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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

TWENTY-NINTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thursday, February 20, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Pastor Jim Haack, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, La Vista.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Storer.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 9:00 a.m., Senator Dorn presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senator McKinney who was excused; and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, DeKay, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, Ibach, Raybould, and Sanders who were excused until they arrive.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the twenty-eighth day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Urban Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 90. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Terrell McKinney, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
Appropriations
Room 1003 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
 Agency 65 - Administrative Services, Department of
 Note: OCIO ONLY

(Signed) Robert Clements, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Conrad filed the following amendment to LB345:

AM337

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
 2 sections:
 3 Section 1. Section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 4 amended to read:
 5 84-721 ~~There~~Until January 4, 2007, there shall be paid as salaries
 6 to certain constitutional officers as follows: Secretary of State, the
 7 sum of sixty-five thousand dollars per year; Auditor of Public Accounts,
 8 the sum of sixty thousand dollars per year; State Treasurer, the sum of
 9 sixty thousand dollars per year; and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of
 10 sixty thousand dollars per year. Commencing January 4, 2007, there shall
 11 be paid as salaries to certain constitutional officers as follows:
 12 Secretary of State, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;
 13 Auditor of Public Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per
 14 year; State Treasurer, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year;
 15 and Lieutenant Governor, the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars per
 16 year. Such salaries shall be payable in equal monthly installments. Until
 17 January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public
 18 Accounts, the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars per year. Commencing
 19 January 7, 2027, there shall be paid as a salary to the Auditor of Public
 20 Accounts, the sum of XX thousand dollars per year.
 21 Sec. 2. Original section 84-721, Reissue Revised Statutes of
 22 Nebraska, is repealed.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 265. Senator Conrad offered AM261, found on page 500.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM259, found on page 501.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM262, found on page 509.

The Conrad amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Conrad offered AM265, found on page 510.

The Conrad amendment was adopted with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 10 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 9 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 297. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 34. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Senator Hunt moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 28 ayes, 1 nay, and 20 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 13 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 21. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 187. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 197. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 183. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM308](#)

1 1. Strike original section 1 and insert the following new section:

2 Section 1. Section 69-1311, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

3 2024, is amended to read:

4 69-1311 (a) ~~The~~Between March 1 and March 10 of each year the State

5 Treasurer shall annually cause notice to be published once in an English

6 language legal newspaper of general circulation in ~~each~~the county in this

7 state in which is located the last-known address of any person to be

8 named in the notice. If no address is known, then the notice shall be

9 published in a legal newspaper having statewide circulation.

10 (b) The published notice shall be entitled Notice to Owners of

11 Abandoned Property, and shall contain:

12 (1) The names in alphabetical order and counties of last-known

13 addresses, if any, of persons listed in the report and entitled to notice

14 as provided in subsection (a) of this section.

15 (2) A statement that information concerning the amount or

16 description of the property and the name and address of the holder may be

17 obtained by any person possessing an interest in the property by

18 addressing an inquiry to the State Treasurer.

19 (c) The State Treasurer is not required to publish in such notice
 20 any item of less than fifty dollars unless he or she deems such
 21 publication to be in the public interest.
 22 (d) Within one hundred twenty days from the receipt of the report
 23 required by section 69-1310, the State Treasurer shall mail a notice to
 24 each person having an address listed therein who appears to be entitled
 25 to property of the value of fifty dollars or more presumed abandoned
 26 under the Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.
 27 (e) The mailed notice shall contain:
 1 (1) A statement that, according to a report filed with the State
 2 Treasurer, property is being held to which the addressee appears
 3 entitled.
 4 (2) The name and address of the person holding the property and any
 5 necessary information regarding changes of name and address of the
 6 holder.
 7 (3) A statement that, if satisfactory proof of claim is presented by
 8 the owner to the State Treasurer, arrangements will be made to transfer
 9 the property to the owner as provided by law.
 10 (f) This section is not applicable to sums payable on traveler's
 11 checks or money orders presumed abandoned under section 69-1302.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)
 Nebraska Retirement Systems
 Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 14, 2025
 LB645

Room 1525 12:00 PM

Friday, March 28, 2025
 LB713
 LB689

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

Revenue
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Friday, February 28, 2025
 LR12CA
 LB479
 LB439
 LB712

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications
 Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 3, 2025

LB227
LB444
LB465
LB176

Room 1510 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

LB619
LB714 (reschedule)
LB576
LB690

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Brandt filed the following motion to LB695:

MO42

Suspend Rule 3, Sec. 14 to allow the cancellation of the public hearing.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator DeKay filed the following amendment to LB7:

AM310 is available in the Bill Room.

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB321:

AM29

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 2. Section 31-752, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

3 amended to read:

4 31-752 (1) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not

5 assess real property that is (a) not assessable or (b) not included

6 within the corporate boundaries of the district for any of the

7 improvements that are constructed or installed outside of the corporate

8 boundaries of the district, except as provided in subsection (3) of this

9 section.

10 (2) The board of trustees or the administrator shall not assess real

11 property that has not been specially benefited by any public improvements

12 constructed or installed by the district that are located outside of the

13 corporate boundaries of the district.

14 (3) In cases where real property located outside the corporate

15 boundaries of the district has been specially benefited by the

16 improvements constructed or installed by the district outside of the

17 corporate boundaries of the district, ease to be assessed for any of the

18 improvements herein provided, property by law not assessable, or property

19 not included within the district defined in the preliminary resolution,

20 and shall not assess property not benefited; Provided, in cases when such

21 exempt property has been specially benefited by the improvements, the

22 owner of such property shall pay the district a sum equivalent to the

23 amount the property has been specially benefited, which amount may be

24 recovered by the district in an action against the property owner. If the

25 parties do not agree as to the amount of the special benefits, the amount

26 may be determined by the district court in an action brought by the
27 district for such purpose.

1 (4) The board of trustees or the administrator may ~~determine~~
2 that any part or all of such public improvements made are of general
3 benefit to the district, in which case the board or administrator shall
4 have the power to except that the board or administrator shall levy
5 special assessments on all lots, parcels, or pieces of real estate
6 specially benefited to the extent that any such public improvements
7 constructed or installed by the district confer the special benefits to
8 such real property. The cost of such improvements installed or
9 constructed outside of the corporate boundaries of the district may
10 be paid from the taxes assessments levied against all the real property
11 within the corporate boundaries of the district, in the manner provided
12 by section 31-755, or may be paid from unappropriated money in its
13 general fund, or may be paid from the collection of special assessments
14 levied against all lots, parcels, or pieces of real property located
15 outside of the corporate boundaries of the district to the extent of the
16 special benefit conferred. The cost of the improvements shall draw
17 interest and shall be payable in the same manner as special assessments
18 levied against all real property located within the corporate boundaries
19 of the district in accordance with section 31-753 at the rate of six
20 percent per annum from the date of acceptance thereof by the board or
21 administrator until warrants are issued in payment of the contract price.
22 2. Renumber the remaining section and correct the repealer
23 accordingly.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 302. Title read. Considered.

Senator Murman moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with
24 ayes, 0 nays, and 25 not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 28 ayes, 9 nays, 7 present
and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Enrollment and Review

LEGISLATIVE BILL 10. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 42. Placed on Final Reading.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 229. Placed on Final Reading.

(Signed) Dunixi Guereca, Chairperson

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 104. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Agriculture
Room 1023 1:30 PM

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

Anna Castner Wightman - Nebraska State Fair Board

(Signed) Barry DeKay, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following motion to LB333:

MO43

Withdraw LB333.

WITHDRAW - Cointroducer(s)

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB193.

Senator Sanders name withdrawn from LB660.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members the Midlands African Chamber, Inc, Omaha; members of Leadership Nebraska; members of the American Council of Engineering Companies; members of the Nebraska Nurses Association.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:53 a.m., on a motion by Senator Clements, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature

