

**SIXTEENTH DAY - JANUARY 30, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****SIXTEENTH DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska  
Thursday, January 30, 2025

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Reverend Shawn Kitzing, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Staplehurst.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

**ROLL CALL**

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Conrad who was excused; and Senators Bostar, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, and McKinney who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the fifteenth day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 362.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 34.** Introduced by Arch, 14; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20;

Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Walter "Walt" Horner Radcliffe, lobbyist and political commentator, passed away on December 26, 2024, at the age of seventy-seven; and

WHEREAS, Walt was born September 11, 1947, to Wesley and Zora Radcliffe in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Walt graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Law with a Juris Doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Walt was a member of the Nebraska Bar Association, Lincoln Bar Association, Nebraska Golf Association, The Nebraska Club Board of Directors, and Hillcrest Country Club Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Walt began service in the Nebraska Legislature as a legislative page in 1969. He later served as Assistant Clerk to the Legislature, Counsel to the Speaker, Counsel to the Judiciary Committee, and Counsel to the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Walt registered as a lobbyist in 1977 and founded Nebraska's oldest lobbying and governmental relations law firm; and

WHEREAS, Walt represented the interests of countless Nebraskans in the Legislature and made a lasting mark on Nebraska statutes and the Constitution of Nebraska.

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

1. That the Legislature expresses its sympathy to the friends and family of Walter Horner Radcliffe.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the family of Walter Radcliffe.

Laid over.

#### REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Legislative Council Executive Board submits the following report:

<b>LB/LR</b>	<b>Committee</b>
LB105	Natural Resources (rereferred)
LR33	Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)**

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Josh Hohensee

Voting in the affirmative, 42:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Armendariz McKinney

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar Conrad Dover Hansen Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Edward Jarrett

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Quick	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Raybould	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Rountree	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders	
Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 3:

Armendariz    McKinney    von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 5:

Bostar            Conrad            Dover            Hansen            Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Senator Moser moved the adoption of the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Underground Excavation Safety Committee  
Robert Knapp

Voting in the affirmative, 41:

Andersen	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Spivey
Arch	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Fredrickson	Juarez	Quick	Wordekemper
Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	Kauth	Riepe	
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Rountree	
Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sorrentino	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 4:

Armendariz    McKinney    Raybould    von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 4:

Bostar          Conrad          Dover          Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 366:

Division of Behavioral Health-Department of Health and Human Services  
Thomas Janousek

Voting in the affirmative, 40:

Andersen	Clements	Hansen	Lonowski	Rountree
Arch	Clouse	Hardin	McKeon	Sanders
Armendariz	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sorrentino
Ballard	DeKay	Hughes	Moser	Spivey
Bosn	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	Storer
Bostar	Dungan	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Brandt	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Cavanaugh, M.	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Raybould	Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 6:

Cavanaugh, J.	Juarez	Riepe
Guereca	McKinney	von Gillern

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad          Dover          Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Hardin moved the adoption of the Health and Human Services Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 367:

Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care-Department of Health and Human Services  
Drew D Gonshorowski

Voting in the affirmative, 34:

Andersen	Clouse	Hughes	McKeon	Sanders
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Meyer	Sorrentino
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Moser	Storer
Ballard	Fredrickson	Juarez	Murman	Storm
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Prokop	Strommen
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Quick	Wordekemper
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Raybould	

Voting in the negative, 3:

Cavanaugh, M. Guereca Spivey

Present and not voting, 9:

Bostar	DeBoer	Holdcroft	Riepe	von Gillern
Cavanaugh, J.	Dungan	McKinney	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 3:

Conrad Dover Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 34 ayes, 3 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Banking, Commerce and Insurance

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 139.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 231.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM30](#)

1 1. On page 2, strike lines 9 through 12 and insert the following new  
2 subdivision:  
3 "(2) Financial institution means a bank, savings bank, building and  
4 loan association, savings and loan association, or credit union, whether  
5 chartered by the United States, the department, or a foreign state  
6 agency; any other similar organization which is covered by federal  
7 deposit insurance; a trust company; or a digital asset depository that is  
8 not a digital asset depository institution."  
9 2. On page 2, lines 5, 20, and 31; page 3, lines 1, 3, 7, 10, 13,  
10 and 15; page 5, lines 20, 24, 25, 29, and 30; page 6, lines 3, 14, 19,  
11 20, and 24; page 7, lines 7, 9, 12, 15, 17, 23, 27, 29, and 30; page 8,  
12 lines 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 13, 16, 19, 21, 24, 26, and 28; page 9, lines  
13 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 21, 23, and 26; and page 10, lines  
14 1, 4, and 6, strike each occurrence of "bank" and insert "financial  
15 institution".  
16 3. On page 7, line 3; and page 8, line 3, strike "bank's" and insert  
17 "financial institution's".

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

## General Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 357.** Placed on General File.

The General Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

James S Brummer - State Electrical Board  
Nathan Michael Lon Francis - State Electrical Board

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

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

## Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 180.** Placed on General File.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 59.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM13](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "automatic" and insert "automated".

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Daryl Bohac Director - Nebraska State Historical Society

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Michael R Gloor - Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Lee Will Director - Department of Administrative Services

Aye: 7. Andersen, Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 1. Cavanaugh, J..

The Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee desires to report favorably upon the appointment(s) listed below. The Committee suggests the appointment(s) be confirmed by the Legislature and suggests a record vote.

Kevin Workman - State Personnel Board

Aye: 8. Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Sanders, Wordekemper. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

**NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
Room 1507 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB68

LB64

LB252

LB253

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

General Affairs  
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 10, 2025

LB280

LB60

LB635

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 35.** Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45.

WHEREAS, the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association State Softball Championships were held from October 16 through October 21, 2024, at the Bill Smith Softball Complex in Hastings, Nebraska, and at Connie Claussen Field at the University of Nebraska-Omaha in Omaha, Nebraska; and



WHEREAS, the Gretna High School Dragons softball team competed in the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons roared to an 8-0 six-inning victory over the Millard North Mustangs to win the 2024 Class A State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, Gretna's Alexis Jensen struck out fifteen batters, walked none, allowed just two singles in six scoreless innings of pitching, and blasted a three-run homer over the left-center field wall, ending the game in the bottom of the sixth inning due to the eight-run rule; and

WHEREAS, the Dragons dug in and endeavored relentlessly to win this championship after finishing as runner-up to Omaha Marian in 2022 and being beat out by Millard North for a spot in the championship game in 2023; and

WHEREAS, this championship is the first Class A State Softball Championship for the Dragons; and

WHEREAS, with the championship victory, the Dragons secured a 38-0 overall record and became the second Class A softball program to post a perfect season and just the third Class A softball team ever to be undefeated in a season; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the Gretna High School Dragons softball team on winning the 2024 Nebraska School Activities Association Class A State Softball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Gretna High School Dragons softball team and head coach Bill Heard.

Laid over.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 38.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM17](#), found on page 353, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 43.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM43](#), found on page 353, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator DeKay withdraw [AM11](#), found on page 320.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 91.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 167.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 51.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 52.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 41 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 72.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 85.** Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 182.** Title read. Considered.

#### **ARCH PRESIDING**

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

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

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

David Nelson - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee  
Shawn Eatherton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

Room 1525 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025  
Candice Batton - Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Revenue  
Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 7, 2025  
LB650

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Speaker Arch announced the Revenue Committee will conduct its hearing Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1510.

The Judiciary Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1507.

The Government, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1525.

The Health and Human Services Committee will conduct its hearing on Friday, February 7, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. in Room 1023.

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

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

Senator Holdcroft name added to LB81.  
Senator Ballard name added to LB108.  
Senator Quick name added to LB138.  
Senator Conrad name added to LB144.  
Senator Andersen name added to LR21.

#### **VISITOR(S)**

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Dan Rosenquist, Columbus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature