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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

TWENTIETH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, February 5, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Deacon Brian Thomas, Saint Columbkille Catholic Church, Papillion.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Speaker Arch presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Juarez and Meyer who were excused; and Senators Bosn, Bostar, Brandt, Hansen, Hunt, Murman, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the nineteenth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Dorn filed the following motion to LB577:

[MO30](#)

Withdraw LB577.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 13, 2025

LB692
LB355
LB384

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

Agency 12 - State Treasurer
LB451
LB624

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Agency 50 - Nebraska State College System
Agency 51 - University of Nebraska System
LB11
LB307
LB460
LB678
LB627

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Agency 19 - Banking, Department of
Agency 22 - Insurance, Department of
Agency 37 - Workers' Compensation Court
Agency 77 - Industrial Relations, Commission of
Agency 74 - Power Review Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Agency 13 - Education, Department of
Agency 48 - Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
Agency 83 - Community College Aid
LB173

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025

Agency 14 - Public Service Commission
Agency 21 - State Fire Marshal
Agency 30 - Electrical Board, State
Agency 57 - Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, Nebraska
Agency 81 - Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

Agency 24 - Motor Vehicles, Department of
Agency 27 - Transportation, Department of
Agency 33 - Game and Parks Commission
LB491

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Agency 28 - Veterans' Affairs, Department of
Agency 31 - Military Department
Agency 47 - Educational Telecommunications Commission, Nebraska
Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of
LB25
LB62

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Agency 54 - Historical Society, Nebraska State
Agency 69 - Arts Council, Nebraska
Agency 91 - Nebraska Tourism Commission
Agency 72 - Economic Development, Department of
LB254
LB88

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Agency 67 - Equal Opportunity Commission
Agency 68 - Latino-American Commission
Agency 76 - Indian Commission, Nebraska
Agency 82 - Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Agency 90 - African American Affairs Commission
Agency 97 - Asian-American Affairs, Commission On

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 8 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM12](#), found on page 373, was offered.

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

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 362. Title read. Considered.

Senator DeBoer offered the following amendment:

[AM140](#)

1 1. On page 42, line 1, reinstate the stricken matter.

The DeBoer amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 139. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

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

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Bosn filed the following amendment to [LB504](#):

[FA16](#)

Strike the comma after "Alone" on page 2, line 31.

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to [LB38](#):

[AM141](#)

1 1. On page 4, line 30, strike the new matter and insert an
2 underscored period and strike "and" and show as stricken.
3 2. On page 9, line 11, strike "the board for"; and in line 12 after

4 "roster" insert "from the board".
 5 3. On page 11, strike lines 8 through 10 and show as stricken.
 6 4. On page 16, line 7, strike "sections 81-3539 and", show the old
 7 matter as stricken, and insert "section"; in line 8 strike "sections 32
 8 to 40" and insert "section 38"; in line 13, strike the first comma and
 9 insert "or" and strike the second comma; in line 24 strike "81-3539 or"
 10 and show the old matter as stricken; strike beginning with the second
 11 occurrence of "or" in line 24 through "40" in line 25 and insert "section
 12 38"; in line 28 strike "81-3539 or" and show the old matter as stricken;
 13 and strike beginning with the second occurrence of "or" in line 28
 14 through "40" in line 29 and insert "section 38".
 15 5. On page 17, line 31, after "charges" insert "and" and strike
 16 "with" and show as stricken.
 17 6. On page 18, line 1, after "hearing" insert "to be delivered to
 18 the accused"; in line 2 strike "of the charges"; in line 10, strike the
 19 first comma, show as stricken, and insert "or" and strike the second
 20 comma, show as stricken, and insert "a license"; and in line 16, strike
 21 "section 81-3539" and insert "sections 34 to 37 of this act".
 22 7. On page 21, line 31, strike "(1)(a)" and insert "(1)".
 23 8. On page 22, line 2, strike "(i)" and insert "(a)"; in line 5
 24 strike "(ii)" and insert "(b)"; and in line 7 strike "(iii)" and insert
 25 "(c)".
 26 9. On page 26, line 22, strike "licensure" and insert "a temporary
 27 permit".
 1 10. On page 27, strike beginning with "The" in line 22 through line
 2 25 and show the old matter as stricken; and in line 31 strike beginning
 3 with "grading" through "the" and insert "examination procedure, grading
 4 procedure, acceptable examination grade requirement, or other examination
 5 or grading guideline of the".

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
 Business and Labor
 Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
 LB477
 LB415
 LB397
 LB573
 LB258

(Signed) Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

General Affairs
 Room 1023 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025
 LB9
 LB125
 LB285
 LB688

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 39. Introduced by Lonowski, 33; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, John Cook was born April 19, 1956, in Chula Vista, California; and

WHEREAS, John Cook became the head coach of the University of Nebraska volleyball team in 2000 and led the team to win the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I championship in his first year. He then led the Nebraska volleyball team to championship titles in 2006, 2015, and 2017; and

WHEREAS, John Cook was named the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Coach of the Year in 2000, 2005, and 2023, and conference coach of the year seven times across Nebraska's participation in the Big 12 and Big Ten Conferences, received the USA Volleyball All-Time Great Coach Award in 2008, and was inducted into the American Volleyball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2017; and

WHEREAS, while John Cook was head coach, Nebraska volleyball produced five Olympians, three American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I National Players of the Year, seventy-two American Volleyball Coaches Association All-Americans, three Academic All-Americans of the Year, twenty-five Academic All-Americans, and ten conference players of the year; and

WHEREAS, John Cook and the Nebraska Cornhuskers hosted the Omaha Mavericks at Memorial Stadium for Volleyball Day in Nebraska, where the official attendance was 92,003, the highest ever attendance at Memorial Stadium and the world record for attendance at any women's sporting event; and

WHEREAS, John Cook announced his retirement on January 29, 2025, after having served as head coach for twenty-five years.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates John Cook on his many accomplishments over his outstanding career.
2. That the Legislature thanks John Cook for his contributions to the State of Nebraska.
3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to John Cook.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 231. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM30](#), found on page 382, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Title read. Considered.

Senator Holdcroft offered [AM120](#), found on page 404.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 180. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 59. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM13](#), found on page 383, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM58](#), found on page 373, was offered.

The Committee amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM102

1 1. On page 6, line 30, after "children" insert "six months of age
2 or"; strike beginning with "than" in line 30 through "age" in line 31;
3 and in line 31 strike "or the Children's Health Insurance Program".

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM62

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
2 sections:
3 Section 1. Section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
4 is amended to read:
5 71-502.03 (1) ~~Subject to subsection (2) of this section, every~~Every
6 physician, or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics, who
7 is attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her
8 pregnancy during the period of gestation or at delivery shall take, or
9 ~~shall direct an authorized person to take, cause to be taken~~ a sample of
10 the blood of such woman at the time of the first examination, ~~third~~
11 ~~trimester examination, and birth~~ and shall submit such sample to an
12 approved laboratory for a standard serological test for syphilis. Every
13 other person permitted by law to attend pregnant women in the state, but
14 not permitted by law to take blood samples, shall ~~direct~~cause such a
15 sample of the blood of such pregnant women to be taken by a physician,
16 duly licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or obstetrics, or
17 other person authorized by law to take such sample of blood and have such
18 sample submitted to an approved laboratory for a standard serological
19 test for syphilis.
20 (2) ~~Each pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and~~
21 ~~understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by~~
22 ~~law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be~~
23 ~~declined verbally or in writing.~~
24 (3) The results of all such laboratory tests shall be reported to
25 the Department of Health and Human Services on standard forms prescribed
26 and furnished by the department. For the purpose of this section, a
27 standard serological test shall be a test for syphilis approved by the
1 department and shall be made at a laboratory approved to make such tests
2 by the department. Such laboratory tests, as are required by this
3 section, shall be made on request at the Department of Health and Human
4 Services Laboratory. A fee may be established by rule and regulation by
5 the department to defray no more than the actual cost of such tests. Such
6 fee shall be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Health
7 and Human Services Cash Fund. In reporting every birth and stillbirth,
8 physicians and others required to make such reports shall state on the
9 portion of the certificate entitled For Medical and Health Use Only
10 whether a blood test for syphilis has been made upon a specimen of blood
11 taken from the woman who bore the child for which a birth or stillbirth
12 certificate is filed and the approximate date when the specimen was
13 taken. No birth certificate shall show the result of such test. If no
14 test was made, the reason shall be stated. The department shall provide
15 the necessary clerical, printing, and other expenses in carrying out this
16 section.

17 ~~(4)(a) Subject to subdivision (4)(b) of this section, every~~(2) Every
 18 physician or other person authorized by law to practice obstetrics who is
 19 attending a pregnant woman in the state for conditions relating to her
 20 pregnancy during the period of gestation shall administer or cause to be
 21 administered a test of the pregnant woman's blood for the presence of the
 22 human immunodeficiency virus infection ~~unless the pregnant woman has~~
 23 ~~given written informed consent that she does not want to be tested.~~
 24 ~~(b) The pregnant woman shall be informed, in clear and~~
 25 ~~understandable language, by the physician or other person authorized by~~
 26 ~~law to practice obstetrics, that such test is voluntary and may be~~
 27 ~~declined verbally or in writing.~~
 28 Sec. 2. Original section 71-502.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 29 Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM124](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 15, strike "third" and insert "fourth".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Education

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Health and Human Services

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

LB376

LB516

LB332

LB382

LB281

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Thursday, February 20, 2025

LB554

LB676

LB436

LB569

LB570

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Friday, February 21, 2025

LB655

LB515

LB555
LB697

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

Appropriations
Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025
Agency 25 - Health and Human Services
LB348
LB359

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025
LB146
LB54
LB55
LB57
LB188

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 12, 2025
Agency 3 - Legislative Council
Agency 16 - Revenue, Department of
Agency 34 - Library Commission, Nebraska
LB130
LB392
LB393
LB623

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 13, 2025
Agency 23 - Labor, Department of
Agency 32 - Educational Lands and Funds, Board of
Agency 62 - Land Surveyors, State Board of Examiners for
Agency 75 - Investment Council, Nebraska
Agency 85 - Public Employees Retirement Board, Nebraska

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
Agency 46 - Correctional Services, Department of
Agency 64 - State Patrol, Nebraska
Agency 94 - Public Advocacy, Commission on

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Monday, March 17, 2025

Agency 45 - Barber Examiners, Board of
Agency 70 - Foster Care Review Board, State
LB284
LB452
LB505
LB581
LB621

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Agency 29 - Natural Resources, Department of
Agency 84 - Environmental Quality, Department of
LB673
LB674
LB86
LB580

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Agency 5 - Supreme Court
Agency 15 - Parole, Nebraska Board of
Agency 78 - Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal
Justice
LB15

Room 1003 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 20, 2025

Agency 35 - Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska
Agency 36 - Racing Commission, Nebraska State
Agency 93 - Tax Equalization and Review Commission

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

Natural Resources
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

LB309
LB590
LB105

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 40. Introduced by Brandt, 32; Andersen, 49; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln removed the stop sign at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound traffic; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln changed the flow of traffic on Fourteenth Street between Lincoln Mall and K Street from one-way to two-way; and

WHEREAS, the removal of the stop sign has created an unsafe pedestrian crossing outside of the West entrance to the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, thousands of students visit the State Capitol every year and frequently use the West entrance; and

WHEREAS, the parking spots on Fourteenth Street have caused a blind spot for pedestrians and for drivers on Lincoln Mall who wish to turn either north or south onto Fourteenth Street; and

WHEREAS, the State Capitol receives a large number of visitors who are unfamiliar with the dangerous traffic pattern at the intersection of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall; and

WHEREAS, the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission have been unable to reach an agreement to place stop signs on the northbound and southbound corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall.

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

1. That the Legislature calls on the city of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission to place stop signs on the corners of Fourteenth Street and Lincoln Mall for northbound and southbound traffic.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council of Lincoln and the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission.

Laid over.

SPEAKER'S ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 8, LR40 was referred to the Reference Committee.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh name added to LB42.

Senator McKeon name added to LB468.

Senator Kauth name added to LB468.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Dungan, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

