#### **TENTH DAY - JANUARY 17, 2024**

# LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

# ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE SECOND SESSION

# TENTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Wednesday, January 17, 2024

# **PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Senator Bostelman.

# 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., Senator von Gillern presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Hughes who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Clements, Conrad, Day, DeBoer, Hansen, Hunt, Raybould, Walz, and Wayne who were excused until they arrive.

# CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the ninth day was approved.

# MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB973

Senator Brewer offered MO1167, found on page 374, to withdraw LB973.

The Brewer motion to withdraw the bill prevailed with 32 ayes, 1 nay, 4 present and not voting, and 12 excused and not voting.

# **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1302.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Aguilar, 35; DeKay, 40; Holdcroft, 36.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cybersecurity; to adopt the Cybersecurity Preparedness Act; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1303.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Aguilar, 35; DeKay, 40; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to cyber security; to require the employment of an ethical hacker by the Nebraska State Patrol.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1304.** Introduced by Raybould, 28; Conrad, 46; Day, 49; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to federal grants; to direct the Department of Environment and Energy to coordinate and cooperate with Nebraska tribal communities on obtaining certain federal grants; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1305.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-101, 77-106, and 77-2704.66, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to prohibit tax liability on the purchase, sale, or exchange of gold or silver bullion; to define and redefine terms; to change sales tax exemptions provisions relating to currency and bullion; to provide an income tax adjustment for net capital losses and gains of the sale or exchange of gold or silver bullion; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1306.** Introduced by Education Committee: Murman, 38, Chairperson; Conrad, 46; Linehan, 39; Meyer, 41; Sanders, 45; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-860, 79-866, 79-867, and 79-868, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-810 and 79-870, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to fees for a certificate or permit issued by the Commissioner of Education; to eliminate and change funds; to change, provide, and eliminate powers and duties of the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education relating to standards of professional practices for teachers and administrators, investigations and hearings relating to misconduct by certificate holders, and the power to issue writs of subpoena or subpoena witnesses as part of an investigation of misconduct; to eliminate provisions relating to the Professional Practices Commission; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal sections 79-862, 79-864, 79-865, 79-869, and 79-871, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-861 and 79-863, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1307.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to require the Director of Insurance to identify a required health benefit in excess of the essential health benefits required by 42 U.S.C. 18022 and provide reimbursements for qualified health plan issuers as prescribed; to require the Director of Insurance to include such reimbursement costs in the director's budget request; to provide powers and duties for the Director of Insurance and the Department of Insurance; to create a fund; and to harmonize provisions.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1308.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to eliminate a sales and use tax exemption; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 77-2704.64, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

#### LEGISLATIVE BILL 1309. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide an income tax deduction for the costs of medical care as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1310.** Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-3005, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-382, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to adopt the Advertising Services Tax Act; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 77-2704.38, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 27, (Rule 5, Sec. 4), found on page 199, and amended on page 330.

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 27 was adopted with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 6 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

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

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to <u>LB1308</u>: FA202

On Page 4, line 22, insert the words "business to business accounting services" after the words "legal services;" on page 8, line 4, insert the words "business to business" before the words "accounting services."

# **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Revenue Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 LB901 LB863 LB1177

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 25, 2024 LB1023 LB1059 LB937 LB1072

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, January 26, 2024 James R. Kamm - Department of Revenue Steven Keetle - Tax Equalization and Review Commission LB949 LB1093 LB1025

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1311.** Introduced by Meyer, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions; to impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1312. 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, 2022; 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 1313.** Introduced by Dover, 19; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Blood, 3; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; Conrad, 46; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 41; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Vargas, 7; von Gillern, 4; Walz, 15; Wayne, 13; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to health benefit plans; to exempt certain health benefit plans from insurance regulation.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1314.** Introduced by McKinney, 11.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to inland port authorities; to amend section 13-3301, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, section 84-602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 61-305, 72-819, 72-1001, and 81-12,244, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to create a fund; to provide powers and duties for the State Treasurer; to provide for certain grants; to change provisions relating to the credit of interest from certain funds; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1315. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2701.02 and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change the sales tax rate; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1316. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the School District Property Tax Limitation Act; to amend sections 79-3402 and 79-3405, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to eliminate provisions relating to the increase of base growth percentage for school districts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1317. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to state findings.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1318.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-4602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 77-6702 and 77-6703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change

provisions relating to certain transfers to the Cash Reserve Fund; to change the Nebraska Property Tax Incentive Act as prescribed; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1319.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating revenue and taxation; to eliminate a definition and a sales and use tax exemption relating to data centers; to provide an operative date; to outright repeal sections 77-2701.54 and 77-2704.62, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1320.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to emergency medical services; to amend sections 38-1201 and 38-1225, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to require emergency medical services to report patient overdose information as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1321.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Aguilar, 35; Ballard, 21; Clements, 2; Jacobson, 42; Lowe, 37; Riepe, 12; Slama, 1; Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the office of Public Counsel; 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, 50-406.01, 50-407, 50-409, 73-401, 81-8,240, 81-8,248, and 83-178, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 28-712.01, 43-4301, 43-4318, 43-4323, 43-4325, 43-4327, 43-4328, 43-4331, 43-4332, 50-401.01, 81-8,241, 81-8,242, 81-8,243, 81-8,244, 81-8,245, 81-8,246, 81-8,247, 81-8,249, 81-8,250, 81-8,251, 81-8,252, 81-8,253, and 81-8,254, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 43-2,108, 50-402, and 83-1,125.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to name the Office of Public Counsel Act; to state legislative findings; to change provisions of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act as prescribed and change provisions relating to the powers, duties, and terms of office of the Public Counsel, the Inspector General for Child Welfare, and the Inspector General for the Nebraska Correctional System; to change powers and duties of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council and provisions relating to the Legislative Council; to define, redefine, and eliminate terms; to eliminate provisions relating to certain office powers and procedures; 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, and 47-906, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1322. Introduced by Vargas, 7; Conrad, 46.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require that school counselors spend a certain percentage of such counselor's time during normal school hours in the direct counseling of students as prescribed.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1323.** Introduced by Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Department of Economic Development.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1324. 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 Supplement, 2023; 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 1325.** Introduced by Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Pharmacy Practice Act; to amend section 38-2801, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to allow pharmacists and local public health departments to distribute fentanyl test strips as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1326. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Housing Agency Act; to amend section 71-1590, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change a tax and assessment provision; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1327. Introduced by Brewer, 43.

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.

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 19, (Rule 7, Sec. 3 and Rule 8, Sec. 1), found on page 196.

Senator McKinney offered the following motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 19:

In Rule 8, Sec. 1(b) on line 2, after "Capital Construction bill," insert "except Capital Construction bills concerning the Nebraska Department of Corrections."

Insert subsection (d) to read, "The bills pertaining to capital construction requests for the Nebraska Department of Corrections shall be referenced to the Judiciary Committee.".

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 22 ayes, 2 nays, and 25 not voting.

Senator McKinney requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on his motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 19.

Voting in the affirmative, 13:

Blood Conrad Dungan Raybould Wayne Cavanaugh, J. Day Fredrickson Riepe Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer McKinney Walz

Voting in the negative, 32:

Aguilar Brandt Halloran Linehan Sanders Albrecht Brewer Hansen Lippincott Slama Hardin Arch Clements Lowe Vargas Armendariz DeKay Holdcroft McDonnell von Gillern Ballard Dorn Ibach Meyer Bosn Dover Jacobson Moser Bostelman Erdman Kauth Murman

Present and not voting, 2:

Bostar Wishart

Excused and not voting, 2:

Hughes Hunt

The McKinney motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 19 failed with 13 ayes, 32 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Wishart offered the following motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 19:

Add the following language: "Rule 8, Sec. 4. Standing Committee Chairperson as Ex Officio Member. The chairperson of a standing committee, or a designee of the standing committee chairperson, may serve as an ex officio member of the Appropriations Committee during hearings for review of state agency, board, and commission budget requests when those agencies, boards, or commissions are reasonably encompassed in the standing committee's subject-matter jurisdiction."

Pending.

# **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1328. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 32-543, 32-811, 79-474, 79-475, 79-520, 79-534, 79-549, 79-555, 79-589, 79-590, 79-5,105, 79-5,106, and 79-1093, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 32-405, 32-618, 79-102, 79-104, 79-407, 79-413, 79-451, 79-458, 79-470, 79-473, 79-499, 79-4,108, 79-4,129, 79-501, 79-524, 79-525, 79-526, 79-547, 79-550, 79-554, 79-559, 79-564, 79-569, 79-570, 79-572, 79-576, 79-577, 79-578, 79-579, 79-580, 79-581, 79-586, 79-587, 79-588, 79-594, 79-5,104, 79-611, 79-1045, 79-1084, 79-10,114, 79-10,117, and 79-10,118, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to classification of school districts; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1329. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act; to amend sections 85-3002, 85-3003, 85-3004, 85-3005, and 85-3006, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to an award to a student attending a community college, state college, private college, or the University of Nebraska under the act; to change and provide definitions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1330.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public educational institutions; to define terms; to prohibit public educational institutions from taking certain actions relating to diversity, equity, and inclusion; and to provide for injunctive relief.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1331. Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-201, 79-205, 79-206, 79-207, 79-210, 79-1107, and 79-1108.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 79-209, 79-237, 79-8,150, 79-10,141, 79-1108.02, and 79-11,159, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 79-101, 79-238, 79-239, 79-729, 79-8,145.01, 79-1054, 79-10,150, 79-3501, 79-3602, and 79-3703, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to redefine terms; to change provisions, terminology, duties, and penalties related to truancy and attendance; to change powers and duties relating to the State Department of Education, State Board of Education, and

Commissioner of Education; to change provisions relating to applications and requirements for option students, high school graduation requirements, alternative teacher certification programs, student loan repayment assistance, innovation and improvement grant programs established by the State Board of Education, the Summer Food Service Program, special education expenditures, programs for learners with high ability, behavioral health points of contact, state lottery funds used for education, behavioral awareness training, and the College Pathway Program; to harmonize provisions; to eliminate an innovation grant program established by the department and a mental health first aid training program; to repeal the original sections; and to outright repeal section 79-11,160, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1332. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to consumer protection; to adopt the Prepaid Card Consumer Protection Act.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1333.** Introduced by Vargas, 7; Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Business Innovation Act; to amend section 81-12,157, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change federal award matching grant and funding limitations as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1334.** 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 1335.** Introduced by Moser, 22.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act; to amend sections 37-801 and 37-802, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define terms; to change provisions of and provide duties and exemptions from the Nongame and Endangered Species Conservation Act relating to transportation infrastructure; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1336. Introduced by DeKay, 40.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to broadband; to amend sections 86-1301, 86-1302, 86-1303, 86-1305, 86-1306, 86-1307, 86-1308, 86-1310, and 86-1311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 75-109.01, 86-331, 86-1304, 86-1309, and 86-1312, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to remove certain jurisdiction from the Public Service Commission and transfer administration of the Nebraska Broadband Bridge

Act to the Nebraska Broadband Office; to change and provide powers and duties; to define and redefine terms; to change matching funds requirements; to change application weighted scoring considerations; to create a fund; to change how the Nebraska Broadband Bridge Act is construed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1337.** Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the School Construction Financing Act.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1338. Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to adopt the Good Life Promise Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1339.** Introduced by Brewer, 43; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; Meyer, 41; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 28-1204.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 28-1201, 28-1202.01, and 79-3109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to carrying a concealed handgun and to possession of a firearm in a school, on school grounds, or at school events; to define and redefine terms; to provide for public and private schools to provide emergency response mapping data to public safety agencies; to provide for grants; to provide powers and duties for educational service units, the State Department of Education and the State Board of Education; to change permitted uses of the School Safety and Security Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1340.** Introduced by Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend sections 28-306, 60-4,120.01, 60-4,123, 60-682.01, 60-6,165, and 60-6,179.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 60-4,124, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to motor vehicle homicide; to change the enforcement of a violation of the use of any interactive or handheld wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle as prescribed; to change provisions relating to speed limit violations; to change provisions relating to persons who are authorized to remove vehicles from highways; to provide and change fines and penalties; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1341.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to hemp; to amend sections 2-503, 77-2701.48, and 77-2704.09, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-2701.02 and 77-27,132, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to define and redefine terms; to impose a higher sales and use tax rate on sales of consumable hemp products; to provide for the distribution of tax revenue; to state intent regarding funding; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1342.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

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 and natural gas as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1343. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the office of Public Counsel; to amend sections 43-4317 and 47-904, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-8,244, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change and eliminate provisions relating to the appointment, reappointment, and terms of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1344.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Innovation Hub Act; to amend sections 81-12,108 and 81-12,112, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 81-12,109 and 81-12,110, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to iHub applications, designations, and terminations as prescribed; to require a report to the Legislature; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1345.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1346.** Introduced by Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend sections 77-202, 77-202.01, 77-202.03, and 77-202.05, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide a property tax exemption for qualified affordable housing developments as prescribed; to define and redefine

terms; to change provisions relating to exemption application procedures; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1347.** Introduced by Walz, 15.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to adopt the Community Schools Act.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1348.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Tax Equity and Educational Opportunities Support Act; to amend section 79-1007.16, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to comparison groups for purposes of calculating basic funding under the act; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1349.** Introduced by Murman, 38.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2704.67, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 77-382 and 77-2701.16, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to impose sales and use taxes on certain services; to eliminate certain sales and use tax exemptions; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; to repeal the original sections; to outright repeal section 77-2704.14, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1350.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 71-401 and 71-403, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to define terms within the Health Care Facilities Licensure Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1351. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to corrections; to amend section 83-173.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and section 83-173, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to terminology and to eliminate obsolete provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1352. Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1353.** Introduced by Vargas, 7; Bosn, 25; Wishart, 27.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to insurance; to amend section 44-785, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to coverage for screening mammography and breast examinations; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1354.** Introduced by Albrecht, 17.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to adopt the Advertising Services Tax Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1355.** Introduced by Vargas, 7; Aguilar, 35; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Dorn, 30; Fredrickson, 20.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act; to amend sections 71-2485, 71-2486, 71-2487, 71-2488, 71-2489, and 71-2490, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to restate findings and purpose; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund; to provide for grants; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1356.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Community Development Assistance Act; to amend sections 13-203, 13-204, 13-205, 13-206, 13-207, and 13-208, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine terms; to change provisions relating to program proposals and review, powers and duties of the Director or Economic Development and the Department of Economic Development, and eligibility for and maximum limits on tax credits; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1357.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to crimes and offenses; to amend section 28-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to prohibit camping on political subdivision property as prescribed; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1358.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to require approval of the registered voters to increase salaries of governing bodies as prescribed; and to provide a duty for the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1359.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to bonds; to amend section 14-527, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the issuance of bonds in a city of the metropolitan class; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1360.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to create the Court Security and Service Reimbursement Program.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1361.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 13-522 and 77-5007, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Long-Term Resident Homestead Exemption Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1362. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend section 77-201, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to the valuation of residential property; to provide for applicability; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1363.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 76-901 and 76-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 55-901, 81-1220, and 81-12,114, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and section 81-12,243, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax, the Military Base Development and Support Fund, the Nebraska Film Office Fund, the Innovation Hub Cash Fund, and the Economic Recovery Contingency Fund; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1364.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 81-12,148 and 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions of the Site and Building Development Act and provide for a transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1365.** Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to retirement; to amend section 84-1503.03,

Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 79-9,117, 81-1316, and 84-1501, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to the preretirement planning program, the State Personnel System, and the members of the Public Employees Retirement Board; to provide for the hiring of any number of assistant directors and deputies of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems and to authorize compensation for such employees to be determined by the director; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1366.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend sections 76-701, 76-702, 76-704.01, 76-710.04, and 76-714, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the use of eminent domain; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1367.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2715.07, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Property Tax Circuit Breaker Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1368.** Introduced by Ibach, 44; Bostar, 29; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Halloran, 33; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to fertilizer; to adopt the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1369.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1370.** Introduced by Bostelman, 23; Albrecht, 17; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; McDonnell, 5; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45; Slama, 1; Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public power; to define terms; to require an electric supplier to replace a retired dispatchable electric generation facility as prescribed.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1371.** Introduced by Vargas, 7.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-729 and 79-760.01, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Media Literacy Act; to provide and change graduation requirements; to change duties relating to academic content standards; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1372.** Introduced by Brandt, 32.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.03, 77-2734.02, and 77-4212, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to individual and corporate income tax rates and property tax credits; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1373.** Introduced by Blood, 3.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend sections 38-131, 38-1801, and 38-1812, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact; to change provisions relating to criminal background checks under the Uniform Credentialing Act; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1374.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 13-520 and 18-2103, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-4405, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Good Life District Economic Development Act; to change provisions relating to restricted funds limitations; to redefine a term under the Community Development Law; to change the Good Life Transformational Projects Act as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1375.** Introduced by Lowe, 37; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to county government; to amend section 23-114.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change powers and duties of a county planning commission; to change provisions relating to granting, denying, or applying for a conditional use permit or special exception as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1376.** Introduced by Riepe, 12.

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1377.** Introduced by Walz, 15; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to education; to amend sections 79-2,141 and 79-2,145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, sections 79-2704 and 79-3105, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 79-262.01, 79-2,146, 79-3602, and 79-3603, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide and change requirements relating to certain training as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1378.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public funds; to amend section 81-11,105, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 86-1028, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to state legislative intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services as prescribed; to change provisions of the Nebraska Public Safety Communication System Revolving Fund; to change provisions of and provide for a transfer from the 911 Service System Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1379.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 58-704, 76-901, and 76-903, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to create the Housing Aid Fund; to change provisions relating to the housing advisory committee under the Nebraska Affordable Housing Act and the rate and disbursement of the documentary stamp tax; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1380.** Introduced by Dover, 19.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide for a transfer of funds from the Cash Reserve Fund; to state intent to appropriate funds to the Department of Administrative Services for Wyuka Cemetery; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1381.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; to amend section 68-1017.02, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to provide work requirements as prescribed; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1382.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to ballot initiatives; to amend sections 32-630 and 32-1404, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 49-1401, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide a

restriction relating to payment of petition circulators; to prohibit certain contributions to a ballot question committee; to harmonize provisions; to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original sections.

# **RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 282.** Introduced by Lippincott, 34; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41; Murman, 38; Wayne, 13.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND 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 of states 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.

# **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 283CA.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, M., 6.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024 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, sections 7 and 19, and add a new section 31 to Article III:

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 a salary of not to exceed one thousand dollars per month during the term of his or her office until July 1, 2025. 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.

III-19 The Legislature shall never grant any extra compensation to any public officer, agent, or servant after the services have been rendered nor to any contractor after the contract has been entered into, except that retirement benefits of retired public officers and employees may be adjusted to reflect changes in the cost of living and wage levels that have occurred subsequent to the date of retirement.

The compensation of any public officer, including any officer whose compensation is fixed by the Legislature, shall not be increased or diminished during his or her term of office, except that when there are members elected or appointed to the Legislature or the judiciary, or officers elected or appointed to a board or commission having more than one member, and the terms of such members commence and end at different times, the compensation of all members of the Legislature, of the judiciary, or of such board or commission may be increased or diminished at the beginning of the full term of any member thereof.

Nothing in this section shall prevent local governing bodies from reviewing and adjusting vested pension benefits periodically as prescribed by ordinance.

The surviving spouse of any retired public officer, agent, or servant, who has retired under a pension plan or system, shall be considered as having pensionable status and shall be entitled to the same benefits which may, at any time, be provided for or available to spouses of other public officers, agents, or servants who have retired under such pension plan or system at a later date, and such benefits shall not be prohibited by the restrictions of this section or of Article XIII, section 3 of the Constitution of Nebraska.

III-31 (1) The salary of members of the Legislature shall be prescribed by the Legislative Salary Commission.

(2) The members of the commission shall be one person from each congressional district appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and one member from each congressional district appointed by the

Governor. If Nebraska has an odd number of congressional districts, the Governor and the Chief Justice shall each appoint an at-large member in addition to a member from each congressional district.

- (3) No more than one-half of the members appointed by the Governor may be affiliated with the same political party. No more than one-half of the members appointed by the Chief Justice may be affiliated with the same political party.
- (4) The following individuals shall be ineligible to be a member of the commission:
- (a) A current or former member of the Legislature or a spouse of a current or former member of the Legislature;
  - (b) A current or former lobbyist registered under Nebraska law;
  - (c) A current employee of the Legislature;
  - (d) A current or former judge of any court in Nebraska;
- (e) A current or former Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, or State Treasurer for the State of Nebraska; and
  - (f) A current employee of the State of Nebraska.
- (5) The Legislature shall provide for the terms of office, compensation, and procedure for removal of the members of the commission.
- (6) The commission shall prescribe the salary for members of the Legislature by March 31 of each odd-numbered year, taking into account any other legislative compensation provided to members of the Legislature by the State of Nebraska, with any changes in salary to take effect on July 1 of that year.
- 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 create the Legislative Salary Commission and change provisions relating to legislative salaries.

For

Against.

#### **LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 284CA.** Introduced by DeBoer, 10.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, 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 31 to Article III:

- III-31 There shall be created in the Legislature, the office of Public Counsel
- 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 create the office of Public Counsel in the Legislature.

For

Against.

# LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 285CA. Introduced by McDonnell, 5.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, 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:

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) 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; (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 (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; and (9) the Legislature may provide that residential property, 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 residential property, including a method that limits the growth of valuations placed on residential property. 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.

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 authorizing the Legislature to provide a different method of taxing residential property.

For

Against.

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 286CA.** Introduced by von Gillern, 4; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Bostelman, 23; Brandt, 32; Brewer, 43; Clements, 2; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; Meyer, 41; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Sanders, 45.

# THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, 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 XV, section 17, and add a new section 27 to Article XV: XV-17 Subject to Article XV, section 27, and notwithstanding Notwithstanding Section 3 of Article XIII, section 3, or any other provision in the Constitution:

(1) The Legislature may provide for the investment of any state funds, including retirement or pension funds of state employees and Nebraska

school employees, in such manner and in such investments as it may by statute provide; and

- (2) The Legislature may authorize the investment of retirement or pension funds of cities, villages, school districts, public power districts, and other governmental or political subdivisions in such manner and in such investments as the governing body of such city, village, school district, public power district and other governmental or political subdivision may determine but subject to such limitations as the Legislature may by statute provide.
- XV-27 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision in the Constitution, to ensure that taxpayer money does not support international acts of terrorism, the State of Nebraska and its retirement system shall not contract with or invest in stocks, bonds, or any direct holdings in companies that have active business operations with any foreign terrorist organization or state sponsor of terrorism, as designated by the United States Department of State as of January 1, 2024.
- (2) The Legislature may, by law, add to, subtract from, or otherwise modify the list of foreign terrorist organizations and state sponsors of terrorism described in subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) For any contract or investment in existence on the effective date of this amendment, if such contract or investment violates this section, it shall be terminated or divested at the earliest prudent opportunity. Under no circumstance shall any such contract or investment be in force or continue past December 31, 2026.
- 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 State of Nebraska and its retirement system from contracting with and investing in companies that have active business operations with any foreign terrorist organization or state sponsor of terrorism.

For Against.

# **ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

Priority designation(s) received:

Executive Board - LB1321

#### **RECESS**

At 12:07 p.m., on a motion by Senator Albrecht, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

#### **AFTER RECESS**

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., Senator DeKay presiding.

# **ROLL CALL**

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Hughes and Jacobson who were excused; and Senators Blood, Bostar, Bostelman, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Linehan, Moser, von Gillern, and Walz who were excused until they arrive.

# REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

LB/LR	Committee
LB902	Judiciary (rereference)
LB954	Banking, Commerce and Insurance (rereference)
LB1196	Health and Human Services
LB1197	Revenue
LB1198	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1199	Natural Resources
LB1200	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1201	Education
LB1202	Judiciary
LB1203	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1204	General Affairs
LB1205	Appropriations
LB1206	Revenue
LB1207	Agriculture
LB1208	Judiciary
LB1209	Appropriations
LB1210	Appropriations
LB1211	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1212	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1213	Business and Labor
LB1214	Health and Human Services
LB1215	Health and Human Services
LB1216	Revenue
LB1217	Revenue
LB1218	Revenue
LB1219	Urban Affairs
LB1220	Judiciary
LB1221	Health and Human Services
LB1222	Judiciary
LB1223	Appropriations
LB1224	Judiciary
LB1225	Appropriations
LB1226	Appropriations
LB1227	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1228	Revenue
LB1229	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1230	Education

LB1231	Education
LB1232	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1233	Appropriations
LB1234	Appropriations
LB1235	Executive Board
LB1236	Judiciary
LB1237	Health and Human Services
LB1238	Education
LB1239	Appropriations
LB1240	Executive Board
LB1241	Revenue
LB1242	Appropriations
LB1243	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1244	Appropriations
LB1245	Appropriations
LB1246	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1247	Natural Resources
LB1248	Revenue
LB1249	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1250	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1251	Revenue
LB1252	Education
LB1253	Education
LB1254	Education
LB1255	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1256	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1257	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1258	Natural Resources
LB1259	Education
LB1260	Natural Resources
LB1261	Health and Human Services
LB1262	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1263	Education
LB1264	Appropriations
LB1265	Judiciary
LB1266	Appropriations
LB1267	Judiciary
LB1268	Judiciary
LB1269	Judiciary
LB1270	Education
LB1271	Education
LB1272	Education
LB1273	Education
LB1274	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1275	Appropriations
LB1276	General Affairs
LB1277	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1278	Health and Human Services
LB1279	Revenue

LB1280	Health and Human Services
LB1281	Judiciary
LB1282	Judiciary
LB1283	Health and Human Services
LB1284	Education
LB1285	Executive Board
LB1286	Executive Board
LB1287	Appropriations
LB1288	Judiciary
LB1289	Appropriations
LB1290	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1291	Education
LB1292	Judiciary
LB1293	Executive Board
LB1294	Banking, Commerce and Insurance
LB1295	Revenue
LB1296	General Affairs
LB1297	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1298	Transportation and Telecommunications
LB1299	Revenue
LB1300	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
LB1301	Agriculture
LR279CA	Judiciary
LR280CA	Judiciary
LR281CA	Executive Board

(Signed) Raymond Aguilar, Chairperson Executive Board

# **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Rules

The Rules Committee met on January 11, 2024, and advanced the following amended proposed rule:

# **Proposed Rule Change 4:**

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 committee so provides, but the records of which shall be available for public inspection. Executive sessions shall may be open to members of the news media, via designation by the chair of the committee. who Members of the news media may report on action taken and on all discussions in executive session. All formal action taken by a committee shall occur in an open session with allowance for the presence of members of the news media, who may report on any action taken.

(b) Except as provided in Rule 3, Section 5(e)(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.

(Signed) Steve Erdman, Chairperson

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch renewed Proposed Rule Change 19 (Rule 7, Sec. 3, and Rule 8, Sec. 1), found on page 196, and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator Wishart withdrew her motion to Proposed Rule Change 19 (Rule 8, Sec. 4), found and considered in this day's Journal, and substituted with the following motion:

Add the following language: "Rule 8, Sec. 4. Standing Committee Chairperson as Ex Officio Member. The chairperson of a standing committee, or a designee of the standing committee chairperson, may serve as an ex officio member of the Appropriations Committee during hearings for review of state agency, board, and commission budget requests when those agencies, boards, or commissions are reasonably encompassed in the standing committee's subject-matter jurisdiction."

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(Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.)

The Wishart motion to amend Proposed Rule Change 19 failed with 10 ayes, 23 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 19 was adopted with 35 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

# NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 LB1088

(Signed) Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

Urban Affairs Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

LB948 LB1165 LB1166 LB842

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

Health and Human Services Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 25, 2024

LB1181

LB1130

LB1138

LB1173

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, January 26, 2024

LB856

LB1143

LB896

LB1009

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Judiciary Room 1113 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

LB945

LB959

LB832

LB976

LB1085

(Signed) Justin Wayne, Chairperson

Natural Resources Room 1525 1:30 PM

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

LB880

LB866

LB868

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Thursday, January 25, 2024

LB826 LB1036

(Signed) Bruce Bostelman, Chairperson

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

Senator Wayne filed the following motion to <u>LB999</u>: MO1168

Re-reference from the Agriculture Committee to the Judiciary Committee pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 2(a).

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 24, (Rule 5, Sec. 6), found on page 198, and amended on page 330.

Pending.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair announced the birthday of Senators M. Cavanaugh and McDonnell.

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch renewed Proposed Rule Change 24 (Rule 5, Sec. 6), found on page 198, amended on page 330, and considered in this day's Journal.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion, found on page 344, to amend Proposed Rule Change 24, strike from Rule 5, Sec. 6, "seven" and replace with "five".

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 24 was adopted with 35 ayes, 2 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

# **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1383. Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to Indian tribes; to amend section 81-1210.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to create the Nebraska Tribal Community Assistance Program for the purpose of providing grants to Indian tribes to improve drinking water systems or sanitary sewer systems as prescribed; to create the Nebraska Tribal Community Assistance Fund; to transfer funds from the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1384.** Introduced by Raybould, 28.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to economic development; to amend sections 58-703 and 58-706, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1210.04, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to create the Transforming Cities and Villages Program and provide for grants as prescribed; to change provisions of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund; to change provisions of and transfer money from the Intern Nebraska Cash Fund; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1385.** Introduced by Kauth, 31; at the request of the Governor; Albrecht, 17; Armendariz, 18; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Hansen, 16; Holdcroft, 36; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Linehan, 39; Lippincott, 34; McDonnell, 5; Murman, 38; Riepe, 12; Slama, 1; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to teachers; to amend sections 79-810 and 79-813, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to issuance of and eligibility for certificates and permits; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1386.** Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to students; to require the State Treasurer to establish an educational savings account for each student enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade at an approved or accredited private, denominational, or parochial school for use on qualified educational expenses as prescribed; to create a fund; to provide powers and duties; and to provide a penalty for fraud or theft associated with an educational savings account.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1387. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public health and welfare; to amend section 71-3306, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 71-3305, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to fluoridation of water supplies by certain political subdivisions and other entities; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1388.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to postsecondary education; to amend section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Excellence in Education Scholarship Act and the Community College Promise Act; to provide for transfers from the Cash Reserve Fund; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1389.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-202, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to provide a property tax exemption for broadband equipment as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1390.** Introduced by Bostar, 29; Bosn, 25; Wayne, 13

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to elections; to amend section 32-1511, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 32-101, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to define terms; to require a report; to prohibit and change provisions relating to interference with certain election officers and workers; to prohibit dissemination of the home address of certain election officers and workers as prescribed; to prohibit deep fakes; to provide and change penalties; to harmonize provisions; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1391.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to require that each approved or accredited public, private, denominational, or parochial high school have an automated external defibrillator on school property and in close proximity to each school athletic venue; to require that coaches receive training in automated external defibrillator use as prescribed; to require certain high schools to establish an athletics emergency action plan; and to provide powers and duties to the State Board of Education.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1392.** Introduced by Ballard, 21.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to child welfare; to amend sections 43-4203, 43-4215, 43-4216, and 43-4217, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change the name and members of the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee; to change powers and duties; to eliminate obsolete provisions; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1393.** Introduced by Hansen, 16; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Student-Athlete Name, Image, or Likeness Rights Act; to amend sections 48-3602, 48-3603, 48-3604, 48-3606, and 48-3608, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to name, image, or likeness rights and limitations, civil actions, and contracts or agreements under the act; to provide severability; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

#### PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 13, (Rule 4, Sec. 7), found on page 193.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion, found on page 344, to amend Proposed Rule Change 13, to strike 4 and insert 3 in Rule 4, Sec.7.

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 13 was adopted with 33 ayes, 3 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

#### **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1394.** Introduced by Brewer, 43; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend section 77-2716, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to exempt Nebraska National Guard income from state income taxation as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1395.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Hansen, 16; Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to natural asset companies; to adopt the Natural Asset Company Prohibition Act.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1396.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Brewer, 43; Hansen, 16; Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Pure Food Act; to amend section 81-2,283, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to labeling for misbranded food; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1397.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Bostelman, 23; Brewer, 43; Erdman, 47; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Kauth, 31; McDonnell, 5

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to property taxes; to amend section 77-1359, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine agricultural land and horticultural land to exclude land used for certain purposes; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1398.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Hansen, 16; Kauth, 31.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-1142, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions relating to reimbursement for special education programs and support services relating to option students; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1399.** Introduced by Murman, 38; Brewer, 43; Halloran, 33; Hansen, 16; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend sections 79-530, 79-531, 79-532, and 79-533, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the involvement of parents, guardians, and educational decisionmakers in the education of children; to define terms; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1400.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-2715.07, 77-2716, 77-2717, and 77-2734.03, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to adopt the Relocation Incentive Act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

# PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 15, (Rule 5, Sec. 7), found on page 193.

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 15 was adopted with 36 ayes, 3 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 16 (Rule 8, Sec. 5), found on page 194.

Senator DeBoer offered the following motion to Proposed Rule Change 16: Rule 8, Sec. 5. Bills, Held on Final Reading. The report of the Appropriations Committee shall include a recommended dollar amount of the General Fund biennium appropriation which shall be allocated for the funding of "A" bills, bills that result in the net reduction of revenue to the General Fund, tax expenditure bills, and amendments to the appropriations bills as reported to General File by the Appropriations Committee. During a 90 day session, all "A" bills which, when considered with their companion bill, appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss; all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General Fund; all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund; and all tax expenditure bills shall not be read on Final Reading until the appropriations bills are passed by the Legislature. appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss, all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General Fund, all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund, and all tax expenditure shall not be read on

Final Reading until the appropriations bills are passed by the Legislature. Provided the The Appropriations Committee shall place appropriations bills on General File no later than the 70th legislative day in a 90 day session and the 40th legislative day in a 60 day session. If this deadline is not met, the Legislature shall consider the appropriations bills as introduced by the Governor. During a 60 day session, all "A" bills which, when considered with their companion bill, appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss; all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General Fund; all tax expenditure bills; all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund; and all appropriations bills shall not be read on Final Reading prior to the 45th legislative day. appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss, all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General Fund, all tax expenditure bills, all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund, and all appropriations bills shall not be read on Final Reading prior to the 45th legislative day. The appropriations bills shall be passed no later than the 80th legislative day in a 90 day session and the 50th legislative day in a 60 day session. The appropriations provided for in an "A" bill shall be for not less than two fiscal years.

Senator DeBoer withdrew her motion to Proposed Rule Change 16, found and considered in this day's Journal, and substituted with the following motion to Proposed Rule Change 16:

Rule 8, Sec. 5. Bills, Held on Final Reading. The report of the Appropriations Committee shall include a recommended dollar amount of the General Fund biennium appropriation which shall be allocated for the funding of "A" bills, bills that result in the net reduction of revenue to the General Fund, tax expenditure bills, and amendments to the appropriations bills as reported to General File by the Appropriations Committee. <u>During a 90 day session</u>, the following shall not be read on Final Reading until the appropriations bills are passed by the Legislature:

- all "A" bills which, when considered with their companion bill, appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss,
- 2. <u>all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General</u> Fund.
- 3. all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund,
- 4. and all tax expenditure bills.

The Appropriations Committee shall place appropriations bills on General File no later than the 70th legislative day in a 90 day session and the 40th legislative day in a 60 day session. If this deadline is not met, the Legislature shall consider the appropriations bills as introduced by the Governor. During a 60 day session, the following shall not be read on Final Reading prior to the 45th legislative day:

- 1. <u>all "A" bills which, when considered with their companion bill, appropriate general funds resulting in a net loss,</u>
- 2. <u>all bills resulting in the reduction of revenue to the General</u> Fund.
- 3. <u>all tax expenditure bills; all bills containing a transfer to or from the Cash Reserve Fund.</u>
- 4. and all appropriations bills.

The appropriations bills shall be passed no later than the 80th legislative day in a 90 day session and the 50th legislative day in a 60 day session. The appropriations provided for in an "A" bill shall be for not less than two fiscal years.

Senator DeBoer withdrew her motion to Proposed Rule Change 16, found and considered in this day's Journal.

The Arch motion to adopted Proposed Rule Change 16 was adopted with 35 ayes, 2 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Speaker Arch offered Proposed Rule Change 20 (Rule 5, Sec. 6), found on page 197.

Senator M. Cavanaugh offered her motion to Proposed Rule Change 20, found on page 344, strike from Rule 5, Sec. 6(a), "neither" from the final sentence.

Senator M. Cavanaugh withdrew her motion to Proposed Rule Change 20, found and considered in this day's Journal.

The Arch motion to adopt Proposed Rule Change 20 was adopted with 32 ayes, 2 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

# MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Wayne filed the following motion to <u>LB1093</u>: MO1169

Re-reference from the Revenue Committee to the Judiciary Committee, pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 2(a).

# **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance Room 1507 1:30 PM

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 KC Belitz - Department of Economic Development LB1074 LB1075 LB991 LB955 LB1294

(Signed) Julie Slama, Chairperson

# **BILLS ON FIRST READING**

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

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1401.** Introduced by Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Conrad, 46; Dorn, 30; Dungan, 26; Raybould, 28; Wishart, 27

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Transportation for motor vehicle transportation infrastructure; and to declare an emergency.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1402.** Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the State Treasurer for the purpose of providing grants to scholarshipgranting organizations; and to declare an emergency.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1403. Introduced by Linehan, 39.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 77-908 and 77-3806, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and sections 77-7103, 77-7104, 77-7105, 77-7106, 77-7107, 77-7108, and 77-7109, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change provisions of the Opportunity Scholarships Act and change the use of credits under such act; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

#### **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1404.** Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Commission on African American Affairs; to amend section 81-2601, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change membership of the commission; to provide for a quorum; and to repeal the original section.

# LEGISLATIVE BILL 1405. Introduced by Wayne, 13.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to single-family housing; to prohibit the purchase of single-family housing by certain entities.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1406.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; Albrecht, 17; Hughes, 24; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Game Law; to amend section 37-438, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to authorize active-duty military permits as a type of state park motor vehicle entry permit; and to repeal the original section.

# **LEGISLATIVE BILL 1407.** Introduced by Sanders, 45.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Military Installation Development and Support Fund; to amend section 55-901, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022, and section 84-612, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2023; to change the name of and approved uses for the Military Installation

Development and Support Fund; to define a term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1408.** Introduced by Sanders, 45; Aguilar, 35; Albrecht, 17; Hardin, 48; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lowe, 37; von Gillern, 4.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to human trafficking; to amend section 81-1431, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 81-1430, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to the human trafficking task force and training on human trafficking; to require hotels to have a policy relating to human trafficking and require hotel employees to receive training on human trafficking as prescribed; to limit the liability of hotel owners, operators, and employees relating to human trafficking committed by a third party; to provide powers and duties to the Department of Labor and other state agencies; and to repeal the original sections.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1409.** Introduced by Bostar, 29.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to real property; to amend section 76-856, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the Nebraska Condominium Act; and to repeal the original section.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1410.** Introduced by Linehan, 39; at the request of the Governor.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the ImagiNE Nebraska Act; to amend sections 77-6831 and 77-6832, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2022; to change provisions relating to tax incentives and the use of tax incentives; to repeal the original sections; and to declare an emergency.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 1411.** Introduced by Clements, 2.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate Federal Funds to the Department of Transportation.

# RESOLUTION(S)

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 287CA.** Introduced by Cavanaugh, J., 9.

THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, SECOND SESSION, RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. At the general election in November 2024, 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) If the Legislature reduces or eliminates a locally imposed revenue source previously available to any political subdivision of the state, the Legislature shall appropriate funds each fiscal year to compensate such political subdivision for the reduced or eliminated revenue based on the average of receipts of the reduced or eliminated revenue source in the five years immediately preceding the legislative action that reduced or eliminated the locally imposed revenue source. Such appropriation shall be adjusted each fiscal year by the annual change in consumer prices, in such manner as the Legislature shall determine.
- 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 compensate political subdivisions for any locally imposed revenue source that is reduced or eliminated by the Legislature.

For Against.

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

Senator Fredrickson filed the following amendment to <u>LB929</u>: AM2080

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 2. Except for failure to use reasonable care or for intentional
- 3 acts, each person involved in the provision of 988 Suicide and Crisis
- 4 Lifeline service pursuant to section 1 of this act, including 988 service
- 5 providers, call-center operators, and counselors, shall be immune from
- 6 liability or the payment of damages in the performance of installing,
- 7 maintaining, or providing such service, including providing interoperable
- 8 connections between the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the 911
- 9 service system.
- 10 2. On page 2, strike lines 26 through 31. 11 3. On page 3, strike line 1.
- 12 4. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

# **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

**Urban Affairs** 

LEGISLATIVE BILL 164. Placed on General File with amendment. AM2105 is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Senator Murman announced the Education Committee will hold an executive session Thursday, January 18, 2024, at 1:10 p.m., under the North Balcony.

# **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

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

Senator Kauth name added to LB16.

Senator Brewer name added to LB51.

Senator Brewer name added to LB853.

Senator Bosn name added to LB864.

Senator Halloran name added to LB872.

Senator Conrad name added to LB876.

Senator Meyer name added to LB876.

Senator Ballard name added to LB876.

Senator Bosn name added to LB876.

Senator Ibach name added to LB876.

Senator Halloran name added to LB878.

Senator Halloran name added to LB883.

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB883.

Senator Blood name added to LB886.

Senator Halloran name added to LB895.

Senator Brewer name added to LB925.

Senator Halloran name added to LB925.

Senator Halloran name added to LB934.

Senator Conrad name added to LB945.

Senator Halloran name added to LB953.

Senator Halloran name added to LB954.

Senator Conrad name added to LB959.

Senator Brewer name added to LB974.

Senator Conrad name added to LB976.

Senator Murman name added to LB1003.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1004.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1027.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1034.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1035.

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB1050.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1060.

Senator Slama name added to LB1067.

Senator Conrad name added to LB1089.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1111.

Senator Brewer name added to LB1243.

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB1260.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1297.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1299.

Senator Hansen name added to LB1301.

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB1301.

Senator Lippincott name added to LB1301.

Senator Brandt name added to LB1301.

Senator Kauth name added to LB1301.

Senator McDonnell name added to LB1301.

Senator Dorn name added to LB1301.

Senator Linehan name added to LB1301.

Senator von Gillern name added to LB1301.

Senator Jacobson name added to LB1301.

Senator Aguilar name added to LB1301.

Senator Halloran name added to LB1301.

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB1368.

Senator Halloran name added to LR277CA.

Senator Halloran name added to LR278CA.

# VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Emily Haxby, Clatonia; members from Nebraska Cattlemen-Young Cattlemen's Group from across the state.

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

# **ADJOURNMENT**

At 4:16 p.m., on a motion by Senator M. Cavanaugh, the Legislature adjourned until 9:30 a.m., Thursday, January 18, 2024.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature