restructured or supported to ensure equitable access to civic engagement and participation in democratic institutions.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 215. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to evaluate the feasibility and benefits of developing a neighborhood-level data infrastructure framework for Nebraska, similar to the National Neighborhood Indicators Partnership model, to provide access to data, including, but not limited to, localized data on housing, health, education, and environment. This study will examine best practices, necessary infrastructure, potential partnerships, and governance models for building a sustainable data ecosystem to support equitable community development.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 216. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current caseload of child welfare social workers working in the various districts across the state. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) A determination of whether Nebraska caseloads are in compliance with statutory requirements;

(2) How Nebraska caseloads compare to national best practices;

(3) A determination of the number of caseworkers that children in Nebraska are assigned during their time in foster care and how that number effects case plan development and implementation;

(4) An exploration of ways to reduce turnover in caseworker positions;

(5) An examination as to whether current training is appropriately preparing new caseworkers; and

(6) Other items relevant to the analysis of the appropriate level of social worker caseloads.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 217. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current fee structure for reports and filings submitted to the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The study shall include the following: Gauging the appropriateness of fees for covering associated administrative costs and effectiveness for compliance with the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, determining if further flexibility in setting fees and penalties is needed by the commission, and other pertinent items as needed.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 218. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Hughes, 24.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the public health and community impact of skilled gaming machines in Nebraska.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Mapping the prevalence, placement, and geographic density of skilled gaming machines across Nebraska;

(2) Studying the impact of such machines on addiction services, financial hardship, and public health;

(3) Reviewing the legal and regulatory framework governing skilled gaming machines compared to other forms of gambling;

(4) Comparing the state revenue generated by skilled gaming machines versus money spent on services provided by the state, including gambling and financial counseling;

(5) Reviewing the effect of skilled gaming machines on neighborhood safety, crime patterns, and local economic activity; and

(6) Researching the extent to which these devices are marketed or accessed by vulnerable populations.

In conducting this interim study, the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with relevant agencies, law enforcement, subject matter experts, addiction specialists, gaming regulators, directly impacted individuals, community organizations, and other relevant partners.

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

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 219. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine nonopioid pharmacological treatment options in medicaid, evaluate opportunities and barriers to accessing nonopioid pharmacological treatment options within medicaid programs, evaluate initiatives to promote nonopioid pain management within medicaid, evaluate the benefits and risks involving the use of opioids, and investigate potential cost savings in medicaid through the use of nonopioid pharmacological treatment options due to reduction in opioid addiction and death.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 220. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the adequacy of funding and resources available to Level 3 Special Education Contractual Services for children. Children and students receiving Level 3 care require the highest level of intervention and support due to the severity of their behavioral or emotional challenges. Level 3 care providers offer specialized and intensive care for children exhibiting significant behavioral issues, such as aggression, self-harm, severe defiance, and disruptions to their living environments. The effectiveness of Level 3 care is directly influenced by staffing levels, access to therapeutic services, facility safety and structure, and the implementation of innovative care models tailored to the unique needs of residents. Additional resources may be necessary to enhance staffing, expand therapeutic services, improve facility infrastructure, and support program evaluation to better address the needs of children in Level 3 care. Ensuring transparency and evaluating effectiveness of such resources is critical to determining their impact and justifying future needs.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Assessing current funding levels and their utilization by Level 3 care providers;

(2) Evaluating the adequacy of staffing levels, including staff-to-student ratios and training programs for managing severe behavioral challenges;

(3) Analyzing the availability and quality of therapeutic services, such as individualized and group counseling, trauma-informed care, and crisis intervention strategies;

(4) Examining the state of facility infrastructure, including safety features and therapeutic environments;

(5) Reviewing existing program development efforts and their outcomes; and

(6) Identifying potential funding gaps and recommending strategies to ensure adequate support for these facilities.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 221. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the barriers to access to dental services for Nebraskans. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) How to assure all Nebraska residents have affordable access to dental care with a dental home, particularly those that qualify for medicaid;

(2) How to address the lack of dentists and dental hygienists in dental shortage areas;

(3) How to create a dental medicaid program that is sustainable;

(4) How to reduce the number of people seeking relief from dental pain in the emergency room of a hospital;

(5) How to invest in public health dental infrastructure, including, but not limited to, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Office of Oral Health and Dentistry, federally qualified health centers, and local public health departments, to help prevent dental problems and disease; and

(6) How the state might invest in urgent care dental clinics within Nebraska's dental schools to provide acute care and deter people from using emergency rooms for dental issues.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees, state agencies, the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, the Creighton University School of Dentistry, the Nebraska Dental Association, and other appropriate stakeholders, as well as create a work group, conduct meetings, and make site visits.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 222. Introduced by Urban Affairs Committee: McKinney, 11, Chairperson; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Quick, 35; Rountree, 3; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to investigate the prevalence of bed bugs in public housing located within cities of the metropolitan class. The study shall look into the various parties affected by the presence of bed bugs in an urban setting, including public housing stakeholders, public health entities, and other community organizations.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 223. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine any issues within the jurisdiction of the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature that may arise during the interim.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 224. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the effectiveness of programs addressing health-related social needs, which are unmet adverse social conditions that contribute to poor health, including food insecurity, unemployment, and housing instability. This study shall also examine programs that integrate health-related social needs to understand the potential outcomes of adopting a similar program in Nebraska.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining the outcomes of programming that address the health-related social needs of specifically defined populations with high health risk factors, high social risk factors, or both;

(2) Examining the effects on participants' health outcomes, health services utilization, and health care costs; and

(3) Examining outcomes in programs implemented in other states under medicaid and results of research studies of private programs.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 225. Introduced by Dungan, 26; Cavanaugh, J., 9.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the need and implementation of a Green Amendment in Nebraska and the implications of adopting Legislative Resolution 22CA, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 226. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the implementation of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Determining the status of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission's criteria to accept or deny applications for registration, including adopting, promulgating, and enforcing reasonable rules, regulations, and eligibility standards for such registrations;

(2) Determining the status of grants or denials of registrations to applicants for registered cannabis establishments under the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act;

(3) Receiving an update on the status of the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission; and

(4) Receiving input from medical professionals, patients, and caregivers on the status and accessibility of medical cannabis in Nebraska.

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

1. That the General Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 227. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20; Hansen, 16; McKinney, 11; Sanders, 45.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the recommendations presented to the Legislative Mental Health Care Capacity Strategic Planning Committee in the report the committee received in November 2024 from a consultant hired pursuant to section 50-702. The study shall include, but not be limited to, examining the recommendations of the consultant.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with stakeholders, including affected state agencies, law enforcement, defense attorneys, mental health professionals, and other organizations which promote mental and behavioral health.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 228. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Dungan, 26.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine and assess the adequacy of compensation for higher education faculty who primarily engage in classroom instruction within Nebraska's public institutions. This study will identify disparities, analyze competitive salary structures, and explore potential policy solutions to ensure faculty members receive fair and competitive compensation. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) A review of current salary levels and compensation structures for faculty in Nebraska's public higher education institutions;

(2) A comparison of Nebraska's public higher education faculty salaries with those at peer institutions in surrounding states;

(3) An examination of salary disparities across disciplines and the impact of those disparities on recruitment and retention;

(4) An analysis of the impact of faculty compensation on student outcomes, including retention and graduation rates;

(5) A review of potential funding mechanisms or policy changes to enhance faculty compensation in a sustainable manner; and

(6) Consideration of alternative compensation models, including cost-of-living increases, performance-based pay, benefits enhancements, and other incentives.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the University of Nebraska, state colleges, community colleges, faculty organizations, faculty members, administrators, students, policy experts, other relevant entities, and stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 229. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and potential changes to the act that would not include an unfunded mandate and would better serve the needs of Nebraska's paid and volunteer firefighters. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of legislation in other states with benefits similar to the Firefighter Cancer Benefits Act and how that legislation has been incentivized and implemented in those states, if it includes benefits for volunteer firefighters, and how those benefits are funded.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 230. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Hallstrom, 1; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34;

McKeon, 41; Murman, 38; Quick, 35; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine options for allowing retired teachers to return to intermittent work at a school for more than eight days per month during their bona fide one hundred eighty-day separation period from their employer.

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

1. That the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 231. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine access to dental care and explore strategies to improve oral health in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining access to dental care and the availability of oral health services in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska;

(2) Gathering information on the distribution of dental providers across the state, the barriers to care, including affordability and transportation, the availability of preventive and emergency dental services, and the impact of current medicaid and insurance coverage policies on access to treatment;

(3) Examining workforce issues, including recruitment and retention of dental professionals in underserved communities, and assessing the effectiveness of existing programs and potential policy solutions to improve oral health outcomes and reduce disparities in dental care access; and

(4) Exploring legislative solutions that can strengthen dental health infrastructure and service delivery in high-need areas.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 232. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine regulatory restrictions and opportunities in medical education in order to strengthen the medical workforce in rural and other underserved areas of Nebraska.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining regulatory restrictions and opportunities in medical education and how regulatory frameworks impact the training, placement, and long-term retention of medical professionals in rural areas and other underserved areas;

(2) Gathering and analyzing information related to accreditation standards, licensure processes, clinical training requirements, and the distribution and availability of clinical training sites across the state;

(3) Identifying specific barriers that discourage or prevent medical professionals from practicing in these communities and explore policy options, including educational incentives, financial supports, and targeted reforms, to enhance access to medical education and health care services; and

(4) Exploring legislative solutions that can improve the pipeline of health care providers serving Nebraska's rural and underserved populations.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 233. Introduced by Quick, 35; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Fredrickson, 20; Lonowski, 33; Riepe, 12.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine issues relating to state agency guidance documents, rules, and regulations. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The process used by state agencies to issue guidance documents under section 84-901.03 and the opportunity for public involvement and stakeholder input before the issuance of such guidance documents;

(2) The difference in purpose and effect between guidance documents and rules and regulations; and

(3) Whether guidance documents issued by state agencies have imposed greater burdens on Nebraska nonprofits and businesses than required under federal law or federal regulation.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 234. Introduced by Storm, 23; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43; Strommen, 47.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the impact of the net-zero plans and goals of public power utilities.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating the impact of net-zero plans and goals on customer's rates;

(2) Evaluating the true costs of net-zero plans and goals;

(3) Evaluating state and federal laws and regulations prompting public power utilities to pursue net-zero plans and goals;

(4) Determining the reliability, resiliency, and affordability impacts due to the pursuit of net-zero plans and goals;

(5) Evaluating the impact of net-zero plans and goals on employment at baseload generation facilities from inception until full implementation; and

(6) Determining economic impact of baseload generation facility closures on local economies where these facilities are located.

In conducting this interim study, the Natural Resources Committee may confer with state agencies, other standing committees of the Legislature, and relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, representatives from the public power utilities, the Southwest Power Pool, economic development community, and local municipalities.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 235. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Brandt, 32; Clouse, 37; DeKay, 40; Ibach, 44; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the approval process, personnel involved, and costs associated with controlled burn permits. The study shall include, but not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) The timings and locations of controlled burns;

(2) Prior complications with controlled burns and their impact on affected citizens;

(3) Weather conditions, dates, and safety precautions prior to controlled burns;

(4) Regulations for public versus private burns;

(5) The long-term environmental goals of controlled burns;

(6) Current statutes relating to burns;

(7) Regulations for firebreaks, necessary equipment for safe burns, and equipment sourcing; and

(8) The impact of controlled burns on the natural ecosystem.

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

1. That the Natural Resources Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 236. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Fredrickson, 20; Hardin, 48; Lonowski, 33.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to explore the impact of genetic testing and its utilization within the life insurance industry, the effects of such testing in other states, and the role of insurance companies in this context.

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

1. That the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 237. Introduced by Wordekemper, 15; Hardin, 48; Lonowski, 33; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the data collection and reporting structure for emergency medical services data.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Determining what data is collected, who collects the data, where the data is used, and when the data is reported;

(2) Examining if the data effectively informs lawmakers' decisions; and

(3) Examining what the level of burden the data collection process places on the emergency medical services workforce.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 238. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine the quality of patient services at abortion clinics in Nebraska and the nature and quality of state oversight of those clinics.

The interim study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of:

(1) Compliance with state law;

(2) Physician qualifications, licensing for abortion services, and the qualifications for prescribing medications in Nebraska; and

(3) Compliance with medical ethics, best practices, and hygienic conditions.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, legislative divisions, state agencies, and other relevant stakeholders.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 239. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the status and impact of food access in urban qualified census tracts, with a focus on access to fresh, nutritious food.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating various ways to improve fresh food access in urban qualified census tracts;

(2) Mapping and reviewing supply ecosystems;

(3) Evaluating the potential role of mobile markets, food hubs, local farmers, co-ops, and community-supported agriculture in strengthening food systems;

(4) Quantifying the impact of food access on public health, educational outcomes, and workforce participation, particularly among children, seniors, and low-income families in urban qualified census tracts;

(5) Reviewing successful program models in other states; and

(6) Identifying potential policy recommendations and opportunities.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state and local agencies, food producers, grocers, food banks, public health officials, community organizations, impacted individuals, and other partners to determine effective policy responses to address improving food access across Nebraska.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 240. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine how the Legislature can take a more coordinated, proactive, and intentional policy role in shaping economic development and innovation across Nebraska since the Covid-19 pandemic.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Identifying key public and private partners who are working towards long term economic development throughout the state;

(2) Identifying current and emerging economic development challenges and opportunities because of the Covid-19 pandemic;

(3) Assessing the impact of federal American Rescue Plan Act funding on past, current, and future economic development;

(4) Providing recommendations for improving policy and coordination across legislative committees and exploring if forming a new legislative committee on economic development is appropriate; and

(5) Exploring strategies to measure and report on the impact of economic development.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with state agencies, economists, business leaders, labor representatives, local governments, community organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that legislative efforts are informed, comprehensive, and align with best practices.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 241. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine child care impacts on certified trade apprentices participation in Nebraska. The study will explore the relationship between affordable and reliable child care and the success of certified apprenticeships in skilled trades and workforce participation.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Evaluating the availability, cost, and geographic distribution of child care options for individuals enrolled in registered apprenticeship programs;

(2) Reviewing the impact of nontraditional or unpredictable work hours on child care accessibility and cost for trade apprentices;

(3) Identifying whether access to child care affects enrollment, retention, and completion rates within apprenticeships particularly for women, racial and ethnic groups, single parents, and low-income families;

(4) Determining the extent to which current state and federal funding streams support or exclude apprentices with dependents from accessing child care assistance;

(5) Studying successful models or pilot programs in other states or sectors that integrate child care solutions into apprentice programs; and

(6) Providing recommendations for aligning state apprenticeship strategies with broader childcare, workforce, and economic development goals.

In conducting this interim study, the select committee may confer with trade unions, apprenticeship program sponsors, community colleges, employers, parents enrolled in apprenticeships, early childhood education providers, public agencies, and community organizations to assess how childcare access intersects with the state's efforts to grow and diversify its skilled trades workforce.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may designate a select committee of the Legislature, composed of the members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature and the chairperson and vice chairperson of the Business and Labor committee of the Legislature, to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 242. Introduced by Spivey, 13; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the current structure, function, and authority of the Board of Parole.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Exploring the appropriate composition and qualifications of board members to best reflect the expertise needed for parole decisions;

(2) Reviewing the appointment process and length of terms for board members, including accountability and consistency;

(3) Analyzing the criteria and procedures used in parole hearings and decision-making;

(4) Evaluating the administrative independence of the Board of Parole and the board's capacity and staffing to meet the growing demand for parole hearings;

(5) Examining models from other states that have restructured or updated their parole boards to improve outcomes, reduce recidivism, and address racial and socioeconomic disparities in parole decisions; and

(6) Studying how the Board of Parole's decisions impact prison population levels, public safety, and reentry outcomes across Nebraska.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with formerly incarcerated individuals, criminal justice reform advocates, law enforcement representatives, parole officers, victims' advocacy organizations, public officials, and other stakeholders to assess how to align the Board of Parole with best practices.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the job opportunities for people incarcerated with the Department of Correctional Services facilities. This study will evaluate the effectiveness of current landscapes as well as identify opportunities to align policy with best evidence-based practices.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining data on the number of incarcerated people employed in the state correctional system, including the number of positions, the number of hours worked by individuals in these positions, and the conditions of employment;

(2) Examining any differences in employment opportunities for individuals, including their facility, race, age, and gender;

(3) Examining the compensation paid by each of the positions reviewed;

(4) Reviewing the potential for additional employment opportunities, either for the Department of Correctional Services, or for private businesses located in or contracted with a correctional facility;

(5) Examining any contracts with entities for work done by incarcerated people that benefit an outside entity; and

(6) Consulting with various stakeholders to ensure that legislative efforts and recommendations are informed, comprehensive, and in keeping with best evidence-based practices.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 244. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the state of housing for individuals returning home from incarceration in Omaha. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Analyzing Nebraska laws, local zoning ordinances, and housing policies that affect housing for formerly incarcerated individuals;

(2) Reviewing rental practices, parole-related restrictions, family reunification, and housing provider screening procedures that affect people with criminal histories;

(3) Assessing the availability and effectiveness of transitional, permanent, supportive, and affordable housing options in Omaha;

(4) Reviewing of successful housing models and integration into reentry programs from other states and municipalities; and

(5) Evaluating the impact of housing on recidivism, crime rates, and reintegration for returning citizens.

In conducting this interim study, the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature may confer with community leaders, reentry support organizations, housing experts, housing providers, parole officers, public safety officials, system-impacted people, property managers, landlords, state and local agencies, and other relevant partners to determine how to best align Nebraska policy with best practices.

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

1. That the Urban Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 245. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility, accessibility, and potential benefits of licensed freestanding birth centers in Nebraska. This study shall assess how birth centers improve maternal health outcomes, expand access to care, and offer safe, cost-effective alternatives for low-risk pregnancies.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Reviewing Nebraska's current statutes, regulations, and licensure requirements related to the establishment and operation of birth centers;

(2) Reviewing access to perinatal care across Nebraska especially in rural and low-income geographies;

(3) Analyzing and reviewing regulatory models from other states;

(4) Reviewing the impact of birth centers on maternal and child health outcomes, patient satisfaction, and cost of care;

(5) Identifying factors for implementation, including financial, regulatory, and geographic implication; and

(6) Exploring the role of state policy in birth center regulation, access to care, and other health impacts.

In conducting this interim study, the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may confer with families, healthcare providers, public health experts, relevant state agencies, and community organizations to assess the impacts and viability of birth centers as a component of Nebraska's maternal healthcare infrastructure.

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

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 246. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the use of juvenile restrictive housing and room confinement in Nebraska, including its frequency, impact, and alignment with existing state law and evidence-based best practices.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Reviewing Nebraska statutes, regulations, and departmental policies governing the use and oversight of juvenile restrictive housing and room confinement;

(2) Evaluating trends and operational challenges identified in recent annual reports from the office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare;

(3) Researching the psychological and developmental impacts of confinement on youth, particularly vulnerable populations including, but not limited to, those with mental health needs or prior trauma;

(4) Reviewing alternatives to confinement, including evidence-based behavioral interventions, mental health supports, and less restrictive options; and

(5) Analyzing best practices and oversight models from other states that have successfully reduced reliance on restrictive housing; and

(6) Reviewing the data collection practices and structures across youth detention centers and youth rehabilitation and treatment centers on the use of room confinement and restrictive housing.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with youth service agencies, detention facility administrators, state agencies, system-impacted youth, and other partners to ensure that Nebraska policies align with the best interests of involved youth.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 247. Introduced by Spivey, 13.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the continued use of restrictive housing and solitary confinement in Nebraska's correctional facilities, particularly the application to vulnerable populations and compliance with existing state law.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Reviewing Nebraska's current statutes, regulations, and departmental policies regarding restrictive housing and solitary confinement;

(2) Evaluating the frequency, and under what circumstances, vulnerable individuals are placed in restrictive housing;

(3) Assessing compliance with prior legislative reforms and any gaps between the law and current practice; and

(4) Reviewing potential benefits of proposed reforms and best evidence-based practices.

In conducting this interim study, the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature may confer with the Department of Correctional Services, advocacy groups, public health experts, system-impacted individuals, and other stakeholders to develop evidence-based policy recommendations that improve safety and align to evidence-based best practices.

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

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 248. Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine State Capitol building improvements.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining state building codes and whether the State Capitol building environment is a safe and productive workspace;

(2) Exploring the feasibility of improving the lighting system throughout the building;

(3) Examining the ergonomics of chairs, desks, and workstations;

(4) Exploring the feasibility and need for updated restroom sanitation and plumbing devices to protect public health;

(5) Improving the safety of building exits, specifically door spaces and staircases; and

(6) Considering any other health, support, safety, or occupational concerns.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB260 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 260. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 90-562, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; Laws 2023, LB814, section 150; Laws 2024, LB1087A, section 2; Laws 2024, LB1329A, section 6; and Laws 2024, LB1412, sections 53, 69, and 110; to define terms; to provide, change, and eliminate appropriations for operation of state government; to change a transfer of funds; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Murman	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Quick	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bostar	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Brandt	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Moser	Spivey	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Guereca

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 262. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of salaries of members of the Nebraska Legislature and payments to be made as provided by Chapter 68, article 6, for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 9:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Fredrickson*	Juarez	Riepe*
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB263 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 263. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for the payment of the salaries and benefits of certain state officers for FY2025-26 and FY2026-27; to define terms; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	Strommen
Bosn	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Bostar	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	McKinney
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez*	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6 Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Return LB534 to Select File

Senator Hunt moved to return LB534 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1480

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. On page 2, lines 1 and 2; page 3, lines 3 and 4; page 4, lines 3
2 and 4; and page 5, lines 24 and 25, strike ", or so much thereof as may
3 be required,".

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, AM1480, was not considered.

Senator Hunt moved to return LB534 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1481

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. Insert the following new section:
2 Sec. 7. No funds shall be appropriated for future or retroactive
3 claims by the Attorney General for actions filed, litigated, or settled
4 in court, which attempt to or result in an overturning of statutes or
5 initiative laws.
6 2. On page 1, line 4, after the semicolon insert "to prohibit the
7 appropriation of funds as provided;".
8 3. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Hunt withdrew her motion to return.

The Hunt amendment, AM1481, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB534 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 534. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to claims against the state; to appropriate funds for the payment of certain claims; to provide for payment of the claims; to authorize agencies to write off certain claims as prescribed; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB69 with 41 ayes, 0 nays, and 8 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 69.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend sections 81-2601, 81-2602, 81-2603, 81-2604, 81-2606, and 81-2607, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership, purpose, powers, duties, meetings, and reports; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clements	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe
Arch	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

Lippincott* McKeon* Sanders*

Excused and not voting, 1:

DeBoer

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 120.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Operator's License Act; to amend section 60-484.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide an exception for when a digital image may be released; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB385 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 385.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act; to amend section 87-302, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to deceptive trade practices; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to unsworn declarations; to provide for attorneys to make unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury in lieu of sworn declarations; and to provide declaration language.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 614.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cities and villages; to amend sections 16-901 and 17-1001, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to restate exemptions for farm buildings within the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
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Brandt	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 261e, 264e, 260e, 262e, 263e, 534e, 69, 120, 385, 470, and 614.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. ER82, found on page 1454, was offered.

ER82 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. ER81, found on page 1454, was offered.

ER81 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1350

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

Section 1. (1) The School Financing Review Commission is created. The commission shall consist of eighteen members, including:

(a) The Commissioner of Education or a designee of the Commissioner of Education;

(b) The Property Tax Administrator or a designee of the Property Tax Administrator;

(c) One representative of the Governor appointed by the Governor;

(d) Three members of the Legislature, who shall be nonvoting members of the commission, one from each congressional district with no more than two from the same political party and with one being a member of the Education Committee of the Legislature and one being a member of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature;

(e) One member who is a representative of postsecondary education with expertise in school finance;

(f) Four members who are superintendents or school board members representing a Class I, II, or III school district. There shall be at least one member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(f) representing each class of school district. Of the members appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(f), no more than two members shall represent the same class of school district, no more than three members may be superintendents, and no more than three members may be school board members;

(g) One member that is a representative of a Class IV school district and one member that is a representative of a Class V school district. One member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(g) shall be a school board member of the school district being represented and the other member appointed pursuant to this subdivision (1)(g) shall be a school administrator in the other school district being represented; and

(h) Five members appointed from the state at large, which shall include (i) at least one individual having experience in business, (ii) at least one individual having experience in farming, (iii) at least one individual teaching as a certified teacher in a public school, and (iv) two other individuals. Members appointed pursuant to subdivision (i) and

(ii) of this subdivision (1)(h) may be retired.

(2)(a) The members described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council in January of each odd-numbered year for two-year terms, except that the initial members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this act and shall serve until their successors are appointed in January 2027.

(b) The members described in subdivisions (1)(a) through (c) of this section shall serve as ex officio members of the commission.

(3) The members described in subdivisions (1)(e) through (h) of this section shall be appointed by the Governor within thirty days after the effective date of this act. Initial appointees under this subsection shall serve terms as described in subsection (4) of this section. Thereafter, such members shall serve terms of three years, and any vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the vacated term. For purposes of determining term length and expiration of such terms, the initial terms for such members shall begin thirty days after the effective date of this act.

(4)(a) The initial terms for members described in subdivisions (1)(e) through (h) of this section shall be as follows:

(i) The member appointed pursuant to subdivision (1)(e) of this section, one member described in subdivision (1)(g) of this section, and one member described in subdivision (1)(h) of this section shall serve a three-year term;

(ii) Two members described in subdivision (1)(f) of this section, one member described in subdivision (1)(g) of this section, and one member described in subdivision (1)(h) shall serve an initial term of two years; and

(iii) Two members described in subdivision (1)(f) of this section and three members described in subdivision (1)(h) of this section shall serve an initial term of one year.

(b) The Governor shall, upon appointment, designate the initial term for the members appointed subject to subdivision (4)(a) of this section.

(5) If at any point a member no longer meets the qualification for such member's position on the commission, such member shall vacate membership on the commission. Any vacancy in the commission shall be filled in the same manner and same qualification as the original appointment.

(6) A member of the commission appointed pursuant to subsection (3) of this section shall not receive any compensation for services as a member but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred as a member of the commission as provided in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

(7) The Commissioner of Education or the designee of the Commissioner of Education shall be the chairperson of the commission, and the commission shall elect a vice-chairperson from among its members.

(8) The commission shall meet at least four times a year and at least once per calendar quarter.

(9) The State Department of Education may provide staff to assist the commission as needed and requested by the chairperson of the commission in accordance with guidelines developed by the commission. The commission may also obtain assistance from the State Department of Education, the Department of Revenue, and the Legislative Fiscal Analyst in acquiring the data needed to carry out its duties.

(10) For administrative purposes, the commission shall be housed within the State Department of Education.

Sec. 2. (1)(a) The purpose of the School Financing Review Commission is to study and provide advisory recommendations relating to school funding in Nebraska. The commission shall:

(i) Evaluate the school funding formula for education under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act and make recommendations

for adjustments or changes to such formula that may be necessary to help prevent the increase of property taxes;
(ii) Regularly review the resources side of the formula under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
(iii) Regularly review the needs side of the formula under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
(iv) Analyze options for how to minimize the negative impact on schools during times when the state may be unable to fully fund the formula under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
(v) Analyze the impact of funding for education on student achievement and outcomes, focusing on, but not limited to: Access to early childhood education; student attendance; literacy; graduation rate; college-going rate; and postsecondary workforce participation; and
(vi) Analyze the impact of funding for education on issues and resources impacting students with relatively high needs, including, but not limited to, students who live in areas of high concentrations of poverty, students with an individualized education program, and students with limited English proficiency.
(b) The School Financing Review Commission, to the extent it is practical, shall compare findings from subdivision (1)(a) of this section to similar policies from other states.
(2) By December 1, 2025, and by November 1 of each year thereafter, the commission shall prepare and electronically deliver to the Clerk of the Legislature an annual report with the observations and recommendations developed pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.
Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB532:
AM1483
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)
1. On page 2, line 25, strike "five hundred" and insert "two hundred fifty"; in line 27 strike "one thousand" and insert "five hundred"; and in line 30 strike "two thousand five hundred" and insert "one thousand two hundred fifty".

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB353:
AM1475
1. Strike original section 4.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 249. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a ways and means committee to enhance coordination and collaboration between the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, in order to create a more integrated and balanced approach to the state's budgeting process.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining the current roles and responsibilities of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the

Legislature, including areas of jurisdictional overlap and how these affect the efficiency and transparency of the budget process;

(2) Examining the timing and alignment of revenue forecasting and budget setting processes, including the interaction between the Nebraska Economic Forecasting Advisory Board's schedule and the legislative appropriations timeline;

(3) Studying best practices from other states and governmental bodies, particularly those with a functioning ways and means committee or equivalent structures that integrate tax policy, revenue forecasting, and appropriations oversight;

(4) Determining potential duties and scope of a ways and means committee, including recommendations on how such a body could improve coordination, policy alignment, and strategic planning in budget matters;

(5) Examining opportunities to improve procedures related to revenue estimation, budget development, and legislative oversight of appropriations; and

(6) Considering recommendations for a model budget process for the Legislature, including proposed reforms that align with nationally recognized public finance standards and government accountability best practices.

In conducting this interim study, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may confer with legislative staff, policy experts, representatives of the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office, and other stakeholders with relevant expertise in public finance, legislative budgeting, and tax policy.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council may consult with and request the assistance of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature and the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and other legislative committees as appropriate.

The Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall prepare and submit a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature or the Executive Board by December 15, 2025.

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

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the board shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 250. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Hunt, 8; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Wordekemper, 15.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine whether power companies should be exempt from the Secure

Drone Purchasing Act. The study should also include an examination as to whether requirements of the North American Electric Reliability Corporation are sufficient to meet the intent of the Secure Drone Purchasing Act.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 251. Introduced by Guereca, 7.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the adequacy and accessibility of transportation options for people with disabilities in Nebraska and to improve transportation options and address systemic barriers that exist for people with disabilities.

The study shall focus on, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Federal or state legislation, regulations, or policies that address the accessibility and operation of public and private transportation systems for people with disabilities;

(2) The adequacy, consistency, and reliability of public and private transportation systems that serve people with disabilities;

(3) The design and availability of routes and service hours, including time spent in transit;

(4) Funding and finance options that could be used to improve transportation for people with disabilities; and

(5) Laws, regulations, policies, and programs in other states that have improved public and private transportation for people with disabilities.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 252. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29;

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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Erwin H. Schopp, of Plymouth, Nebraska, was captured and died as a prisoner of war during World War II and has since been accounted for on January 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Schopp was a member of Headquarters Battery, 59th Coastal Artillery Regiment during the invasion on the Philippine Islands by the Japanese in December 1941; and

WHEREAS, Schopp was among the thousands of United States and Filipino service members who were then captured and interned at POW camps; and

WHEREAS, Schopp died on January 1, 1943, where he was believed to be held at Cabanatuan POW camp and was buried in the local Cabanatuan Camp Cemetery in Common Grave 822; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency has never stopped looking for fallen military to respect the fallen and their families, friends, and communities.

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

1. That the Legislature thanks Erwin H. Schopp for his service to the United States.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Erwin H. Schopp.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 253. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the county initiative and referendum process as proposed by LB629, One Hundred Ninth Legislature.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 254. Introduced by Clements, 2.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine potential adjustments to the collection of motor vehicle tax, motor vehicle tax distribution schemes, motor vehicle fees, and other revenue sources due to the potential elimination of the Nebraska inheritance tax. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The current motor vehicle tax distribution, motor vehicle fees and distribution, civil fees and other revenue sources;

(2) The potential adjustment to such current revenue sources to provide adequate funds for necessary county government duties and services; and

(3) The potential elimination of unnecessary costly statutory requirements for counties related to motor vehicles.

In conducting this interim study, the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, county officials and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 255. Introduced by Andersen, 49; Bostar, 29; Dungan, 26; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal, constitutional, and administrative implications of adopting Legislative Resolution 12CA, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, as amended by proposed amendment AM1101, which proposes significant reforms to Nebraska's property tax system and underlying constitutional language. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) The fiscal and distributional impacts of capping the annual increase in property taxes levied on any parcel of real property by the allowable growth percentage, defined as the lesser of three percent or the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers;

(2) The legal and constitutional implications of substituting the current uniform and proportional clause of Article VIII, section 1, of the Constitution of Nebraska, with a system that establishes full taxable value

based on the 2025 assessed value or purchase price following a change of ownership;

(3) The practical challenges and administrative viability of implementing a static assessed value system for real property, including mechanisms for adjustment upon sale or new construction;

(4) The impact of such a system on taxpayer equity, particularly among similarly situated properties with different ownership timelines, and the resultant tax disparities;

(5) The implications of the proposed valuation structure on revenue predictability and budgeting processes for schools, counties, municipalities, and other local political subdivisions;

(6) The definition clarity and scope of terms, including, but not limited to, "purchase", "change of ownership", and "new construction", and the exemption for spousal transfers;

(7) The comparative evaluation of similar models in other states, such as California's Proposition 13, Florida's Save Our Homes amendment, and Oklahoma's property tax limitations, and the lessons they may offer for Nebraska;

(8) The potential impact on housing affordability and accessibility for young people, first-time homebuyers, fixed-income homeowners, and individuals attempting to enter the housing market during a period of high home prices and limited supply;

(9) The effects on agricultural producers and rural landowners, particularly regarding the classification, valuation, and long-term tax obligations for farmland and horticultural property; and

(10) Stakeholder concerns and input from assessors, local governments, school districts, taxpayer advocacy organizations, and the Department of Revenue regarding feasibility and unintended consequences.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee may consult with legal experts, tax policy professionals, economists, state agencies, and relevant stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of the proposed reforms.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 256. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the trend of increasing numbers of Nebraska voters who register as nonpartisan and how these voters are currently restricted from fully

participating in partisan primary elections for some statewide, federal, and local offices.

This study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Examining potential legislative reforms to allow fuller access to all registered voters to all elections administered with taxpayer dollars;

(2) Examining the increase in the number of Nebraska voters registered as nonpartisan;

(3) Examining Nebraska's history of openness to nonpartisan access in state and local elections, including the shift to a nonpartisan unicameral legislature;

(4) Considering the impact of elections with closed primaries on political competitiveness;

(5) Determining the public cost of administering closed partisan primary elections; and

(6) Considering potential reforms to provide full and fair ballot access in primary elections to nonpartisan voters.

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

1. That the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 257. Introduced by Bostar, 29.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine foreign and domestic threats to Nebraska agriculture, including foreign influence on the economic stability of the state and its agricultural industries, international policy trends undermining modern agricultural practices, and vulnerabilities of agricultural industries and critical infrastructure to influence from foreign adversaries.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 258. Introduced by Armendariz, 18; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine a philanthropic endowment and location to host a week-long camp for children nine to twelve years of age who live in low-income urban areas in order to give them an opportunity to experience and learn about agriculture and agriculture careers to potentially address workforce issues in rural areas.

The study shall focus on, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) Assessing the educational, workforce, and social benefits of exposing urban youth to agriculture through camp programs;

(2) Identifying successful models of or partnerships with universities, non-profits, or local farms and ranches in Nebraska or other states;

(3) Evaluating options for curriculum development, accessibility, cultural inclusivity, and program delivery;

(4) Determining potential funding sources, including state support, federal grants, or private sector contributions; and

(5) Considering pilot program implementation in urban centers such as Omaha, Lincoln, or Grand Island.

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

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 259. Introduced by Armendariz, 18; Storer, 43.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility, benefits, and framework for establishing a high school agriculture student exchange program within Nebraska modeled after foreign student exchange programs to foster cross-regional learning, cultural exchange, and deeper appreciation for Nebraska's agricultural heritage and rural life.

The study shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

(1) The feasibility and structure of such a program, including exchange duration, school credit recognition, and housing arrangements;

(2) The potential for collaboration with local school districts, the State Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Nebraska, including the state 4-H program, and Future Farmers of America;

(3) The benefits to student participants, host communities, and Nebraska's agricultural education system;

(4) Potential models, including urban-to-rural exchanges within Nebraska, as well as interstate exchanges with other agricultural regions;

(5) Considerations to ensure student participation from low-income urban areas; and

(6) Potential funding sources, including state appropriations, federal grants, and private sponsorships.

In conducting this interim study, the Education Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Education Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 260. Introduced by Dover, 19.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to determine the return on investment per kilowatt hour for businesses that choose to locate and set up their businesses in Nebraska. The study shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of the following:

(1) Real property taxes;

(2) Personal property taxes;

(3) Sales tax based on construction costs, purchase of raw materials and business products, purchases by employees, and sales tax collected on products sold;

(4) Income based on employees;

(5) How the businesses that relocate to Nebraska due to tax treatment impact the return on investment; and

(6) Any other benefits to the state due to both the growth of supply and demand of energy in the State of Nebraska.

This study shall also examine the potential economic offset associated with the buildout of energy infrastructure, including generation and transmission, necessary to supply sufficient kilowattage to users locating in Nebraska, including the same economic factors described herein in addition to the nameplate capacity tax.

In conducting this interim study, the Revenue Committee of the Legislature may confer with other standing committees of the Legislature, state agencies, county officials and employees, and other stakeholders.

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

1. That the Revenue Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 261. Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bostar, 29; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Kauth, 31.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the fiscal impact of unfunded, statutorily mandated tuition and fee waivers on Nebraska's public university, state colleges, community colleges, and the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and to assess the broader implications of these waivers and the lack of corresponding state appropriation funding for the lost tuition and fee revenue on students, institutional budgets, and the state's higher education systems. This study shall include, but need not be limited to, the examination of:

(1) The financial impact of such unfunded, mandated tuition waivers on public higher education institutions;

(2) The long-term sustainability of such waivers;

(3) The degree to which such waivers support Nebraska's strategic workforce development objectives; and

(4) Legislative solutions, including Legislative Bill 307, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and funding mechanisms to ensure that such programs do not unduly burden Nebraska's public universities and colleges.

In conducting this interim study, the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature may create a working group composed of representatives from the University of Nebraska, state colleges, community colleges, the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, the Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System, and other relevant education and legislative stakeholders to identify key issues, gather input from affected parties, and propose potential solutions.

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

1. That the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Conestoga Elementary, Murray; students, teacher, and sponsor from Northeast High School, Lincoln; Students and teachers from Columbian Elementary, Omaha; Johanna Anderson and Evelyn Anderson, Omaha; students from Thedford Elementary, Thedford.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:54 a.m., on a motion by Senator J. Cavanaugh the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Monday, May 19, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator McKeon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Arch, Bostar, DeBoer, Guereca, Hardin, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eightieth day was approved.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 15, 2025, at 1:12 p.m. were the following: LBs 261e, 264e, 260e, 262e, 263e, 534e, 69, 120, 385, 470, and 614.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hunt filed the following amendment to LB353:
AM1476
1 1. On page 2, line 9, after "include" insert "a description of the
2 benefits associated with labor organization membership and".

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170A. Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 170, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 154, 160, 166, 169, and 177 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 154, 160, 166, 169, and 177.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO116, found on page 858, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Brandt opened on his bill, LB170.

Senator M. Cavanaugh opened on her motion, MO116.

Senator Holdcroft 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 36 ayes, 1 nay, and 12 not voting.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

Voting in the affirmative, 4:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Juarez	McKinney

Voting in the negative, 28:

Andersen	Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Murman
Arch	Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	McKeon	Wordekemper
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Meyer	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Moser	

Present and not voting, 13:

Cavanaugh, M.	Prokop	Riepe	Storer	von Gillern
Dungan	Quick	Rountree	Storm	
Fredrickson	Raybould	Spivey	Strommen	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	DeBoer	Guereca	Hunt

The M. Cavanaugh motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 4 ayes, 28 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO260
Reconsider the vote taken on MO116.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

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

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

The Hughes motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 3 nays, and 21 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Juarez	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	

Voting in the negative, 35:

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

Present and not voting, 3:

Prokop	Quick	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	DeBoer	Guereca	Hunt

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 7 ayes, 35 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO114, found on page 858, to bracket until May 30, 2025.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hansen filed the following amendment to LB676:
AM1474 is available in the Bill Room.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Nebraska Retirement Systems

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

Public Employees Retirement Board:
Michael Donley

Aye: 6. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Hardin, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

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

Public Employees Retirement Board:
Brent Larson

Aye: 5. Ballard, Clements, Conrad, Juarez, Sorrentino. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. 1.

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

BILLS ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13A. Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 13, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A. Introduced by Bosn, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 150, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306A. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 306, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Senator Holdcroft announced the General Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 1525 instead of Room 1023.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Holling Heights Elementary, Omaha.

RECESS

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

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Bostar who were excused until he arrived.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 538A. Introduced by Hardin, 48.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 538, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

MOTION(S) - Override Veto on LB319

Senator Rountree offered MO259 found on page 1542, that LB319 becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

Senator Rountree moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 40 ayes, 1 nay, and 8 not voting.

Senator Rountree requested a roll call vote on the motion to override the Governor's veto.

Voting in the affirmative, 24:

Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Raybould
Brandt	Dorn	Hansen	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Hughes	Prokop	Wordekemper
Conrad	Guereca	Hunt	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 24:

Andersen	Clouse	Kauth	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Lippincott	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dover	Lonowski	Riepe	Strommen
Ballard	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders	von Gillern
Clements	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Bostar

Having failed to receive a constitutional three-fifths majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair declared the call raised.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motions to LB306:
MO261
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO262
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO263
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO264
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO265
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO266
Recommit to the Education Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB530:
AM1489 is available in the Bill Room.

BILL ON FIRST READING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. Introduced by Arch, 14.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 21, Legislative Bill 261, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 298, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to change an appropriation; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO114, found on page 858 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until May 30, 2025.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 21 ayes, 8 nays, and 20 not voting.

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 4 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 4:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Juarez	McKinney

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Clements	Fredrickson

The M. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 4 ayes, 32 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST39
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER61:
a. On page 79, line 18, "75" has been struck and "74" inserted;
b. On page 80, line 15, "58-202," has been struck;
c. On page 81, the matter beginning with "the" in line 28 through the second comma in line 30 has been struck; and in line 31 the comma has been struck and "and" inserted; and
d. On page 82, the matter beginning with "2-4201" in line 3 through "2-4246," in line 8 has been struck; and in line 10 "sections 43-1306 and" has been struck and "section" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 415. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST38
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER33, on page 1, the matter beginning with "9-1302," in line 4 through "9-1313," in line 5 has been struck and "9-1104, 9-1110, 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1305, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, 9-1313, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3014," inserted; in line 7 the second occurrence of "; to" has been struck and "and" inserted; in line 8 "of" has been struck and "under" inserted; and in line 9 "define and redefine terms and" has been inserted after the first occurrence of "to".
2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM545, on page 27, the matter beginning with "9-1302," in line 14 through "9-1313," in line 15 has been struck and "9-1104, 9-1110, 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1305, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, 9-1313, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3014," inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST40
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In lieu of the Andersen amendment, AM1205, in the E&R amendments, ER80:
a. On page 34, line 7, "includes unmanned aircraft" has been struck and "does not include unmanned aerial systems" inserted; and lines 8 through 10 have been struck and the following new subdivisions inserted: "(7) Unmanned aerial system means a powered, aerial vehicle that: (a) Does not carry a human operator and is operated without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the aircraft; (b) Uses aerodynamic forces to provide vehicle lift; (c) Can fly autonomously or be piloted remotely; and (d) Can be expendable or recoverable."; and
b. On page 35, line 19, "or" has been inserted after the semicolon; in line 22 "; or" has been struck and an underscored period inserted; and lines 23 through 26 have been struck.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST35
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Sanders amendment, AM1360, on page 2, line 16, an underscored comma has been inserted after "complex".

2. In the E&R amendments, ER70:

a. On page 1, the matter beginning with "Sections" in line 3 through line 9 has been struck and "Sections 23, 24, 30, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 62 of this act become operative on October 1, 2025. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, and 63 of this act become operative on January 1, 2026. Sections 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 34, 36, 37, 38, and 61 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date." inserted; in line 14 "13-3106," has been inserted after "sections"; in line 18 "13-3103," has been inserted after "13-518,"; in line 20 "77-202.01, 77-202.03, 77-202.05," has been inserted after "77-202,"; and in line 23 "to change provisions of the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act;" has been inserted after the second semicolon; and

b. On page 2, line 2, "to change provisions relating to property tax exemptions;" has been inserted after the semicolon.

3. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM994:

a. On page 17, line 9, "36" has been struck and "41" inserted;

b. On page 18, line 7, "40" has been struck and "45" inserted;

c. On page 42, line 2, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

d. On page 66, line 7, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted; in lines 10 and 22 "40" has been struck and "45" inserted; and in line 24 "37" has been struck and "42" inserted;

e. On page 67, line 19, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted and in line 21 "40" has been struck and "45" inserted;

f. On page 69, line 20, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

g. On page 70, lines 8 and 12, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

h. On page 71, line 2, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

i. On page 73, line 9, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted; and in line 10 "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

j. On page 76, line 22, "42" has been struck and "47" inserted;

k. On page 77, line 28, "35" has been struck and "40" has been inserted and "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

l. On page 80, lines 23 and 29, "39" has been struck and "44" inserted; and in line 31 "40" has been struck and "45" inserted;

m. On page 81, lines 2 and 4, "40" has been struck and "45" inserted; and in line 17 "42" has been struck and "47" inserted;

n. On page 82, line 6, "35" has been struck and "40" inserted and "46" has been struck and "51" inserted; in line 19 "49" has been struck and "54" inserted; and in line 21 "50" has been struck and "55" inserted;

o. On page 86, line 13, "48" has been struck and "53" inserted;

p. On page 87, lines 10, 12, and 14, "36" has been struck and "41" inserted; and

q. On page 90, line 15, "sections" has been struck and "section 13-3106, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-3103," inserted; and in line 24 "76-214 and 77-202," has been struck and "76-214, 77-202, 77-202.01, 77-202.03, and 77-202.05," inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Placed on Select File with amendment.

ER89

1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 22
2 and insert "government; to amend sections 28-3,107, 43-512.11, 43-3301,
3 43-3342.04, 68-130, 68-158, 68-909, 68-912, 68-1735.03, 68-1804,
4 69-2409.01, 71-2518, 71-4741, 81-132, 81-638, 81-642, 81-643, 81-645,
5 81-648, 81-649, 81-649.02, 81-664, 81-6,116, 81-1113, 83-102, 83-105,
6 83-4,134.01, and 83-1216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and

sections 38-1130, 38-1208.01, 38-1216, 43-4706, 68-974, 68-995, 68-9,109, 68-1530, 71-509, 71-604.02, 71-2489, and 76-3507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for physicians performing or inducing an abortion, dental hygienists, and the paramedic practice of emergency medical care; to change and eliminate certain reporting requirements regarding licensed dental hygienists, assistance for dependent children, the License Suspension Act, the New Hire Reporting Act, the State Disbursement Unit, child-care institutions providing foster care, amino acid-based elemental formulas, the medical assistance program, program integrity contractors, at-risk managed care service delivery, the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, aging and disability resource centers, the family support program, self-sufficiency contracts, the ICF/DD Reimbursement Protection Fund, utilization controls, a database for firearm purchases, nursing faculty student loans, the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, elevated blood-lead levels in children, hearing screening tests for newborns and infants, mental health first aid, health care facilities, radon measurements, the cancer registry, cancer research expenditures, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, juvenile facilities, and services for persons with developmental disabilities; to change and eliminate requirements relating to certain office space maintained by counties; to change provisions regarding notification of certain test results and affidavits relating to acknowledgement of maternity; to change and eliminate powers and duties of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Director of Motor Vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-3326, 48-2307, 68-1118, 68-1518, 68-1735.02, 68-2004, 71-17,115, 71-3005, 71-8313, 81-650, 81-1139.01, and 81-3133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.".
2. On page 2, strike lines 1 through 24.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendment to LB48:
AM1465

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. (1)(a) The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program in cities of the metropolitan class areas.
(b) The pilot program shall: (i) Operate twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, (ii) be developed in partnership with local grassroots organizations, community stakeholders, and advisors representing youth and families impacted by the juvenile justice system, and (iii) terminate five years after the operative date of this act.
(2) A Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center means a facility designed to provide support, assessment, and intervention services for youth and families involved in, or at risk of, entering the juvenile justice system. The goal of the centers is to offer comprehensive, community-based solutions that address underlying issues contributing to juvenile delinquency, including family dynamics, mental health, substance abuse, and educational challenges.
Sec. 2. The pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this act shall:

(1) Provide comprehensive support resources to prevent youth from entering or escalating within the juvenile justice system;

(2) Minimize individual and community harm by addressing issues before they lead to greater involvement with social services, family services, and adult criminal justice systems; and

(3) Foster community trust and engagement by integrating culturally relevant services delivered by, and for, the communities served.

Sec. 3. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a designation process for family resource and juvenile assessment centers to ensure adherence to high-quality standards in service delivery, staff qualifications, and organizational effectiveness.

(2) A center seeking designation shall complete a comprehensive self-assessment based on the national Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening and Support or a similar benchmark framework and shall submit an application and the self-assessment to the department for review.

(3) The department shall conduct site visits and staff interviews as part of the review process to verify self-assessment findings and confirm compliance with designation standards.

(4) A center that meets the designation criteria will receive official designation. A center that does not meet the designation criteria shall receive feedback and technical assistance so that such center may improve and reapply for designation.

(5) Two centers shall be selected for the pilot program established pursuant to section 1 of this act.

Sec. 4. To receive designation as a family resource and juvenile assessment center under section 3 of this act, an applicant shall meet the following criteria: (1) Offer a range of core services, including parenting support, youth counseling, economic success initiatives, early childhood programs, conflict resolution, mental health services, and substance abuse prevention; (2) employ professionals trained in family support principles, cultural competency, trauma-informed care, and the strengthening families framework; (3) develop partnerships with local grassroots organizations to provide culturally relevant services, outreach, and trust-building within the community; (4) demonstrate a clear, effective organizational framework that supports service delivery, continuous quality improvement, and sustainable operations; and (5) implement data collection processes to assess service impact and outcomes for youth and families, ensuring program adjustments based on feedback.

Sec. 5. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall host multiple community providers, grassroots organizations, and embedded community navigators to assess and serve the immediate and ongoing needs of youth and families.

(2) Each center shall provide assessments and services free of charge to families and maintain active membership in the National Assessment Center Association.

(3) The purpose of the assessment shall be to (a) enable youth and families to discuss a family's unique dynamic, challenges, and goals in a safe, culturally respectful environment, (b) identify the origin of presenting issues and provide comprehensive service referrals in partnership with local organizations and businesses, and (c) engage youth and families in creating tailored action plans for long-term success.

Sec. 6. (1) Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall integrate culturally relevant and trauma-informed services, including (a) tutoring, (b) mentoring from community leaders, including those with lived experience in the justice system, (c) conflict resolution and anger management training, (d) mental health and wellness services provided by culturally sensitive professionals, (e) social skills and job-readiness training, (f) financial literacy programs, (g) youth and family counseling, (h) cognitive behavioral therapy, (i) drug

and substance abuse prevention and intervention, and (j) food and clothing assistance and resource navigation.

(2) Each center shall establish community partnerships to provide apprenticeships, vocational training, and mentorship opportunities with local businesses, trades, and community organizations.

Sec. 7. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall (1) have a youth advisory council and parent advisory board composed of community members to provide ongoing feedback to ensure services remain relevant, effective, and responsive, (2) host regular outreach events, workshops, and open houses in partnership with schools, faith-based groups, and community organizations, to create a bridge for preventive engagement with at-risk youth and their families, and (3) employ individuals with established community ties and lived experience to guide youth and families through available services, act as mentors, and assist with follow-up to ensure sustained engagement.

Sec. 8. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall implement a data collection system to assess program effectiveness, track youth and family outcomes, and incorporate feedback directly from those served. The data collected shall be used to adjust and refine services, with a focus on measuring progress toward keeping youth out of the juvenile justice system and achieving positive life outcomes.

Sec. 9. Each family resource and juvenile assessment center shall offer ongoing support to youth after they complete the initial service period. This support may include alumni mentoring programs, periodic check-ins, or additional family resources as youth transition into adulthood or exit from other systems of care.

Sec. 10. Funding for family resource and juvenile assessment centers shall be allocated to prioritize partnerships with local grassroots organizations and businesses to sustain services and provide direct community investment. Subject to available funds, each designated center shall receive up to five hundred thousand dollars per center annually from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund. If such funds are not available from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund, no General Funds may be used. No more than ten percent of funds appropriated for the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program, up to fifty thousand dollars per year, shall be used to administer the pilot program.

Sec. 11. The Department of Health and Human Services shall conduct an annual evaluation of the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program's impact on youth and family well-being, community trust, and reduction in juvenile justice system involvement to inform future program developments under sections 1 to 11 of this act.

Sec. 12. Section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

68-996 (1) The Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund is created. The fund shall contain money returned to the State Treasurer pursuant to subdivision (3) of section 68-995.

(2) The fund shall first be used to offset any losses under subdivision (2) of section 68-995 and then to provide for (a) services addressing the health needs of adults and children under the Medical Assistance Act, including filling service gaps, (b)~~providing~~ system improvements, (c)~~providing~~ evidence-based early intervention home visitation programs, (d)~~providing~~ medical respite services, (e) translation and interpretation services, (f)~~providing~~ coverage for continuous glucose monitors as described in section 68-911, (g)~~providing~~ other services sustaining access to care, (h) services under the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, (i)~~and providing~~ grants pursuant to the Intergenerational Care Facility Incentive Grant Program, and (j) the Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program as determined by the Legislature. The fund shall only be used for the

purposes described in this section.
(3) Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act. Beginning October 1, 2024, any investment earnings from investment of money in the fund shall be credited to the General Fund.
Sec. 13. This act becomes operative on September 1, 2025.
Sec. 14. Original section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is repealed.
Sec. 15. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB707A:
AM1510
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $164,210 from the General Fund for FY2025-26 and (2) $50,800 from the General Fund for FY2026-27 to the Department of Revenue, for Program 102, to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 707, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.
Total expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems from funds appropriated in this section shall not exceed $37,000 for FY2025-26 or $38,200 for FY2026-27.
Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

COMMUNICATION(S)

May 19, 2025

The Honorable Robert Evnen
Secretary of State
2300 State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Inasmuch as the Legislature did not override the veto by Governor Pillen of LB319, and consistent with our rules, I am delivering the bill for filing in the form prescribed by the Governor.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

BM:jl

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO267
Reconsider the vote taken on MO114.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 15 ayes, 6 nays, and 28 not voting.

The Hallstrom motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 3 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 10:

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

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 3:

DeBoer	Prokop	Quick

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar	Clements	Dover	Fredrickson

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 10 ayes, 32 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO115, found on page 858, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 12 ayes, 8 nays, and 29 not voting.

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 2 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to recommit to committee.

Voting in the affirmative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	Juarez	McKinney

Voting in the negative, 31:

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

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Guereca	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Fredrickson	Prokop	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Dover	Hansen

The M. Cavanaugh motion to recommit to committee failed with 5 ayes, 31 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST41

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

1. On page 1, line 2, "and" has been inserted after the semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192. Placed on Final Reading Second.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. Placed on Final Reading Second.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 422. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 490. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 499. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 558. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER88
1 1. On page 2, line 1, strike "$500,00" and insert "$500,000".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Placed on Select File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1504 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LR86	Urban Affairs
LR96	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR97	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR98	Nebraska Retirement Systems
LR108	Judiciary
LR118	Revenue
LR123	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR124	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR126	Revenue
LR144	Education
LR145	Health and Human Services
LR146	Urban Affairs
LR147	Urban Affairs
LR148	Urban Affairs
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LR150	Urban Affairs
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LR153	Agriculture
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LR156	Judiciary

LR157	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR158	Natural Resources
LR159	Natural Resources
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LR164	Education
LR165	Urban Affairs
LR167	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR168	Agriculture
LR170	Judiciary
LR171	Health and Human Services
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LR178	Agriculture
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LR180	Health and Human Services
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LR195	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR196	Education
LR197	Health and Human Services
LR198	Executive Board
LR199	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR200	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LR201	Revenue
LR202	Education
LR203	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR204	Education
LR205	Education
LR206	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR207	Judiciary
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LR253	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR254	Transportation and Telecommunications
LR255	Revenue
LR256	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LR257	Agriculture
LR258	Agriculture
LR259	Education
LR260	Revenue
LR261	Appropriations

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB532:
AM1482

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. Strike section 13.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Guereca filed the following amendments to LB532:
AM1412

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. On page 3, line 2, strike beginning with "suspend" in line 2 through "months" in line 4 and insert "revoke such license".

AM1413

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. On page 3, strike lines 19 through 30 and insert the following new subdivisions:
"(a) Impose a civil penalty of two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and
(b) Notify any agency which has issued a license to such employer that such agency shall revoke such license. An employer whose license is revoked under this subdivision shall not be eligible to apply for reissuance of such license until five years have elapsed from such revocation.".

AM1415

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. On page 5, line 6, before "The" insert "(1)"; and after line 7 insert the following new subsection:
"(2) Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall terminate on June 1, 2027.".

AM1375

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. On page 1, line 18, strike "twenty-five" and insert "one".

AM1374

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 4. (1) An individual may bring a civil action for appropriate relief against an employer if:
(a) The employer violated section 2 or 3 of this act;
(b) During the period the employer was committing such violation, the individual applied for employment with such employer and was denied employment;
(c) The individual was qualified for such employment; and
(d) The individual received benefits under the Employment Security Law during the same period as such violation.
(2) In an action under this section, appropriate relief includes:
(a) Such preliminary and other equitable or declaratory relief as may be appropriate;
(b) Actual damages; and
(c) Reasonable attorney's fees and other litigation costs reasonably incurred.
(3) A civil action brought under this section shall be commenced no

later than four years after the cause of action accrues.
2. On page 1, line 3; page 4, lines 11, 19, 21, 24, 27, and 31; and page 5, lines 1 and 7, strike "1 to 9" and insert "1 to 10".
3. On page 17, strike "and 9" and insert "9, and 10".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

AM1411

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)
1. On page 2, line 25, strike "hundred" and insert "thousand"; in line 27 strike "one" and insert "ten"; and in line 30 strike "two thousand five hundred" and insert "fifty thousand".

AM1414

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)
1. On page 4, line 17, strike "and the employees of the employer".

AM1409

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM692)
1. On page 1, strike beginning with the first occurrence of "or" in line 21 through "subdivision" in line 22.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1485

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1370)
1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 14. Section 29-1912, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
29-1912 (1) When a defendant is charged with a felony or when a defendant is charged with a misdemeanor or a violation of a city or village ordinance for which imprisonment is a possible penalty, he or she may request the court where the case is to be tried, at any time after the filing of the indictment, information, or complaint, to order the prosecuting attorney to permit the defendant to inspect and copy or photograph:
(a) The defendant's statement, if any. For purposes of this subdivision, statement includes any of the following which relate to the investigation of the underlying charge or charges in the case and which were developed or received by law enforcement agencies:
(i) Written or recorded statements;
(ii) Written summaries of oral statements; and
(iii) The substance of oral statements;
(b) The defendant's prior criminal record, if any;
(c) The defendant's recorded testimony before a grand jury;
(d) The names and addresses of witnesses on whose evidence the charge is based;
(e) The results and reports, in any form, of physical or mental examinations, and of scientific tests, or experiments made in connection with the particular case, or copies thereof;
(f) Documents, papers, books, accounts, letters, photographs, objects, or other tangible things of whatsoever kind or nature which could be used as evidence by the prosecuting authority; and
(g) Reports developed or received by law enforcement agencies when such reports directly relate to the investigation of the underlying charge or charges in the case.
(2) The court may issue such an order pursuant to ~~the provisions of~~ this section. In the exercise of its judicial discretion, the court shall consider, among other things, whether:
(a) The request is material to the preparation of the defense;

(b) The request is not made primarily for the purpose of harassing the prosecution or its witnesses;
(c) The request, if granted, would not unreasonably delay the trial of the offense and an earlier request by the defendant could not have reasonably been made;
(d) There is no substantial likelihood that the request, if granted, would preclude a just determination of the issues at the trial of the offense; or
(e) The request, if granted, would not result in the possibility of bodily harm to, or coercion of, witnesses.
(3) Whenever the court refuses to grant an order pursuant to the provisions of this section, it shall render its findings in writing together with the facts upon which the findings are based.
(4) Whenever the prosecuting attorney believes that the granting of an order under the provisions of this section will result in the possibility of bodily harm to witnesses or that witnesses will be coerced, the court may permit him or her to make such a showing in the form of a written statement to be inspected by the court alone. The statement shall be sealed and preserved in the records of the court to be made available to the appellate court in the event of an appeal by the defendant.
(5) This section is subject to the continuing duty of disclosure under section 29-1918.
(6)~~(5)~~ This section does not apply to jailhouse informants as defined in section 29-4701. Sections 29-4701 to 29-4706 govern jailhouse informants.

Sec. 15. Section 29-1918, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

29-1918 A party who discovers additional evidence or material before or during trial must promptly disclose its existence to the other party or the court if:
(1) The evidence or material is subject to discovery or inspection under sections 29-1912 to 29-1921; and
(2) The other party previously requested, or the court ordered, the production of such evidence or material.~~If, subsequent to compliance with an order for discovery under the provisions of sections 29-1912 to 29-1921, and prior to or during trial, a party discovers additional material which the party would have been under a duty to disclose or produce at the time of such previous compliance, the party shall promptly notify the other party or the other party's attorney and the court of the existence of the additional material. Such notice shall be given at the time of the discovery of such additional material.~~

2. Renumber the remaining sections, correct internal references, and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Storm filed the following amendments to LB677:

AM1501

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1251)

1. Strike section 25 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 25. Health care practitioner means a physician, an osteopathic physician, a physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner who is licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act to practice in the State of Nebraska.

AM1500

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1251)

1. Strike section 19 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 19. Edible cannabis product means a cannabis product in the form of a tincture, pill, or capsule.

AM1499

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1251)
1 1. On page 1, line 27, strike "five ounces of" and insert "three
2 hundred milligrams of THC in any form.".
3 2. On page 2, strike lines 1 and 2.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO271
Reconsider the vote taken on MO115.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 25 ayes, 2 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

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

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Guereca	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	Fredrickson	Quick	Rountree
DeBoer	Prokop	Raybould	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Dover	Hansen

The Brandt motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 8 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Guereca	Juarez
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 6:

DeBoer	Prokop	Rountree
Fredrickson	Quick	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar	Dover	Hansen

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 8 ayes, 32 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following motion to LB48:
MO272
Recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:33 p.m. until 6:06 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 170. Senator Brandt asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM603, found on page 748, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1318, found on page 1469.

Senator M. Cavanaugh objected.

Senator Brandt offered the following motion:
MO273
Withdraw AM603 and substitute AM1318.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

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

The Dorn motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 1 nay, 20 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 3 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to withdraw and substitute:

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

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

Voting in the negative, 8:

Ballard	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney

Present and not voting, 6:

Fredrickson	Quick	Storer
Prokop	Rountree	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Hunt

The Brandt motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 33 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Brandt offered AM1318, found on page 1469.

Senator Brandt withdrew FA231, found on page 1486, to his amendment.

Senator Brandt offered the following amendment, to his amendment:
FA243
In AM1318, strike sections 1, 3, and 4, and on page 4, line 16 strike "one dollar and thirty-six" and insert "one dollar and sixty-four." On page 4, line 23 strike "one dollar and twenty-one" and insert "one dollar and thirty-nine". On page 17, line 8 strike "eighty" and insert "sixty"; on line 9 strike "nine hundred" and insert "eight hundred eighty"; on line 11 strike "thirty-eight" and insert "eighteen"; on line 13 strike "seventy" and insert "fifty"; on line 14 strike "one billion" and insert "nine hundred"; and on line 15 strike "two" and replace with "eighty-two".

Senator Brandt offered the following motion:
MO275
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Brandt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator Brandt requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 30:

Arch	DeKay	Hughes	McKeon	Riepe
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Rountree
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Sanders
Brandt	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	Sorrentino
Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Quick	von Gillern
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 15:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Storer
Ballard	Clouse	Guereca	Meyer	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Juarez	Spivey	Strommen

Present and not voting, 2:

Fredrickson Hansen

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Hunt

The Brandt motion to invoke cloture failed with 30 ayes, 15 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB170:
AM1511 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Guereca filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1491 is available in the Bill Room.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dover name added to LR201.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Rohwer Elementary, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:28 p.m., on a motion by Speaker Arch, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Bosn.

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., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Hughes, Hunt, Spivey, and von Gillern who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-first day was approved.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 181, 182, and 183 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 181, 182, and 183.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Senator Storm offered MO165, found on page 1087, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Hansen opened on his bill, LB677.

Senator Storm opened on his motion, MO165.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

The Health and Human Services 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.

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:
Roy Christensen

Aye: 7. Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Hardin, Meyer, Quick, Riepe. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 262. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, the Scottish Rite Educator of the Year award, established in 1964 by Scottish Rite's local chapter's education committee, honors classroom teachers who exemplify excellence in education and highlights the vital role a classroom teacher plays in educating youth; and

WHEREAS, Mary Abebe, a dedicated teacher at Adams Elementary School in Lincoln Public Schools, has been named the 2025 Scottish Rite Educator of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mary has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to student learning throughout her nearly four-decade career in education, with the majority of that time spent serving students in Lincoln Public Schools since joining the district in 1995; and

WHEREAS, Mary has enriched the educational experience of students at Campbell, Saratoga, and Kloefkorn Elementary Schools and has led computer science instruction for grades K–5 at Adams Elementary School since 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mary's dedication to excellence in education and her remarkable achievements 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 Mary Abebe for earning the 2025 Scottish Rite Educator of the Year award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Mary Abebe.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Raymond Central, Raymond; Larry Arens, Norfolk; Chris Hegert, Kearney; Chad Podolak, Columbus; students from Betz Elementary, Bellevue.

RECESS

At 12:01 p.m., on a motion by Senator Clements, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Hughes, Hunt, Kauth, Moser, Sanders, and Storer who were excused until they arrive.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 263. Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

WHEREAS, Dr. Byron Barksdale earned the 2025 J. G. Elliot Award which is awarded to an individual who has made significant contributions to medicine and health programs in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Barksdale serves as a consulting pathologist throughout the state and is the owner of Pathology Services in North Platte, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Barksdale supports the University of Nebraska Medical Center's pathology department and serves nineteen critical access hospitals in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas; and

WHEREAS, upon Barksdale's start in North Platte in 1981, he worked with the community and key groups to bring the first anaesthesiologist to the community by 1983, established what is now Callahan Cancer Center in 1985, and created a certified stroke center in 2009; and

WHEREAS, after twenty-eight years of advocating, Barksdale and his community established a hyperbaric chamber to treat carbon monoxide poisoning and specialized wounds; and

WHEREAS, Barksdale's significant contributions to medicine and to his community have aided those in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dr. Byron Barksdale for earning the 2025 J. G. Elliot Award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dr. Byron Barksdale.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Senator Storm renewed MO165, found on page 1087 and considered in this day's Journal, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

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

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

The Juarez motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 6 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Storm motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read failed with 17 ayes, 20 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Storm offered the following motion:
MO276
Reconsider the vote taken on MO165.

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

Senator Rountree moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 3 nays, and 23 not voting.

The Rountree motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 16:

Andersen	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer
Clements	Jacobson	McKeon	Strommen
DeKay	Kauth	Sanders	von Gillern

Voting in the negative, 23:

Brandt	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Hansen	Meyer	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Hughes	Prokop	Wordekemper
Clouse	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Present and not voting, 8:

Arch	Bosn	Ibach	Riepe
Ballard	Holdcroft	Murman	Storm

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Moser

The Storm motion to reconsider failed with 16 ayes, 23 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1251, found on page 1365, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Storm offered MO163, found on page 1087, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:31 p.m. until 6:05 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Senator Storm renewed MO163, found on page 1087 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB265:
AM1466

(Amendments to AM900)

1. On page 28, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following new subdivisions:
"(c) The commissioner may approve, reject, or modify any grant proposal submitted by the board. In the case of a rejection or modification of any grant proposal, the commissioner shall provide written notice of the decision to the board and include the rationale for the rejection or modification.
(d) The commissioner shall have the discretion to approve up to three grant proposals per calendar year without the prior approval of the board. If the total of the three proposals exceeds twenty-five percent of the unobligated beginning annual balance of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund, the commissioner shall submit a report detailing the proposals to the board and to the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature within ninety days after approving such proposals.".

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1536

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1370)

1. On page 34, line 12, before "For" insert "(1)"; in line 13, strike "(1)", show as stricken, and insert "(a)"; in line 16, strike "(2)", show as stricken, and insert "(b)"; in line 23 strike "(3)", show as stricken, and insert "(c)"; and after line 23 insert the following new subsection:
"(2) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the effective date of this act and to cases filed on or after such date.".
2. On page 36, after line 2 insert the following new subsection:
"(5) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the effective date of this act and to cases filed on or after such date.".
3. On page 38, after line 9 insert the following new subsection:
"(10) The changes made to this section by this legislative bill apply to actions under sections 43-1401 to 43-1418 that are pending on the effective date of this act and to cases filed on or after such date.".

Senator Kauth filed the following amendments to LB316:
AM1541

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM944)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 6. (1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the latter shall control.

(2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the latter shall control.
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6".
3. On page 5, after line 11, insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA252
In FA31, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp and Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the latter shall control. (2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the latter shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5 of AM944, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6".
3. On page 5, after 11 of AM944, insert the following new subdivision: "(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA253
In FA144, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp and Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the latter shall control. (2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the latter shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5 of AM944, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6".
3. On page 5, after 11 of AM944, insert the following new subdivision: "(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA254
In FA32, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp and Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the latter shall control. (2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the latter shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5 of AM944, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6".
3. On page 5, after 11 of AM944, insert the following new subdivision: "(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this

defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA255
In AM628, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp and Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the latter shall control. (2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the latter shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5 of AM944, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6".
3. On page 5, after 11 of AM944, insert the following new subdivision: "(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 264. Introduced by Clouse, 37; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Kearney's head wrestling coach Dalton Jensen was named the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division II Coach of the Year by The Open Mat publication on April 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Jensen guided the University of Nebraska at Kearney's wrestling team, the Lopers, to their second Division II title; and

WHEREAS, with Jensen's coaching, the Lopers finished the season with eight All-American titles; and

WHEREAS, Jensen led the Lopers to the National Championships where they dominated and secured the team title with fifty-two points over Augustana University; and

WHEREAS, Jensen's dedication to wrestling is shown through his direction and care of his athletes.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Dalton Jensen for earning the National Athletic Association's Division II Coach of the Year from The Open Mat publication.

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

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 265. Introduced by Spivey, 13; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; DeBoer, 10; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hunt, 8; Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, John Ewing Jr. was the first Black mayor elected in the history of Omaha, marking a significant milestone in the city's cultural legacy; and

WHEREAS, John has dedicated his life to public service, beginning with over two decades in law enforcement with the Omaha Police Department, where he rose to the rank of Deputy Chief and earned respect for his leadership and integrity; and

WHEREAS, John was first elected Douglas County Treasurer in 2006, modernizing the office and ensuring responsible stewardship of public funds; and

WHEREAS, John is a proud graduate of the University of Nebraska at Omaha and a lifelong community advocate, who has worked throughout his time in public office to uplift underserved neighborhoods and expand economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, John's historic victory as the first elected Black Mayor of Omaha is a source of pride and inspiration for future generations of leaders, especially young Black Nebraskans seeking to serve their communities.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates John Ewing Jr. on his election as the first Black Mayor of Omaha and commends his decades of exemplary public service.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 266. Introduced by Clouse, 37.

WHEREAS, Roger Jasnoch, the Director of Kearney Visitors Bureau earned the Celebrate Tourism Award for thirty-eight years of service to Kearney and Buffalo County; and

WHEREAS, Roger made contributions to the tourism industry through the inception of community projects including the Kearney Area Community Foundation, the Archway, the Viaero Center, and the American Automobile Experience; and

WHEREAS, Roger also advocated for the moving of the Nebraska Senior Games to Kearney in 1989 where it is still held today; and

WHEREAS, Roger previously received the Nebraska Tourism Commission's Henry Fonda Award recognizing his dedication, leadership, and vision for the industry; and

WHEREAS, Roger is set to retire in June and leaves behind a vibrant legacy in Kearney and Buffalo County.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Roger Jasnoch for receiving the Celebrate Tourism Award for thirty-eight years of service to Kearney and Buffalo County.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Roger Jasnoch.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 267. Introduced by DeKay, 40; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Jordy Bahl, from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, earned the Big Ten Player of the Year award and the Pitcher of the Year award, the first player to win both in a season; and

WHEREAS, Jordy's ERA is a league best of 1.46 across 168 1/3 innings pitched to go with a record of 23-5, 243 strikeouts, and 7 shutouts; and

WHEREAS, Jordy's statistics as a hitter earned her top-ten finishes in hit and runs, having hit .467 this season, and is on track to beat Nebraska's batting average record; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens of our state; and

WHEREAS, Jordy's excellence in pitching and hitting and her dedication to softball earned her the well-deserved Big Ten Player of the Year award and the Pitcher of the Year award.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Jordy Bahl on earning the Big Ten Player of the Year award and the Pitcher of the Year award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Jordy Bahl.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 677. Senator Storm renewed MO163, found on page 1087 and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Hansen offered the following motion:
MO278
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Hansen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 38 ayes, 1 nay, and 10 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 23:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	Juarez	Raybould
Brandt	DeBoer	Hansen	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Holdcroft	Meyer	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hughes	Prokop	
Clouse	Fredrickson	Hunt	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 22:

Andersen	Dover	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Armendariz	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	von Gillern
Ballard	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Clements	Ibach	McKeon	Storer	
DeKay	Jacobson	Moser	Storm	

Present and not voting, 3:

Arch	Bosn	Riepe

Excused and not voting, 1:

Spivey

The Hansen motion to invoke cloture failed with 23 ayes, 22 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Hansen motion, MO184, found on page 1157, to place on General File pursuant to Rule 3, Sec. 20(b), was not considered.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB316:
AM1542 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 268. Introduced by Murman, 38; Lonowski, 33; Storm, 23; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, on January 16, 2025, the home of Kevin Faimon went ablaze with him, his son, Hunter Faimon, and his dog, MJ, inside; and

WHEREAS, Hastings firefighters Chance Bronson, Jonas Marshall, Colby Jensen, and Thomas Treffler bravely entered the residence of Kevin Faimon; and

WHEREAS, the lives of Kevin, Hunter, and MJ Faimon were saved due to the heroic and selfless actions of the members of Hastings Fire and Rescue.

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

1. That the Legislature extends its gratitude towards the brave actions taken by Chance Bronson, Jonas Marshall, Colby Jensen, and Thomas Treffler.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Chance Bronson, Jonas Marshall, Colby Jensen, and Thomas Treffler.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 269. Introduced by Arch, 14.

WHEREAS, Annette Dubas has a steadfast commitment and perseverance in all her roles as wife, mother, grandmother, state senator, school board member, community promoter, behavioral health leader, and mentor to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Annette was a Nebraska State Senator elected from District 34 in central Nebraska for eight years and served on the Agriculture, General Affairs, and Natural Resources Committees, was Chair of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, and served on Special Committees, including the Behavioral Health Oversight Committee and chairing the ACCESS Nebraska Special Investigative Committee; and

WHEREAS, Annette is an active and effective community leader who served eight years on the Fullerton Board of Education, was Chairperson of the Nance County Planning and Zoning Board, District President for the Nebraska Farmers Union, and was Chairperson of the Boone-Nance County Extension Board;

WHEREAS, under Annette's leadership as Executive Director over the past eleven years, the Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations has grown into the lead organization building mental health and substance use services for Nebraskans across the state; and

WHEREAS, with her husband Ron and their son Clint, Annette continues to farm and ranch west of Fullerton where, along with corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, and cattle, they raised three sons, one daughter, and are the proud grandparents of three grandsons and eight granddaughters, including two sets of twins;

WHEREAS, family, civic, church, and community have all benefited from Annette's devotion, leadership, sense of humor, and tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, now that Annette is retiring, she leaves a legacy impacting future community leaders and behavioral health advocates.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Annette Dubas on the occasion of her retirement and expresses sincere appreciation for her outstanding contributions to our state.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Annette Dubas.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1370, found on page 1454, was offered.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA229, found on page 1460, to the committee amendment.

Senator Holdcroft offered AM1421, found on page 1480, to the committee amendment.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Holdcroft amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Guereca offered AM1491, found on page 1622, to the committee amendment.

The Guereca amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM1536, found in this day's Journal, to the committee amendment.

The Hallstrom amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered AM1485, found on page 1617, to the committee amendment.

The Dungan amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA39, found on page 783.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA187, found on page 1356.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following amendments to LB530:
AM1539

(Amendments to AM1489)

1. Strike section 22 and insert the following new section:
Sec. 22. On or before the first day of each month, the Office of Probation Administration shall generate a list of juvenile probationers designated as comprehensive supervision probationers under section 17 of this act in each county and provide such list to each law enforcement agency with jurisdiction. The list shall only be provided to officers designated by the agency who hold the rank of captain, deputy chief, chief, or sheriff or an equivalent position or rank.

AM1540

(Amendments to AM1489)

1. On page 42, line 26, after "officers" insert "at the rank of captain, deputy chief, chief, or sheriff or an equivalent position or rank" and after the period insert "The agency shall create a user account or user group for each designated officer to access such data.".
2. On page 43, strike beginning with "in" in line 13 through "system" in line 15 and insert "as provided in this subsection. A law enforcement agency may designate law enforcement officers at the rank of captain, deputy chief, chief, or sheriff or an equivalent position or rank who may receive such information. The law enforcement agency shall create a user account or user group for each designated officer to access such information. The commission shall provide access to such information in a manner that ensures that such information is readily accessible through the designated user accounts or groups to authorized officers".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sorrentino filed the following motion to LB258:
MO279
Reconsider the vote taken on the final passage of LB258.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Dungan name added to LR203.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Eric Rodawig and EJ Rodawig, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:56 p.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Raymond Wicks, First Baptist Church, Plattsmouth.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Jacobson.

ROLL CALL

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

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Armendariz, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Fredrickson, Hughes, Hunt, Juarez, and Rountree who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-second day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 20, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 36, 36A, 78, 78A, 80, 80A, 133e, 140e, 166, 198, 246, 257, 311e, 332e, 364, 383, 399, 453, 474, 526, 559, 641, 660e,

and 704 were received in my office on May 14, 2025, and signed on May 20, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 20, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

May 20, 2025

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

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

With this letter, I am returning LB 287e without my signature and with my objections. LB 287e creates needless duplicative government mandates and regulatory bureaucracy where none is needed. I believe that local governments should possess the authority to enforce basic sanitation and anti-infestation standards for dwellings within their jurisdiction. Our communities, including the City of Omaha, already possess this authority.

Moreover, this legislation imposes a redundant solution in pursuit of a problem that existing federal oversight is already legally equipped to address. The Omaha Housing Authority (OHA), is already subject to rigorous federal oversight, including inspections conducted annually, biannually, or as needed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Approximately 90% of OHA's funding is derived from HUD, with no direct financial support from the state or county. The remaining 10% comes from tenant revenue, fees, and other HUD-administered grants or subsidies - all of which are still federally allocated. This oversight already includes requirements related to infestations and other health and safety issues, and repeated violations can result in reduced funding or enforcement actions.

LB 287e additionally disrupts foundational principles of fair governance and the importance of avoiding taxation without representation by permitting Sanitary and Improvement Districts (SIDs) to impose taxes and regulatory mandates on property owners residing outside their jurisdiction. This change in the law is sufficiently consequential that it deserved significantly more debate and deliberation by the Legislature. Because I believe it lacked such consideration, I do not believe it is appropriate to sign it into law at this time.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 538. Placed on General File with amendment.
AM1385
1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new sections:
Section 1. For purposes of this section and section 2 of this act:
(1) Antisemitism has the same meaning as the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance's working definition of antisemitism, including its contemporary examples, as adopted on May 26, 2016; and
(2) Education program means all the operations of:
(a) A state college, the University of Nebraska, or another postsecondary institution, or a public system of higher education;
(b) A local educational agency as defined in 20 U.S.C. 7801, as such section existed on January 1, 2025, a system of vocational education, or another school system;
(c) An entire corporation, partnership, or other private organization, or an entire sole proprietorship, which is principally engaged in the business of providing education and receives direct appropriations of public funds; or
(d) Any other entity which is established by two or more of the entities described in subdivision (a), (b), or (c) of this subsection, any part of which is extended direct appropriations of public funds.
Sec. 2. (1)(a) No person in Nebraska shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program receiving direct appropriations of public funds.
(b) Any person who faces discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics does not lose protection under this section for being a member of a group that shares a common religion.
(c) Discrimination against Jews violates this section if the discrimination is based on race, color, or national origin, which can include discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics.
(d) Discrimination based on actual or perceived shared ancestry or ethnic characteristics includes antisemitism.
(e) Unless otherwise modified by subdivision (1)(b), (c), and (d) of this subsection, the portions of subdivision (1)(a) of this section that overlap with 42 U.S.C. 2000d shall carry the same meaning.
(2)(a) This state, and all education programs receiving direct appropriations of public funds, shall enforce this section against prohibited forms of discrimination rooted in antisemitism as vigorously as against all other forms of discrimination prohibited by this section or by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 2000d-2000d-7.
(b) Each education program should determine whether affirmative steps would assist in such education program's enforcement of this subsection. Such steps include, but are not limited to, the following:
(i) Incorporating antisemitism into a policy relating to other forms of discrimination. Such amended policy should:
(A) Prohibit discrimination against a student or an employee of such education program on the basis of race, color, or national origin, which includes antisemitism;
(B) Prohibit denying the benefits of any education program on the basis of race, color, or national origin, which includes antisemitism;
(C) Ensure the criteria for admission does not effectively restrict access by persons of a particular race, color, or national origin, which includes antisemitism;
(D) Require guidance or counseling services and financial assistance

services be made available to all students equally, regardless of race, color, or national origin, which includes antisemitism;

(E) Treat harassment or discrimination against students or employees motivated by or including antisemitism in an identical manner to other forms of harassment or discrimination motived by race, color, or national origin; and

(F) Require that antisemitism be included as prohibited conduct in the education program's student and employee code of conduct; and

(ii) Include antisemitism awareness training as part of other trainings on harassment provided by the education program to students and employees.

(3) Each education program subject to the jurisdiction of the State Department of Education shall formally report any pending or resolved incident or complaint that involves a violation of this section and implicates antisemitism to the Title VI coordinator as provided in section 3 of this act. Such reports shall be submitted on or before July 31 of each year for incidents or complaints from the immediately preceding school year.

(4) All other education programs not described in subsection (3) of this section shall formally report any pending or resolved incident or complaint that involves a violation of this section and implicates antisemitism to the Title VI coordinator as provided in section 6 of this act. Such reports shall be submitted on or before July 31 of each year for incidents or complaints from the immediately preceding school year.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with federal or state discrimination laws or diminish or infringe upon any right protected under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

(6) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit a religious education program from the admission or employment of individuals of a particular religion to attend or perform work connected with the carrying on by such education program of its religious activities.

Sec. 3. (1) The Commissioner of Education shall designate an individual to fulfill the roles and duties of the Title VI coordinator within the State Department of Education.

(2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor discrimination and harassment in school districts, including discrimination as described in section 2 of this act. Duties of the coordinator include, but are not limited to, receiving reports of all incidents or complaints of discrimination or harassment in school districts in violation of section 2 of this act and filing an annual report.

(3) The coordinator shall on or before October 31 of each year submit a report electronically to the Legislature relating to discrimination and harassment in schools, including antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number of incidents or complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such report shall not identify any particular individual, employee, or student.

Sec. 4. Section 85-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-1401 Sections 85-1401 to 85-1420 and section 6 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act.

Sec. 5. Section 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-1411 To assist it in carrying out its duties, the commission shall:

(1) Employ an executive director and all other employees of the office of the commission and hire consultants as may be necessary and prescribe their duties and designate a Title VI coordinator as prescribed

in section 6 of this act;
(2) Except as may be provided pursuant to the State Employees Collective Bargaining Act, fix the compensation of the officers and employees of the office and provide benefits for all present or future employees of the commission, including retirement benefits, group life insurance, group hospital-medical insurance, and group long-term disability income insurance;
(3) Pay expenses for the recruitment of administrative and professional personnel for the commission; and
(4) Adopt and promulgate rules and regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act or as otherwise provided in the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act to carry out the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act and the powers and duties of the commission, except that for sections 85-1402 and 85-1413 to 85-1416, the provisions in section 84-908 for approval of the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any rule or regulation by the Governor shall not apply.

Sec. 6. (1) The commission shall designate an individual to fulfill the roles and duties of the Title VI coordinator within the commission.
(2) The Title VI coordinator shall monitor discrimination and harassment in public institutions, including discrimination as described in section 2 of this act. Duties of the coordinator include, but are not limited to, receiving reports of all incidents or complaints of discrimination or harassment in public institutions in violation of section 2 of this act and filing an annual report.
(3) The coordinator shall on or before October 31 of each year submit a report electronically to the Legislature relating to discrimination and harassment in public institutions, including antisemitism. Such report shall detail the number of incidents or complaints received and the resolution, if any. Such report shall not identify any particular individual, employee, or student.
(4) The coordinator may convene and collaborate with other Title VI coordinators to consider process improvements, share best practices, and ensure any challenges are addressed.

Sec. 7. Original sections 85-1401 and 85-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LR184 was adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LR184.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1504, found on page 1613, was offered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA257
In AM1504, Strike Section 66.

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

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

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 2 nays, and 22 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motion to LB287:
MO281
That the bill becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

Senator Wordekemper filed the following motions to LB400:
MO282
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO283
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO284
Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO285
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO286
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

MO287
Indefinitely postpone.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Wordekemper filed the following amendments to LB400:
FA258
In AM702, Strike Section 2.

FA260
Strike Section 2.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 270. Introduced by Guereca, 7; Juarez, 5.

WHEREAS, the National Defense Act of 1916 established the Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) and the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC); and

WHEREAS, ROTC and JROTC programs serve communities, provide military leadership, and motivate youth to become better citizens; and

WHEREAS, the JROTC from Omaha South High School in Omaha, Nebraska, is sponsored by Sergeant Sorenson; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha South High JROTC competed in the Battalion Regional Raider Competition in Black Hills, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha South High JROTC placed first in overall raider, obstacle course, physical endurance course, cross county rescue, 5K team run, and rope bridge; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha South High JROTC placed second in the gauntlet; and

WHEREAS, the Omaha South High JROTC won first place overall at the Battalion Regional Raider Competition.

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

1. The Legislature congratulates the students of the Omaha South High School JROTC for earning first place at the Battalion Regional Raider Competition.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Omaha South High School JROTC.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 271. Introduced by Murman, 38; Brandt, 32; Dorn, 30; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; Meyer, 17; Storer, 43.

WHEREAS, Nebraska's FFA chapters play a vital role in the creation of Nebraska's future agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, FFA advisors are essential to providing guidance, instruction, and mentorship to students participating in FFA; and

WHEREAS, Ben Robison of Alma, Nebraska, was recognized as a 2025 FFA Advisor of the Year by the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation for his leadership.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ben Robison for earning the 2025 FFA Advisor of the Year award.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ben Robison.

Laid over.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Everett Elementary, Lincoln; students from Westside Community Schools, Omaha; Judge Andrew Jacobsen and Melanie Jacobsen, Lincoln; Jeff Jacobsen and Linda Jacobsen, Kearney; students from Fire Ridge Elementary, Elkhorn.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator von Gillern, 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 Senators Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Fredrickson, Hardin, Jacobson, Juarez, Raybould, Rountree, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB316:
AM1521 is available in the Bill Room.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Committee AM1504, found on page 1613 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:

FA262
In AM1504, on page 10, line 24 insert "no fee shall be charged under this section for a request made by a member of the Legislature."

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Arch offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
AM1554
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1504)
1. On page 11, line 27; page 14, line 24; page 41, line 15; and page 61, line 18, strike "or former employee".
2. On page 11, lines 29 through 31; page 14, lines 27 and 28; page 41, lines 17 and 18; and page 61, lines 20 and 21, strike "he or she shall be guilty of a Class III misdemeanor and, in the case of an employee, shall be dismissed" and insert "it shall be grounds for dismissal".
3. On page 95, lines 13 and 14, strike "or former employee" and show as stricken; and strike beginning with "he" in line 16 through "dismissed" in line 17, show as stricken, and insert "it shall be grounds for dismissal".

The Arch amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA261
In AM1504, Strike Section 94.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the committee amendment, was withdrawn.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 3 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Arch withdrew AM238, found on page 508.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 3 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. Title read. Considered.

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

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 21, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 69, 120, 385, 470, and 614 were received in my office on May 15, 2025, and signed on May 21, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 21, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

The Government, Military and Veterans 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.

Nebraska State Patrol:
Bryan D Waugh Superintendent

Aye: 7. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 1. Hunt. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA263
In AM1521, Strike Section 1.

FA264
In AM1521, Strike Section 2.

FA265
In AM1521, Strike Section 3.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Senator Spivey offered MO261, found on page 1603, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Murman opened on his bill, LB306.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Senator Spivey opened on her motion, MO261.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to indefinitely postpone prior to the bill being read.

No objections. So ordered.

Title read. Considered.

Committee AM1440, found on page 1529, was offered.

Senator Murman offered FA238, found on page 1537, to the committee amendment.

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

Senator Hunt offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA267
In AM1440, Strike Section 12.

SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 0 nays, and 21 not voting.

The Hunt amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 25 ayes, 9 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA268
1. In AM1440, on page 26, lines 27 and 28; page 29, lines 10 and 11, 14, 23, and 24; and page 31, lines 23 and 24, strike "any college admission test equivalent to".
2. In AM1440, on page 26, line 28; page 29, lines 11, 15, and 24; and on page 31, line 24, reinstate the stricken matter.

The Hallstrom amendment, to the committee amendment, was adopted with 27 ayes, 5 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Lonowski offered the following amendment, to the committee amendment:
FA269
In AM1440, Strike Sections 1-6.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Lonowski moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 31 ayes, 0 nays, and 18 not voting.

Senator Lonowski requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 22:

Andersen	Hansen	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	von Gillern
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino	
DeKay	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer	
Dover	Kauth	Moser	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 16:

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

Present and not voting, 9:

Arch	Bosn	Brandt	Hallstrom	Riepe
Ballard	Bostar	Dorn	Ibach	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Armendariz McKinney

The Lonowski amendment lost with 22 ayes, 16 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

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.

Department of Water, Energy and Environment:
Jesse Bradley Director

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

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.

Department of Water, Energy and Environment:
Matthew T Manning Chief Water Officer

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

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 Environmental Trust Board:
Joshua N Andersen

Aye: 7. Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. 1.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Judiciary
Room 1525 8:30 AM

Thursday, May 22, 2025
AM1422 Amending LB150

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 272. Introduced by Prokop, 27.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A Girls Soccer State Championship was held on May 19, 2025, at Morrison Stadium in Omaha, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Southwest High School Silver Hawks girls soccer team competed in the Class A State Championship and secured a 2-1 victory over the Omaha Marian Crusaders; and

WHEREAS, with this victory, the Silver Hawks won back-to-back Class A state titles; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Southwest concluded the season with an 18-1 record, including twelve straight wins to close out the season; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of coaches, teachers, administrators, parents, and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Lincoln Southwest High School Silver Hawks girls soccer team for winning the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A State Girls Soccer Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Southwest High School girls soccer team and head coach Thomas Nettleton.

Laid over.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 273. Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Juarez, 5; McKinney, 11; Rountree, 3; Spivey, 13.

WHEREAS, the University of Nebraska at Omaha women's softball team won its first and only national championship in the 1975 Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women (AIAW) Women's College World Series; and

WHEREAS, the 1975 AIAW Women's College World Series was held in Omaha, Nebraska, days after a devastating tornado hit Omaha; and

WHEREAS, softball was the first sanctioned women's sport at the University of Nebraska at Omaha; and

WHEREAS, led by head coach Connie Claussen, the University of Nebraska at Omaha defeated the University of Northern Iowa to win the 1975 AIAW Women's College World Series; and

WHEREAS, 2025 is the fiftieth anniversary of the University of Nebraska at Omaha Women's Softball team's victory in the 1975 AIAW Women's College World Series.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the 1975 University of Nebraska at Omaha women's softball team on the fiftieth anniversary of their victory in the AIAW Women's College World Series.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Committee AM1440, found on page 1529 and considered in this day's Journal, was renewed.

Senator Spivey withdrew MO262, found on page 1603, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Spivey withdrew MO263, found on page 1603, to recommit to the Education Committee.

Senator Murman requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

The committee amendment, as amended, lost with 22 ayes, 23 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:32 p.m. until 6:04 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO288
Reconsider the vote taken on AM1440.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 3 nays, and 19 not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 19 ayes, 27 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

MOTION - Adjournment

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Senator Holdcroft requested a machine vote on the motion to adjourn.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to adjourn failed with 8 ayes, 29 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Senator Hallstrom offered the following amendment:
AM1241
1 1. On page 9, lines 21 and 22; page 12, lines 4 and 5, 8, and 17 and
2 18; and page 14, lines 17 and 18, strike "any college admission test
3 equivalent to".
4 2. On page 9, line 22; page 12, lines 5, 9, and 18; and page 14,
5 line 18, reinstate the stricken matter.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO289
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB306.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Committee AM1350, found on page 1583, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1532
1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Sec. 13. (1) For purposes of this section:
4 (a) Contract means any agreement between a covered institution and a

foreign adversarial source for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property or services, for the direct benefit or use of either of the parties;

(b) Covered institution means any public or private two-year or four-year college or university having a campus or place of business in Nebraska;

(c) Foreign adversarial source means:

(i) A foreign adversary government, including an agency of a foreign adversary government;

(ii) A legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under laws of a foreign adversary government;

(iii) An individual who is a citizen or a national of a foreign adversary government; and

(iv) An agent of any entity or individual described in subdivision (1)(c)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, including a subsidiary or affiliate of a foreign adversary legal entity acting on behalf of any such entity or individual;

(d) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025; and

(e) Reportable funding means revenue or the fair-market value of anything received as the result of any contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation, including a conditional or unconditional pledge of a contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation from a foreign adversarial source.

(2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, each covered institution shall provide a report biannually to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in a manner prescribed by the commission, detailing all reportable funding received by the covered institution. Unless the information is exempt or prohibited from disclosure or deemed confidential under federal or state law, the report shall include the following information:

(i) The amount of the reportable funding and the date that such funding was received;

(ii) A description of the type of reportable funding and the purpose for such funding, including whether the reportable funding is part of an ongoing relationship with the foreign adversarial source;

(iii) A detailed description of the foreign adversarial source providing the reportable funding, including the name of the foreign adversarial source and, if not a foreign government, the country of citizenship, if known, and the country of principal residence or domicile of the foreign adversarial source; and

(iv) A copy of any contract, agreement, pledge, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding.

(b) This section shall not require reporting of payments made to a covered institution by a natural person who would otherwise qualify as a foreign adversarial source for tuition or related fees to support an individual enrolled or planning to attend a covered institution.

(c) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall post the report on its public website.

Sec. 28. Section 13 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2025. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 29 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 30. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB398:
AM1509

(Amendments to Second Final Reading copy)

1. Insert the following new section:

Sec. 6. Section 44-354, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

44-354 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, it~~It~~ shall be unlawful for any insurance company, association, or society, or for any officer, manager, agent, or other representative thereof, to include in the sum charged or designated in any policy as the consideration for insurance, any fee, compensation, charge, or perquisite whatsoever, not specified in the policy. When collected the same shall be reported as such.

(2) Fees may be charged and collected by any producer that is licensed under the Insurance Producers Licensing Act for the actual costs of obtaining records that were requested prior to July 1, 2029, from the Department of Motor Vehicles regarding the following:

(a) Certificates of title;

(b) Registrations; and

(c) Driver record information.

2. On page 1, line 2, after "37-327.04," insert "44-354,"; and in line 13 after the semicolon insert "to change a prohibition relating to fees charged and collected by insurance producers;".

3. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

4. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the section added by this amendment becomes operative on July 1, 2025.

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB707:
AM1560 is available in the Bill Room.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

ST32

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

1. In the E&R amendments, ER75:

a. On page 1, line 10, "32-568," has been inserted after "32-554,"; in line 11 "32-1049," has been struck; in line 12 "43-1304, 43-1308," has been struck; in line 16 "32-1049," has been inserted after "32-1013," and "32-1524," has been struck; and in line 25 "to change provisions relating to filling a vacancy in the office of city council member or mayor in a city of the metropolitan class;" has been inserted after the first semicolon; and

b. On page 2, lines 2 and 3, "to exempt local foster care review boards from the Open Meetings Act;" has been struck.

2. In the Standing Committee amendments, AM1152:

a. On page 15, lines 7 and 8, "39, 42, 45, 47, 49, 58, 68, and 71" has been struck and "40, 43, 46, 48, 50, 59, 69, and 72" inserted;

b. On page 35, line 17, "39" has been struck and "40" inserted;

c. On page 37, line 31, "42" has been struck and "43" inserted;

d. On page 42, line 7, "45" has been struck and "46" inserted;

e. On page 43, line 21, "42" has been struck and "43" inserted;

f. On page 54, line 6, "58" has been struck and "59" inserted;

g. On page 68, line 17, "71" has been struck and "72" inserted;

h. On page 94, the matter beginning with "Sections" in line 16 through line 23 has been struck and "Sections 72, 73, and 84 of this act become operative on January 1, 2026. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 74, 76, 77, 79, 85, and 87 of this act become operative three

calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date." inserted; in line 29 "32-568," has been inserted after "32-554,"; and in line 30 "32-1404, 43-1304, and 43-1308," has been struck and "and 32-1404," inserted; and

i. On page 95, line 7, "32-1524," has been struck.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. ER89, found on page 1606, was offered.

ER89 was adopted.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
AM1548

(Amendments to AM1312)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 20. Section 71-401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:
71-401 Sections 71-401 to 71-479 and section 21 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.
Sec. 21. A health care practitioner shall not be subject to arrest, prosecution, or penalty, in any manner, or denied any right or privilege, including, but not limited to, a civil penalty or disciplinary action by the department or by any other occupational or professional licensing board, solely for providing a written recommendation as defined in section 71-24,104, or for stating that in the health care practitioner's professional opinion, a patient is likely to receive therapeutic or palliative benefit from use of cannabis to treat or alleviate a patient's medical condition.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer accordingly.

Senator Andersen requested a point of order questioning the germaneness of AM1548 to LB376.

The Chair ruled the J. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1548, is not germane.

Senator J. Cavanaugh challenged the ruling of the Chair. The question is, "Shall the Chair be overruled?"

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 3 nays, and 14 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his motion to overrule the Chair.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bosn	Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Hunt	Raybould
Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Juarez	Spivey
Brandt	Dungan	Hansen	Quick	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 30:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	McKeon	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Meyer	Storer
Clements	Dover	Jacobson	Moser	Storm
Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Murman	Strommen
Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern

Present and not voting, 1:

Rountree

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz McKinney Prokop

The J. Cavanaugh motion to overrule the Chair failed with 15 ayes, 30 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair was sustained.

The Chair declared the call raised.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. ER83, found on page 1490, was offered.

ER83 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. ER84, found on page 1490, was offered.

ER84 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. ER85, found on page 1491, was offered.

ER85 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A. Senator Murman offered AM1169, found on page 1426.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. ER86, found on page 1491, was offered.

ER86 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. ER88, found on page 1613, was offered.

ER88 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. ER41, found on page 1013, was offered.

ER41 was adopted.

Senator Storer offered the following motion:
MO280
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

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

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Ibach withdrew FA95, found on page 1069.

Senator Ibach withdrew AM1342, found on page 1377.

Senator Jacobson offered the following amendment:
AM1558

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM638)

1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and insert the following new sections:

Section 1. Section 54-170, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

54-170 Sections 54-170 to 54-1,131 and section 3 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Livestock Brand Act.

Sec. 2. Section 54-171, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:

54-171 For purposes of the Livestock Brand Act, the definitions found in sections 54-171.01 to 54-190 and section 3 of this act shall be used.

Sec. 3. Brand committee means the Nebraska Brand Committee.

Sec. 4. Section 54-1,108, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

54-1,108 (1)(a) All physical inspections for brands provided for in the Livestock Brand Act or section 54-415 shall be from sunrise to sundown or during such other hours and under such conditions as the Nebraska Brand Committee determines. The brand committee shall assess a fifty-dollar late notice surcharge if a request for a physical inspection is made less than forty-eight hours prior to the date of inspection.

(b) A physical inspection shall be required when brands applied by hot iron or freeze branding methods are the exclusive means of ownership identification and in all other cases that do not qualify for electronic inspection as provided in subsection (2) of this section.

(c)(i) A~~(c) Beginning October 1, 2021, a physical inspection fee of eighty-five cents per head until June 30, 2023, and beginning July 1, 2023, a~~ fee established by the Nebraska Brand Committee, of not more than one dollar and fifty~~ten~~ cents per head shall be charged for all cattle inspected in accordance with the Livestock Brand Act or section 54-415, inspected within the brand inspection area or brand inspection service area by court order, inspected at the request of any bank, credit agency, or lending institution with a legal or financial interest in such cattle, or inspected at the request of a neighboring livestock owner with missing cattle.

(ii) The inspection fee for court-ordered inspections shall be paid from the proceeds of the sale of such cattle if ordered by the court or by either party as the court directs.

(iii) For ~~other~~ inspections not described in subdivision (1)(c)(ii) of this section, the person requesting the inspection of such cattle is responsible for the inspection fee.

(iv) Brand inspections requested by either a purchaser or seller of cattle located within the brand inspection service area shall be provided upon the same terms and charges as brand inspections performed within the brand inspection area.

(v) If estray cattle are identified as a result of the inspection, such cattle shall be processed in the manner provided by section 54-415.

(d) The actual mileage incurred by the inspector to perform a physical inspection shall be paid by the party requesting inspection and paid at the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services pursuant to section 81-1176.

(e) For physical inspections performed outside of the brand inspection area that are not provided for in subdivision (c) of this subsection, the fee shall be the inspection fee established in such subdivision plus a fee to cover the actual expense of performing the inspection, including mileage at the rate established by the Department of Administrative Services and an hourly rate, not to exceed thirty dollars per hour, for the travel and inspection time incurred by the brand committee to perform such inspection. The brand committee shall charge and collect the actual expense fee. Such fee shall apply to inspections performed outside the brand inspection area as part of an investigation into known or alleged violations of the Livestock Brand Act and shall be charged against the person committing the violation.

(2)(a) The brand committee may provide for electronic inspection of enrolled cattle identified by approved nonvisual identifiers pursuant to subsection (5) of section 54-199. The brand committee shall establish procedures for enrollment of such cattle with the brand committee which shall include providing acceptable certification or evidence of

ownership. Electronic inspection shall not require agency employees to be present, except that random audits shall occur.

(b) A~~Beginning October 1, 2021, an electronic inspection fee not to exceed eighty-five cents per head until June 30, 2023, and beginning July 1, 2023, a~~ fee established by the brand committee of not more than one dollar and fifty~~ten~~ cents per head shall be charged for all cattle subjected to electronic inspection in accordance with the Livestock Brand Act or section 54-415.

(c) A certified bill of sale for sale of calves shall be provided to qualified dairies once the required information is electronically transferred to the brand committee on calves under thirty days of age. The fee shall be the same as for an electronic inspection under subdivision (2)(b) of this section.

(d) A certified transportation permit shall be provided to qualified dairies after the required information is electronically transferred to the brand committee on calves under thirty days of age which are moved out of the inspection area. The fee shall be the same as for an electronic inspection under subdivision (2)(b) of this section.

(e) On or before December 1, 2021, the brand committee shall report to the Legislature any actions taken or necessary for implementing electronic inspection authorized by this subsection, including personnel and other resources utilized to support electronic inspection, how the brand committee's information technology capabilities are utilized to support electronic inspection, a listing of approved nonvisual identifiers, the requirements for enrolling cattle identified by approved nonvisual identifiers, current and anticipated utilization of electronic inspection by the livestock industry, and the fees required to recover costs of performing electronic inspection.

(3) Any person who has reason to believe that cattle were shipped erroneously due to an inspection error during a brand inspection may request a reinspection. The person making such request shall be responsible for the expenses incurred as a result of the reinspection unless the results of the reinspection substantiate the claim of inspection error, in which case the brand committee shall be responsible for the reinspection expenses.

Sec. 5. Section 54-1,111, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

54-1,111 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person shall sell or trade any cattle located within the brand inspection area, nor shall any person buy or purchase any such cattle unless the cattle have been inspected for evidence of ownership and a certificate of inspection or brand clearance has been issued by the Nebraska Brand Committee. Any person selling such cattle shall present to the brand inspector a properly executed bill of sale, brand clearance, or other satisfactory evidence of ownership which shall be filed with the original certificate of inspection in the records of the brand committee. Any time a brand inspection is required by law, a brand investigator or brand inspector may transfer evidence of ownership of such cattle from a seller to a purchaser by issuing a certificate of inspection.

(2) A brand inspection is not required:

(a) For cattle of a registered feedlot that are~~registered under sections 54-1,120 to 54-1,122~~ shipped for direct slaughter or for sale on any terminal market;

(b) For cattle that are:

(i) Transferred to a family corporation when all the shares of capital stock of the corporation are owned by the husband, wife, children, or grandchildren of the transferor and there is no consideration for the transfer other than the issuance of stock of the corporation to such family members; or

(ii) Transferred to a limited liability company in which membership

is limited to the husband, wife, children, or grandchildren of the transferor and there is no consideration paid for the transfer other than a membership interest in the limited liability company;

(c) When the change of ownership of cattle is a change in form only and the surviving interests are in the exact proportion as the original interests of ownership. When there is a change of ownership described in subdivision (2)(b) or (c) of this section, an affidavit, on a form prescribed by the Nebraska Brand Committee, signed by the transferor and stating the nature of the transfer and the number of cattle involved and the brands presently on the cattle, shall be filed with the brand committee;

(d) For cattle sold or purchased for educational or exhibition purposes or other recognized youth activities if a properly executed bill of sale is exchanged and presented upon demand. Educational or exhibition purpose means cattle sold or purchased for the purpose of being fed, bred, managed, or tended in a program designed to demonstrate or instruct in the use of various feed rations, the selection of individuals of certain physical conformation or breeds, the measurement and recording of rate of gain in weight or fat content of meat or milk produced, or the preparation of cattle for the purpose of exhibition or for judging as to quality and conformation;

(e) For calves under the age of thirty days sold or purchased at private treaty if a bill of sale is exchanged and presented upon demand; ~~and~~

(f) For seedstock cattle raised by the seller and individually registered with an organized breed association if a properly executed bill of sale is exchanged and presented upon demand; and~~.~~

(g) For cattle shipped to or from a qualified dairy.

(3) A violation of this section is an infraction. A peace officer shall have the authority to write a citation, which shall be waivable, to offenders in violation of this section. A fine under this section shall not exceed two hundred dollars per head for each offense. Violations shall be charged in the county in which the offense occurred.

Sec. 6. Section 54-1,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

54-1,120 (1)(a)~~(1)~~ Any person who operates a cattle feeding operation located within the brand inspection area may apply~~make application~~ to the brand committee~~Nebraska Brand Committee~~ for registration as a registered feedlot. The application form shall be prescribed by the brand committee and shall be made available by the executive director of the brand committee for this purpose upon written request. If the applicant is an individual, the application shall include the applicant's social security number. After the brand committee has received a properly completed application, an agent of the brand committee shall within thirty days make an investigation to determine if the following requirements are satisfied:

(i)~~(a)~~ The operator's feedlot shall~~must~~ be permanently fenced; and

(ii)~~(b)~~ The operator shall~~must~~ commonly practice feeding cattle to finish for slaughter.

(b) If the application is satisfactory, and upon payment of an initial registration fee by the applicant, the brand committee shall issue a registration number and registration certificate valid for one year unless rescinded for cause. If the registration is rescinded for cause, any registration fee shall be forfeited by the applicant.

(c)(i) The initial registration fee and the annual renewal registration fee for a registered feedlot shall be an amount that is fifty cents multiplied by the maximum livestock capacity of the registered feedlot.~~for a registered feedlot having one thousand head or less capacity and an equal amount for each additional one thousand head capacity, or part thereof, of such registered feedlot. For each~~

~~subsequent year, the renewal fee for a registered feedlot shall be an amount for the first one thousand head or portion thereof of average annual inventory of cattle on feed of the registered feedlot and an equal amount for each additional one thousand head or portion thereof of average annual inventory of cattle on feed of the registered feedlot. The brand committee shall set the fee per one thousand head capacity or average annual inventory so as to correspond with the inspection fee provided under section 54-1,108.~~

(ii) The annual renewal registration fee shall be paid on an annual basis.

(2) The brand committee may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations for the operation of registered feedlots to assure that brand laws are complied with, that registered feedlot shipping certificates are available, and that proper records are maintained. Violation of sections 54-1,120 to 54-1,122 subjects the operator to revocation or suspension of the feedlot registration issued. Sections 54-1,120 to 54-1,122 shall not be construed as prohibiting the operation of nonregistered feedlots.

(3) Registered feedlots are subject to inspection at any reasonable time at the discretion of the brand committee and its authorized agents, and the operator shall show cattle purchase records or certificates of inspection to cover all cattle in his or her feedlot. Cattle having originated from such registered feedlots may from time to time, at the discretion of the committee, be subject to a spot-check inspection and audit at destination to enable the brand committee to assure satisfactory compliance with the brand laws by the registered feedlot operator.

(4) The operator of a registered feedlot shall keep cattle inventory records. A form for such purpose shall be prescribed by the brand committee. The brand committee and its employees may from time to time make spot checks and audits of the registered feedlots and the records of cattle on feed in such feedlots.

(5) The brand committee may rescind the registration of any registered feedlot operator who fails to cooperate or violates the laws or rules and regulations of the brand committee relating to~~covering~~ registered feedlots.

Sec. 7. Original sections 54-170, 54-171, 54-1,108, 54-1,111, and 54-1,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

Senator Storer offered the following amendment, to the Jacobson amendment:
FA270
In AM1558:

1. On page 2, strike beginning with "The" in line 21 through the period in line 24 and show as stricken and insert "A surcharge, as established by the brand committee, may be charged to cover travel expenses incurred by the brand inspector per inspection location when performing brand inspections. The surcharge shall be collected by the brand inspector and paid by the person requesting the inspection or the person required by law to have the inspection."

2. Strike "for" on page 4, line 31.

3. Add "registered under sections 54-1,120 to 54-1,122" after "that are" on line 40, page 4.

The Storer amendment, to the Jacobson amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Ibach offered the following amendment, to the Jacobson amendment:
FA271

In FA270:
1. On page 2, strike beginning with "The" in line 21 through the period in line 24 and show as stricken and insert "A surcharge, as established by the brand committee, up to \$20 may be charged to cover travel expenses incurred by the brand inspector per inspection location when performing brand inspections. The surcharge shall be collected by the brand inspector and paid by the person requesting the inspection or the person required by law to have the inspection."
2. Strike "for" on page 4, line 31.
3. Add "registered under sections 54-1,120 to 54-1,122" after "that are" on line 40, page 4.

The Ibach amendment, to the Jacobson amendment, was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

The Jacobson amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dover filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1562
1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 9. (1) The Department of Administrative Services shall develop, maintain, and make available for public inspection on its website a database of financial information from all school districts in the state. The information required shall include, but not be limited to, revenue sources, expenditures, and a balance sheet that contains all assets and liabilities for each school district from the most recent audit reports filed with the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 79-1089. The budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services shall designate an implementation date for such database which date is on or before January 1, 2026.
(2)(a) School districts shall provide to the Department of Administrative Services such information from the school district's most recent audit report filed with the Commissioner of Education pursuant to section 79-1089 as is necessary to develop and maintain the database. School districts shall provide updated information to the department on an annual basis, and the department shall update the database no later than thirty days after receiving any such information.
(b) School districts shall provide historical financial information beginning with calendar year 2005 to the department. Such information shall be collected and added to the database if available as soon as practicable.
(3) Nothing in this section requires the disclosure of information which is considered confidential under state or federal law or is not a public record under section 84-712.05.
2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Hillrise Elementary, Elkhorn; Braden, Alyssa, Lewis, and Alen Storer, South Africa.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:20 p.m., on a motion by Senator Rountree, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 22, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Matthew Pohlman, St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

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

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

On page 1637, remove the language from lines 20 to 38.
The Journal for the eighty-second day is approved as corrected.

The Journal for the eighty-third day was approved.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of May 21, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Ficke, Melissa
Lexia Learning
Lindsay Harr MacDonald
192 and Dodge LLC
Zulkoski Weber LLC
American Society of Travel Advisors, Inc.

MOTION(S) - Reconsider Action on LB258

Senator Ballard offered MO256, found on page 1531, to reconsider the vote taken on LB258.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Senator Dungan requested a point of order questioning whether the reconsideration motion is out of order; and additionally, can any bill that fails on final reading be reconsidered.

The Chair explained a bill failing on final reading is reconsiderable as long as all the conditions within Rule 7, Sec. 7 are met.

The Chair ruled the reconsideration of LB258 is in order.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SENATOR FREDRICKSON PRESIDING

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Ballard moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 37 ayes, 2 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper

The Ballard motion to reconsider prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Sorrentino motion, MO279, found on page 1638, to reconsider the vote taken on the final passage of LB258, was not considered.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Murman filed the following amendments to LB306:
FA272
Strike Section 1.

FA273
Strike Section 2.

FA274
Strike Section 3.

FA275
Strike Section 4.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 274. Introduced by Storer, 43; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Celebrating 80 Years of Victory medal is awarded to living veterans that served in the United States Armed Forces between December 1, 1941, and December 31, 1946, are a current legal resident of Nebraska or demonstrate Nebraska residency at the time of entering service, and must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; and

WHEREAS, Wayne Mills is the last World War II veteran at Post 3576 in Broken Bow and received the Celebrating 80 Years of Victory medal recognizing the eightieth anniversary of the end of World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mills was drafted into the United States Army in 1944, was assigned to an infantry battalion in Europe, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and was wounded in action; and

WHEREAS, after recovering, Mills was transferred to France in 1945 to guard German prisoners of war and was reassigned in 1946 to Belgium to help locate fallen soldiers buried in the area; and

WHEREAS, Mills returned home in 1946 to farm for the next four decades where he remains strong at 99 years old.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Wayne Mills and Post 3576 in Broken Bow on receiving the Celebrating 80 Years of Victory medal.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Wayne Mills and Post 3576.

Laid over.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1600:

Public Employees Retirement Board
Michael Donley

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe
Armendariz	Conrad	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders
Ballard	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Bosn	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Bostar	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	Ibach	Murman	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Prokop	
Clements	Guereca	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 12:

Arch	Hansen	Raybould	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Lonowski	Rountree	Strommen
Dungan	McKinney	Sorrentino	von Gillern

The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1601:

Public Employees Retirement Board
Brent Larson

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick
Armendariz	Conrad	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Riepe
Ballard	DeBoer	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders
Bosn	DeKay	Hunt	Meyer	Storer
Bostar	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Juarez	Prokop	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Arch	Dungan	Hardin	Raybould	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lonowski	Rountree	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino	

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1626:

Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Roy Christensen

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders
Armendariz	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer
Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Storm
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	von Gillern
Bostar	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 12:

Arch	Hughes	Meyer	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

Senator Sanders moved the adoption of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1650:

Nebraska State Patrol

Bryan D Waugh

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	Clouse	Hunt	Moser	Spivey
Armendariz	Conrad	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	DeBoer	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	DeKay	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Bostar	Dorn	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Dover	Guereca	Hughes
Dungan	Hallstrom	McKinney

The appointment was confirmed with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present 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 1653:

Department of Water, Energy and Environment

Jesse Bradley

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Hunt	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Conrad	Ibach	Moser	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Juarez	Quick	Storm
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Guereca	Hughes	Prokop
DeBoer	Dungan	Hallstrom	McKinney	

The appointment was confirmed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, and 9 present 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 1653:

Department of Water, Energy and Environment

Matthew T Manning

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	Conrad	Hunt	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeBoer	Ibach	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 10:

Cavanaugh, M.	Dover	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino
DeKay	Hallstrom	Hughes	Riepe	Strommen

The appointment was confirmed with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present 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 1653:

Nebraska Environmental Trust Board
Joshua N Andersen

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hansen	Juarez	Quick
Armendariz	Clouse	Hardin	Kauth	Rountree
Ballard	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Storer
Bosn	DeKay	Hughes	Lonowski	Storm
Bostar	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer	Strommen
Brandt	Dover	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 14:

Arch	Dungan	McKeon	Raybould	Sorrentino
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Riepe	Spivey
Conrad	Hallstrom	Prokop	Sanders	

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. ER74, found on page 1340, was offered.

ER74 was adopted.

Senator Spivey withdrew MO214, found on page 1259, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Spivey withdrew MO215, found on page 1259, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Bosn asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA151, found on page 1254, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1489, found on page 1603.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Bosn offered AM1489, found on page 1603.

Senator McKinney offered AM1539, found on page 1638, to the Bosn amendment.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 21 ayes, 0 nays, and 28 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment, to the Bosn amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	von Gillern
Bostar	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Arch Prokop

The McKinney amendment, to the Bosn amendment, lost with 14 ayes, 33 nays, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator McKinney offered AM1540, found on page 1638, to the Bosn amendment.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 1 nay, and 14 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his amendment, to the Bosn amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Wordekemper
Bosn	Dover	Kauth	Riepe	
Bostar	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sanders	
Brandt	Hardin	Lonowski	Sorrentino	
Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer	

Present and not voting, 1:

Strommen

Excused and not voting, 3:

Arch Hansen Prokop

The McKinney amendment, to the Bosn amendment, lost with 14 ayes, 31 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following amendment, to the Bosn amendment:
FA276
In AM1489, Strike Section 10.

The Dungan amendment, to the Bosn amendment, was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Spivey offered the following amendment, to the Bosn amendment:
FA277
In AM1489, insert the following new section: "Any increase in costs for a political subdivision caused by the changes made by this legislative bill shall be the responsibility of, and paid or reimbursed by, the State of Nebraska. Such payment or reimbursement shall be in the form of a specific appropriation or an increase in state distribution of revenue to the political subdivision incurring such increased costs." And renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references accordingly.

The Spivey amendment, to the Bosn amendment, lost with 12 ayes, 23 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, and 16 not voting.

The Bosn amendment, as amended, was adopted with 41 ayes, 5 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO213, found on page 1259, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Spivey withdrew FA162, found on page 1314.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 35 ayes, 9 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 275. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

WHEREAS, Steve Hennessey, a resident of Lincoln, Nebraska, has overcome an astonishing amount of adversity in his life; and

WHEREAS, Steve was born in 1959 and after losing both of his parents at a young age, was the only child of three not adopted; and

WHEREAS, after growing up at the Martin Luther Home in Beatrice, now MOSAIC, and through support from Vocational Rehabilitation, the ARC of Lincoln, and a short stay at a group home as a young adult, Steve succeeded at living independently and working independently as a janitor for over four decades at the Denney Federal Building in Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Steve was a hard worker and went many years without missing a single day of work due to illness; and

WHEREAS, known for his joyful personality and his intense work ethic, he befriended United States Marshalls, the FBI office staff, and federal judges; and

WHEREAS, he was nominated in 2015 by Judge C. Arlen Beam to be the Goodwill International Achiever of the year and was honored with the world wide award in a ceremony in San Diego, California; and

WHEREAS, Steve has been recognized as an outstanding individual throughout his lifetime on the front pages of the Lincoln Journal and the Omaha World-Herald as well as in several YouTube videos and part of a Nebraska Stories segment on Nebraska Educational Telecommunications; and

WHEREAS, it has been said that the worth of a nation is measured by how it treats its most vulnerable members and Steve benefited from the compassionate care found in the Aging and Developmental Disabilities waiver program which has allowed him to live in his own apartment; and

WHEREAS, Steve's story is an illustration of what a more perfect union looks like in practice; a sterling example of the words of the Declaration of Independence that in this country, and in this state, all are indeed created equal, and endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Everyone matters.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes Steve Hennessy for overcoming great adversity in his life and for his dedication and commitment to the people he worked with and befriended in his job and his community.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Steve Hennessey.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 276. Introduced by Fredrickson, 20; 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; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; 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; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Andrew Ozaki, KETV's Lincoln Bureau Chief is retiring after forty-three years of fair and objective reporting including decades here at the Nebraska Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Andrew is a graduate of Lincoln High School and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he earned degrees in Political Science and Journalism; and

WHEREAS, Andrew has spent his career working in journalism starting as an intern for KETV in college, then for KOLN/KGIN News until he returned to KETV in the Capitol Bureau; and

WHEREAS, Andrew's reporting has covered the Legislature and state government for many years including eight Nebraska Governors, granting him exceptional institutional knowledge; and

WHEREAS, Andrew was part of the reporting team to receive the prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award for their work on Chronicle: Mission to Africa; and

WHEREAS, Andrew and his wife Margaret have raised three sons and now enjoy four grandchildren. His family and community have all benefited from Andrew's devotion and tireless work ethic; and

WHEREAS, now that Andrew is retiring, he leaves a legacy impacting future community leaders and media here in Nebraska.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature congratulates Andrew Ozaki on the occasion of his retirement and expresses sincere appreciation for his outstanding contributions to our state.
2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Andrew Ozaki.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 277. Introduced by Clements, 2.

WHEREAS, Casey Clements is being recognized as the 2025 NCA-Hudl Cheer Coach of the Year by the Nebraska Coaches Association; and
WHEREAS, Coaches of the Year are selected by their peers for service to their respective sports and for the success they have had in recent years; and
WHEREAS, Casey has coached the Elmwood-Murdock High School Spirit Squad for ten years; and
WHEREAS, Casey will receive a ring and a plaque in recognition of this honor at the Nebraska Coaches Association awards banquet in July; and
WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the citizens of our state.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:
1. That the Legislature congratulates Casey Clements on her selection as 2025 NCA-Hudl Cheer Coach of the Year.
2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Elmwood-Murdock High School and Casey Clements.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 278. Introduced by Bostar, 29; Andersen, 49; Ballard, 21; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hansen, 16; Kauth, 31; McKinney, 11; Prokop, 27; Sorrentino, 39; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Public Power District purchased two hundred two acres of farmland for more than five million dollars from the Nebraska Public Power District's Land Management Manager, who is responsible for the land purchase and the Chief Audit and Ethics Officer; and
WHEREAS, neither the Land Management Manager nor the Chief Audit and Ethics Office filed a conflict-of-interest statement as of May 16, 2025; and
WHEREAS, section 49-1499.03 requires that an employee of a political subdivision identify potential conflicts if the salary and benefits of the employee exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars and if the employee would be required to take any action that would cause financial benefit or detriment to him or her; and
WHEREAS, the Chief Audit and Ethics Officer made more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the substantive discussion by the Nebraska Public Power District's Board of Directors regarding the purchase took place in an executive session, closed to the general public; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal conducted by the Nebraska Public Power District priced the fair market value of the land at eleven thousand dollars per acre, approximately two million three hundred thousand dollars total, but the final purchase price was set at twenty-five thousand dollars per acre, just over five million dollars total; and

WHEREAS, the difference of two million seven hundred thousand dollars will be paid by Nebraska ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska Public Power District's Chief Executive Officer stated "As I look back at this particular transaction and how it was approached, I think we did all things right.".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature recognizes the Nebraska Public Power District for its purchase of the two hundred two acres of farmland.

Laid over.

COMMUNICATION

May 22, 2025

The Honorable Jim Pillen
Governor – State of Nebraska
State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Governor Pillen:

This correspondence serves to formally return Legislative Bills 261e and 264e to your office.

Article IV, Section 15 states:

> Every bill passed by the Legislature, before it becomes a law, shall be presented to the Governor. **If he approves he shall sign it, and thereupon it shall become a law,** but if he does not approve or reduces any item or items of appropriations, he **shall return it with his objections to the Legislature**, which shall enter the objections at large upon its journal, and proceed to reconsider the bill with the objections as a whole, or proceed to reconsider individually the item or items disapproved or reduced. ... **Any bill which shall not be returned by the Governor within five days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, shall become a law in like manner as if he had signed it**; unless the Legislature by their adjournment prevent its return; in which case it

shall be filed, with his objections, in the office of the Secretary of State within five days after such adjournment, or become a law.

The facts at present are as follows: On May 15, 2025, LB261e and LB264e were passed by the Legislature and delivered to the Governor on the same date. The bills were signed by the Governor on May 21, 2025, with the inclusion of line-item vetoes. The signed bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 21, 2025. On May 22, 2025, at 12:01am, the signed bills were in the possession of the Secretary of State. The morning of May 22, 2025, the bills were returned to the Legislature, signed by the Governor and a receipt stamp from the Secretary of State indicating the bills were received on May 21, 2025.

In light of the aforementioned considerations, the Legislature is hereby remitting these bills to the Governor's Office pending further determination regarding the constitutionality of the present circumstances.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

BM:jl

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Kathleen Durkin, Seattle, Amy Krutz, Lincoln; Mauricio Lang, Lincoln; students from Loveland Elementary, Omaha; students and teachers from Omaha Memorial Adventist School, Omaha; Linda Spencer, Omaha; Margaret Mary Traffas and her children, nieces and nephews, Kansas and Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:37 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 27, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Debra McKnight, Urban Abbey, Omaha.

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 Senators Bostar, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, and Dungan who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-fourth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER90 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 252, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, and 269 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 252, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, and 269.

MOTION(S) - Override Veto on LB287

Senator McKinney offered MO281, found on page 1646, that LB287 becomes law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

Senator Andersen moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

Senator Conrad asked for a point of order, inquiring whether the presiding officer had made a determination on whether there was a full and fair debate.

The Chair ruled five hands are needed to confirm full and fair debate, which will be determined when all unexcused members are present for the previous call of the house.

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 32 ayes, 10 nays, and 7 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote on his motion to override the Governor's veto.

Voting in the affirmative, 24:

Arch	Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 24:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Moser	Storer
Clements	Hansen	Lippincott	Murman	Storm
Clouse	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 1:

Hughes

Having failed to receive a constitutional three-fifths majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass notwithstanding the objections of the Governor.

The Chair declared the call raised.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 21, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 260e, 262e, 263e, and 534e were received in my office on May 15, 2025, and signed on May 21, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 21, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following amendments to LB303:
AM1593

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)

1. On page 1, strike lines 10 through 14 and insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) Three members of the Legislature, who shall be nonvoting members of the commission, including the Chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature or the chairperson's designee, the Chairperson of the Revenue Committee of the Legislature or the chairperson's designee, and one member appointed pursuant to subsection (2) of this section. No more than two members shall be affiliated with the same political party;".
2. On page 2, strike lines 10 through 15 and insert the following new subdivision:
"(2)(a) The member to be appointed as described in subdivision (1)(d) of this section shall be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council in January of each odd-numbered year for a two-year term, except that the initial member shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this act and shall serve until a successor is appointed in January 2027.".

AM1594

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)

1. Strike section 1.

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to LB415:
AM1470

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 16. Section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, is amended to read:

48-1203 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 48-1203.01, every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees a minimum wage of:

(a) Nine dollars per hour through December 31, 2022;

(b) Ten dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023;

(c) Twelve dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;

(d) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

(e) Fifteen dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.

(2) The minimum wage established in subdivision (1)(e) of this section shall be increased on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of successive years, by one and three-quarters percent~~the increase in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Region, or its successor index, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded up to the nearest multiple of five cents~~. No later than October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2026, the Nebraska Department of Labor shall calculate and publish the minimum wage rate that will take effect the following January 1.

(3) For persons compensated by way of gratuities such as waitresses, waiters, hotel bellhops, porters, and shoeshine persons, the employer shall pay wages at the minimum rate of two dollars and thirteen cents per hour, plus all gratuities given to them for services rendered. The sum of wages and gratuities received by each person compensated by way of gratuities shall equal or exceed the applicable minimum wage rate provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this section. In determining whether or not the individual is compensated by way of gratuities, the burden of proof shall be upon the employer.

(4) Any employer employing student-learners as part of a bona fide vocational training program shall pay such student-learners' wages at a rate of at least seventy-five percent of the minimum wage rate which would otherwise be applicable under this section.

(5)(a) An employer may pay a youth minimum wage of thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour to an employee who:

(i) Is at least fourteen years of age but younger than sixteen years of age; and

(ii) Is not an emancipated minor.

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2030, and on January 1 of every fifth year thereafter, the youth minimum wage shall increase by one and one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent.

Sec. 17. Section 48-1203.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

48-1203.01 (1) An employer may pay a new employee who is at least sixteen years of age but younger than twenty years of age and who is not a seasonal or migrant worker or an emancipated minor a training wage rate as described in subsection (2) of this section~~of at least seventy-five percent of the federal minimum wage~~ for ninety days from the date the new employee was hired. An employer may pay such new employee the training wage rate for an additional ninety-day period while the new employee is participating in on-the-job training which (a)~~(1)~~ requires technical, personal, or other skills which are necessary for his or her employment and (b)~~(2)~~ is approved by the Commissioner of Labor. No more than one-fourth of the total hours paid by the employer shall be at the training wage rate.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the training wage rate shall be:

(a) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour through December 31, 2026; and

(b) Beginning on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of each year thereafter, the training wage rate shall increase by one and one-half percent, rounded to the nearest cent.

(3) An employer shall not pay the training wage rate if the hours of any other employee are reduced or if any other employee is laid off and the hours or position to be filled by the new employee is substantially similar to the hours or position of such other employee. An employer shall not dismiss or reduce the hours of any employee with the intention of replacing such employee or his or her hours with a new employee receiving the training wage rate.

2. On page 1, line 1, after the first comma insert "48-1203.01,"; in line 5 after "9-1313," insert "48-1203,"; and in line 15 after the semicolon insert "to change provisions relating to the minimum wage and the training wage; to enact a youth minimum wage;".

3. On page 36, line 11, after the first comma insert "48-1203.01," and in line 14 after "9-1313," insert "48-1203,".

4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the internal references accordingly.

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB298:
AM1600 is available in the Bill Room.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

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.

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission:
Monica Oldenburg

Aye: 5. Andersen, Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Storm. Nay: 2. Cavanaugh, J., Rountree. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. 1.

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.

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission:
Lorelle Mueting

Aye: 5. Andersen, Clouse, DeKay, Holdcroft, Storm. Nay: 3. Cavanaugh, J., Quick, Rountree. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. ER87, found on page 1528, was offered.

ER87 was adopted.

Senator von Gillern offered AM1560, found on page 1568.

Senator Holdcroft offered the following amendment, to the von Gillern amendment:
AM1599

(Amendments to AM1560)

1 1. On page 31, line 15, after "program" insert "or upon establishing
2 a good life district when a city is the good life district applicant";
3 and in line 22 after "program" insert ", if one has been established".

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMUNICATION(S)

May 27, 2025

The Honorable Robert Evnen
Secretary of State
2300 State Capitol
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Inasmuch as the Legislature did not override the veto by Governor Pillen of LB287, and consistent with our rules, I am delivering the bill for filing in the form prescribed by the Governor.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

BM:jl

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendment to LB316:
AM1582 is available in the Bill Room.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Lila Ramsey, Omaha; Richard and Dawn Dunn; members of Urban Abbey Youth Social Justice League, Omaha.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Raybould, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Conrad, Guereca, Hunt, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Senator von Gillern renewed AM1560, found on page 1568.

Senator Holdcroft renewed AM1599, found in this day's Journal, to the von Gillern amendment.

The Holdcroft amendment, to the von Gillern amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment, to his amendment:
FA286
In AM1560, on page 3, line 1, after "contracts" and before "or" insert "restrictive covenants"; and on page 5, strike lines 8 and 9.

The von Gillern amendment, to his amendment, was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Quick offered the following amendment, to the von Gillern amendment:
AM1581

(Amendments to AM1560)

1 1. On page 11, after line 30 insert the following new subdivision:
2 "(d) On and after July 1, 2025, and until October 1, 2025, any
3 transactions occurring within a good life district and within a city or

village that has implemented an occupation tax pursuant to section 77-4413 shall be subject to a state sales tax rate that is fifty percent of the state sales tax rate provided in section 77-2701.02."; and in line 31 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".
2. On page 12, line 4, strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".
3. On page 32, line 19, after "(7)(c)" insert "or (d)".

The Quick amendment, to the von Gillern amendment, was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator von Gillern offered the following amendment, to his amendment:
FA287
In AM1560, on page 1, line 22; page 2, line 1; page 11, lines 19, 23, and 21, strike "July" and insert "October". On page 6, line 27, strike "project area meets all of the" and insert "proposed development is demonstrated to be not inconsistent with the statutory". On page 12, line 16, after "or" insert "refund" and after "reduction" add "from allocated amounts". On page 31, line 18 and line 24 strike "after any required transfer". On page 32, line 10 after "or" add "refund", after "reduction" add "from allocated amounts", in line 21 after "refunds" insert "from allocated amounts".

The von Gillern amendment, to his amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment, to the von Gillern amendment:
AM1573 is available in the Bill Room.

The Bostar amendment, to the von Gillern amendment, was adopted with 36 ayes, 1 nay, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The von Gillern amendment, as amended, was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. Senator von Gillern offered AM1510, found on page 1610.

The von Gillern amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. ER67, found on page 1320, was offered.

ER67 was adopted.

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA31, found on page 747, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1521, found on page 1648.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered AM1521, found on page 1648.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA263, found on page 1650, to his amendment.

Senator Andersen moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Andersen moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 0 nays, and 22 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 32:

Andersen	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	
Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 12:

Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar Cavanaugh, M.

Absent and not voting, 1:

Hunt

Excused and not voting, 2:

Arch Conrad

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 32 ayes, 12 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, was withdrawn.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA264, found on page 1650, to his amendment.

Senator Jacobson moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion failed with 9 ayes, 20 nays, and 20 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Jacobson motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 12 nays, 2 present and not voting, 3 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, was withdrawn.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA265, found on page 1650, to his amendment.

Senator Hardin moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Hardin motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 12 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 absent and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, was withdrawn.

Senator Moser moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 5 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 16 ayes, 27 nays, 3 present and not voting, 3 absent and not voting, and 0 excused and not voting.

The Kauth amendment, FA252, found on page 1631, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a point of order regarding the calling of the question and the presiding officer not ruling on full and fair debate.

The Chair clarified the presiding officer only rules if there has not been full and fair debate. In all other cases, the question is put to the body.

Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew FA32, found on page 747.

The Kauth amendment, FA254, found on page 1631, was not considered.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered AM628, found on page 1097.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA143, found on page 1247, to his amendment.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered MO210, found on page 1246, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator Ibach moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 6 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to place the house under call.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to place the house under call failed with 13 ayes, 27 nays, 2 present and not voting, 6 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to bracket failed with 11 ayes, 30 nays, 2 present and not voting, 5 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO291
Reconsider the vote taken on MO210.

Senator Clements moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion failed with 11 ayes, 22 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Clements motion to cease debate prevailed with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 4 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 10 ayes, 28 nays, 8 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered MO211, found on page 1246, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator Storm moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Conrad requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Storm motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 10 nays, 8 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his motion to recommit to committee.

The J. Cavanaugh motion to recommit to committee failed with 11 ayes, 31 nays, 3 present and not voting, 2 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh motion, MO64, found on page 726, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee, was not considered.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO292
Reconsider the vote taken on MO211.

Senator Clouse moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Clouse motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 13 nays, 3 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 30 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Bosn moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 9 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion failed with 18 ayes, 21 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, lost with 13 ayes, 32 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO301
Reconsider the vote taken on FA143.

Senator Hughes moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Dungan requested the roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion cease debate.

The Hughes motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 15 nays, 1 present and not voting, 2 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 12 ayes, 29 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered FA146, found on page 1247, to his amendment.

Senator Murman moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 8 nays, and 13 not voting.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, to his amendment, lost with 11 ayes, 30 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:
MO299
Reconsider the vote taken on FA146.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO306
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

Senator Kauth requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 15 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to reconsider.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The Dungan motion to reconsider failed with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 15:

Bostar	Conrad	Fredrickson	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Spivey

Voting in the negative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

The J. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 15 ayes, 33 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 32 ayes, 15 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 27, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Legislative Bills 261e and 264e were delivered to my office on May 15, 2025. These bills, which contained my line-item vetoes, were signed and returned to the Secretary of State's Office on May 21, 2025.

With minor modifications, the Legislature's budget bills are consistent with my originally introduced budget recommendations. For this reason, I am

withdrawing my line-item vetoes and refiling the bills with the Secretary of State's Office.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 217. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 376. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 391. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 454. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST43
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. Due to the adoption of the Dungan amendment, FA276, in the Bosn amendment, AM1489:
a. On page 34, line 29, "17" has been struck and "16" inserted;
b. On page 47, line 13, "12, 17, 19, and 22" has been struck and "11, 16, 18, and 21" inserted; in line 18 "26, 29, and 32" has been struck and "25, 28, and 31" inserted; and in line 24 "26" has been struck and "25" inserted;
c. On page 50, line 28, "29" has been struck and "28" inserted;
d. On page 56, line 10, "29-3001," has been struck; and
e. Sections have been renumbered accordingly.
2. In the E&R amendments, ER74, on page 56, line 8, "29-3001," has been struck; the matter beginning with "to" in line 19 through the semicolon in line 20 has been struck; and in line 28 "high-risk juvenile" has been struck and "comprehensive supervision" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 646. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST42
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In lieu of the Ibach amendment, FA271, in the Jacobson amendment, AM1558:
a. On page 2, the matter beginning with "The" in line 21 through the period in line 24 has been struck and shown as stricken and "A surcharge, as established by the brand committee, up to twenty dollars, may be charged to cover travel expenses incurred by the brand inspector per inspection location when performing brand inspections. The surcharge shall be collected by the brand inspector and paid by the person requesting the inspection or the person required by law to have the inspection." inserted; and
b. On page 4, the stricken matter in lines 30 and 31 has been reinstated; and in line 31 "for" has been struck.
2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "the" in line 1 through line 5 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "the Livestock Brand Act; to amend sections 54-170, 54-171, 54-1,108, 54-1,111, and 54-1,120, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define brand committee; to change fees; to provide an exemption from brand inspection requirements; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER92
1 1. On page 1, line 8, after "50-1212," insert "50-1213,"; and in
2 line 15 after "50-402," insert "50-1209,".
3 2. On page 2, line 2, strike "provide penalties" and insert
4 "eliminate a penalty".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. Placed on Select File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER91
1 1. On page 1, strike beginning with the second "to" in line 1
2 through line 10 and insert "to create the School Financing Review
3 Commission; to provide duties; and to declare an emergency.".

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB398:
MO297
Recommit to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB647:
MO298
Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB150:
MO304
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB346:
MO305
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB647:
FA289
Strike Section 1.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB346:
FA290
Strike Section 1.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendments to LB303:
AM1610
(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)
1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 3. Section 85-3003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

amended to read:

85-3003 (1)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars per year to any eligible state college student (i) who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had a high school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and (ii) who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the state college campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in a state college, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program of study.

(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study includes the following:

(i) A program of study at a state college in rangeland management, industrial technology, criminal justice, business administration, education, communication, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or computer information systems; and

(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.

(3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.

(4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible program of study.

(5) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall collect information on each state college scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for the eligible programs of study at a state college in the current or prior academic year:

(a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible program of study for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients and the state college's overall first to second year retention rate

reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year;

(d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the state college's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and

(e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state.

Sec. 4. Section 85-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-3004 (1)(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship to any eligible university student who is enrolled in an eligible program of study in an amount not to exceed:

(i) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who is a transfer student; or

(ii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section:

(A) Twenty-five thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®; or

(B) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty and less than twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®.

(b) The Board of Regents shall allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the university campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the university, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include (i) being a first-time freshman who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or a transfer student and (ii) enrollment in an eligible program of study.

(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study means:

(i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study offered by the University of Nebraska in mathematics, engineering, health care, and computer information systems;

(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with the Board of Regents, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state; and

(iii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in special education.

(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.

(3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.

(4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible

program of study.
(5) The Board of Regents shall collect information on each university scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for the eligible programs of study at the university in the current or prior academic year:
(a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current academic year, based upon official fall census data;
(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible program of study for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census data;
(c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients and the university's overall first to second year retention rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year;
(d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the university's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and
(e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state.

Sec. 5. Section 85-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-3006 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in collaboration with private colleges that elect to participate, shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars per year to any private college student who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had a high school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.
(b) Each participating private college, acting as an agent of the state, shall determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the private college, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program of study.
(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study means:
(i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study at a private college in mathematics, health care, and computer information systems; and
(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in education or engineering and a program of study in shortage areas designated by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, and any advisory committee established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for such purpose, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

~~(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.~~
(2)~~(3)~~ A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.
(3)~~(4)~~ Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible program of study.
(4)~~(5)~~ Each participating private college shall collect information on each scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career Scholarship by such private college and shall share such information with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.
(5)~~(6)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for each eligible program of study at a private college in the current or prior academic year:
(a) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year;
(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for such academic year;
(c) The total number of students retained in the program and a comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students;
~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students;~~
(d)~~(e)~~ The total number of graduates for the immediately prior academic year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such academic year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students; and
(e) Using data from the Department of Labor, the~~(f) The~~ number of scholarship recipients obtaining employment in the state within five fiscal quarters after completion of an eligible program of study~~graduates from the immediately prior academic year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state within four months after graduation and the average starting salary for such graduates~~.
(6)~~(7)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall allocate the amount appropriated to the commission to carry out this section to private colleges that elect to participate under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act. The commission shall establish a separate budget subprogram for such allocations.
Sec. 6. Sections 3, 4, 5, and 7 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.
Sec. 7. Original sections 85-3003, 85-3004, and 85-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

AM1613 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Andersen filed the following amendment to LB303:
AM1612

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 3. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Contract means any agreement between a covered institution and a foreign adversarial source for the acquisition by purchase, lease, or barter of property or services, for the direct benefit or use of either of the parties;

(b) Covered institution means any public or private two-year or four-year college or university having a campus or place of business in Nebraska;

(c) Foreign adversarial source means:

(i) A foreign adversary government, including an agency of a foreign adversary government;

(ii) A legal entity, governmental or otherwise, created solely under laws of a foreign adversary government;

(iii) An individual who is a citizen or a national of a foreign adversary government; and

(iv) An agent of any entity or individual described in subdivision (1)(c)(i), (ii), or (iii) of this section, including a subsidiary or affiliate of a foreign adversary legal entity acting on behalf of any such entity or individual;

(d) Foreign adversary means a foreign adversary as determined pursuant to 15 C.F.R. 791.4, as such regulation existed on January 1, 2025; and

(e) Reportable funding means revenue or the fair-market value of anything received as the result of any contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation, including a conditional or unconditional pledge of a contract, gift, grant, endowment, award, scholarship, or donation from a foreign adversarial source.

(2)(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b) of this subsection, each covered institution shall provide a report biannually to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in a manner prescribed by the commission, detailing all reportable funding received by the covered institution. Unless the information is exempt or prohibited from disclosure or deemed confidential under federal or state law, the report shall include the following information:

(i) The amount of the reportable funding and the date that such funding was received;

(ii) A description of the type of reportable funding and the purpose for such funding, including whether the reportable funding is part of an ongoing relationship with the foreign adversarial source;

(iii) A detailed description of the foreign adversarial source providing the reportable funding, including the name of the foreign adversarial source and, if not a foreign government, the country of citizenship, if known, and the country of principal residence or domicile of the foreign adversarial source; and

(iv) A copy of any contract, agreement, pledge, or memorandum of understanding associated with the funding.

(b) This section shall not require reporting of payments made to a covered institution by a natural person who would otherwise qualify as a foreign adversarial source for tuition or related fees to support an individual enrolled or planning to attend a covered institution.

(c) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall post the report on its public website.

Sec. 4. Section 3 of this act becomes operative on July 1, 2025. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:
FA291
Strike Section 5.

FA292
Strike the enacting clause

FA293
Strike Section 3 Subsection 2.

FA294
Strike Section 3 Subsection 1.

FA295
In AM944, Strike Section 1.

The Chair declared the call raised.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:55 p.m. until 6:33 p.m.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment:
FA288
Strike "$441,686" from page 2, line 1, and insert "$84,798".

The M. Cavanaugh amendment lost with 2 ayes, 29 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO308
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 32 ayes, 0 nays, and 17 not voting.

Senator Kauth requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. McKinney

Present and not voting, 1:

Spivey

Excused and not voting, 3:

Armendariz Hunt Prokop

The Kauth motion invoke cloture prevailed with 43 ayes, 2 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

The Chair declared the call raised.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following amendments to LB316:
AM1574

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM944)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 6. (1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act shall control.
(2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act shall control.
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6"; in line 17 strike "(5)(a)(ii)" and insert "(6)(a)(ii)"; after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:
"(3) Cannabidiol tincture means a liquid cannabidiol product that:
(a) Is packaged in a container with a capacity of no more than two fluid ounces;
(b) Includes a dispensing dropper that is capable of dispensing not more than one milliliter of liquid;
(c) Is not a beverage or intended for drinking; and
(d) Consists of a solution:

(i) Containing at least twenty-five percent nondenatured alcohol or a base of glycerin or plant-based oil; and
(ii) That is intended for human use;"; in line 22 strike "(3)" and insert "(4)"; and in line 27 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
3. On page 2, line 2, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)"; in line 11, strike "or"; in line 12 strike the period and insert "; or"; after line 12 insert the following new subdivision:
"(C) For a cannabidiol tincture, a total of thirty milligrams of total THC per fluid ounce of the tincture."; in line 22 strike "(6)" and insert "(7)"; in line 25 strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 27 strike "(8)" and insert "(9)"; and in line 31 strike "(9)" and insert "(10)".
4. On page 3, line 1, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 7 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 8 strike "(12)" and insert "(13)".
5. On page 4, line 28, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)".
6. On page 5, after line 7, insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA279
In FA145, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp 3 Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the 4 Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act shall control."
"(2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act 6 and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6"; in line 17 strike "(5)(a)(ii)" and insert "(6)(a)(ii)"; after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:
"(3) Cannabidiol tincture means a liquid cannabidiol product that: (a) Is packaged in a container with a capacity of no more than two fluid ounces;
(b) Includes a dispensing dropper that is capable of dispensing not more than one milliliter of liquid;
(c) Is not a beverage or intended for drinking; and (d) Consists of a solution:
(i) Containing at least twenty-five percent nondenatured alcohol or a base of glycerin or plant-based oil; and
(ii) That is intended for human use;"; in line 22 strike "(3)" and 21 insert "(4)"; and in line 27 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
3. On page 2, line 2, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)"; in line 11, strike "or"; in line 12 strike the period and insert "; or"; after line 12 insert the following new subdivision:
"(C) For a cannabidiol tincture, a total of thirty milligrams of 26 total THC per fluid ounce of the tincture."; in line 22 strike "(6)" and AM1574 LB316 AJC - 05/22/2025 AM1574 LB316 AJC - 05/22/2025 -1- 1 insert "(7)"; in line 25 strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 27 strike 2 "(8)" and insert "(9)"; and in line 31 strike "(9)" and insert "(10)".
4. On page 3, line 1, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 7 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 8 strike "(12)" and insert "(13)".
5. On page 4, line 28, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)".
6. On page 5, after line 7, insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply

to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA280
In FA144, strike all existing language and 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp 3 Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the 4 Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act shall control."
"(2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act 6 and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6"; in line 17 strike "(5)(a)(ii)" and insert "(6)(a)(ii)"; after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:
"(3) Cannabidiol tincture means a liquid cannabidiol product that: (a) Is packaged in a container with a capacity of no more than two fluid ounces;
(b) Includes a dispensing dropper that is capable of dispensing not more than one milliliter of liquid;
(c) Is not a beverage or intended for drinking; and (d) Consists of a solution:
(i) Containing at least twenty-five percent nondenatured alcohol or a base of glycerin or plant-based oil; and
(ii) That is intended for human use;"; in line 22 strike "(3)" and 21 insert "(4)"; and in line 27 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".
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5. On page 4, line 28, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)".
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"(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

FA281
In AM628, strike all existing language 1. insert the following new section:
"(1) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp 3 Farming Act and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act, the 4 Nebraska Medical Cannabis Patient Protection Act shall control."
"(2) In the event of a conflict between the Nebraska Hemp Farming Act 6 and the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act, the Nebraska Medical Cannabis Regulation Act shall control."
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "section 3" and insert "sections 3 and 6"; in line 17 strike "(5)(a)(ii)" and insert "(6)(a)(ii)"; after line 21 insert the following new subdivision:
"(3) Cannabidiol tincture means a liquid cannabidiol product that: (a) Is packaged in a container with a capacity of no more than two fluid ounces;
(b) Includes a dispensing dropper that is capable of dispensing not more than one milliliter of liquid;
(c) Is not a beverage or intended for drinking; and (d) Consists of a solution:
(i) Containing at least twenty-five percent nondenatured alcohol or a base of glycerin or plant-based oil; and
(ii) That is intended for human use;"; in line 22 strike "(3)" and 21 insert "(4)"; and in line 27 strike "(4)" and insert "(5)".

3. On page 2, line 2, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)"; in line 11, strike "or"; in line 12 strike the period and insert "; or"; after line 12 insert the following new subdivision:
"(C) For a cannabidiol tincture, a total of thirty milligrams of 26 total THC per fluid ounce of the tincture."; in line 22 strike "(6)" and AM1574 LB316 AJC - 05/22/2025 AM1574 LB316 AJC - 05/22/2025 -1- 1 insert "(7)"; in line 25 strike "(7)" and insert "(8)"; in line 27 strike 2 "(8)" and insert "(9)"; and in line 31 strike "(9)" and insert "(10)".
4. On page 3, line 1, strike "(10)" and insert "(11)"; in line 7 strike "(11)" and insert "(12)"; and in line 8 strike "(12)" and insert "(13)".
5. On page 4, line 28, strike "(5)(a)" and insert "(6)(a)".
6. On page 5, after line 7, insert the following new subdivision:
"(d) After the consumer safe harbor period expiries, an individual may assert as a defense to a prosecution for possession of illegal hemp that he or she purchased the illegal hemp for personal use prior to the effective date of this act. The burden shall be on the individual to prove the elements of this defense by a preponderance of the evidence. This defense shall only apply to conduct that occurred on or before December 31, 2026."; and in line 8 strike "(d)" and insert "(e)" and after "prosecution" insert "or provide a defense".
7. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Senator Hallstrom renewed AM1241, found and considered on page 1656.

Senator Hallstrom moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 not voting.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 18:

Arch	Cavanaugh, J.	Dorn	Juarez	Riepe
Bosn	Clouse	Dungan	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	DeBoer	Fredrickson	Quick	
Brandt	DeKay	Guereca	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 12:

Andersen	Hardin	McKeon	Murman
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sanders
Hansen	Lippincott	Moser	Storm

Present and not voting, 17:

Ballard	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sorrentino	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Hughes	Lonowski	Spivey	
Conrad	Ibach	McKinney	Storer	
Dover	Jacobson	Rountree	Strommen	

Excused and not voting, 2:

Armendariz Hunt

The Hallstrom amendment lost with 18 ayes, 12 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO309
Reconsider the vote taken on AM1241.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 5 nays, and 16 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO309, to reconsider the vote taken on AM1241.

No objections. So ordered.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Andersen offered AM1532, found on page 1666.

The Andersen amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 4 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered AM1562, found on page 1666.

The Dover amendment was adopted with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA272, found on page 1671, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1575, available in the Bill Room.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Murman offered AM1575, found in this day's Journal.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 0 nays, 22 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA273, found on page 1671, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1578. No objections. So ordered.

AM1578

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 2. Section 79-215, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:
4 79-215 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a student
5 is a resident of the school district where he or she resides and shall be
6 admitted to any such school district upon request without charge.

(2) A school board shall admit a student upon request without charge if at least one of the student's parents resides in the school district.

(3) A school board shall admit any homeless student upon request without charge if the district is the district in which the student (a) is currently located, (b) attended when permanently housed, or (c) was last enrolled.

(4) A school board may allow a student whose residency in the district ceases during a school year to continue attending school in such district for the remainder of that school year.

(5) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school district pursuant to a contract with the district where the student is a resident and shall collect tuition pursuant to the contract.

(6) A school board may admit nonresident students to the school district pursuant to the enrollment option program as authorized by sections 79-232 to 79-246, and such admission shall be without charge.

(7) In order to carry out the provisions of section 79-2201, a school board shall permit children of military families to enroll preliminarily in a school district if a parent presents evidence of military orders that the military family will be stationed in this state during the current or following school year. A student of a military family shall be admitted to the school district without charge upon arrival in Nebraska if the requirements of this section are met.

(8) A school board may admit a student who is a resident of another state to the school district and collect tuition in advance at a rate determined by the school board.

(9) When a student as a ward of the state or as a ward of any court (a) has been placed in a school district other than the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward and such ward does not reside in a foster family home licensed or approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or used pursuant to section 83-108.04 or (b) has been placed in any institution which maintains a special education program which has been approved by the State Department of Education and such institution is not owned or operated by the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward, the cost of his or her education and the required transportation costs associated with the student's education shall be paid by the state, but not in advance, to the receiving school district or approved institution under rules and regulations prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services and the student shall remain a resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward. Any student who is a ward of the state or a ward of any court who resides in a foster family home licensed or approved by the Department of Health and Human Services or a foster home maintained or used pursuant to section 83-108.04 shall be deemed a resident of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a foster child, unless it is determined under section 43-1311 or 43-1312 that he or she will not attend such district in which case he or she shall be deemed a resident of the district in which the foster family home or foster home is located.

(10)(a) When a student is not a ward of the state or a ward of any court and is residing in a residential setting located in Nebraska for reasons other than to receive an education and the residential setting is operated by a service provider which is certified or licensed by the Department of Health and Human Services or is enrolled in the medical assistance program established pursuant to the Medical Assistance Act and Title XIX or XXI of the federal Social Security Act, as amended, the student shall remain a resident of the district in which he or she resided immediately prior to residing in such residential setting. The resident district for a student who is not a ward of the state or a ward of any court does not change when the student moves from one residential

setting to another.

(b) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting does not maintain an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 or an approved or accredited school, the resident school district shall contract with the district in which such residential setting is located for the provision of all educational services, including all special education services and support services as defined in section 79-1125.01, unless a parent or guardian and the resident school district agree that an appropriate education will be provided by the resident school district while the student is residing in such residential setting. If the resident school district is required to contract, the district in which such residential setting is located shall contract with the resident district and provide all educational services, including all special education services, to the student. If the two districts cannot agree on the amount of the contract, the State Department of Education shall determine the amount to be paid by the resident district to the district in which such residential setting is located based on the needs of the student, approved special education rates, the department's general experience with special education budgets, and the cost per student in the district in which such residential setting is located. Once the contract has been entered into, all legal responsibility for special education and related services shall be transferred to the school district in which the residential setting is located.

(c) If a student is residing in a residential setting as described in subdivision (10)(a) of this section and such residential setting maintains an interim-program school as defined in section 79-1119.01 or an approved or accredited school, the department shall reimburse such residential setting for the provision of all educational services, including all special education services and support services, with the amount of payment for all educational services determined pursuant to the average per pupil cost of the service agency as defined in section 79-1116. The resident school district shall retain responsibility for such student's individualized education plan, if any. The educational services may be provided through (i) such interim-program school or approved or accredited school, (ii) a contract between the residential setting and the school district in which such residential setting is located, (iii) a contract between the residential setting and another service agency as defined in section 79-1124, or (iv) a combination of such educational service providers.

(d) If a school district pays a school district in which a residential setting is located for educational services provided pursuant to subdivision (10)(b) of this section and it is later determined that a different school district was the resident school district for such student at the time such educational services were provided, the school district that was later determined to be the resident school district shall reimburse the school district that initially paid for the educational services one hundred ten percent of the amount paid.

(e) A student residing in a residential setting described in this subsection shall be defined as a student with a handicap pursuant to Article VII, section 11, of the Constitution of Nebraska, and as such the state and any political subdivision may contract with institutions not wholly owned or controlled by the state or any political subdivision to provide the educational services to the student if such educational services are nonsectarian in nature.

(11) A school board shall admit a student upon request without charge for part-time enrollment for purposes of participating in extracurricular activities in accordance with section 79-2,136 if (a) the student is also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to

meet accreditation or approval requirements and (b) either (i) the school district where such student or such student's parent resides does not offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to participate and the school district which the student is requesting to attend is the closest school district to the residence of such student or such student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity or (ii) the school district where such student or such student's parent resides does offer the extracurricular activity in which the student desires to participate but the school district the student is requesting to attend includes the closest school to the residence of such student or such student's parent that offers such extracurricular activity.

(12)~~(11)~~ In the case of any individual eighteen years of age or younger who is a ward of the state or any court and who is placed in a county detention home established under section 43-2,110, the cost of his or her education shall be paid by the state, regardless of the district in which he or she resided at the time he or she became a ward, to the agency or institution which: (a) Is selected by the county board with jurisdiction over such detention home; (b) has agreed or contracted with such county board to provide educational services; and (c) has been approved by the State Department of Education pursuant to rules and regulations prescribed by the State Board of Education.

(13)~~(12)~~ No tuition shall be charged for students who may be by law allowed to attend the school without charge.

(14)~~(13)~~ The State Department of Education shall establish procedures and criteria for collecting enrollment, admission, and related information needed for any student to attend a school district in this state which shall include, but not be limited to, having an adult with legal or actual charge or control of a student provide through electronic means or other means specified by the department the name of the student, the name of the adult with legal or actual charge or control of the student, the address where the student is or will be residing, and information on how and where the adult may generally be reached during the school day.

(15)~~(14)~~ The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

Sec. 3. Section 79-2,136, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-2,136 (1) Each school board shall allow the part-time enrollment of students, for all courses selected by the students, who are residents of, or admitted to, the school district pursuant to subsection~~subsections~~ (1), ~~and~~ (2), or (11) of section 79-215 and who are also enrolled in a private, denominational, or parochial school or in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements and shall establish policies and procedures for such part-time enrollment. Such policies and procedures may include provisions permitting the part-time enrollment of such students who are not residents of, or admitted to, such school districts to the extent permitted pursuant to section 79-215 and may require part-time students to follow school policies that apply to other students at any time the part-time student is present on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. Part-time enrollment shall not entitle a student to transportation or transportation reimbursements pursuant to section 79-611.

(2) Each school board shall establish policies and procedures to allow any student who is a resident of, or admitted to, the school district pursuant to subsection (1), ~~or~~ (2), or (11) of section 79-215 and who is enrolled in a school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements to participate in any extracurricular activities as defined in section 79-2,126, including, but not limited to, interschool competitions, to the same extent and subject

to the same requirements, conditions, and procedures as a student enrolled in a public school governed by such board, except that any school which elects pursuant to section 79-1601 not to meet accreditation or approval requirements shall set the standards for satisfactory academic performance for a student from the school to participate in extracurricular activities pursuant to this subsection and shall provide assurances of compliance with such academic standards.

(3) School board policies and procedures adopted pursuant to subsection (2) of this section (a) shall require any student desiring to participate~~participating~~ in extracurricular activities regulated by an athletics or activities association to which such school is a member pursuant to such subsection to be enrolled in ~~no more and no less than~~ five credit hours offered by the school district in any semester in order to participate in such extracurricular activities, but may not prohibit a student from enrolling in more than five credit hours, (b) shall not allow any preference in the selection of a student for participation in an extracurricular activity based on such student's status as a full-time student in the school district, and (c) may require any student participating in extracurricular activities pursuant to such subsection to follow school policies that apply to other students when present on school grounds or at a school-sponsored activity or athletic event. Participation in extracurricular activities pursuant to subsection (2) of this section shall not entitle a student to transportation, except to and from practices and events to the same extent as public school students participating in such activities, or transportation reimbursement pursuant to section 79-611.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt any student from the compulsory attendance provisions of section~~sections~~ 79-201 or any statutes relating to habitual truancy~~to 79-210~~.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the repealer accordingly.

Senator Murman offered AM1578, found in this day's Journal.

The Murman amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 0 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Murman asked unanimous consent to withdraw FA274, found on page 1671, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1598. No objections. So ordered.

AM1598

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 2. Section 49-1493, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

49-1493 The individuals listed in subdivisions (1) through (14)~~(13)~~ of this section shall file with the commission a statement of financial interests as provided in sections 49-1496 and 49-1497 for the preceding calendar year on or before March 1 of each year in which such individual holds such a position. An individual who leaves office shall, within thirty days after leaving office, file a statement covering the period since the previous statement was filed. Disclosure of the interest named in sections 49-1496 to 49-1498 shall be made by:

(1) An individual holding a state executive office as provided in Article IV of the Constitution of Nebraska, including the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Tax Commissioner, and heads of such other executive departments as set forth in the Constitution or as may be established by law;

(2) An individual holding the office of Commissioner of Education, member of the State Board of Education, member of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska with the exception of student members, or member of the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education;
(3) A member of the Board of Parole;
(4) A member of the Public Service Commission;
(5) A member of the Legislature;
(6) A member of the board of directors or an officer of a district organized under the provisions of Chapter 70;
(7) A member of any board or commission of the state or any county which examines or licenses a business or which determines rates for or otherwise regulates a business;
(8) A member of a land-use planning commission, zoning commission, or authority of the state or any county with a population of more than one hundred thousand inhabitants;
(9) An elected official of a city of the primary or metropolitan class;
(10) An elected county official;
(11) A member of the Nebraska Environmental Trust Board;
(12) An individual employed at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the position of Head Football Coach, Men's Basketball Coach, or Women's Basketball Coach; ~~and~~
(13) An official or employee of the state designated by rules and regulations of the commission who is responsible for taking or recommending official action of a nonministerial nature with regard to:
(a) Contracting or procurement;
(b) Administering or monitoring grants or subsidies;
(c) Land-use planning or zoning;
(d) Inspecting, licensing, regulating, or auditing any person; or
(e) Any similar action; and~~.~~
(14) An individual employed by a school board as a superintendent for a school district.

Sec. 3. (1)(a) Any contract for employment as a superintendent of a school district entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this act shall include a provision prohibiting the superintendent from receiving education-related employment income other than such individual's education-related employment income from the school district without first obtaining approval from the school board of the school district employing such superintendent at a regular meeting of the school board and that any such employment income received by the superintendent be reported to the school board in accordance with subdivision (b) of this subsection.

(b) A superintendent receiving education-related employment income other than such individual's education-related employment income from the school district in accordance with subdivision (a) of this subsection shall annually report all such employment income obtained during the prior calendar year to the school board and present such report to the school board at a regular meeting of the school board.

(2) For purposes of this section, education-related employment income means income paid or otherwise provided to an employee by any employer in the education field resulting from the employer-employee relationship or income resulting from a contract as an independent contractor for certain contracted education-related work, such as (a) work on any education-related foundation, board, commission, or similar entity or (b) consulting or advising on education-related matters.

Sec. 4. Section 79-566, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-566 The board of education of a Class IV school district shall at a regular meeting elect from outside its own members a superintendent, an associate superintendent of instruction, an associate superintendent of

business affairs, a school district treasurer, and the number of employees the board of education may deem necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the school district at such salaries as the board of education may determine. The board may contract with them for terms not to exceed three years. A contract for employment as a superintendent shall comply with section 3 of this act. The election of all officers of the board of education and all elections for filling vacancies on the board of education shall be by ballot. No person shall be declared elected unless he or she receives the vote of a majority of all the members of the board of education.

Sec. 5. Section 79-567, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-567 The members of the board of education of a Class V school district, at their regular meeting in January each year, shall elect a president and vice president from their own members, who shall serve for terms of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified. The members of the board of education may also select from outside their own members one superintendent of public schools, one secretary, one treasurer, and such other officers as the board may deem necessary for the administration of the affairs of the school district, at such salary as the board may deem just, and in their discretion they may enter into contracts with such officers for terms of not to exceed three years. A contract for employment as a superintendent shall comply with section 3 of this act. The board shall have the power to elect its president and vice president and to select its officers and employees in accordance with rules adopted by the board.

Sec. 6. Section 79-594, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-594 The school board in a Class I, II, III, or IV school district may also elect at any regular meeting one superintendent of public instruction with such salary as the board deems best and may enter into contract with him or her at its discretion, for a term not to exceed three years. Such contract shall comply with section 3 of this act.

Sec. 7. Section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

79-1028.01 (1) For each school fiscal year, a school district may exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year by a specific dollar amount for the following exclusions:

(a) Expenditures for repairs to infrastructure damaged by a natural disaster which is declared a disaster emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act;

(b) Expenditures for judgments, except judgments or orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a school district which require or obligate a school district to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance coverage of a school district;

(c) Expenditures pursuant to the Retirement Incentive Plan authorized in section 79-855 or the Staff Development Assistance authorized in section 79-856;

(d) Expenditures of amounts received from educational entities as defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance education courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to such educational entities;

(e)(i)~~(c)~~ Expenditures to pay for employer contributions pursuant to subsection (2) of section 79-958 to the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska to the extent that such expenditures exceed the employer contributions under such subsection that would have been made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-five hundredths percent.~~;~~

(ii) For school fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the amount of the expenditures described in subdivision (1)(e)(i) of this section for school fiscal year 2024-25 may be carried over and included in the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for school fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27;

(f) Expenditures to pay for school district contributions pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(i) or (1)(d)(i) of section 79-9,113 to the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act to the extent that such expenditures exceed the school district contributions under such subdivision that would have been made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-seven hundredths percent;

(g) Expenditures for incentives agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to July 1, 2009, occurring on or after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year, or, to the extent that a district demonstrates to the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (3) of this section that the agreement will result in a net savings in salary and benefit costs to the school district over a five-year period, occurring on or after the first day of the 2013-14 school year and prior to September 1, 2017;

(h) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for certificated teachers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 79-8,142 that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(i) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for seventy-five percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(j) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for fifty percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2018, and August 31, 2019, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(k) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for twenty-five percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(l) The special education budget of expenditures;

(m) Expenditures of special grant funds; and

(n) Expenditures of funds received as federal impact aid pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 7701 to 7714, as such sections existed on January 1, 2016, due to a district having land within its boundaries that is federal property

classified as Indian lands under 20 U.S.C. 7713(7), as such section existed on January 1, 2016, and funds received as impact aid due to children in attendance who resided on Indian lands in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1)(C), as such section existed on January 1, 2016.

(2) For each school fiscal year, a school district may exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year by a specific dollar amount and include such dollar amount in the budget of expenditures used to calculate budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures pursuant to section 79-1023 for future years for the following exclusions:

(a) The first school fiscal year the district will be participating in Network Nebraska for the full school fiscal year, for the difference of the estimated expenditures for such school fiscal year for telecommunications services, access to data transmission networks that transmit data to and from the school district, and the transmission of data on such networks as such expenditures are defined by the department for purposes of the distance education and telecommunications allowance minus the dollar amount of such expenditures for the second school fiscal year preceding the first full school fiscal year the district participates in Network Nebraska;

(b) Expenditures for new elementary attendance sites in the first year of operation or the first year of operation after being closed for at least one school year if such elementary attendance site will most likely qualify for the elementary site allowance in the immediately following school fiscal year as determined by the state board;

(c) For the first school fiscal year for which early childhood education membership is included in formula students for the calculation of state aid, expenditures for early childhood education equal to the amount the school district received in early childhood education grants pursuant to section 79-1103 for the prior school fiscal year, increased by the basic allowable growth rate; and

(d) For school fiscal year 2013-14, an amount not to exceed two percent over the previous school year if such increase is approved by a seventy-five percent majority vote of the school board of such district.

(3) The state board shall approve, deny, or modify the amount allowed for any exclusions to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures pursuant to this section.

2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the repealer accordingly.

Senator Murman offered AM1598, found in this day's Journal.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 3 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Murman amendment lost with 12 ayes, 14 nays, 21 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Murman withdrew FA275, found on page 1671.

Senator Murman requested a roll call vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 3 nays, 15 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306A. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to LB298:
AM1616

(Amendments to AM1600)

1. On page 4, after line 23 insert the following new subsection:
"(3) The department shall notify the Inspector General as soon as practicable when a criminal investigation involving a death or serious injury required to be reported to the Inspector General under subdivision (1)(b) of this section has commenced and when such criminal investigation has concluded."; and in line 24 strike "(3)", show as stricken, and insert "(4)".
2. On page 5, line 18, strike "(4)" and insert "(5)"; and in line 28 strike "(5)" and insert "(6)".
3. Insert the following new amendments:
6. On page 25, after line 1 insert the following new subsection:
"(7) The department shall notify the Inspector General as soon as practicable when a criminal investigation involving a death or serious injury required to be reported to the office under subdivision (2)(a) of this section has commenced and when such criminal investigation has concluded."; and in line 2 strike "(7)", show as stricken, and insert "(8)".
7. On page 26, line 1, strike "(8)" and insert "(9)"; in line 14 strike "(9)" and insert "(10)"; and in line 18 strike "(10)" and insert "(11)".

Senator Dungan filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1604

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 2. Section 79-1021, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-1021 (1) The Education Future Fund is created. The fund shall be administered by the department and shall consist of money transferred to the fund by the Legislature. Transfers may be made from the Education Future Fund to the Computer Science and Technology Education Fund at the direction of the Legislature. Any money in the Education Future Fund available for investment shall be invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.
(2) The fund shall be used only for the following purposes, in order of priority:
(a) To fully fund equalization aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
(b) To fund reimbursements related to special education under section 79-1142;
(c) To fund foundation aid under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act;
(d) To increase funding for school districts in a way that results in direct property tax relief, which means a dollar-for-dollar

replacement of property taxes by a state funding source;
(e) To provide funding for a grant program created by the Legislature to address teacher turnover rates and keep existing teachers in classrooms;
(f) To provide funding to increase career and technical educational classroom opportunities for students, including, but not limited to, computer science education. Such funding must provide students with the academic and technical skills, knowledge, and training necessary to succeed in future careers;
(g) To provide funding for a grant program created by the Legislature to provide students the opportunity to have a mentor who will continuously engage with the student directly to aid in the student's professional growth and give ongoing support and encouragement to the student;
(h) To provide funding for extraordinary increases in special education expenditures to allow school districts with large, unexpected special education expenditures to more easily meet the needs of all students;
(i) To provide funding to help recruit teachers throughout the state by utilizing apprenticeships through a teacher apprenticeship program and an alternative certification process;
(j) To provide funding to develop and implement a professional learning system to help provide sustained professional learning and training regarding evidence-based reading instruction and for a grant program relating to dyslexia research; ~~and~~
(k) To provide funding for a pilot project administered by the State Department of Education to provide menstrual products to school districts; and ~~.~~
(l) To provide funding to carry out the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.

(3)(a) The State Treasurer shall transfer one billion dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year 2023-24, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(b) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred fifty million dollars from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year 2024-25, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that two hundred fifty million dollars be transferred from the General Fund to the Education Future Fund in fiscal year 2025-26 and each fiscal year thereafter.

Sec. 3. Sections 3 to 7 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.

Sec. 4. (1) The Legislature finds that Nebraska elementary and secondary schools have had difficulty filling open and necessary job positions, including special education teachers.
(2) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist individuals studying to become special education teachers by supporting forgivable loans to those individuals who commit to teaching in Nebraska following their certification as a teacher with a special education endorsement.

Sec. 5. For purposes of the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act:
(1) Department means the State Department of Education;
(2) Eligible institution means a not-for-profit college or university that (a) is located in Nebraska, (b) is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and determined to be acceptable by the State Board of Education, and (c) has a special education teacher education program;
(3) Eligible noncitizen means an individual who:

(a) Is a United States national, including a native of American Samoa or Swains Island;
(b) Is a lawful permanent resident with a Form I-551, I-151, or I-551C issued by the United States Government;
(c) Is a conditional permanent resident of the United States;
(d) Has an Arrival-Departure Record I-94 from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services showing a status of Refugee, Asylum Granted, Parolee, Conditional Entrant, or Cuban-Haitian Entrant;
(e) Holds a T nonimmigrant status visa or is a child of an individual who holds a T-1 nonimmigrant status visa;
(f) Is a battered immigrant-qualified alien who is a victim of abuse by such individual's spouse or parent who is a citizen or permanent resident;
(g) Is a battered immigrant-qualified alien who is a child of a person designated as such under the federal Violence Against Women Act; or
(h) Is a citizen of the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Federated States of Micronesia;
(4) Eligible student means an individual who:
(a) Is a United States citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
(b) Is a high school graduate or the equivalent of a high school graduate;
(c) Is enrolled in good standing at a state college in Nebraska or the University of Nebraska;
(d) Is seeking initial certification as a teacher with an endorsement in special education; and
(e) Has applied for federal financial aid grants and state scholarships and grants to cover tuition and fees; and
(5) Teacher education program means a program of study that results in obtaining a bachelor's degree, master's degree, or special education endorsement that meets the education requirements for certification pursuant to sections 79-806 to 79-816.

Sec. 6. (1) The Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program is created and shall be administered by the department. The Education Future Fund shall be used to carry out the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.
(2) The department may award a forgivable loan to an eligible student to pay for instate tuition, or the equivalent of instate tuition, at any eligible institution.
(3) The department may award up to twenty-five forgivable loans each academic year for each eligible institution.
(4) An eligible student who is awarded a forgivable loan under the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program shall enter into a contract with the department prior to the department dispersing any money for such loan. Such contract shall contain at least the following terms:
(a) The eligible student shall only be eligible to receive a loan under the program for the first five years that the eligible student is enrolled in a teacher education program;
(b) The loan shall only be used to pay for any tuition remaining due to the eligible institution attended by the eligible student after applying all awarded federal and state financial aid grants and scholarships;
(c) The eligible student shall begin teaching special education at a Nebraska elementary or secondary school within one year after graduating with a degree in education; and
(d) The eligible student shall teach special education at a Nebraska elementary or secondary school for:
(i) Five consecutive years after graduating with a degree in education; or
(ii) The equivalent number of years of loans taken.

(5)(a) When an eligible student who was awarded any forgivable loan under this section graduates from an eligible institution, the department shall determine the dollar amount of forgivable loans such student received each year and the overall total dollar amount of forgivable loans paid to such eligible student.
(b)(i) Except as provided in subdivision (b)(ii) of this subsection, for each year after graduating from an eligible institution that an eligible student complies with the terms of the contract under this section, the department shall forgive twenty percent of the total dollar amount of forgivable loans paid to such eligible student. After the fifth consecutive year of compliance with the terms of the contract, the department shall notify the eligible student that the total amount of forgivable loans provided under this section that were owed by such eligible student are forgiven.
(ii) For an eligible student that received less than five total years of forgivable loans pursuant to this section, for each year after graduating from an eligible institution that an eligible student complies with the terms of the contract under this section, the department shall forgive the amount of one year's worth of forgivable loans paid to such eligible student. After the eligible student complies with the terms of the contract for the number of years that the eligible student received a forgivable loan pursuant to this section, the department shall notify the eligible student that the total amount of forgivable loans provided under this section that were owed by such eligible student are forgiven.
(6) If an eligible student who accepted a forgivable loan under this section fails to comply with the terms of the contract described in this section, such eligible student may receive a deferment from the obligation of repayment as specified in rules and regulations adopted and promulgated under the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.
(7) Any eligible student who accepted a forgivable loan under this section who fails to comply with the terms of the contract described in this section and who does not receive a deferment from the obligation of repayment as described in this section shall repay the remaining balance of any forgivable loan with simple interest at a rate of five percent per year. Any repayment under this section shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General Fund.
(8) The department shall provide each eligible student who accepts a forgivable loan under this section with a description of the obligations of such eligible student under the terms of the contract described in this section.
Sec. 7. The State Board of Education may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations relating to the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act.
2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the repealer accordingly.

Senator Spivey filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1587 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB150:
AM1569

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER90)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 155. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89,

90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 157, and 158 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date with the emergency clause.
Sec. 156. Original sections 43-1401 and 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
Sec. 159. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.
2. On page 70, line 1; page 71, line 13; and page 73, line 23, strike "effective date of this act" and insert "operative date of this section".
3. On page 188, line 15, strike "43-1401, 43-1414," and in line 29, strike "43-1411,".
4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to LB150A:
AM1609
1. On page 2, line 1, strike "$731,488" and insert "$146,056"; in line 2 strike "$762,807" and insert "$147,609"; in line 7 strike "$93,696" and insert "$97,078"; and in line 8 strike "$98,376" and insert "$101,932".

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hughes filed the following motions to LB303:
MO310
Bracket until June 2, 2025.

MO311
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO312
Indefinitely postpone.

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB150:
MO302
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO303
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m., on a motion by Senator Hallstrom, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Ben Rynearson, Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church, Rulo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

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 Armendariz, Conrad, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-fifth day was approved.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. ER90, found on page 1685, was offered.

ER90 was adopted.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO302, found on page 1725, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO303, found on page 1725, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Bosn withdrew FA188, found on page 1356.

Senator Clements withdrew AM1422, found on page 1486.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew AM1569, found on page 1724.

Senator Bosn offered the following amendment:
AM1617 is available in the Bill Room.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a record vote on the advancement of the bill.

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Murman	Storer
Arch	Dorn	Juarez	Prokop	Storm
Armendariz	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Bosn	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Brandt	Holdcroft	McKeon	Rountree	
Clements	Hughes	Meyer	Sanders	
Clouse	Ibach	Moser	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	DeBoer	Dungan	McKinney
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Dover	Fredrickson	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Hansen	Hunt	Spivey

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A. Senator Bosn offered AM1609, found on page 1725.

The Bosn amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. ER92, found on page 1701, was offered.

ER92 was adopted.

Senator Arch offered AM1600, found on page 1689.

Senator Arch offered AM1616, found on page 1721, to his amendment.

The Arch amendment, to his amendment, was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Arch amendment, AM1600, as amended, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered the following amendment:
AM1614

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1504)
1. On page 31, line 14, after "requested" insert "within seven business days after the date of the request, unless otherwise agreed to".
2. On page 52, line 12, after "requested" insert "within seven business days after the date of the request, unless otherwise agreed to".

The Conrad amendment lost with 17 ayes, 21 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:
AM1553 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator DeKay requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Senator DeKay moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 29 ayes, 2 nays, and 18 not voting.

Voting in the affirmative, 7:

Andersen	Cavanaugh, J.	McKinney	Rountree
Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Prokop	

Voting in the negative, 22:

Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Meyer	Storm
Brandt	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Wordekemper
Clements	Dorn	Jacobson	Quick	
Clouse	Dover	Lippincott	Raybould	
Conrad	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	

Present and not voting, 18:

Armendariz	Fredrickson	Juarez	Sanders	Strommen
Ballard	Guereca	Kauth	Sorrentino	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	McKeon	Spivey	
Dungan	Hunt	Murman	Storer	

Absent and not voting, 1:

Holdcroft

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hansen

The Bostar amendment lost with 7 ayes, 22 nays, 18 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. ER91, found on page 1701, was offered.

ER91 was adopted.

Senator Hughes offered AM1593, found on page 1687.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the Hughes amendment:
FA322
In AM1593, strike lines 12-17.

Senator Meyer moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator Hardin moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 19 ayes, 3 nays, and 27 not voting.

Senator Holdcroft motioned to suspend the call of the house. The motion failed with 19 ayes, 13 nays, and 17 not voting.

The house remained under call.

The Meyer motion to cease debate prevailed with 26 ayes, 4 nays, and 19 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the Hughes amendment, lost with 2 ayes, 34 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Lippincott filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1607

1. Insert the following new sections:

Sec. 9. (1) For purposes of this section:

(a) Core curriculum instruction time means the time during which a student is scheduled to receive instruction in the fundamental academic subjects of reading, English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies;

(b) Educational decisionmaker has the same meaning as in section 79-530;

(c) Released time course means a course in religious instruction, taught by a sponsoring entity, during which a student is excused from public school to attend;

(d) School district has the same meaning as in section 79-101;

(e) Secular evaluation criteria includes, but is not limited to:

(i) The number of hours of classroom instruction;

(ii) A review of the course syllabus that reflects course requirements and materials used;

(iii) The methods of student assessment used in the course; and

(iv) The qualifications of the course instructor; and

(f) Sponsoring entity means a private entity that offers students an elective course in religious instruction pursuant to this section.

(2) A school district may adopt a policy that excuses any student of such school district to attend a released time course for at least one class period per week. Such policy shall require:

(a) The parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker of the student to provide written consent for the student to attend the released time course;

(b) The sponsoring entity to maintain attendance records and make such records available to the school district the student attends;

(c) The sponsoring entity, parent, guardian, or educational decisionmaker to provide transportation to and from the place of instruction;

(d) The sponsoring entity to make provision and assume liability for each student that attends its released time course while under the control of the sponsoring entity;

(e) No school district funds to be expended other than de minimis administrative costs;

(f) A released time course not be scheduled during a student's core

curriculum instruction time, and that each released time course be no less than forty-two and no more than one hundred twenty consecutive minutes in length; and

(g) A released time course not to be held on school district property unless permitted under a neutral policy of equal access that opens school district property for use by community groups.

(3) For any period of time a student is excused from a school district to attend a released time course in accordance with this section, such student shall be considered as attending the school from which such student is excused for the purpose of determining school funding and satisfying attendance requirements.

(4) A school district may adopt a policy that awards academic credit for the completion of a released time course. In determining the amount of credit to award for completion of such a course, the school district shall evaluate the course based on purely secular criteria that are substantially the same criteria used to evaluate similar courses. The decision to award credit for a released time course shall be neutral to, and shall not involve any test for, religious content or denominational affiliation.

(5) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to deny a released time course or the sponsoring entity equal access to funds, benefits, or services that the school district may provide or make available to community groups or other independent entities.

Sec. 10. Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 of this act become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session. The other sections of this act become operative on their effective date.

Sec. 12. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendment to LB316A:
FA321
Strike the enacting clause

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following motion to LB316A:
MO315
Recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m., on a motion by Senator Kauth, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Fredrickson, and Spivey, who were excused until they arrive.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 270, 271, 272, and 273 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 270, 271, 272, and 273.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Senator Hughes renewed AM1593, found on page 1687, and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO320
Reconsider the vote taken on FA322.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw her motion to reconsider.

No objections. So ordered.

The Hughes amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hughes asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM1594, found on page 1688, and replace it with the Ballard substitute amendment, AM1602. No objections. So ordered.
AM1602

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM1350)

1. Insert the following new section:
Sec. 3. Section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
79-1028.01 (1) For each school fiscal year, a school district may exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year by a specific dollar amount for the following exclusions:
(a) Expenditures for repairs to infrastructure damaged by a natural disaster which is declared a disaster emergency pursuant to the Emergency Management Act;
(b) Expenditures for judgments, except judgments or orders from the Commission of Industrial Relations, obtained against a school district which require or obligate a school district to pay such judgment, to the extent such judgment is not paid by liability insurance coverage of a school district;
(c) Expenditures pursuant to the Retirement Incentive Plan authorized in section 79-855 or the Staff Development Assistance authorized in section 79-856;
(d) Expenditures of amounts received from educational entities as

defined in section 79-1201.01 for providing distance education courses through the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council to such educational entities;

(e)(i)~~(e)~~ Expenditures to pay for employer contributions pursuant to subsection (2) of section 79-958 to the School Employees Retirement System of the State of Nebraska to the extent that such expenditures exceed the employer contributions under such subsection that would have been made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-five hundredths percent.~~;~~

(ii) For school fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27, the amount of the expenditures described in subdivision (1)(e)(i) of this section for school fiscal year 2024-25 may be carried over and included in the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for school fiscal years 2025-26 and 2026-27;

(f) Expenditures to pay for school district contributions pursuant to subdivision (1)(c)(i) or (1)(d)(i) of section 79-9,113 to the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School Employees Retirement Act to the extent that such expenditures exceed the school district contributions under such subdivision that would have been made at a contribution rate of seven and thirty-seven hundredths percent;

(g) Expenditures for incentives agreed to be paid by a school district to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring prior to July 1, 2009, occurring on or after the last day of the 2010-11 school year and prior to the first day of the 2013-14 school year, or, to the extent that a district demonstrates to the State Board of Education pursuant to subsection (3) of this section that the agreement will result in a net savings in salary and benefit costs to the school district over a five-year period, occurring on or after the first day of the 2013-14 school year and prior to September 1, 2017;

(h) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for current and future qualified voluntary termination incentives for certificated teachers pursuant to subsection (3) of section 79-8,142 that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(i) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for seventy-five percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2017, and August 31, 2018, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(j) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for fifty percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2018, and August 31, 2019, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;

(k) Expenditures by a school district with budgeted expenditures otherwise equal to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures for such school district as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year for twenty-five percent of incentives agreed to be paid to certificated employees in exchange for a voluntary

termination of employment occurring between September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, as a result of a collective-bargaining agreement in force and effect on September 1, 2017, that are not otherwise included in an exclusion pursuant to this subsection;
(l) The special education budget of expenditures;
(m) Expenditures of special grant funds; and
(n) Expenditures of funds received as federal impact aid pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 7701 to 7714, as such sections existed on January 1, 2016, due to a district having land within its boundaries that is federal property classified as Indian lands under 20 U.S.C. 7713(7), as such section existed on January 1, 2016, and funds received as impact aid due to children in attendance who resided on Indian lands in accordance with 20 U.S.C. 7703(a)(1)(C), as such section existed on January 1, 2016.
(2) For each school fiscal year, a school district may exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures as calculated pursuant to section 79-1023 for such school fiscal year by a specific dollar amount and include such dollar amount in the budget of expenditures used to calculate budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures pursuant to section 79-1023 for future years for the following exclusions:
(a) The first school fiscal year the district will be participating in Network Nebraska for the full school fiscal year, for the difference of the estimated expenditures for such school fiscal year for telecommunications services, access to data transmission networks that transmit data to and from the school district, and the transmission of data on such networks as such expenditures are defined by the department for purposes of the distance education and telecommunications allowance minus the dollar amount of such expenditures for the second school fiscal year preceding the first full school fiscal year the district participates in Network Nebraska;
(b) Expenditures for new elementary attendance sites in the first year of operation or the first year of operation after being closed for at least one school year if such elementary attendance site will most likely qualify for the elementary site allowance in the immediately following school fiscal year as determined by the state board;
(c) For the first school fiscal year for which early childhood education membership is included in formula students for the calculation of state aid, expenditures for early childhood education equal to the amount the school district received in early childhood education grants pursuant to section 79-1103 for the prior school fiscal year, increased by the basic allowable growth rate; and
(d) For school fiscal year 2013-14, an amount not to exceed two percent over the previous school year if such increase is approved by a seventy-five percent majority vote of the school board of such district.
(3) The state board shall approve, deny, or modify the amount allowed for any exclusions to the budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures pursuant to this section.
Sec. 4. Original section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.
2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

Senator Ballard offered AM1602, found in this day's Journal.

The Ballard amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew AM1610, found on page 1701.

Senator Andersen withdrew AM1612, found on page 1706.

Senator Hallstrom withdrew AM1613, found on page 1705.

Senator Hughes asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO310, found on page 1725, to bracket until June 2, 2025.
MO311, found on page 1725, to recommit to the Education Committee.
MO312, found on page 1725, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316. Placed on Final Reading.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
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The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In lieu of the von Gillern amendment, FA287:
a. In the von Gillern amendment, AM1560:
i. On page 1, line 22, "July" has been struck and "October" inserted;
ii. On page 2, line 1, "July" has been struck and "October" inserted;
iii. On page 6, line 27, "project area meets all of the" has been struck and "proposed development is demonstrated to be not inconsistent with the statutory" inserted;
iv. On page 31, line 24, "after any required transfer" has been struck; and
v. On page 32, line 10, "refund" has been inserted after "or" and "from allocated amounts" has been inserted after "reduction"; and in line 21 "from allocated amounts" has been inserted after "refunds"; and
b. In the Bostar amendment, AM1573:
i. On page 4, lines 13, 17, and 25, "July" has been struck and "October" inserted; and
ii. On page 5, line 10, "refund" has been inserted after "or" and "from allocated amounts" has been inserted after "reduction".
2. Amendments 1 and 2 of the Quick amendment, AM1581, have been incorporated into the Bostar amendment, AM1573, as follows:
a. On page 4, after line 24 the following new subdivision has been inserted: "(d) On and after July 1, 2025, and until October 1, 2025, any transactions occurring within a good life district and within a city or village that has implemented an occupation tax pursuant to section 77-4413 shall be subject to a state sales tax rate that is fifty percent of the state sales tax rate provided in section 77-2701.02."; and
b. On page 4, line 25, "(d)" has been struck and "(e)" inserted; and in line 29 "(e)" has been struck and "(f)" inserted.
3. In lieu of the von Gillern amendment, FA286, in the von Gillern amendment, AM1560:
a. On page 3, line 1, "restrictive covenants," has been inserted after the second comma; and
b. On page 5, line 6, "and" has been inserted after the semicolon; in line 7 "; and" has been struck and an underscored period inserted; and lines 8 and 9 have been struck.
4. In the E&R amendments, ER87, on page 1, line 2, "77-4401," has been inserted after "77-2701.02"; in line 3 "77-4408," has been inserted after "77-4406,"; and in line 7 "to provide severability;" has been inserted after the second semicolon.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB48

Senator Brandt asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO272, found on page 1620, to recommit to the Health and Human Services Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

MOTION(S) - Return LB48 to Select File

Senator McKinney moved to return LB48 to Select File for his specific amendment, AM1465, found on page 1607.

The McKinney motion to return prevailed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. The McKinney specific amendment, AM1465, found on page 1607, was adopted with 31 ayes, 1 nay, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Return LB48 to Select File

Senator McKinney moved to return LB48 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA329
On page 2, line 2, strike "establish" and replace it with "designate".

The McKinney motion to return prevailed with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. The McKinney specific amendment, FA329, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 371.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Civil Remedies for Unauthorized Disclosure of Intimate Images Act; to amend sections 25-3502 and 25-3503, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to provide liability for images created by computer generation or digital manipulation; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 422.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; to amend sections 76-3401 and 76-3410, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to required warnings on transfer on death deeds and insurance policies on certain real property; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB490 with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 490.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Certificate of Title Act; to amend sections 60-101, 60-137, 60-152, 60-164, and 60-166, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to allow applications for certificates of title for certain vehicles; to change provisions relating to issuance of title, records of a security agreement or certain conveyances, and evidence of liens; to provide for the perfection and priority of security interests in and the surrender and acquisition of certificates of title of certain vehicles; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 499.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee; to amend sections 81-1802, 81-1803, and 81-1804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to membership of the committee; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 558.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to transportation infrastructure; to create the Infrastructure Review Task Force; and to provide duties.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to judges' salaries; to amend section 24-201.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change judges' salaries; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 38:

Andersen	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Spivey
Arch	Dover	Juarez	Prokop	Storer
Ballard	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	Storm
Bosn	Hansen	Lippincott	Raybould	Strommen
Brandt	Hardin	Lonowski	Riepe	von Gillern
Clements	Holdcroft	McKeon	Rountree	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hughes	Meyer	Sanders	
DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Armendariz*	Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan*	Hunt
Bostar*	Conrad	Fredrickson*	McKinney*
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer*	Guereca*	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 513A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 513, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Armendariz*	Cavanaugh, M.*	Hunt	McKinney	von Gillern*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB192 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, and 6 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 192.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change and eliminate provisions relating to eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to eliminate requirements for an evaluation and a report; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Hunt	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Ibach	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	
Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Armendariz*	Lippincott	McKeon	Storer
Clements	Lonowski*	Murman*	Storm*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB288 with 42 ayes, 1 nay, and 6 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property; to amend sections 13-3202, 13-3203, 13-3204, 18-2102, 58-701, 58-708, 58-711, 81-1237, 81-1238, 81-1239, and 81-1240, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-2101, 18-2101.02, 18-2103, and 72-805, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change legislative findings and provisions relating to requirements for ordinances or resolutions under the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to redevelopment projects under the Community Development Law; to change and provide provisions under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act relating to the construction of new buildings, grants, and reports; to change provisions relating to buildings constructed with state funds; to change provisions relating to grant funding considerations and the annual report under the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Storer
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Prokop	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Ibach	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Raybould	
Clements	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 6:

Armendariz*	Lonowski*	Riepe*
Lippincott*	McKeon*	Sorrentino*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 288A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 288, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Hunt	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Ibach	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Jacobson	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Guereca	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Armendariz*	Lippincott*	Lonowski*	McKeon*	Riepe*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB290 with 42 ayes, 2 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 290.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Economic Recovery Act; to amend section 81-12,241, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change

provisions relating to grant funding for a business park; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Armendariz	Conrad	Guereca	Moser	von Gillern
Ballard	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	DeKay	Holdcroft	Quick	
Brandt	Dorn	Hughes	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hunt	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 18:

Andersen	Hardin	Lippincott	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Ibach	Lonowski	Riepe*	Strommen*
Clements	Jacobson	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Hansen	Kauth	Meyer	Storer	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB346

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked to unanimous consent to withdraw MO305, found on page 1701, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB346

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew FA290, found on page 1701.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB346 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 346.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 2-1801, 2-1803, 2-1826, 2-4901, 2-5001, 2-5003, 38-204, 38-205, 38-308, 38-310, 38-605, 38-703, 38-904, 38-2213, 38-2214, 38-2306, 66-1605, 66-1618, 71-705, 71-706, 71-814, 71-815, 71-2454.01, 71-5311, 71-7102, 71-7107, 71-7108, 71-7109, 71-7110, 72-811, 72-812, 72-2101, 81-1108.41, 81-1348, 81-1430, 81-1431, 81-15,159.01, 81-15,210, 81-15,238, 81-15,245, 81-15,246, 82-703, 82-706, 85-1008, 85-1607, 85-1643, 86-511, 86-516, 86-521, 86-1101, 86-1102, and 86-1103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-167, 38-2120, 38-2216, 39-2106, 39-2301.01, 39-2304, 43-3401, 43-4001, 43-4203, 43-4216, 43-4406, 43-4513, 66-2001, 71-702, 71-5301, 71-5310, and 71-7012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, and departments as prescribed; to provide for termination of the advisory council for the Private Postsecondary Career School Act, the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply, the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents, the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee, the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee, the Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force, the Climate Assessment Response Committee, the Critical Incident Stress Management Council, the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee, the Governor's Residence Advisory Commission, the Interagency Management Committee, the Natural Gas Fuel Board, the Nebraska Aquaculture Board, the Nebraska Potato Development Act, the Nebraska Potato Development Committee, the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council, the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee, the Rural Broadband Task Force, the solid waste management advisory committee, the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services, the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee, the State Emergency Response Commission, the Suggestion Award Board, the task force on human trafficking, the technical panel for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee, the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force, the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee, the Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, and the Women's Health Initiative Fund; to change provisions relating to the Board of Mental Health Practice, the Board of Nursing, the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards, the Critical Incident Stress Management Act, the Department of Administrative Services, the Department of Environment and Energy, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Labor, the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council, the Nebraska Children's Commission, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, the Propane Education and Research Council, the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services, and the State Board of Education; to change and eliminate funds; to eliminate the

Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act and the Whiteclay Public Health Emergency Task Force; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 38-206, 38-2307, 43-4003, 50-601, 50-602, 50-603, 66-1617, 71-4501, 71-4502, 71-4503, 71-7105, 71-7106, and 81-15,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-4504, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB380 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Medical Assistance Act; to amend sections 68-982, 68-985, 68-986, 68-987, and 68-988, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 68-974, 68-995, and 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to program integrity, ground emergency medical transport, and mental health and substance use disorder services; to provide duties for the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Armendariz*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 380A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 380, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz* McKeon*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to aging services; to amend section 81-2224, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide for appropriation of funds from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund to reimburse designated area agencies on aging; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Armendariz*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 382A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 382, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Armendariz*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB434 with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 434. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the State Fire Marshal; to amend sections 28-1239.01, 28-1246, 28-1251, 81-503.01, 81-505.01, 81-5,159, 81-15,120, and 81-15,121, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change fees; to change provisions relating to the adoption of fees; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Ballard*	Conrad

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB504 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protections; to adopt the Age-Appropriate Online Design Code Act; to provide an operative date; and to provide severability.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 7:

Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hunt	Spivey*
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan	McKinney	

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB504A

Senator Bosn withdrew FA235, found on page 1530.

MOTION(S) - Return LB504A to Select File

Senator Bosn moved to return LB504A to Select File for the following specific amendment:
FA333
Strike the enacting clause

The Bosn motion to return prevailed with 45 ayes, 0 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504A. The Bosn specific amendment, FA333, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 47 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 present and not voting.

LB504A stands indefinitely postponed.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB521 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 521. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 14-201, 14-202, 14-204, 14-205, 14-206, 14-207, 14-210, 14-217.01, 14-376, 14-521, 14-811, 14-1206, 14-1211, 14-1216, 14-1251, 15-301, 32-104, 32-239, 32-307, 32-315, 32-401, 32-402, 32-536, 32-554, 32-568, 32-603, 32-620, 32-621, 32-624, 32-628, 32-629, 32-704, 32-707, 32-912, 32-1032, 32-1037, 32-1119, 32-1122, 32-1404, and 84-1411, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 14-211, 31-727.02, 32-101, 32-123, 32-202, 32-221, 32-231, 32-308, 32-312, 32-326, 32-405, 32-607, 32-613, 32-615, 32-617, 32-618, 32-630, 32-631, 32-632, 32-716, 32-717, 32-803, 32-809, 32-811, 32-1002, 32-1005, 32-1007, 32-1013, 32-1049, 32-1409, 32-1525, 32-1546, 70-1014, and 70-1014.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to elections in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class; to change provisions relating to voter registration, primary, general, and special elections, petitions, political parties, write-in candidates, ballots, vote counting devices, counting watchers and observers, judges of election and clerks of election, candidate filing forms, the board of state canvassers, and counting and recounting ballots; to change provisions relating to filling a vacancy in the office of city council member or mayor in a city of the metropolitan class; to provide forms for petitions; to provide for the verification of identification envelopes; to provide powers and duties for the Secretary of State, election commissioners, and county clerks; to eliminate provisions relating to voter registration and political party delegates; to change requirements for notice of meetings under the Open Meetings Act; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 32-309 and 32-705, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

RESOLUTION ON FINAL READING

The following resolution was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 19CA.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2026, the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of Nebraska shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Nebraska for approval or rejection:

To amend Article III, section 12:

III-12 (1) No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Legislature for four years next after the expiration of <u>three</u>~~two~~ consecutive terms regardless of the district represented.

(2) Service prior to January 1, 2001, as a member of the Legislature shall not be counted for the purpose of calculating consecutive terms in subsection (1) of this section.

(3) For the purpose of this section, service in office for more than one-half of a term shall be deemed service for a term.

Sec. 2. The proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of Nebraska, Article XVI, section 1, with the following ballot language:

A constitutional amendment to change the limit on legislative terms from two consecutive terms to three consecutive terms.

For

Against.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the resolution pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 39:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	McKinney	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Meyer	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Kauth	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 10:

Armendariz*	Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin*	Moser	Storer*
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca*	Lippincott*	Prokop*	Storm*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional three-fifths majority having voted in the affirmative, the resolution was declared passed for the general election.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB398

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO297, found on page 1701, to recommit to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

MOTION(S) - Return LB398 to Select File

Senator Hallstrom moved to return LB398 to Select File for his specific amendment, AM1509, found on page 1657.

Pending.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 371, 422, 490, 499, 558, 513e, 513Ae, 192, 288, 288A, 290, 346, 380, 380A, 382, 382A, 434e, 504, 521e, and LR19CA.

MOTION(S) - Return LB398 to Select File

Senator Hallstrom renewed his motion, found in this day's Journal, to return LB398 to Select File for specific AM1509, found on page 1657.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on his motion to return LB398 to Select File.

Voting in the affirmative, 21:

Andersen	DeKay	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sorrentino
Arch	Dover	Ibach	McKeon	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Meyer	
Clements	Hansen	Kauth	Murman	
Clouse	Hardin	Lippincott	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Armendariz	Conrad	Guereca	Moser	Spivey
Brandt	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Rountree	

Present and not voting, 14:

Ballard	Dorn	McKinney	Riepe	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Prokop	Storer	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Hughes	Raybould	Storm	

The Hallstrom motion to return failed with 21 ayes, 14 nays, and 14 present and not voting.

The Hallstrom amendment, AM1509, found on page 1657, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB398 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 398. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 37-327.04, 60-3,104.01, 60-3,104.02, 60-3,113, 60-3,122.04, 60-3,151, 60-3,254, 60-495, 60-4,144.01, 60-4,144.02, 60-1506, 74-1335, 75-365, 80-415, 80-416, 80-417, 81-2517, 82-139, and 82-334, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 18-1737, 37-112, 37-327.03, 37-811, 60-107, 60-119.01, 60-169, 60-301, 60-302, 60-302.01, 60-336.01, 60-386, 60-393, 60-395, 60-396, 60-3,101, 60-3,104, 60-3,113.04, 60-3,122.03, 60-3,123, 60-3,124, 60-3,125, 60-3,130.04, 60-3,193.01, 60-3,253,

60-462.01, 60-479.01, 60-483, 60-4,111.01, 60-4,131, 60-4,132, 60-4,134, 60-4,144, 60-4,147.02, 60-4,168, 60-501, 60-628.01, 60-6,265, 60-1509, 60-2705, 60-2909.01, 75-363, 75-364, 75-366, 75-369.03, 75-392, and 75-393, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt updates to federal law and update certain federal references; to provide for permanent trailer license plates for commercial fertilizer trailers; to change provisions relating to license plates and provide for the issuance of Arbor Day Plates; to change the fee for organizational license plates; to change and provide provisions relating to Military Honor Plates, prisoner-of-war license plates, disabled veteran license plates, and Purple Heart license plates; to provide duties to the Department of Motor Vehicles; to increase fees related to records requests; to change the distribution of certain revenues; to change provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses and CLP-commercial learner's permits; to provide duties for the successor in interest of a railroad; to change civil penalties against certain motor carriers; to create the Home of Arbor Day Plate Cash Fund and provide for grants from such fund; to define and redefine terms; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to eliminate a fund; to eliminate provisions relating to certain license plates; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 60-3,127, 60-3,129, 60-3,223, 60-3,224, 60-3,225, 60-3,227, 60-3,230, 60-3,231, 60-3,234, 60-3,235, 60-3,238, 60-3,239, 60-3,240, 60-3,242, 60-3,244, 60-3,246, 60-3,248, 60-3,250, 60-3,252, 60-3,255, 60-3,256, 60-3,257, and 60-3,258, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 60-3,128, 60-3,226, 60-3,232, 60-3,233, 60-3,237, 60-3,241, 60-3,243, 60-3,245, 60-3,247, 60-3,249, 60-3,251, 60-3,259, and 60-3,260, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 4:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	McKinney

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendment to LB415

Senator Ballard withdrew FA23, found on page 626.
Senator Ballard withdrew FA24, found on page 626.
Senator Raybould withdrew FA53, found on page 844.
Senator von Gillern withdrew AM598, found on page 896.
Senator Dungan withdrew FA58, found on page 897.
Senator J. Cavanaugh withdrew AM787, found on page 897.
Senator Dungan withdrew FA57, found on page 897.
Senator Dungan withdrew AM799, found on page 897.

WITHDRAW - Motions to LB415

Senator McKinney asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO112, found on page 858, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO140, found on page 929, to indefinitely postpone.

No objections. So ordered.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB415 to Committee

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO139, found on page 929, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Pending.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LB398e.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB415 to Committee

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO139, found on page 929 and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 5:40 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 28, 2025, at 3:59 p.m. were the following: LBs 371, 422, 490, 499, 558, 513e, 513Ae, 192, 288, 288A, 290, 346, 380, 380A, 382, 382A, 434e, 504, and 521e.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

PRESENTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Presented to the Secretary of State on May 28, 2025, at 4:05 p.m. was the following: LR19CA.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Placed on Select File with amendment.
ER93 is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306A. Placed on Select File.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendments to LB258:
AM1605

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

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.
4 2. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 6 after "sections"
5 insert "; and to declare an emergency".

AM1606

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)

1 1. Strike section 1 and insert the following new sections:
2 Section 1. Section 48-1203, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

48-1203 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section and section 48-1203.01, every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees a minimum wage of:
(a) Nine dollars per hour through December 31, 2022;
(b) Ten dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023;
(c) Twelve dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024;
(d) Thirteen dollars and fifty cents per hour on and after January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and
(e) Fifteen dollars per hour on and after January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026.
(2) The minimum wage established in subdivision (1)(e) of this section shall be increased on January 1, 2027, and on January 1 of successive years, by one and three-quarters percent~~the increase in the cost of living. The increase in the cost of living shall be measured by the percentage increase, if any, as of August of the previous year over the level as of August of the year preceding that year in the consumer price index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest Region, or its successor index, as published by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor agency, with the amount of the minimum wage increase rounded up to the nearest multiple of five cents~~. No later than October 15 of each year, commencing October 15, 2026, the Nebraska Department of Labor shall calculate and publish the minimum wage rate that will take effect the following January 1.
(3) For persons compensated by way of gratuities such as waitresses, waiters, hotel bellhops, porters, and shoeshine persons, the employer shall pay wages at the minimum rate of two dollars and thirteen cents per hour, plus all gratuities given to them for services rendered. The sum of wages and gratuities received by each person compensated by way of gratuities shall equal or exceed the applicable minimum wage rate provided in subsection (1) or (2) of this section. In determining whether or not the individual is compensated by way of gratuities, the burden of proof shall be upon the employer.
(4) Any employer employing student-learners as part of a bona fide vocational training program shall pay such student-learners' wages at a rate of at least seventy-five percent of the minimum wage rate which would otherwise be applicable under this section.
(5) An employer may pay a youth minimum wage of fifteen dollars per hour to an employee who:
(a) Is at least fourteen years of age but younger than sixteen years of age; and
(b) Is not an emancipated minor.
Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.
2. On page 1, line 5, strike "and"; and in line 6 after "sections" insert "; and to declare an emergency".

Senator Hardin filed the following amendments to LB538:

FA330
In AM1385, Strike Section 1.

FA331
In AM1385, Strike Section 2.

FA332
In AM1385, Strike Section 3.

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to LB306:
AM1626

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER93)

1. Strike sections 7 to 9 and insert the following new sections:

Sec. 7. Section 85-3003, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-3003 (1)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum of fifteen thousand dollars per year to any eligible state college student (i) who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had a high school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and (ii) who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

(b) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the state college campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in a state college, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program of study.

(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study includes the following:

(i) A program of study at a state college in rangeland management, industrial technology, criminal justice, business administration, education, communication, the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, or computer information systems; and

(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.

(3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.

(4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible program of study.

(5) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges shall collect information on each state college scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for the eligible programs of study at a state college in the current or prior academic year:

(a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible program of study for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior

academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients and the state college's overall first to second year retention rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year;

(d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the state college's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and

(e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state.

Sec. 8. Section 85-3004, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-3004 (1)(a) The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship to any eligible university student who is enrolled in an eligible program of study in an amount not to exceed:

(i) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who is a transfer student; or

(ii) Except as provided in subdivision (1)(a)(i) of this section:

(A) Twenty-five thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®; or

(B) Ten thousand dollars per year for any scholarship recipient who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty and less than twenty-eight out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT®.

(b) The Board of Regents shall allocate funds appropriated to the board under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act between the university campuses, determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the university, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include (i) being a first-time freshman who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least twenty out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or a transfer student and (ii) enrollment in an eligible program of study.

(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study means:

(i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study offered by the University of Nebraska in mathematics, engineering, health care, and computer information systems;

(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study designated by the Department of Economic Development, in collaboration with the Board of Regents, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state; and

(iii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in special education.

(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.

(3) A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by a scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.

(4) Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a

scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible program of study.

(5) The Board of Regents shall collect information on each university scholarship recipient and shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for the eligible programs of study at the university in the current or prior academic year:

(a) The total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in each eligible program of study for the current academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in each eligible program of study for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in each eligible program of study for such academic year, based upon official fall census data;

(c) The total number of newly awarded scholarship recipients retained across all eligible programs of study from the immediately prior academic year to the current academic year and a comparison of the retention rates between those of the newly awarded scholarship recipients and the university's overall first to second year retention rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year;

(d) The total number of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of the four-year graduation rates between the scholarship recipients who graduated and the university's overall four-year graduate rate reported to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System for the same year; and

(e) The number and percent of scholarship recipients who graduated during the immediately prior calendar year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state.

Sec. 9. Section 85-3006, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

85-3006 (1)(a) The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in collaboration with private colleges that elect to participate, shall award a Nebraska Career Scholarship that does not exceed a maximum of ten thousand dollars per year to any private college student who achieved a composite score on a standard college admission test equivalent to a score of at least eighteen out of a maximum score of thirty-six or an equivalent score on the SAT® or who had a high school grade-point average of 3.0 or greater on a four-point scale and who is enrolled in an eligible program of study.

(b) Each participating private college, acting as an agent of the state, shall determine the eligibility of students enrolled in the private college, receive and process applications for awards to individual students, and disburse funds directly to scholarship recipients during the fiscal year. Eligibility criteria shall include being a first-time freshman or a transfer student and enrollment in an eligible program of study.

(c) For purposes of this section, an eligible program of study means:

(i) Through academic year 2023-24, a program of study at a private college in mathematics, health care, and computer information systems; and

(ii) Beginning with academic year 2024-25, a program of study in education or engineering and a program of study in shortage areas designated by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education, in consultation with the State Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic Development, and any advisory committee established by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education for such purpose, based on periodic reviews of workforce needs in the state.

~~(2) Each scholarship recipient shall register with the appropriate~~

~~campus office to obtain a Nebraska-based internship, apprenticeship, clinical position, or employment in a major-related field prior to completion of the student's eligible program of study.~~
(2)~~(3)~~ A Nebraska Career Scholarship may be used by the scholarship recipient for tuition, fees, required tools and equipment, and room and board.
(3)~~(4)~~ Each scholarship awarded under this section shall be automatically renewed on an annual basis if the student remains enrolled in good standing in the eligible program of study for which such scholarship was awarded, except that no student shall receive a scholarship renewal after four years of participation in such eligible program of study.
(4)~~(5)~~ Each participating private college shall collect information on each scholarship recipient who has been awarded a Nebraska Career Scholarship by such private college and shall share such information with the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.
(5)~~(6)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature and the Governor on or before December 1 of each year the following information for each eligible program of study at a private college in the current or prior academic year:
(a) The total number of students enrolled in the program in the immediately prior academic year and the total number of students enrolled in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year;
(b) The total number of scholarship recipients in the program as of September 30 for the current academic year and the total number of such scholarship recipients who are newly enrolled in the program for such academic year;
(c) The total number of students retained in the program and a comparison of the retention rates between scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students;
~~(d) The number of students participating in an internship, an apprenticeship, a clinical position, or employment in a major-related field during the immediately prior academic year and a comparison of participation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students;~~
(d)~~(e)~~ The total number of graduates for the immediately prior academic year, the number of scholarship recipient graduates for such academic year, and a comparison of the graduation rates for scholarship recipients and nonscholarship students; and
(e) Using data from the Department of Labor, the~~(f) The~~ number of scholarship recipients obtaining employment in the state within five fiscal quarters after completion of an eligible program of study~~graduates from the immediately prior academic year who obtained employment in a major-related field in the state within four months after graduation and the average starting salary for such graduates~~.
(6)~~(7)~~ The Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education shall allocate the amount appropriated to the commission to carry out this section to private colleges that elect to participate under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act. The commission shall establish a separate budget subprogram for such allocations.
2. Correct the operative date and repealer sections so that the sections added by this amendment become operative three calendar months after the adjournment of this legislative session.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following motion to LB258:
MO323
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Hardin filed the following motions to LB538:
MO322
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO324
Recommit to the Education Committee.

MO325
Indefinitely postpone.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB415 to Committee

Senator M. Cavanaugh renewed MO139, found on page 929 and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee

Senator Ballard offered the following motion:
MO327
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on the motion to invoke cloture.

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper

The Ballard motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to recommit to committee failed with 15 ayes, 34 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Strommen amendment, AM722, found on page 844, was not considered.

The Raybould amendment, AM1470, found on page 1688, was not considered.

The Dungan amendment, FA236, found on page 1530, was not considered.

The Dungan amendment, FA237, found on page 1530, was not considered.

The Hughes amendment, AM1449, found on page 1529, was not considered.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1469, found on page 1530, was not considered.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1451, found on page 1477, was not considered.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA227, found on page 1448, was not considered.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA228, found on page 1448, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB415 with 42 ayes, 3 nays, and 4 present and not voting.

Senator Ballard requested a roll call vote on the passage of the bill.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 48-665, 81-5,213, 81-5,215, 81-5,216, 81-5,217, 81-5,218, 81-5,219, 81-5,221, 81-5,223, 81-5,230, and 81-5,239, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 9-1104, 9-1110, 9-1302, 9-1303, 9-1304, 9-1305, 9-1306, 9-1307, 9-1308, 9-1313, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3014, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, and sections 2, 3, 4, and 8, Initiative Law 2024, No. 436; to redefine terms and change and eliminate applicability, administrative, and enforcement provisions under the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act; to define and redefine terms and provide for set off of debt owed due to the overpayment of unemployment benefits under the Employment Security Law against gambling winnings under the Gambling Winnings Setoff for Outstanding Debt Act; to change provisions relating to the offset of overpayment of unemployment benefits against future benefits

under the Employment Security Law; to change and eliminate applicability, inspection, investigation, licensure, and enforcement provisions of the Conveyance Safety Act; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer*	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Wordekemper

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB89 to Committee

Senator Hunt offered MO192, found on page 1175, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. Placed on Final Reading Second with the attached statement.
ST48
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. The McKinney amendment, FA329, has been incorporated into the McKinney amendment, AM1465, on page 2, line 2.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST45
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER90:
a. On page 189, line 11, "45-1056," has been struck; in line 21 "and" has been struck; in line 22 "28-311.11," has been struck; in line 23 "29-4803, 29-4807," has been inserted after "29-4019,"; and in line 28 ", section 2, Legislative Bill 80, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and section 93, Legislative Bill 474, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025" has been inserted after "2024"; and
b. On page 190, line 9, "the applicability of sections relating to veteran justice programs and sentencing of veterans," has been inserted after the second comma; in line 21 "to provide operative dates;" has been inserted after the third semicolon; in line 22 "and" has been struck; and in line 25 "; and to declare an emergency" has been inserted after "Nebraska".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST46
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. On page 1, line 5, "47-919," has been struck.
2. On page 2, line 11, "47-919," has been inserted after the last comma.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
ST47
The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:
1. In the E&R amendments, ER91, on page 1, the matter beginning with "to" in line 2 through "emergency" in line 3 has been struck and "to amend section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the School Financing Review Commission; to provide duties; to change provisions relating to the ability of a school district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency" inserted.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB89 to Committee

Senator Hunt renewed MO192, found on page 1175, and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee

Pending.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB415.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB89 to Committee

Senator Hunt renewed MO192, found on page 1175, and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

Senator Kauth offered the following motion:
MO328
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator Kauth requested a roll call vote on her motion to invoke cloture.

The Kauth motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 33 ayes, 16 nays, and 0 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to recommit.

The Hunt motion to recommit to committee failed with 16 ayes, 33 nays, and 0 not voting.

The Hunt motion, MO6, found on page 157, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, was not considered.

The Hunt motion, MO189, found on page 1175, to bracket until June 9, 2025, was not considered.

The Hunt motion, MO190, found on page 1175, to recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, was not considered.

The Hunt motion, MO191, found on page 1175, to indefinitely postpone, was not considered.

The J. Cavanaugh amendment, FA241, found on page 1537, was not considered.

The Kauth amendment, AM1454, found on page 1458, was not considered.

The Kauth amendment, FA221, found on page 1427, was not considered.

The Hunt amendment, FA123, found on page 1171, was not considered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the passage of the bill.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 89.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to adopt the Stand With Women Act; and to provide for severability.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 33:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	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	

Voting in the negative, 16:

Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LB89.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:34 p.m., on a motion by Senator Lonowski, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, May 29, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Dr. Teri Lynn Schrag, LaPlatte Community Church, Bellevue.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lonowski.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Hansen, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-sixth day was approved.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 29, 2025, at 8:22 a.m. were the following: LBs 398e, 415, and 89.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. ER93, found on page 1760, was offered.

ER93 was adopted.

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw the following motions:
MO264, found on page 1603, to bracket until June 9, 2025.
MO265, found on page 1603, to recommit to the Education Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Murman withdrew FA210, found on page 1427.

Senator Murman withdrew FA211, found on page 1427.

Senator Murman withdrew FA212, found on page 1427.

Senator Spivey offered AM1587, found on page 1724.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 34 ayes, 5 nays, and 10 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 17:

Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	Spivey
Bostar	DeBoer	Hunt	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Murman	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 25:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer
Brandt	Hansen	Kauth	Moser	Storm
Clements	Hardin	Lippincott	Riepe	von Gillern

Present and not voting, 6:

Arch	Dover	Strommen
Dorn	Hughes	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 1:

McKinney

The Spivey amendment lost with 17 ayes, 25 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered AM1604, found on page 1721.

Senator Dungan moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 4 nays, and 9 not voting.

Senator Dungan requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 20:

Bostar	Conrad	Guereca	McKinney	Raybould
Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Murman	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
Clouse	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 23:

Andersen	Dorn	Hughes	McKeon	Storer
Arch	Dover	Ibach	Meyer	Storm
Armendariz	Hansen	Jacobson	Moser	von Gillern
Brandt	Hardin	Kauth	Sanders	
Clements	Holdcroft	Lippincott	Sorrentino	

Present and not voting, 5:

Ballard	DeKay	Lonowski	Riepe	Strommen

Excused and not voting, 1:

Bosn

The Dungan amendment lost with 20 ayes, 23 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Lippincott offered AM1607, found on page 1760.

The Lippincott amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM1626, found on page 1762.

Senator Hallstrom moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 30 ayes, 4 nays, and 15 not voting.

Senator Hallstrom requested a roll call vote on his amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 25:

Andersen	Clouse	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould
Bosn	DeBoer	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Bostar	DeKay	Guereca	Meyer	Sorrentino
Brandt	Dorn	Hallstrom	Prokop	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Quick	Strommen

Voting in the negative, 14:

Armendariz	Hansen	Ibach	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	Hardin	Lippincott	Moser	Storm
Clements	Holdcroft	Lonowski	Murman	

Present and not voting, 9:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Kauth	Storer	Wordekemper
Conrad	Jacobson	Riepe	von Gillern	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Arch

The Hallstrom amendment was adopted with 25 ayes, 14 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306A. Senator Murman offered the following motion:
MO335
Indefinitely postpone.

The Murman motion to indefinitely postpone was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Senator Sorrentino renewed AM900, found on page 1020 and considered on page 1040.

Senator Conrad renewed AM977, found and considered on page 1040, to the Sorrentino amendment.

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO329
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

Pending.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Major Mariah Brandt, Alaska; Sandra Brandt, Plymouth; Sarpy County Commissioner Jim Warren, Gretna; Addy Crowe and Andrew Crowe, Fremont.

RECESS

At 12:04 p.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature recessed until 1:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Ballard, Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Clouse, DeKay, Dorn, Dover, Hansen, Hughes, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Senator Sorrentino renewed AM900, found on page 1020, and considered on page 1040 and in this day's Journal.

Senator Conrad renewed AM977, found on page 1040, and considered on page 1040 and in this day's Journal, to the Sorrentino amendment.

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO329, found and considered in this day's Journal, to bracket until June 9, 2025.

Senator J. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to bracket.

No objections. So ordered.

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw AM977, found on page 1040, to the Sorrentino amendment, and replace it with substitute amendment, AM1643, to the Sorrentino amendment.

AM1643

(Amendments to AM900)

1 1. Insert the following new sections:
2 Sec. 19. Section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
3 amended to read:
4 84-612 (1) There is hereby created within the state treasury a fund
5 known as the Cash Reserve Fund which shall be under the direction of the
6 State Treasurer. The fund shall only be used pursuant to this section.
7 (2) The State Treasurer shall transfer funds from the Cash Reserve

Fund to the General Fund upon certification by the Director of Administrative Services that the current cash balance in the General Fund is inadequate to meet current obligations. Such certification shall include the dollar amount to be transferred. Any transfers made pursuant to this subsection shall be reversed upon notification by the Director of Administrative Services that sufficient funds are available.

(3) In addition to receiving transfers from other funds, the Cash Reserve Fund shall receive federal funds received by the State of Nebraska for undesignated general government purposes, federal revenue sharing, or general fiscal relief of the state.

(4) The State Treasurer shall transfer fifteen million eight hundred forty-one thousand dollars from the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(5) The State Treasurer shall transfer one hundred sixty-six million six hundred seventy-three thousand five hundred eighty dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(6) No funds shall be transferred from the Cash Reserve Fund to fulfill the obligations created under the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act unless the balance in the Cash Reserve Fund after such transfer will be at least equal to five hundred million dollars.

(7) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the School Safety and Security Fund as soon as administratively possible after September 2, 2023, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(8) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Risk Loss Trust on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(9) The State Treasurer shall transfer eleven million three hundred twenty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(10) The State Treasurer shall transfer five hundred seventy-four million five hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Perkins County Canal Project Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(11) The State Treasurer shall transfer one million one hundred fifteen thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Public Safety Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(12) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(13) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the

Department of Administrative Services.
(14) The State Treasurer shall transfer seventy million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(15) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Site and Building Development Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(16) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Economic Development Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(17) The State Treasurer shall transfer two hundred forty million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(18) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Critical Infrastructure Facilities Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(19) The State Treasurer shall transfer four hundred forty million dollars from the General Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(20) The State Treasurer shall transfer four million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(21) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-nine million four hundred fifty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(22) The State Treasurer shall transfer two million five hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Materiel Division Revolving Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(23) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Youth Outdoor Education Innovation Fund on or after July 1, 2023, but before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(24) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-eight million dollars from the Jobs and Economic Development Initiative Fund to the Cash Reserve Fund on or before June 30, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.
(25) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Insurance Fund on or before July 10, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget

administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(26) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million five hundred thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but on or before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(27) The State Treasurer shall transfer three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the State Insurance Fund as soon as possible after April 2, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(28) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Municipality Infrastructure Aid Fund on or after July 1, 2024, but before July 15, 2024, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(29) The State Treasurer shall transfer twenty-five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund on or before June 30, 2025, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(30) The State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the Governor's Emergency Cash Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

(31) It is the intent of the Legislature to transfer two hundred million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, if the balance of the Cash Reserve Fund on July 1, 2026, after accounting for the transfers in this section, does not fall below sixteen percent of the amount appropriated, excluding encumbered and certified reappropriations, from the General Fund for fiscal year 2026-27.

(32) The State Treasurer shall transfer five million dollars from the Cash Reserve Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2026, but before June 30, 2027, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

Sec. 20. The State Treasurer shall transfer $2,950,000 from the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund to the General Fund on or after July 1, 2025, but before June 30, 2026, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of Administrative Services.

2. On page 28, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following new subdivisions:

"(c) The commissioner may approve, reject, or modify any grant proposal submitted by the board. In the case of a rejection or modification of any grant proposal, the commissioner shall provide written notice of the decision to the board and include the rationale for the rejection or modification.

(d) The commissioner shall have the discretion to approve up to three grant proposals per calendar year without the prior approval of the board. If the total of the three proposals exceeds twenty-five percent of the unobligated beginning annual balance of the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund, the commissioner shall submit a report detailing the proposals to the board and to the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature within ninety days after approving such proposals.".

3. On page 29, line 31, strike "and 81-1201.21" and insert "81-1201.21, and 84-612".
4. On page 30, line 3, strike "section is" and insert "sections are"; and in line 4 after "Nebraska" insert ", and sections 22, 32, and 100, Legislative Bill 264, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025".
5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator M. Cavanaugh objected.

Senator Conrad offered the following motion:
MO339
Withdraw AM977 and substitute AM1643.

Senator Hallstrom requested a point of order asking whether Senator Conrad's motion to withdraw and substitute is debatable.

The Chair ruled that the Conrad motion is debatable.

Senator Andersen moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion prevailed with 27 ayes, 2 nays, and 20 not voting.

The Conrad motion to withdraw and substitute prevailed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Senator Conrad offered AM1643, found in this day's Journal, to the Sorrentino amendment.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Conrad amendment, to the Sorrentino amendment, was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, and 10 present and not voting.

Senator Conrad withdrew AM1466, found on page 1630, to the Sorrentino amendment.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following amendment, to the Sorrentino amendment:
AM1645

(Amendments to AM900)

1. Insert the following new sections:
Sec. 19. Section 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:
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11 100, Legislative Bill 264, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session,
12 2025".
13 5. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, to the Sorrentino amendment, lost with 11 ayes, 31 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Sorrentino amendment, as amended, was adopted with 43 ayes, 2 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

PRESIDENT KELLY PRESIDING

MOTION(S) - Return LB707 to Select File

Senator von Gillern moved to return LB707 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1642 is available in the Bill Room.

The von Gillern motion to return LB707 to select file prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. The von Gillern specific amendment, AM1642, found in this day's Journal, was adopted with 46 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to LB265:
MO338
Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendments to LB265:
FA336
Strike the enacting clause

FA337
Strike Section 3.

FA338
Strike Section 4.

Senator Dungan filed the following amendments to LB265:

FA339
Strike Section 1.

FA340
Strike Section 2.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 217.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare; to amend section 71-1904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-1924, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to certain curriculum and training materials; to require suicide awareness and prevention training for child welfare workers, for certain licensure, and for employees of child-placing agencies as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Armendariz*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 454.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-809, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-812, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to regional behavioral health authorities and the Behavioral Health Services Fund; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hunt	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen* McKinney*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB530 with 46 ayes, 1 nay, 1 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public safety; to amend sections 28-306, 28-394, 29-2262.06, 29-2267, 60-682.01, 60-6,186, 60-6,213, and 60-6,378, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-101, 28-416, 28-1204.05, 29-2263, 43-245, 43-250, 43-251.01, 43-253, 43-260.01, 43-286.01, 43-2,108, 43-2,108.05, 43-2,129, 60-601, and 60-605, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to create the offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide and motor vehicle homicide of an unborn child and increase the penalty for the latter offense; to provide for a penalty enhancement for a controlled substances violation resulting in serious bodily injury or death; to include certain adjudications within the offense of possession of a firearm by a prohibited juvenile offender; to provide for the waiver of certain fees under the Nebraska Probation Administration Act; to authorize a court to extend a term of probation as prescribed; to define detention for purposes of the Nebraska Juvenile Code; to provide duties for peace officers taking juvenile probationers into custody; to change provisions relating to detention, the age at which a juvenile may be detained, revocation of juvenile probation, access to electronic monitoring data of juveniles, information regarding juveniles probationers provided to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and the sealing of juvenile records; to provide procedures and requirements for comprehensive supervision probationers; to provide for a list of juvenile probationers in each county; to provide duties for courts, probation officers, and the commission; to increase penalties for violations of the maximum speed limit; to authorize the Department of Transportation to temporarily reduce maximum speed limits; to change provisions relating to reckless driving; to require motor vehicle operators to proceed with due care when passing stopped vehicles or vulnerable road users and provide for penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper
Bostar	Hansen	Lonowski	Riepe	
Brandt	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clements	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Hunt	Rountree
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Spivey
DeBoer	Guereca*	McKinney	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 530A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 530, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
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Voting in the negative, 4:

Hunt	Juarez	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 217, 454, 530, and 530A.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29.

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LR29.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

EASE

The Legislature was at ease from 3:24 p.m. until 6:26 p.m.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

SENATOR HOLDCROFT PRESIDING

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 29, 2025, at 3:34 p.m. were the following: LBs 217, 454, 530, and 530A.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.
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The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. In the Sorrentino amendment, AM900, on page 2, line 26, "act" has been struck and "Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act" inserted.

2. On page 1, the matter beginning with "labor" in line 1 through line 11 and all amendments thereto have been struck and "law; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, 81-1201.21, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, 48-626, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act; to eliminate certain funds and change certain references to funds; to change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to state legislative intent relating to certain benefits under the Employment Security Law; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board and certain fund transfers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 22, 32, and 100,

Legislative Bill 264, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency." inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. Placed on Final Reading Second.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LR29:
MO332
Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO333
Recommit to the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee.

MO334
Indefinitely postpone.

VISITOR(S)

Visitor to the Chamber was Allen Fredrickson, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:27 p.m., on a motion by Senator DeBoer, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, May 30, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY - MAY 30, 2025

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PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Ken Hutson, Retired from United Church of Sumner, Hastings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator McKeon.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-seventh day was approved.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Speaker Arch filed the following motion:
Suspend the rules, Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5 and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7 and to indefinitely postpone the following bills whose provisions have been included in other enacted legislation or whose companion bill has been indefinitely postponed: LBs 6, 35, 76, 83, 93, 104, 114, 119, 124, 136, 159, 175, 184, 186, 191, 228, 232, 274, 278, 279, 344, 347, 378, 401, 404, 412, 420, 461, 473, 475, 480, 531, 539, 562, 566, 568, 590, 595, 606, 610, 622, 625, 628, 630, 666, and 709.

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of May 29, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

Givens-Dunn, Taylor
I Be Black Girl (Withdrawn 05/29/2025)

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB48 with 43 ayes, 2 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 68-996, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to establish a Family Resource and Juvenile Assessment Center Pilot Program as prescribed; to change provisions relating to the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Arch	Clouse	Guereca	Prokop	von Gillern
Ballard	Conrad	Hallstrom	Quick	Wordekemper
Bosn	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Raybould	
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey	

Voting in the negative, 22:

Andersen	Dover*	Kauth	Moser	Storm*
Armendariz*	Hansen*	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen*
Brandt	Hardin*	Lonowski	Riepe	
Clements	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino	
DeKay*	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

Having failed to receive a constitutional two-thirds majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass with the emergency clause attached. The question is, "Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause stricken?"

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dorn	Holdcroft	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 21:

Andersen	Hansen*	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen*
Armendariz*	Hardin*	Lonowski	Riepe	
Brandt	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer	
DeKay*	Kauth	Moser	Storm	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause stricken.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 48A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 48, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to provide an operative date; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dorn	Holdcroft	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 21:

Andersen	Hansen*	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen*
Armendariz*	Hardin*	Lonowski	Riepe	
Brandt	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer	
DeKay*	Kauth	Moser	Storm*	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

Having failed to receive a constitutional two-thirds majority voting in the affirmative, the bill failed to pass with the emergency clause attached. The question is, "Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause stricken?"

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dorn	Holdcroft	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 21:

Andersen	Hansen*	Lippincott	Murman	Strommen*
Armendariz*	Hardin*	Lonowski	Riepe	
Brandt	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Jacobson	Meyer	Storer	
DeKay*	Kauth	Moser	Storm	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause stricken.

WITHDRAW - MOTION TO LB150

Senator M. Cavanaugh asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO304, found on page 1701, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB150 with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 18-1724, 20-113, 20-132, 20-134, 20-139, 20-317, 20-318, 20-320, 20-321, 20-322, 20-325, 23-2525, 23-2531, 23-2541, 25-1030.01, 25-1056, 28-519, 29-401, 43-1401, 43-1414, 47-624, 47-624.01, 47-627, 47-629, 47-903, 47-908, 47-919, 48-215, 48-628.13, 48-1101, 48-1104, 48-1105, 48-1106, 48-1107, 48-1108, 48-1111, 48-1113, 48-1115, 48-1117, 48-1119, 48-1122, 48-1124, 48-1125, 49-801, 51-211, 58-216, 58-808, 58-809, 58-810, 68-1605, 69-2403, 69-2409.01, 69-2410, 69-2420, 71-904, 71-915, 71-922, 71-924, 71-941, 71-951, 71-952, 71-954, 71-1208, 75-325, 76-1495, 81-885.24, 81-1401, 83-170, 83-171, 83-171.01, 83-173, 83-174.03, 83-174.04, 83-174.05, 83-192, 83-1,100, 83-1,100.02, 83-1,103, 83-1,103.01, 83-1,103.02, 83-1,103.03, 83-1,103.04, 83-1,104, 83-1,107, 83-1,107.01, 83-1,107.02, 83-1,109, 83-1,118, 83-1,119, 83-1,122.02, 83-1,125, 83-1,125.01, and

83-962, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 25-1645, 27-413, 28-105, 28-316.01, 28-318, 28-322, 29-1912, 29-1918, 29-2221, 29-2246, 29-2252, 29-2261, 29-2935, 29-4003, 29-4019, 29-4803, 29-4807,32-221, 32-230, 39-210, 43-1411, 45-1303, 47-1102, 47-1103, 47-1104, 47-1105, 47-1106, 47-1107, 47-1108, 47-1109, 47-1110, 47-1111, 47-1113, 47-1114, 47-1115, 47-1116, 47-1117, 47-1119, 71-901, 71-903, 71-919, 71-920, 71-926, 71-939, 71-958, 71-961, 71-1203, 71-1204, 71-1206, 71-1223, 71-3426, and 71-3430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, section 2, Legislative Bill 80, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025, and section 93, Legislative Bill 474, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to adopt the Regional Mental Health Expansion Pilot Program Act; to provide for a pilot program for mental health professional involvement in law enforcement emergency response; to provide powers and duties for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice; to prohibit discrimination based upon military or veteran status as prescribed; to change provisions relating to service of garnishment summons, continuing liens, garnishee liability, and notices upon corporate garnishees; to define and redefine terms; to remove a minimum period of post-release supervision for Class III and IIIA felonies; to change the offense of sexual abuse by a school employee to sexual abuse by a school worker; to change provisions relating to the offense of criminal mischief, discovery in criminal cases, the habitual criminal sentencing enhancement, the applicability of sections relating to veteran justice programs and sentencing of veterans, and paternity proceedings; to transfer provisions; to change and eliminate provisions relating to handgun purchase requirements and criminal history record information; to provide for videoconferencing of hearings and mental health evaluations under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act and Sex Offender Commitment Act; to provide for detention of certain persons and mental health beds at jails as prescribed; to change provisions relating to hearings and rights of confrontation; to eliminate the Division of Parole Supervision and the position of Director of Supervision and Services; to provide powers and duties for the Department of Correctional Services and the Director of Correctional Services; to change provisions relating to correctional system overcrowding emergencies; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 69-2409, 69-2411, 69-2412, 69-2413, 69-2414, 69-2415, 69-2416, 69-2417, 69-2418, 69-2419, 69-2423, 83-1,101, and 83 1,102, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J. Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Dungan McKinney

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 150A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 150, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

McKinney

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB298 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Legislature; to amend sections 28-711, 43-4302, 43-4303, 43-4317, 43-4320, 43-4321, 43-4322, 43-4324, 43-4326, 43-4329, 43-4330, 47-901, 47-902, 47-903, 47-904, 47-905, 47-907, 47-908, 47-909, 47-910, 47-911, 47-912, 47-913, 47-914, 47-915, 47-916, 47-917, 47-918, 47-920, 50-406, 50-406.01, 50-407, 50-408, 50-409, 50-410, 50-416, 50-418, 50-420, 50-1201, 50-1202, 50-1203, 50-1204, 50-1205, 50-1205.01, 50-1206, 50-1210, 50-1211, 50-1212, 50-1213, 50-1303, 50-1304, 73-401, 81-8,240, 81-8,241, 81-8,242, 81-8,243, 81-8,244, 81-8,245, 81-8,246, 81-8,247, 81-8,248, 81-8,249, 81-8,250, 81-8,251, 81-8,252, 81-8,253, 81-8,254, 81-1114, 83-178, 83-1,125.01, 84-304, 84-311, 84-322, and 84-910, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 28-712.01, 29-2011.02, 29-2011.03, 43-2,108, 43-4301, 43-4318, 43-4323, 43-4325, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, 43-4332, 50-401.01, 50-402, 50-1209, 77-2711, and 77-27,119, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to name the Office of Public Counsel Act; to change provisions relating to the Public Counsel; to provide for confidentiality of certain information; to provide for subpoenas; to state legislative intent; to provide for the Division of Legislative Oversight, the Director of Legislative Oversight, and the Legislative Oversight Committee; to change the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act as prescribed; to transfer provisions; to eliminate a penalty; to change provisions relating to the Legislative Council, the Legislative Research Office, the Legislative Fiscal Office, and the Legislative Audit Office; to change the Legislative Performance Audit Act as prescribed; to eliminate the Legislative Performance Audit Committee; to harmonize provisions; to provide a duty for the Revisor of Statutes; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal sections 43-4304, 43-4304.01, 43-4304.02, 43-4305, 43-4306, 43-4306.01, 43-4307, 43-4307.01, 43-4308, 43-4309, 43-4310,

43-4311, 43-4312, 43-4313, 43-4314, 43-4315, 43-4316, 43-4319, 47-906, 47-919, and 50-421, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Cavanaugh, M.* McKinney

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 298A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 21, Legislative Bill 261, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 298, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; to change an appropriation; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	Wordekemper
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Cavanaugh, M.* McKinney

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB303 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 303. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend section 79-1028.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the School Financing Review Commission; to provide duties; to change provisions relating to the ability of a school district to exceed its budget authority for the general fund budget of expenditures under the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-6204, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the distribution of the nameplate capacity tax; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe
Arch	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

Conrad*	McKinney	Storer

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB77 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to adopt the Ensuring Transparency in Prior Authorization Act; to provide for insurance and medicaid coverage of biomarker testing as prescribed; to provide operative dates; and to provide severability.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz* Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 77A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 77, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 46:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Armendariz* Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB177 with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Mechanical Amusement Device Tax Act; to amend sections 77-3001, 77-3002, 77-3003, and 77-3003.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to certain licenses; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 177A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 177, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB275 with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state wards; to amend section 43-907, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to require the Department of Health and Human Services to screen children under its charge for social security benefit eligibility; to require the department to manage social security benefit payments for child beneficiaries as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 29:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree
Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Meyer	Sanders
Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Prokop	Spivey
Bostar	Dorn	Holdcroft	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 19:

Andersen	DeKay*	Jacobson	McKeon	Storer
Armendariz*	Hansen	Kauth	Moser	Storm
Brandt*	Hardin	Lippincott	Murman*	Strommen*
Clements	Ibach	Lonowski	Sorrentino	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 275A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 275, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 27:

Arch	Clouse	Fredrickson	McKinney	Spivey
Ballard	Conrad	Guereca	Meyer	von Gillern
Bosn	DeBoer	Hallstrom	Prokop	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dorn	Holdcroft	Quick	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dover	Hughes	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 21:

Andersen	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe*	Strommen*
Armendariz*	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders	
Brandt*	Ibach	McKeon	Sorrentino	
Clements	Jacobson	Moser	Storer	
DeKay*	Kauth	Murman*	Storm	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB293 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Professional Employer Organization Registration Act; to amend section 48-2708, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 48-2706, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to health benefit plans and employee welfare benefit plans; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 48:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 293, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Armendariz*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB376 with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 376.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to government; to amend sections 28-3,107, 43-512.11, 43-3301, 43-3342.04, 68-130, 68-158, 68-909, 68-912, 68-1735.03, 68-1804, 69-2409.01, 71-2518, 71-4741, 81-132, 81-638, 81-642, 81-643, 81-645, 81-648, 81-649, 81-649.02, 81-664, 81-6,116, 81-1113, 83-102, 83-105, 83-4,134.01, and 83-1216.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 38-1130, 38-1208.01, 38-1216, 43-4706, 68-974, 68-995, 68-9,109, 68-1530, 71-509, 71-604.02, 71-2489, and 76-3507, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change requirements for physicians performing or inducing an abortion, dental hygienists, and the paramedic practice of emergency medical care; to change and eliminate certain reporting requirements regarding licensed dental hygienists, assistance for dependent children, the License Suspension Act, the New Hire Reporting Act, the State Disbursement Unit, child-care institutions providing foster care, amino acid-based elemental formulas, the medical assistance program, program integrity contractors, at-risk managed care service delivery, the Nebraska Prenatal Plus Program, aging and disability resource centers, the family support program, self-sufficiency contracts, the ICF/DD Reimbursement Protection Fund, utilization controls, a database for firearm purchases, nursing faculty student loans, the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act, elevated blood-lead levels in children, hearing screening tests for newborns and infants, mental health first aid, health care facilities, radon measurements, the cancer registry, cancer research expenditures, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, youth rehabilitation and treatment centers, juvenile facilities, and services for persons with developmental disabilities; to change and eliminate requirements relating to certain office space maintained by counties; to change provisions regarding notification of certain test results and affidavits relating to acknowledgement of maternity; to change and eliminate powers and duties of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Nebraska State Patrol, and the Director of Motor Vehicles; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 43-3326, 48-2307, 68-1118, 68-1518, 68-1735.02, 68-2004, 71-17,115, 71-3005, 71-8313, 81-650, 81-1139.01, and 81-3133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 47:

Andersen	Conrad	Hardin	McKinney	Sorrentino
Arch	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Bostar	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 1:

Cavanaugh, M.*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB391 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Give to Enable Support Act; to provide for certain income tax adjustments; and to repeal the original section.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree
Arch	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Armendariz	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

DeBoer McKinney Riepe*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 391A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 391, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould
Arch	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree
Armendariz	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders
Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

McKinney Riepe* Spivey*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB608

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew the following amendments:
FA193, found on page 1377.
FA194, found on page 1377.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB608 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 608.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to first responders; to amend sections 85-2601, 85-2602, 85-2604, 85-2605, 85-2606, 85-2607, and 85-2608, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 44-314, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change the definition of professional firefighter for purposes of certain insurance protections; to include correctional officers, youth detention officers, certain eligible disabled persons and their children within the First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act; to require partial reimbursement for certain tuition waivers by the state; to provide duties for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education and postsecondary educational institutions; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 85-2603 and 85-2603.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	Clouse	Guereca	Meyer	Storm
Arch	Conrad	Hallstrom	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	DeBoer	Hansen	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Raybould	
Brandt	Dover	Jacobson	Rountree	
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Juarez	Sanders	
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 12:

Armendariz*	Ibach*	McKeon	Riepe
Clements	Lippincott	McKinney	Sorrentino
Hardin	Lonowski	Moser	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB613 with 43 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2711, 77-27,144, and 77-5725, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the disclosure of tax information to municipalities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M.	Conrad	McKinney

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 613A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 613, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 3:

Armendariz*	Cavanaugh, M.*	McKinney

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hunt Storm

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB644 with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to foreign entities; to amend sections 49-1480, 49-14,126, and 49-14,140, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 49-1496, 73-901, 73-903, 73-905, and 73-906, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act and the Crush Transnational Repression in Nebraska Act; to provide requirements under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act for a lobbyist engaged in lobbying activity or a consultant engaged in influencing activity on behalf of a Chinese military company; to change provisions relating to statements of financial interests; to provide for payments by the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission to persons reporting certain violations; to provide civil penalties; to define and redefine terms; to change provisions of the Foreign Adversary Contracting Prohibition Act relating to certain allowed contracts; to prohibit certain companies from receiving benefits from incentive programs; to provide requirements and restrictions relating to genetic sequencing activities by medical and research facilities; to provide restrictions relating to the storage of and remote access to genetic sequencing data; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to provide severability; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 37:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Guereca	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Juarez	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	McKinney	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Raybould	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 644A.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 644, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

Andersen	Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe
Arch	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree
Armendariz	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Ballard	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino
Bosn	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 3:

Juarez* McKinney Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION - Recommit LB647 to Committee

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered MO298, found on page 1701, to recommit to the Revenue Committee.

Senator DeKay moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

The DeKay motion to cease debate prevailed with 25 ayes, 5 nays, and 19 not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to recommit to committee failed with 10 ayes, 31 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered the following motion:
MO340
Reconsider the vote taken on MO298.

Senator Ibach moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

The Ibach motion to cease debate prevailed with 30 ayes, 11 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to reconsider failed with 11 ayes, 31 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Return LB647 to Select File

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB647 to Select File for her specific amendment, FA289, found on page 1701.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to return.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, FA289, was not considered.

Senator M. Cavanaugh moved to return LB647 to Select File for the following specific amendment:
AM1640

(Amendments to Final Reading copy)
1. Strike sections 23, 24, 30, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, and 62.
2. On page 1, line 2, after the sixth comma insert "and"; strike beginning with "85-1801" in line 2 through the fourth comma in line 5; in line 7 strike "68-1201, 71-1239.01,"; and in line 9 strike "77-2716,".
3. On page 2, strike beginning with "to" in line 8 through the semicolon in line 10.
4. Renumber the remaining sections and correct internal references and the operative date section accordingly.

Senator von Gillern offered the following motion:
MO343
Invoke cloture pursuant to Rule 7, Sec. 10.

Senator von Gillern requested a roll call vote on his motion to invoke cloture.

The von Gillern motion to invoke cloture prevailed with 35 ayes, 13 nays, and 1 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh motion to return failed with 11 ayes, 33 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The M. Cavanaugh amendment, AM1640, was not considered.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB647 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-3106, 14-109, 15-202, 15-203, 16-205, 17-525, 77-1613, 85-1801, 85-1802, 85-1804, 85-1805, 85-1806, 85-1807, 85-1808, 85-1809, 85-1810, 85-1811, 85-1812, 85-1813, 85-1814, 85-1815, 85-1816, 85-1817, 85-2802, 85-2803, and 85-2804, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-518, 13-3103, 13-3402, 13-3403, 13-3405, 13-3406, 18-1208, 68-1201, 72-1239.01, 76-214, 77-202, 77-202.01, 77-202.03, 77-202.05, 77-3,110,

77-1631, 77-1701, 77-2715.07, 77-2716, 77-2727, 77-2734.01, 77-2776, and 77-7305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Recreational Trail Easement Property Tax Exemption Act; to adopt the Adoption Tax Credit Act; to change provisions of the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act; to redefine a term relating to budget limitations; to redefine terms and change provisions of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act relating to calculation of property tax request authority, authorized increases to such authority, and unused property tax request authority; to change provisions relating to municipal occupation taxes; to change provisions relating to the filing of statements of recorded easements and property tax exemptions; to change provisions relating to property tax exemptions; to change provisions relating to duties of the county assessor regarding real property assessments; to define and redefine terms under the Property Tax Request Act; to change provisions relating to income tax credits allowed for the purchase of certain residences; to change provisions relating to the taxation of partnerships and small business corporations and notices of deficiency; to change certain calculations and authorize the county to retain certain funds for costs under the School District Property Tax Relief Act; to include savings plans for elementary and secondary education in the Nebraska educational savings plan trust and redefine terms relating to such trust; to change the names of certain funds; to transfer provisions; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Andersen	Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Sanders
Arch	Clouse	Holdcroft	McKeon	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Bosn	Dover	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bostar	Hallstrom	Kauth	Quick	von Gillern
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 13:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	Prokop*	Spivey
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Juarez	Raybould	
Conrad	Fredrickson*	McKinney	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the tie of the recorded voter (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 647A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 647, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	Meyer	Storer
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Moser	Storm
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Dover	Jacobson	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Dungan	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 6:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Juarez	Raybould
Guereca*	McKinney*	Spivey*

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the tie of the recorded voter (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB649 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 649.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Defense Efforts Workforce Act; and to provide an operative date.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Storer
Bosn	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Storm
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.*	Juarez	McKinney	Spivey

Excused and not voting, 1:

Hunt

* Senator was Present not Voting at the tie of the recorded voter (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB316 to Committee

Senator J. Cavanaugh offered MO246, found on page 1443, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee

Pending.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 48, 48A, 150e, 150A, 298e, 298Ae, 303e, 50, 77, 77A, 177, 177A, 275, 275A, 293, 293A, 376, 391, 391A, 608, 613, 613A, 644, 644A, 647e, 647Ae, and 649.

MOTION(S) - Recommit LB316 to Committee

Senator J. Cavanaugh renewed MO246, found on page 1443 and considered in this day's Journal, to recommit to the Judiciary Committee

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB316.

FINAL READING

LEGISLATIVE BILL 316A. Speaker Arch requested to pass over LB316A.

COMMITTEE REPORT
Enrollment and Review

Correctly Enrolled

The following bills were correctly enrolled: LB48 and LB48A.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on May 30, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. were the following: LBs 48, 48A, 150e, 150A, 298e, 298Ae, 303e, 50, 77, 77A, 177, 177A, 275, 275A, 293, 293A, 376, 391, 391A, 608, 613, 613A, 644, 644A, 647e, 647Ae, and 649.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 1, Sec. 19, Senator Brandt has filed a Potential Conflict of Interest Statement under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The statement is on file in the Clerk of the Legislature's Office.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 279. Introduced by Executive Board Committee: Hansen, 16, Chairperson; Arch, 14; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Clements, 2; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; McKinney, 11.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing a new division within the Legislative Council that would perform the functions generally associated with a human resources department.

The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) Examining the current roles and responsibilities of the divisions within the Legislature performing the functions generally associated with a human resources department;

(2) Studying best practices from other states and governmental bodies, particularly those with a separate human resources division within their legislatures;

(3) Determining potential duties and scope of a separate human resources division; and

(4) Examining opportunities to improve procedures related to employee review and performance and other duties regularly performed by human resources departments.

In conducting this interim study, the Executive Board of the Legislative Council may confer with legislative staff, policy groups and experts, representatives of the Department of Administrative Services and the Legislative Fiscal Office, and other stakeholders with relevant expertise or knowledge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Executive Board of the Legislative Council shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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 1689:

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission

Monica Oldenburg

Senator Andersen 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 31 ayes, 1 nays, and 17 not voting.

The Andersen motion to cease debate prevailed with 32 ayes, 8 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 11 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Holdcroft moved the adoption of the General Affairs Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 1690:

Nebraska Medical Cannabis Commission
Lorelle Mueting

SENATOR DORN PRESIDING

Senator Lonowski moved the previous question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?" The motion failed with 22 ayes, 7 nays, and 20 not voting.

Senator Kauth moved the previous question.

Senator Kauth moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 36 ayes, 1 nay, and 12 not voting.

The Kauth motion to cease debate prevailed with 28 ayes, 11 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The appointment was confirmed with 27 ayes, 16 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 280. Introduced by Agriculture Committee: DeKay, 40, Chairperson; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; McKeon, 41; Raybould, 28; Storm, 23.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to examine the Livestock Brand Act and the role and mission of the Nebraska Brand Committee.

The study shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(1) Comparing and describing similarities and differences between brand inspection services and mandates applied in Nebraska and those applied in other states, including identifying the entities responsible for brand inspections, comparing points in commerce where inspections are performed, and the costs for inspections;

(2) Gathering data, literature, and other information about whether the Livestock Brand Act is cost-effective, essential, valued, and has a continued commercial utility to all segments of the cattle industry;

(3) Determining whether the Livestock Brand Act imposes unnecessary or inequitable costs or burdens and how revisions could eliminate or mitigate those costs or burdens;

(4) Examining the long-term fiscal stability of the Nebraska Brand Committee;

(5) Examining the progress and obstacles to implementing e-inspections;

(6) Determining whether the Nebraska Brand Committee's mission should expand to provide other livestock identification services;

(7) Consulting with various stakeholders and interested parties; and

(8) Examining issues that arise during the study relating to the Livestock Brand Act or the Nebraska Brand Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Agriculture Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 281. Introduced by Business and Labor Committee: Kauth, 31, Chairperson; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Raybould, 28; Sorrentino, 39.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to propose an interim study to review occupational regulations for elevator mechanics and elevator contractors. Such a review is required by section 84-948, and this study shall fulfill the requirements of the Occupational Board Reform Act. The study shall include an examination of the requirements of the Conveyance Safety Act for elevator mechanics and elevator contractors to register with the State Fire Marshal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Business and Labor Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.

Referred to the Executive Board.

The Chair declared the call raised.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Angie Hutson, Sara Ostdiek, Zach Ostdiek, and Eli Ostdiek, Hastings; Lincoln Children's Museum Summer Camp, Lincoln; members of Girls Inc. of Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Amy Reif-Elks, Coleridge.

ADJOURNMENT

At 3:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Ibach, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 2, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY - JUNE 2, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION

EIGHTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Monday, June 2, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor James Canning, Bazile Creek Congregational, Niobrara.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Moser.

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 who was excused until he arrives.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the eighty-eighth day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

May 30, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 504, 371, 422, 490, 499, 558, 513e, 513Ae, 288, 288A, 290, 346, 380, 380A, 382, 382A, 434e, and 521e were received in my office on May 28, 2025, and signed on May 30, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on May 30, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

June 2, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Legislature:

I am writing to confirm that all bills presently on my desk will become law without my objections in the coming days.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

REPORTS

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the Nebraska Legislature's website.

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of June 1, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

McDonald, Edison
Arc of Nebraska, The (Withdrawn 05/30/2025)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LR229	Business and Labor (rereferred)
LR279	Executive Board
LR280	Agriculture
LR281	Business and Labor

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 274, 275, 276, 277, and 278.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 274, 275, 276, 277 and 278.

BILLS ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB707 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02, 77-4401, 77-4403, 77-4404, 77-4405, 77-4406, 77-4408, 77-4410, 77-4412, 77-4413, and 77-4414, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the sales tax rate, the Good Life Transformational Projects Act, and the Good Life District Economic Development Act; to define and redefine terms; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

The following bill was read and put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 707A. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 707, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 49:

Andersen	Clouse	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Conrad	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	McKinney	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Hunt	Moser	Storer
Bostar	Dover	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Brandt	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, M.	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Clements	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Riepe	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Not voting, 0.

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB306

Senator Spivey asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO266, found on page 1603, to recommit to the Education Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB306 with 45 ayes, 1 nay, and 3 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 306. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-215, 79-2,136, 85-304, 85-1402, 85-1412, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3006, and 85-3202, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for the admission of and participation in extracurricular activities by certain students that are not residents of the school district; to change provisions relating to the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges; to redefine terms and change powers and duties under the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education Act; to change provisions relating to scholarships to a state college, private college, or the University of Nebraska under the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act; to redefine terms under the Door to College Scholarship Act; to provide for the establishment of a database of financial information from all school districts in the state; to require each public or private two-year or four-year college or university to report certain funding from a foreign adversarial source to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education; to harmonize provisions; to provide operative dates; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storm
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Strommen
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Prokop	von Gillern
Bosn	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Bostar	Guereca	Kauth	Raybould	
Brandt	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 8:

Cavanaugh, J.*	Conrad	Hunt	Riepe*
Cavanaugh, M.*	Dungan*	McKinney	Spivey*

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

WITHDRAW - Motion to LB265

Senator Conrad asked unanimous consent to withdraw MO338, found on page 1785, to recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

No objections. So ordered.

WITHDRAW - Amendments to LB265

Senator Conrad withdrew the following amendments:
FA336, found on page 1785.
FA337, found on page 1785.
FA338, found on page 1785.

Senator Dungan withdrew the following amendments:
FA339, found on page 1786.
FA340, found on page 1786.

BILL ON FINAL READING

Dispense With Reading at Large

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB265 with 44 ayes, 1 nay, and 4 present and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to law; to amend sections 48-602, 48-648, 48-649.01, 48-657, 48-3405, 81-407, 81-1201.21, and 84-612, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 48-622.01, 48-622.02, 48-626, and 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to adopt the Manufacturing Modernization and Workforce Development Pilot Investment Act; to eliminate certain funds and change certain references to funds; to change provisions relating to the state unemployment insurance tax rate and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to state legislative intent relating to certain benefits under the Employment Security Law; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund and the Workforce Development Program Cash Fund; to eliminate the Nebraska Worker Training Board and certain fund transfers; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 48-622.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 22, 32, and 100, Legislative Bill 264, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

Andersen	Conrad	Hansen	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeBoer	Hardin	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeKay	Holdcroft	Moser	Spivey
Ballard	Dorn	Hughes	Murman	Storer
Bosn	Dover	Ibach	Prokop	Storm
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Clements	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Clouse	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	

Voting in the negative, 5:

Cavanaugh, J.	Cavanaugh, M.*	Hunt	Juarez	McKinney

* Senator was Present not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec. 9).

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LBs 707e, 707Ae, 306e, and 265e.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Former Attorney General Doug Peterson, Sandy Peterson and Avery Heflin, Lincoln.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steffi Emig.

RECESS

At 10:30 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature recessed until 2:00 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 2:00 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present.

PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on June 2, 2025, at 10:40 a.m. were the following: LBs 707e, 707Ae, 306e, and 265e.

(Signed) Mataya Douty
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

MOTION - Notify Governor

Senator Clements moved that a committee of five be appointed to notify the Governor that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature, is about to complete its work, and to return with any message the Governor may have for the Legislature.

The motion prevailed.

The Chair appointed Senators Brandt, Fredrickson, Hughes, Raybould, and Sanders to serve on said committee.

The committee returned and escorted Governor Pillen to the rostrum where he delivered a message to the members.

The committee escorted Governor Pillen from the Chamber.

MOTION(S) - Suspend Rules

Speaker Arch asked unanimous consent to withdraw his motion to suspend the rules, found on page 1793, and replace it with the following substitute motion. No objections. So ordered.

Suspend the rules, Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5, and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, and to indefinitely postpone the following bills whose provisions have been included in other enacted legislation or whose companion bill has been indefinitely postponed: LB 6, 35, 83, 93, 104, 114, 119, 124, 136, 159, 175, 184, 186, 191, 228, 232, 274, 278, 279, 344, 347, 378, 401, 404, 412, 420, 461, 473, 475, 480, 531, 539, 562, 566, 568, 590, 595, 606, 610, 622, 625, 628, 630, 666, and 709.

The Arch motion to suspend Rule 6, Sections 3 and 5, and Rule 7, Sections 3 and 7, prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, and 5 present and not voting.

MOTION - Journal, Session Laws, and Indexes

Senator Dorn moved that the Legislature approve the preparation and printing of the permanent Legislative Journal, Session Laws, and Indexes by

the Clerk of the Legislature, and that he be directed to send to each member of the Legislature a copy of the permanent Legislative Journal and Session Laws.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Approve Journal for Eighty-Ninth Day

Senator DeBoer moved that the Journal for the Eighty-Ninth Day, as prepared by the Clerk of the Legislature, be approved.

The motion prevailed.

MOTION - Adjourn Sine Die

Senator Hansen moved that the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session of the Nebraska Legislature, having finished all business before it, now at 2:45 p.m., adjourn sine die.

The motion prevailed.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

NINETIETH DAY - JUNE 6, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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FIRST SESSION

NINETIETH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Friday, June 6, 2025

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

June 2, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 192 was received in my office on May 28, 2025, and signed on June 2, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on June 2, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

June 4, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 89, 217, 398e, 415, 454, 530, and 530A were received in my office on May 29, 2025, and signed on June 4, 2025.

Engrossed Legislative Bills 48, 48A, 50, 77, 77A, 150e, 150A, 177, 177A, 275, 275A, 293, 293A, 303e, 376, 391, 391A, 608, 613, 613A, 644, 644A,

647e, 647Ae, and 649 were received in my office on May 30, 2025, and signed on June 4, 2025.

Engrossed Legislative Bills 265e, 306e, 707e, and 707Ae were received in my office on June 2, 2025, and signed on June 4, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on June 4, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

June 5, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Clerk Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 298e and 298Ae were received in my office on May 30, 2025, and were signed on June 4, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on June 5, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

CERTIFICATE

I, Brandon Metzler, Clerk of the Legislature, hereby certify that the foregoing communications are true and correct copies provided concerning action on bills after adjournment of the One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

June 6, 2025
Lincoln, Nebraska