

THIRTY-SECOND DAY - FEBRUARY 25, 2025**LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION****THIRTY-SECOND DAY**

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Tuesday, February 25, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Father Jeremy Hazuka, St. Michaels Catholic Church, Hastings.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Juarez.

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 Sanders who was excused, and Senators Bostar, M. Cavanaugh, Hughes, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-first day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)
Revenue

LEGISLATIVE BILL 50. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 399. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 613. Placed on General File.
LEGISLATIVE BILL 709. Placed on General File.

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB307:

[AM346](#)

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$XXX from the General Fund
- 3 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$XXX from the General Fund for FY2026-27 as aid to
- 4 community colleges, for Agency 83, Program 151, to provide state aid to
- 5 community colleges for tuition waivers.
- 6 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26
- 7 \$XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the First Responder
- 8 Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty Dependent
- 9 Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only be used
- 10 for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to this program
- 11 for FY2026-27 \$XXX General Funds for tuition waivers pursuant to the
- 12 First Responder Recruitment and Retention Act, the In the Line of Duty
- 13 Dependent Education Act, and sections 80-411 and 80-901, which shall only
- 14 be used for such purpose.
- 15 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Kauth filed the following motion to [LR48](#):

[MO44](#)

Withdraw LR48.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Senator Hansen, Chairperson of the Executive Board, reported the appointment of the following members of the Legislature to the following special committee:

Economic Recovery Special Committee

Speaker Arch

Senator Armendariz

Senator Guereca

Senator Juarez

Senator McKinney (Chair)

Senator Prokop (Appropriations designee)

Senator Spivey

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson
Legislative Council, Executive Board

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 49. Read. Considered.

LR49 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 50. Read. Considered.

LR50 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 51. Read. Considered.

LR51 was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 49, 50, and 51.

SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 357. Senator Holdcroft offered [AM320](#), found on page 567.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 251. [ER9](#), found on page 491, was offered.

ER9 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 250. [ER7](#), found on page 493, was offered.

ER7 was adopted.

Senator Jacobson offered [AM256](#), found on page 567.

The Jacobson amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 118. [ER10](#), found on page 522, was offered.

ER10 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148. Senator Rountree offered the following amendment:

[AM391](#) is available in the Bill Room.

The Rountree amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 98. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 196. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41. [ER11](#), found on page 522, was offered.

ER11 was adopted.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 160. Senator Riepe offered [AM264](#), found on page 565.

The Riepe amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 296. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 335. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 240. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 293. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609. [ER14](#), found on page 533, was offered.

ER14 was adopted.

Senator Bostar offered the following amendment:

[AM352](#)

(Amendments to E and R amendments, ER14)

1 1. On page 7, line 31; and page 8, line 8, strike "ninety" and
2 insert "thirty".

The Bostar amendment was adopted with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 143. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 39 ayes, 0 nays, 8 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 504. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM169](#), found on page 451, was offered.

Senator Holdcroft moved the previous question.

Senator Holdcroft moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 16 ayes, 1 nay, and 32 not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the motion to cease debate.

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	Clouse	Holdcroft	Meyer	Strommen
Arch	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	von Gillern
Armendariz	Dorn	Jacobson	Prokop	Wordekemper
Ballard	Dover	Kauth	Riepe	
Bosn	Hallstrom	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Brandt	Hansen	Lonowski	Storer	
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 14:

Cavanaugh, J.	DeBoer	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Hunt	Quick	Spivey
Conrad	Fredrickson	Juarez	Raybould	

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 3:

Bostar Hughes Sanders

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 14 nays, 1 absent and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator M. Cavanaugh requested a roll call vote on the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 2:

Cavanaugh, M. Spivey

Absent and not voting, 1:

Murman

Excused and not voting, 2:

Bostar Sanders

The committee amendment was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 2 present and not voting, 1 absent and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO45](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on AM169.

Pending.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Raybould filed the following amendment to [LB22](#):

[AM348](#)

1 I. Insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Sections 1 to 9 of this act shall be known and may be

3 cited as the Family Home Visitation Act.

4 Sec. 2. For purposes of the Family Home Visitation Act:

5 (1) Department means the Department of Health and Human Services;

6 and

7 (2) Home visitation program means a voluntary program carried out in
8 relevant settings, primarily in the homes of families with one or more
9 children, five years of age or younger, or pregnant persons.

10 Sec. 3. (1) The department shall only fund a home visitation
11 program that includes periodic home visits to improve the health, well-
12 being, and self-sufficiency of parents and their children.

13 (2) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall
14 provide visits by nurses, social workers, and other early childhood and
15 health professionals or trained and supervised lay workers.

16 (3) A home visitation program funded by the State of Nebraska shall
17 accomplish one or more of the following:

18 (a) Improve maternal, infant, or child health outcomes including
19 reducing preterm births;

20 (b) Promote positive parenting practices;

21 (c) Build healthy parent and child relationships;

22 (d) Enhance social and emotional development;

23 (e) Support cognitive development;

24 (f) Improve the health and well-being of the family;

25 (g) Empower families toward economic self-sufficiency;

26 (h) Reduce child maltreatment and injury; and

27 (i) Increase school readiness.

1 Sec. 4. The department shall only fund an evidence-based home
2 visitation program. An evidenced-based home visitation program:

3 (1) Is founded on a clear, consistent program model;

4 (2) Is associated with, or certified by, a national organization, an
5 institution of higher education, or a national or state public health
6 institute;

7 (3) Has comprehensive home visitation standards that ensure high
8 quality service delivery and continuous quality improvement;

9 (4) Follows a program manual or design that specifies the purpose,
10 outcomes, duration, and frequency of service;

11 (5) Employs well-trained and culturally competent staff;

12 (6) Provides continual professional development relevant to the
13 specific program model being delivered;

14 (7) Demonstrates strong links to other community-based services;

15 (8) Operates within an organization that ensures compliance with
16 home visitation standards; and

17 (9) Operates with fidelity to the program model.

18 Sec. 5. Home visitation program funds may be used for workforce
19 purposes and to assist the programs and individuals in receiving and
20 maintaining certification for home visitation providers.

21 Sec. 6. The Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program
22 that provides a single home visit or infrequent home visits.

23 Sec. 7. Families may decline home visitation program services at
24 any time.

25 Sec. 8. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and
26 regulations to carry out the Family Home Visitation Act.

27 Sec. 9. (1) No later than February 15, 2026, and through February
28 15, 2028, the department shall submit an electronic report to the Clerk
29 of the Legislature. Such report shall be made available on the
30 department's website and shall include the following information, if
31 available:

1 (a) The type and location of home visitation programs;

2 (b) The goals and achieved outcomes of home visitation programs;

3 (c) The number of families served by each home visitation program;

4 (d) Demographic data on the families served;

5 (e) The total amount of funds expended for home visitation programs;

6 (f) Program model descriptions and model-specific outcomes;

7 (g) The training and professional credentials required for each

8 program model;

- 9 (h) Eligibility criteria for each program model;
10 (i) Target populations for each program model;
11 (j) Wait list information, if applicable; and
12 (k) Referral sources.
13 (2) The department shall only include outcomes from federally funded
14 or state-funded home visitation programs.
15 2. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications

The Transportation and Telecommunications 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.

Underground Excavation Safety Committee:

Jeffrey D Grady
Brandon Jones
Aaron Krebs
Trevor Roth
James Saville

Aye: 8. Ballard, Bosn, Brandt, DeBoer, Fredrickson, Guereca, Moser, Storer.
Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Brad Sherman and Brett Kerkman, Sidney; Paula Petersen, Waverly; Jana Soldevila Alcoverro, Catalonia; Juli Wiese, Germany; students from Trinity Lutheran School, Lincoln; members of the Nebraska Farm Bureau; students from Sunset Hills Elementary, Omaha; Rockbrook Elementary, Omaha; Hattie Brotzel, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Steve Williams, Omaha.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:55 a.m., on a motion by Senator Hardin, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature