

FIFTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 29, 2025

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

21 trace prescription drugs. Prior to the development of such standards and
 22 requirements, the department shall consult with the federal Food and Drug
 23 Administration, manufacturers, wholesale drug distributors, pharmacies,
 24 and other interested parties regarding the feasibility and the ways,
 25 means, and practicality of requiring that all prescription drugs that
 26 leave the normal distribution chain be accompanied by an electronic
 27 pedigree. The standards and requirements may prescribe the information
 1 required to be included as part of the electronic pedigree. Such
 2 standards and requirements shall be developed no later than July 1, 2008.
 3 All prescription drugs that leave the normal distribution chain shall not
 4 be required to be accompanied solely by an electronic pedigree prior to
 5 such date.
 6 ~~(5)~~(4) A retail pharmacy or chain pharmacy warehouse shall comply
 7 with the requirements of this section only if the pharmacy or chain
 8 pharmacy warehouse engages in the wholesale distribution of prescription
 9 drugs in this state.
 10 ~~(6)~~(5) A wholesale drug distributor, other than the original
 11 manufacturer of the finished form of the prescription drug, shall verify
 12 all transactions listed on the pedigree before attempting to further
 13 distribute such drug.
 14 (7)(a) The department may receive prescription drugs and supplies
 15 directly under the Prescription Drug Donation Program Act and dispense
 16 such prescription drugs and supplies through licensed personnel during,
 17 or in preparation for, a state of emergency declared by the Governor.
 18 (b) The department may receive and distribute prescription drugs and
 19 supplies to any individual who is impacted as a result of a state of
 20 emergency declared by the Governor.
 21 Sec. 2. Original section 71-7455, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 22 Nebraska, is repealed.
 23 Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed
 24 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 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