TWENTY-SIXTH DAY - FEBRUARY 13, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, February 13, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Randall Klynsma, Omaha Reformed Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Sanders.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., President Kelly presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator Juarez who was excused; and Senators Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, DeBoer, Dover, Hansen, Hunt, Prokop, and Raybould who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-fifth day was approved.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Education Room 1525 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB426

LB213

LB549

LB691

LB122

(Signed) Dave Murman, Chairperson

REPORTS

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

REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS

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

(Signed) Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature

CP Strategies LLC
Fortinet, Inc.
Kelley Plucker, LLC
Regional Metropolitan Transit Authority of Omaha
Reed, Tegan
Nebraska Diaper Bank
Rembolt Ludtke, LLP
Online Lenders Alliance
Seaward, Ashley
Redwood Materials, Inc.
Zulkoski Weber LLC
Audubon Nebraska

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB331

Senator Hardin offered MO32, found on page 488, to withdraw LB331.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR11CA

Senator Hardin offered MO33, found on page 488, to withdraw LR11CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LR10CA

Senator Hardin offered MO34, found on page 488, to withdraw LR10CA.

The Hardin motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 461:

Nebraska Board of Parole Jeff Bucher

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	DeKay	Jacobson	Prokop	Storm
Arch	Dorn	Kauth	Quick	Strommen
Armendariz	Guereca	Lippincott	Raybould	von Gillern
Ballard	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hardin	McKeon	Rountree	•
Brandt	Holdcroft	Meyer	Sanders	
Clements	Hughes	Moser	Sorrentino	
Clouse	Ibach	Murman	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 2:

McKinney Spivey

Present and not voting, 2:

Dungan Fredrickson

Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer Hansen Juarez Cavanaugh, J. Conrad Dover Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 36 ayes, 2 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

Senator Ballard moved the adoption of the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 465:

Nebraska Investment Council Brian Christensen

Voting in the affirmative, 35:

Clouse Hughes Meyer Sanders Andersen DeKay Ibach Moser Sorrentino Arch Armendariz Jacobson Murman Storer Dorn Ballard Guereca Kauth Prokop Storm Bosn Hallstrom Lippincott Quick Strommen Brandt Hardin Lonowski Riepe von Gillern Clements Holdcroft McKeon Rountree Wordekemper

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 5:

Dungan Fredrickson McKinney Raybould Spivey

Excused and not voting, 9:

Bostar Cavanaugh, M. DeBoer Hansen Juarez

Cavanaugh, J. Conrad Dover Hunt

The appointment was confirmed with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 43. ER1, found on page 412, was offered.

ER1 was adopted.

Senator DeKay offered AM215, found on page 494.

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

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 208. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 108. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Senator Hallstrom offered <u>AM112</u>, found on page 412.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

LEGISLATIVE BILL 279. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

Banking, Commerce and Insurance

LEGISLATIVE BILL 325. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Mike Jacobson, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 13. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM249

1 1. On page 5, line 2, strike "The" and insert "No later than July 1, 2 2026, the".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications Room 1510 1:30 PM

Monday, February 24, 2025

LB323

LB594

LB542

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

LB106

LB496

LB120

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Arch filed the following amendment to <u>LB298</u>: AM238 is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 46. Introduced by Dorn, 30; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bosn, 25; Bostar, 29; Brandt, 32; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; DeKay, 40; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Quick, 35; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Dani Busboom Kelly was announced as the new University of Nebraska women's volleyball head coach on January 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Kelly grew up in Cortland, NE and attended Freeman High School from 1999 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, Kelly led Freeman High School to a volleyball state title, two state basketball championships, and a gold medal in 100-meter hurdles; and

WHEREAS, Kelly continued her athletic career at the University of Nebraska where she played on the women's volleyball team from 2003 to 2006 as a setter and libero; and

WHEREAS, in Kelly's senior year, as captain, she led the Cornhuskers to the 2006 National Championship and was named the Big 12's Co-libero of the Year. She ended her collegiate career with a 124-10 winning record; and

WHEREAS, Kelly proceeded to serve as assistant coach for a number of schools before taking a head coaching job at the University of Louisville. As head coach, Kelly led the team to multiple titles and championships and left Louisville with a winning record of 203-44; and

WHEREAS, Kelly has received several accolades including the Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year in 2020, 2021, and 2022, the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2016, and the American Volleyball Coaches Association National Coach of the Year in 2021.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Dani Busboom Kelly on her position as the new head coach of the University of Nebraska Women's Volleyball team.
 - 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Dani Busboom Kelly.

Laid over.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Senator Hallstrom renewed <u>AM112</u>, found on page 412, and considered in this day's Journal.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL
 Placed on Final Reading.
 Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 116. Placed on Final Reading with the attached statement.

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The following changes, required to be reported for publication in the Journal, have been made:

1. On page 1, line 2; and page 15, line 29, "13-2606, 13-2607, 81-3717," has been struck and "81-3717" inserted.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 126. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 194. Placed on Final Reading. LEGISLATIVE BILL 209. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hallstrom filed the following amendment to $\underline{LB231}$: AM216

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM30)

1 1. On page 1, line 5, strike "department" and insert "Department of

2 Banking and Finance".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to <u>LB265</u>:

AM262

- 1 1. On page 23, line 2, after "grants" insert "in accordance with
- 2 subsection (4) of this section"; in line 4 after "program" insert
- 3 "described in subsection (4) of this section"; and after line 13 insert
- 4 the following new subsection:
- 5 "(4)(a) The Workforce Development Program Cash Fund may be used to
- 6 provide workforce development grants. Grants shall be disbursed through
- 7 the Nebraska Workforce Development Board. Grants shall be used for:
- 8 (i) Support of public and private job training programs designed to
- 9 train, retrain, or upgrade work skills of existing Nebraska workers of
- 10 for-profit and not-for-profit businesses;
- 11 (ii) Recruitment of workers to Nebraska;
- 12 (iii) Training new employees of expanding Nebraska businesses; and
- 13 (iv) Retention of existing employees of Nebraska businesses.
- 14 (b) By July 1 of each year, the Nebraska Workforce Development Board

- 15 shall prepare an annual program plan for the upcoming fiscal year
- 16 containing guidelines for the workforce development grant program
- 17 described in this subsection. The guidelines shall include, but not be
- 18 limited to, guidelines for certifying training providers, criteria for
- 19 evaluating workforce development grant requests, and guidelines for
- 20 requiring employers to provide matching funds. The guidelines shall give
- 21 priority to training that contributes to the expansion of the Nebraska 22 workforce and increasing the pool of highly skilled workers in Nebraska.
- 23 (c) For purposes of this subsection, Nebraska Workforce Development
- 24 Board means the state workforce development board authorized by the
- 25 federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act and established in
- 26 Nebraska.".

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to <u>LB265</u>:

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 4. Section 48-626, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 48-626 (1) For any benefit year beginning before July 21, 2022, any
- 5 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year
- 6 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)
- 7 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his
- 8 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of
- 9 his or her base period; except that when any individual has been
- 10 separated from his or her employment with a base period employer under
- 11 circumstances under which he or she was or could have been determined
- 12 disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total benefit
- 13 amount based on the employment from which he or she was so separated
- 14 shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection (2) of
- 15 this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for each
- 16 separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for
- 17 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual
- 18 was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.
- 19 (2) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described
- 20 in subsection (1) of this section:
- 21 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment
- 22 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 23 determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit 24 amount shall be reduced by:
- 25 (i) Two times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she left
- 26 work voluntarily for the sole purpose of accepting previously secured,
- 27 permanent, full-time, insured work, which he or she does accept, which
- 1 offers a reasonable expectation of betterment of wages or working
- 2 conditions, or both, and for which he or she earns wages payable to him 3 or her; or
- 4 (ii) Thirteen times his or her weekly benefit amount if he or she
- 5 left work voluntarily without good cause for any reason other than that
- 6 described in subdivision (2)(a)(i) of this section; and
- 7 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment 8 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 9 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit
- 10 amount shall be reduced by fourteen times his or her weekly benefit
- 12 (3) For any benefit year beginning on or after July 21, 2022, any
- 13 otherwise eligible individual shall be entitled during any benefit year
- 14 to a total amount of benefits equal to whichever is the lesser of (a)
- 15 twenty-six times his or her weekly benefit amount or (b) one-third of his
- 16 or her wages in the employment of each employer per calendar quarter of
- 17 his or her base period; except that when any individual has been
- 18 separated from his or her employment with the most recent insured

- 19 employer under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 20 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10 or 48-628.12, the total
- 21 benefit amount based on the employment from which he or she was so
- 22 separated shall be reduced by an amount determined pursuant to subsection
- 23 (4) of this section, but not more than one reduction may be made for such
- 24 separation. In no event shall the benefit amount based on employment for
- 25 any employer be reduced to less than one benefit week when the individual
- 26 was or could have been determined disqualified under section 48-628.12.
- 27 (4) For purposes of determining the reduction of benefits described
- 28 in subsection (3) of this section:
- 29 (a) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment
- 30 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 31 determined disqualified under section 48-628.12, his or her total benefit
- 1 amount shall be reduced by thirteen times his or her weekly benefit
- 2 amount if he or she left work voluntarily without good cause; and
- 3 (b) If the claimant has been separated from his or her employment
- 4 under circumstances under which he or she was or could have been
- 5 determined disqualified under section 48-628.10, his or her total benefit
- 7 amount
- 8 (5) For purposes of sections 48-623 to 48-626, wages shall be
- 9 counted as wages for insured work for benefit purposes with respect to
- 10 any benefit year only if such benefit year begins subsequent to the date
- 11 on which the employer by whom such wages were paid has satisfied the
- 12 conditions of section 48-603 or subsection (3) of section 48-661 with
- 13 respect to becoming an employer.
- 14 (6) In order to determine the benefits due under this section and
- 15 sections 48-624 and 48-625, each employer shall make reports, in
- 16 conformity with reasonable rules and regulations adopted and promulgated
- 17 by the commissioner, of the wages of any claimant. If any employer fails
- 18 to make such a report within the time prescribed, the commissioner may
- 19 accept the statement of such claimant as to his or her wages, and any
- 20 benefit payments based on such statement of earnings, in the absence of
- 21 fraud or collusion, shall be final as to the amount.
- 22 (7) It is the intent of the Legislature that the amount of benefits
- 23 to which an eligible individual is entitled shall not be affected by any
- 24 changes made in this legislative bill.
- 25 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
- 26 accordingly.

Senator DeBoer filed the following amendment to <u>LB362</u>:

1 1. On page 37, line 21, reinstate the stricken "and".

Senator Ballard filed the following amendment to <u>LB645</u>: AM248

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 79-958, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 4 amended to read:
- 5 79-958 (1)(a)(1) Beginning on September 1, 2012, and prior to
- 6 January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the funds to pay for
- 7 formula annuities, every employee shall be required to deposit in the
- 8 School Retirement Fund nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one percent
- 9 of compensation. Such deposits shall be transmitted at the same time and
- 10 in the same manner as required employer contributions.
- 11 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the
- 12 funds to pay for formula annuities, every employee shall be required to
- 13 deposit the following amounts in the School Retirement Fund:

- LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL 512 14 (i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is 15 less than ninety-six percent, nine and seventy-eight hundredths of one 16 percent of compensation; and 17 (ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund 18 is ninety-six percent or greater, seven and twenty-eight hundredths of 19 one percent of compensation. 20 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted at the same 21 time and in the same manner as required employer contributions. 22 (2)(a) Prior to January 1, 2026, for(2) For the purpose of providing 23 the funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required 24 to deposit in the School Retirement Fund one hundred one percent of the 25 required contributions of the school employees of each employer. Such 26 deposits shall be transmitted to the retirement board at the same time 27 and in the same manner as such required employee contributions. 1 (b) Beginning on January 1, 2026, for the purpose of providing the 2 funds to pay for formula annuities, every employer shall be required to 3 deposit in the School Retirement Fund an amount equal to nine and eighty-4 eight hundredths of one percent of compensation of the school employees 5 of the employer. 6 (c) Deposits under this subsection shall be transmitted to the 7 retirement board at the same time and in the same manner as required 8 employee contributions. 9 (3) The employer shall pick up the member contributions required by 10 this section for all compensation paid on or after January 1, 1986, and 11 the contributions so picked up shall be treated as employer contributions 12 pursuant to section 414(h)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code in determining 13 federal tax treatment under the code and shall not be included as gross 14 income of the member until such time as they are distributed or made 15 available. The contributions, although designated as member 16 contributions, shall be paid by the employer in lieu of member 17 contributions. The employer shall pay these member contributions from the 18 same source of funds which is used in paying earnings to the member. The 19 employer shall pick up these contributions by a compensation deduction 20 through a reduction in the cash compensation of the member. Member 21 contributions picked up shall be treated for all purposes of the School 22 Employees Retirement Act in the same manner and to the same extent as 23 member contributions made prior to the date picked up. 24 (4) The employer shall pick up the member contributions made through 25 irrevocable payroll deduction authorizations pursuant to sections 79-921 26 and 79-933.03 to 79-933.06, and the contributions so picked up shall be 27 treated as employer contributions in the same manner as contributions 28 picked up under subsection (3) of this section. 29 Sec. 2. Section 79-966, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 30 amended to read: 1 retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are 2 recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted by
- 30 amended to read:
 31 79-966 (1)(a) On the basis of all data in the possession of the
 1 retirement board, including such mortality and other tables as are
 2 recommended by the actuary engaged by the retirement board and adopted to the retirement board, the retirement board shall annually, on or before
 4 July 1, determine the state deposit to be made by the state in the School
 5 Retirement Fund for that fiscal year. The amount of such state deposit
 6 shall be determined pursuant to section 79-966.01. The retirement board
 7 shall thereupon certify the amount of such state deposit, and on the
 8 warrant of the Director of Administrative Services, the State Treasurer
 9 shall, as of July 1 of such year, transfer from funds appropriated by the
 10 state for that purpose to the School Retirement Fund the amount of such
 11 state deposit.
 12 (b) Beginning July 1, 2016, the contingent state transfer described
 13 in this subsection shall be calculated as a percent of compensation of

14 all members of the retirement system. For any year in which a deposit is 15 made to the School Retirement Fund under this subsection, if the actuary

- 16 for a retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees 17 Retirement Act determines that the actuarially required contribution 18 rate, for the fiscal year of the retirement system that begins before the 19 state deposit, exceeds the rate of all contributions required pursuant to 20 the Class V School Employees Retirement Act, using the amortization 21 period specified in section 79-966.01, the Class V district school board 22 may request a public hearing of the Appropriations Committee of the 23 Legislature to ask the state to transfer to the Class V school district 24 for transfer to the funds of the retirement system provided for under the 25 Class V School Employees Retirement Act an amount determined by 26 multiplying the compensation of all members of such retirement system by 27 the lesser of the percent of compensation transferred into the School 28 Retirement Fund under this subsection or the percent of compensation of 29 the members of the retirement system provided for under the Class V 30 School Employees Retirement Act needed to meet the actuarially required 31 contribution rate for such system, using the amortization period 1 specified in section 79-966.01. Any additional amount of transfer so 2 calculated, recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the 3 Legislature, and approved by the Legislature, shall be added to the two 4 percent specified in subsection (2) of this section for the amount 5 required by subsection (2) of section 79-916 to be transferred to the 6 Class V school district, which shall transfer such amount to the funds of 7 the retirement system provided for under the Class V School Employees 8 Retirement Act. 9 (2)(a)(2) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and prior to 10 July 1, 2025, in addition to the state transfers required by subsections 11 (1) and (3) of this section, the state shall transfer into the School 12 Retirement Fund an amount equal to two percent of the compensation of all 13 members of the retirement system. 14 (b) For each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, in addition to the 15 state transfers required by subsections (1) and (3) of this section, the 16 state shall transfer into the School Retirement Fund the following 18 (i) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund is 19 less than ninety-six percent, an amount equal to two percent of the 20 compensation of all members of the retirement system; 23 amount equal to seven-tenths of one percent of the compensation of all 24 members of the retirement system; and
- 21 (ii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund 22 is ninety-six percent or greater and less than one hundred percent, an 25 (iii) If the actuarially funded ratio of the School Retirement Fund 26 is one hundred percent or greater, the state shall not be required to 27 transfer an amount under this subsection. 28 (3) In addition to the state deposits and transfers required by 29 subsections (1) and (2) of this section, beginning on July 1, 2005, and 30 each fiscal year thereafter for employees who become members prior to 31 July 1, 2016, the state shall transfer into the Service Annuity Fund such
- 1 amounts as may be necessary to pay the normal cost and amortize the 2 unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the service annuity benefit 3 established pursuant to sections 79-933 and 79-952 as accrued through the 4 end of the previous fiscal year of the school employees who are members 5 of the retirement system established pursuant to the Class V School 6 Employees Retirement Act. 7 Sec. 3. Original sections 79-958 and 79-966, Reissue Revised
- 8 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed. 9 Sec. 4. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when 10 passed and approved according to law.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following motion to <u>LB229</u>: MO35

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Ibach filed the following motion to <u>LB708</u>: MO36

Withdraw LB708.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 47. Introduced by Dover, 19.

WHEREAS, the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Men's Soccer National Tournament was in Huntsville, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College men's soccer team competed as the fifth-seed; and

WHEREAS, the Northeast Community College Hawks won the National Championships after defeating Neosho County Community College Panthers 2-1 in the championship match; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Adam Potter was named the Region 11 Coach of the Year and the Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year for the third year in a row, guiding the Hawks to a 22-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, Edouard Nys was named the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II's National Player of the Year, Iowa Community College Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, and First Team All-American; and

WHEREAS, this is the first national championship for Northeast Community College; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of faculty, staff, and the community.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates the Northeast Community College men's soccer team on winning the 2024 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II National Championship.
- 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Northeast Community College Men's Soccer Head Coach Adam Potter and Athletic Director Jerrett Mills.

Laid over.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Hallstrom name added to LB182. Senator Sanders name added to LB628.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island; members from Northeast Nebraska Manager's Group with NREA; members of League of Women Voters of Nebraska.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Matthew Halfar, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hunt, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature