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LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

THIRTY-FOURTH DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Thursday, February 27, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Reverend Brenda Peters, Unity of Omaha, Omaĥa.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Raybould.

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 Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, M. Cavanaugh, Dungan, Guereca, Hansen, and Hunt who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the thirty-third day was approved.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Sanders filed the following amendment to LB123: AM407

- 1 1. Insert the following new section: 2 Sec. 2. Section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 13-3407 (1) The auditor shall prepare forms to be used by political
- 5 subdivisions for the purpose of calculating property tax request
- 6 authority and unused property tax request authority. Each political
- 7 subdivision shall calculate such amounts and submit the forms to the
- 8 auditor on or before September 30, 2025, and on or before September 30 of
- 9 each year thereafter. If a political subdivision fails to submit such
- 10 forms to the auditor or if the auditor determines from such forms that a
- 11 political subdivision is not complying with the limits provided in the

- 12 Property Tax Growth Limitation Act, the auditor shall notify the
- 13 political subdivision and the State Treasurer of the noncompliance.
- 14 (2)(a) Upon receiving notice from the auditor, the The State
- 15 Treasurer shall then suspend distribution of state aid allocated to the
- 16 political subdivision until the political subdivision complies. The funds 17 shall be held for six months. If the political subdivision complies
- 18 within the six-month period, it shall receive the suspended funds. If the
- 19 political subdivision fails to comply within the six-month period, the
- 20 suspended funds shall be forfeited and shall be (i) redistributed to
- 21 other recipients of the state aid in the county where such noncompliant
- 22 political subdivision is located or returned to the Highway Allocation
- 23 Fund if there is no eligible recipient or (ii), in the case of a
- 24 homestead exemption reimbursement, returned to the General Fund.
- 25 (b) The political subdivision shall continue to forfeit state aid
- 26 until the political subdivision reaches compliance and the State
- 27 Treasurer has received notification of such compliance from the auditor.
- 1 All state aid that was forfeited shall remain forfeited and redistributed
- 2 according to subdivision (a)(i) of this subsection.
- 3 (3) If any political subdivision fails to reach compliance within
- 4 twelve months after the time of the order and notice of delinquency given
- 5 by the auditor to the State Treasurer, such political subdivision shall
- 6 be ineligible for future distributions of state aid. Upon reaching
- 7 compliance, the political subdivision shall be eligible for future
- 8 distributions of state aid.
- 9 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer 10 accordingly.

Senator Quick filed the following amendment to LB567:

AM128

1 1. On page 2, line 2, strike "may" and insert "shall"; and strike 2 beginning with "if" in line 26 through "Education" in line 27.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue

Room 1524 1:30 PM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

LB494

LB564

LB270

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motion to LR55: MO48

Withdraw LR55.

MOTION(S) - Withdraw LB675

Senator Raybould offered MO46, found on page 598, to withdraw LB675.

The Raybould motion to withdraw prevailed with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 7 excused and not voting.

SELECT FILE

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 609A. Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 185. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM75, found on page 459, was offered.

The committee 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 38 ayes, 0 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 6 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 7. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM77, found on page 461, was offered.

Senator DeKay offered AM310, found on page 541, to the committee amendment.

The DeKay amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 4 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 372. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM81, found on page 462, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 45 ayes, 0 nays, 3 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 312. Title read. Considered.

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 179. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

General Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 635. Placed on General File with amendment.

AM399

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 81-8,129, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 81-8,129 The State Athletic Commissioner shall have sole direction,
- 6 management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional mixed martial
- 7 arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed
- 8 martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,
- 9 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, and
- 10 professional sparring matches and exhibitions, and all amateur mixed
- 11 martial arts, amateur muay thai, and amateur kickboxing matches and
- 12 exhibitions to be held within the state, except such as are conducted by
- 13 universities, colleges, high schools, the military, and recognized
- 14 amateur associations for contestants under sixteen years of age. No
- 15 professional boxers, professional mixed martial arts contestants,
- 16 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestants, professional
- 17 mixed martial arts on ice contestants, professional muay thai
- 18 contestants, professional kickboxers, professional bare-knuckle boxers,
- 19 of amateur mixed martial arts contestants, amateur muay thai contestants,
- 20 or amateur kickboxing contestants who have attained the age of sixteen,
- 21 shall participate in a match or exhibition for a prize or purse, or at
- 22 which an admission fee is charged, either directly or indirectly, in the
- 23 form of dues or otherwise, in this state except by a club, association,
- 24 organization, or person licensed by the commissioner, as provided in
- 25 section 81-8,130, and in pursuance of a license granted by the
- 26 commissioner for such match or exhibition under section 81-8,130.01.
- 27 Sec. 2. Section 81-8,130, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 1 amended to read:
- 2 81-8,130 The State Athletic Commissioner may issue an annual license
- 3 for conducting amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur
- 4 kickboxing matches or exhibitions to any club, association, or
- 5 organization. Each application for a license shall be accompanied by a
- 6 fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not
- 7 less than twenty-five dollars and not more than one hundred dollars.
- 8 Sec. 3. Section 81-8,130.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 9 is amended to read:
- 10 81-8,130.01 Licenses and permits may be issued to professional mixed
- 11 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional
- 12 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,
- 13 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing promoters,
- 14 whether persons, clubs, or associations, for the sole purpose of
- 15 conducting professional matches under such rules and regulations as the

- 16 State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt. Each application for such
- 17 license shall be accompanied by a fee set by the commissioner in rule and
- 18 regulation. Such fee shall be not less than one hundred dollars and not
- 19 more than three hundred dollars. If the promoter is an individual, the
- 20 application shall include his or her social security number.
- 21 Sec. 4. Section 81-8,132, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 22 amended to read:
- 23 81-8,132 No license shall be granted unless the licensee has
- 24 executed a bond in the sum of not less than one thousand dollars in the
- 25 case of amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur
- 26 kickboxing nor less than five thousand dollars in the case of
- 27 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial
- 28 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,
- 29 professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-
- 30 knuckle boxing. The license shall be approved by the State Athletic
- 31 Commissioner, conditioned on the faithful compliance by the licensee with
- 1 the provisions of sections 81-8,129 to 81-8,142.01, the rules and
- 2 regulations of the commissioner, and such other laws of the state as may
- 3 be applicable to anything done by the licensee in pursuance of the
- 4 license.
- 5 Sec. 5. Section 81-8,133, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 6 amended to read:
- 7 81-8,133 The State Athletic Commissioner is authorized to grant
- 8 licenses to competent referees, upon an application and the payment of a
- 9 fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not
- 10 less than ten dollars and not more than forty dollars per annum. The
- 11 commissioner may revoke any license so granted for such cause as may be
- 12 deemed sufficient. At every professional boxing, professional mixed
- 13 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional
- 14 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional
- 15 kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts,
- 16 amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, or professional sparring match or
- 17 exhibition, there shall be in attendance a duly licensed referee, who
- 18 shall direct and control the match. The referee shall stop the match
- 19 whenever he or she deems it advisable, (1) because of the physical
- 20 condition of the contestants or one of them, (2) when one of the
- 21 contestants is clearly outclassed by his or her opponent, or (3) for any
- 22 other sufficient reason. The referee shall, at the termination of every
- 23 professional boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-
- 24 knuckle mixed martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice,
- 25 professional muay thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-
- 26 knuckle boxing, amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, amateur
- 27 kickboxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition, indicate a
- 28 winner. The fees of the referee and other licensed officials may be fixed
- 29 by the commissioner and shall be paid by the licensed organization. 30 Sec. 6. Section 81-8,133.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 31 is amended to read:
- 1 81-8,133.01 The State Athletic Commissioner may grant licenses to
- 2 qualified physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional mixed
- 3 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional
- 4 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing,
- 5 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or
- 6 professional sparring match or exhibition judges upon an application and
- 7 payment of an annual fee set by the commissioner in rule and regulation.
- 8 Such fee for matchmakers shall be not less than ten dollars and not more
- 9 than one hundred dollars. Such fee for physicians, managers, and
- 10 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial
- 11 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,
- 12 professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle 13 boxing, or professional sparring match or exhibition judges shall be not

- 14 less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The commissioner 15 may also grant licenses to qualified timekeepers, contestants, and 16 seconds upon an application and payment of an annual fee set by the 17 commissioner in rule and regulation. Such fee shall be not less than ten 18 dollars and not more than twenty dollars. The application shall include 19 the applicant's social security number. No person shall serve as 20 physician, manager, matchmaker, or judge at any professional mixed 21 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional 22 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, 23 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or 24 professional sparring match or exhibition who is not licensed as such. No 25 person shall serve as timekeeper or contestant at any professional mixed 26 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional 27 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, professional boxing, 28 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match who is 29 not licensed as such. The commissioner shall have summary authority to 30 stop any match at which any person is serving in violation of the 31 provisions of this section. Any license granted under the provisions of 1 this section may be revoked for cause. 2 Sec. 7. Section 81-8,134, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 3 amended to read: 4 81-8,134 (1) Any professional boxing match, professional mixed 5 martial arts match, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts match, 6 professional mixed martial arts on ice match, professional muay thai 7 match, professional kickboxing match, professional bare-knuckle boxing 8 match, or amateur mixed martial arts match, amateur muay thai match, or 9 amateur kickboxing match conducted in this state which is labeled or 10 promoted as a championship match shall have regional or national 11 significance and the approval of a nationally recognized professional 12 boxing, mixed martial arts, bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, mixed 13 martial arts on ice, muay thai, kickboxing, or bare-knuckle boxing, or 14 kickboxing association. 15 (2) Professional boxing, professional kickboxing, professional bare-16 knuckle boxing, or professional sparring matches or exhibitions shall not 17 exceed ten rounds in length, except in a championship match, which shall 18 not exceed fifteen rounds. No round shall be longer than three minutes. 19 At least one minute shall intervene between rounds. Except for 20 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional kickboxing, or 21 professional bare-knuckle boxing matches, the contestants shall wear 22 during the contest gloves weighing at least eight ounces each. 23 (3) Professional mixed martial arts, professional muay thai, and 24 professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts matches or exhibitions shall 25 not exceed three rounds in length, except in a championship match, which 26 shall not exceed five rounds in length. No round shall be longer than 27 five minutes. At least one minute shall intervene between rounds. 28 (4) No professional boxing contestant, professional mixed martial 29 arts contestant, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts contestant, 30 professional mixed martial arts on ice contestant, professional muay thai 31 contestant, professional kickboxing contestant, professional bare-knuckle 1 boxing contestant, or amateur mixed martial arts contestant, amateur muay 2 thai contestant, or amateur kickboxing contestant shall be allowed to 3 participate or take part in any contest in this state unless a duly
- 8 amended to read:
 9 81-8,135 Every licensee conducting or holding any professional mixed
 10 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional
 11 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial

4 licensed physician shall certify in writing that such contestant has 5 taken a physical examination the day of the contest and is physically fit

7 Sec. 8. Section 81-8,135, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

6 to engage in the proposed contest.

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12 arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing,
13 professional kickboxing, or professional bare-knuckle boxing match shall
14 furnish to the State Athletic Commissioner a written report showing the
15 articles of agreement between the contestants, the number of tickets sold
16 for each contest, the amount of the gross receipts thereof, the gross
17 receipts from sale of any television rights, and such other matters as
18 the commissioner shall prescribe. Within such time the licensee shall pay
19 to the commissioner a tax of five percent of the total gross receipts of
20 any professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed
21 martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay
22 thai, professional boxing, professional kickboxing, or professional bare-
23 knuckle boxing match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes,
24 except the gross receipts from sale of television rights, and five
25 percent of such rights, and five percent of the total gross receipts of
26 any amateur mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing
27 match or exhibition, exclusive of state and federal taxes, except that if
28 such match or exhibition is conducted as an incidental feature in any
29 event or entertainment of a different character, such portion of the
30 total receipts shall be paid to the state as the commissioner may
31 determine, or as may be fixed by rule adopted under section 81-8,139.
1 Sec. 9. Section 81-8,138, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:
3 81-8,138 No contestant in any match or exhibition shall be paid for
4 services until the same are rendered, and should it be determined by the
5 State Athletic Commissioner that a contestant did not give an honest
6 exhibition of his or her skill, he or she shall not be paid. Any
7 contestant who shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing,
8 professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial
9 arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,
10 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or amateur
11 mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or
12 exhibition shall be disqualified and shall not thereafter be permitted to
13 contend in any match or exhibition in this state, and any contestant who
14 shall participate in any sham or fake professional boxing, professional
15 mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts,
16 professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai,
17 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or amateur
18 mixed martial arts, amateur muay thai, or amateur kickboxing match or
19 exhibition shall be guilty of a violation of sections 81-8,128 to
20 81-8,142.01.
21 Sec. 10. Section 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
22 amended to read:
23 81-8,139 (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
24 the State Athletic Commissioner shall adopt and promulgate such rules and
25 regulations for the administration and enforcement of sections 81-8,128
26 to 81-8,142.01 as he or she may deem necessary. Such rules and
27 regulations shall include, but not be limited to, the establishment of
28 written criteria for the granting and revoking of licenses, the setting
29 of license fees, and the qualification requirements for those to be
30 licensed as referees, physicians, managers, matchmakers, and professional
31 boxing, professional mixed martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed
1 martial arts, professional mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay
2 thai, professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or
3 professional sparring match or exhibition judges. He or she shall have
4 the power and may control and limit the number of professional mixed
5 martial arts, professional bare-knuckle mixed martial arts, professional
6 mixed martial arts on ice, professional muay thai, amateur mixed martial
7 arts, amateur muay thai, amateur kickboxing, professional boxing,
8 professional kickboxing, professional bare-knuckle boxing, or
9 professional sparring matches or exhibitions given, or to be held, each
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10 year, or within one week, in any city or town, or by any organization. He 11 or she may fine any licensee, except amateur contestants, an amount not 12 to exceed one thousand dollars and may suspend for a period, not to 13 exceed one year, any licensee's right to participate in or conduct any 14 match or exhibition for unsportsmanlike conduct while engaged in or 15 arising directly from any match or exhibition, failure to compete in good 16 faith, engaging in any sham match or exhibition, or the use of 17 threatening and abusive language toward officials, other contestants, or 18 spectators. 19 (2) The State Athletic Commissioner may adopt and promulgate rules 20 and regulations to identify a list of substances banned for use by any 21 amateur or professional contestant and may require any contestant to 22 submit to a test for banned substances as a condition for allowing the 23 contestant's participation in a match or exhibition. 24 (3) The State Athletic Commissioner may suspend an amateur or 25 professional contestant from competition for a period not to exceed one 26 year and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed one 27 thousand five hundred dollars or forty percent of the prize or purse, 28 whichever is greater, for a first offense of failing a test for a banned 29 substance on the list developed pursuant to subsection (2) of this 30 section or for refusing to submit to such a test. He or she may suspend 31 an amateur or professional contestant from competition for a period not 1 to exceed three years and may fine a professional contestant an amount 2 not to exceed three thousand dollars or seventy percent of the prize or 3 purse, whichever is greater, for any second such offense. He or she may 4 suspend an amateur or professional contestant from competition for life 5 and may fine a professional contestant an amount not to exceed five 6 thousand dollars or one hundred percent of the prize or purse, whichever 7 is greater, for any third or subsequent such offense. For purposes of 8 determining if an offense under this subsection is a first, second, 9 third, or subsequent offense, failing a test for banned substances and 10 refusing to submit to such a test shall be considered the same offense. 11 (4) Before levying an administrative fine pursuant to this section, 12 the State Athletic Commissioner shall set the matter for hearing. 13 Proceedings to levy an administrative fine shall be contested cases 14 prosecuted and appealable pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. 15 At least ten days before the hearing, the State Athletic Commissioner 16 shall serve notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing upon the 17 licensee or other violator by personal or certified mail service. 18 (5) The State Athletic Commissioner shall remit any administrative 19 fines collected under this section to the State Treasurer for 20 distribution in accordance with Article VII, section 5, of the 21 Constitution of Nebraska. 22 Sec. 11. Original sections 81-8,129, 81-8,130, 81-8,130.01, 23 81-8,132, 81-8,133, 81-8,133.01, 81-8,134, 81-8,135, 81-8,138, and 24 81-8,139, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

(Signed) Rick Holdcroft, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to <u>LB698</u>:

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO50

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO51

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

Senator Dungan filed the following motions to <u>LB509</u>:

Indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

MO53

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

MO54

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to <u>LB527</u>: AM373

(Amendments to E&R amendments, ER13)

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
- 2 insert the following new sections:
- 3 Section 1. Sections 1 to 8 of this act shall be known and may be
- 4 cited as the Medicaid Access and Quality Act.
- 5 Sec. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 6 (1) Wide discrepancies between medicaid reimbursement rates and
- 7 rates of other payers have created challenges to health care access for
- 8 Nebraska residents covered by medicaid;
- 9 (2) Approximately one-third of pregnant women, newborns, and
- 10 children are covered by medicaid and access to health care services is
- 11 critical for them. Access to labor and delivery services is critical to
- 12 fostering healthy mothers and babies;
- 13 (3) Access to primary care is vital to the health of Nebraska
- 14 communities. Investment in preventative care will help reduce future
- 15 health care costs to the state and its residents. Improved health
- 16 outcomes are more likely when patients have access to, and positive
- 17 relationships with, their primary care provider;
- 18 (4) Health care access challenges in rural areas have reached a
- 19 critical point, which requires bold investment and leadership from the
- 20 state to maintain the health of our rural citizens and communities; and
- 21 (5) Investment in physical health care access and quality in the
- 22 medicaid program is an investment in bolstering Nebraska's health care
- 23 landscape as a whole, addressing health care deserts across the state,
- 24 and improving the health and prosperity of Nebraska communities. 25 Sec. 3. For purposes of the Medicaid Access and Quality Act:
- 26 (1) Nonhospital provider means a provider of physical health
- 1 services that does not hold a license as a hospital under the Health Care
- 2 Facility Licensure Act;
- 3 (2) Physical health services means services billed under the
- 4 medicaid practitioner fee schedule to meet the physical health needs of a
- 5 patient; and
- 6 (3) Rural means any county in Nebraska having a population of less
- 7 than one hundred thousand residents.
- 8 Sec. 4. (1) No later than January 1, 2026, the Director of
- 9 Insurance shall establish a schedule for the collection of a tax of six
- 10 percent of the gross amount of non-medicare direct writing premiums
- 11 written under a health maintenance organization certificate of authority
- 12 pursuant to section 44-32,115, to the extent not preempted by federal

- LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL 610 13 law, during the current year for business done in the state. The director 14 shall remit the tax paid under this section to the State Treasurer. The 15 State Treasurer shall annually credit the entirety of the tax remitted to 16 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund. 17 (2) No later than August 1, 2025, the Department of Health and Human 18 Services shall amend the medicaid state plan or file other federal 19 authorizing documents necessary to receive federal financial 20 participation for the Medicaid Access and Quality Act. 21 (3) The tax established by this section shall be effective January 22 1, 2026, and applies to premiums received during the current calendar 23 year and each year thereafter. 24 Sec. 5. The Medicaid Access and Quality Fund is created. Interest 25 earned on the fund shall be credited to the fund. Any money in the fund 26 available for investment shall be invested by the state investment 27 officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska 28 State Funds Investment Act. 29 Sec. 6. (1) The Department of Health and Human Services shall use 30 the Medicaid Access and Quality Fund for the following purposes: 31 (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, forty million dollars annually shall 1 be used to obtain federal financial participation for the purpose of 2 enhancing rates paid to nonhospital providers of physical health 3 services, as published in the medicaid practitioner fee schedule. This 4 funding shall not be used to replace or offset existing state funds paid 5 to providers for providing services under the medical assistance program. 6 In calculating a rate enhancement under this subdivision, the department 7 shall work with a statewide association exempt from taxation under 8 section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that primarily 9 represents health care providers in multiple specialties who are licensed 10 to practice medicine and surgery under the Uniform Credentialing Act. It 11 is the intent of the Legislature that a rate enhancement provided by this 12 subdivision should aim to improve access to care through increasing rates 13 across a broad range of physical health services provided by nonhospital 14 providers, with an emphasis on evaluation and management services, labor 15 and delivery services, and rural services; 16 (b) Beginning no later than January 1, 2027, five million dollars 17 annually shall be used to obtain federal financial participation to pay a 18 monthly per-member fee of not less than seventy-five dollars to qualified 19 primary care providers who meet criteria established by the Department of 20 Health and Human Services to serve as a primary care medical home for 21 target populations; and 22 (c) Any remaining funds shall be transferred to the medical 23 assistance program and the Children's Health Insurance Program. 24 (2) Use of the funds described in this section is subject to all 25 required federal approvals including any approvals necessary for use of 26 such funds to obtain federal financial participation. 27 Sec. 7. It is the intent of the Legislature that the medicaid 28 practitioner fee schedule rates and the General Fund appropriations for 29 rates established in the fee schedule shall not be reduced in amounts 30 lower than the rates published as of July 1, 2024. 31 Sec. 8. The Department of Health and Human Services may adopt and 1 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the Medicaid 2 Access and Quality Act.
- 3 Sec. 9. Section 44-32,180, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 4 amended to read: 5 44-32,180 (1) Any health maintenance organization subject to the
- 6 Health Maintenance Organization Act shall also be subject to (a) the 7 premium taxation provisions of Chapter 77, article 9, to the extent that 8 the direct writing premiums are not otherwise subject to taxation under 9 such article, and (b) the retaliatory taxation provisions of section

10 44-150, and (c) the tax levied by section 4 of this act.

- 11 (2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical
- 12 Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation
- 13 imposed by subsection (1) of this section.
- 14 Sec. 10. Section 44-4726, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 15 amended to read:
- 16 44-4726 (1) The same taxes provided for in section 44-32,180 shall
- 17 be imposed upon each prepaid limited health service organization, and
- 18 such organizations also shall be entitled to the same tax deductions,
- 19 reductions, abatements, and credits that health maintenance organizations
- 20 are entitled to receive.
- 21 (2) Any capitation payment made in accordance with the Medical
- 22 Assistance Act shall be excluded from computation of any tax obligation
- 23 imposed by subsection (1) of this section.
- 24 Sec. 11. Section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 25 2024, is amended to read:
- 26 77-908 (1) Every insurance company organized under the stock,
- 27 mutual, assessment, or reciprocal plan, except fraternal benefit
- 28 societies, which is transacting business in this state shall, on or
- 29 before March 1 of each year, pay a tax to the director of one percent of
- 30 the gross amount of direct writing premiums received by it during the
- 31 preceding calendar year for business done in this state, except that (a)
- 1 (1) for group sickness and accident insurance the rate of such tax shall
- 2 be five-tenths of one percent, (b) and (2) for property and casualty
- 3 insurance, excluding individual sickness and accident insurance, the rate
- 4 of such tax shall be one percent, and (c) for health maintenance
- 5 organizations subject to the Health Maintenance Organization Act, the tax
- 6 levied by section 4 of this act shall be in addition to the tax paid
- 7 under this section.
- 8 (2) A captive insurer authorized under the Captive Insurers Act that
- 9 is transacting business in this state shall, on or before March 1 of each
- 10 year, pay to the director a tax of one-fourth of one percent of the gross
- 11 amount of direct writing premiums received by such insurer during the
- 12 preceding calendar year for business transacted in the state.
- 13 (3) The taxable premiums shall include premiums paid on the lives of
- 14 persons residing in this state and premiums paid for risks located in
- 15 this state whether the insurance was written in this state or not,
- 16 including that portion of a group premium paid which represents the
- 17 premium for insurance on Nebraska residents or risks located in Nebraska
- 18 included within the group when the number of lives in the group exceeds
- 19 five hundred. The tax shall also apply to premiums received by domestic
- 20 companies for insurance written on individuals residing outside this
- 21 state or risks located outside this state if no comparable tax is paid by 22 the direct writing domestic company to any other appropriate taxing
- 23 authority. Companies whose scheme of operation contemplates the return of
- 24 a portion of premiums to policyholders, without such policyholders being
- 25 claimants under the terms of their policies, may deduct such return
- 26 premiums or dividends from their gross premiums for the purpose of tax
- 27 calculations. Any such insurance company shall receive a credit on the
- 28 tax imposed, except the tax paid under subdivision (1)(c) of this
- 29 section, as provided in the Creating High Impact Economic Futures Act,
- 30 the Nebraska Job Creation and Mainstreet Revitalization Act, the New
- 31 Markets Job Growth Investment Act, the Nebraska Higher Blend Tax Credit
- 1 Act, the Relocation Incentive Act, the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Tax
- 2 Credit Act, the Nebraska Shortline Rail Modernization Act, and the
- 3 Affordable Housing Tax Credit Act.
- 4 Sec. 12. Original sections 44-32,180 and 44-4726, Reissue Revised
- 5 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 77-908, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 6 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
- 7 Sec. 13. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 8 passed and approved according to law.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Transportation and Telecommunications Room 2102 1:30 PM

Monday, March 10, 2025

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(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 56. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; 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; Dorn, 30; Dover, 19; Dungan, 26; Fredrickson, 20; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hansen, 16; Hardin, 48; Holdcroft, 36; Hughes, 24; Ibach, 44; 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, multiple sclerosis (MS) is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that interrupts the flow of information between the brain and the body; and

WHEREAS, although there has been significant progress in MS research, including more than twenty disease modifying treatments to slow the progression of MS, there is still no known cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one million people in the United States are living with MS, including more than three thousand two hundred people in Nebraska: and

WHEREAS, MS Awareness Month is recognized annually in March to unite people in Nebraska, the United States, and the world in the fight to end MS, to create connections stronger than the ones MS destroys, and to educate people about MS and what they can do to make a difference.

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

- 1. That the Legislature recognizes March 2025 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month in Nebraska.
- 2. That the Legislature expresses its support for all people diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and recognizes the families and support systems of those diagnosed for the irreplaceable care they give.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 57. Introduced by von Gillern, 4; 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; 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; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, Daniel "Danny" Woodhead became the first Chadron State College player inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead was born in North Platte, Nebraska, on January 25, 1985; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played multiple varsity sports for North Platte High School where he set records in track and field, soccer, basketball, and football; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football for Chadron State College where he finished his college career with 9,259 all-purpose yards and 109 touchdowns, and was twice awarded the Harlon Hill trophy; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead played football in the National Football League, including for the New York Jets, New England Patriots, San Diego Chargers, and Baltimore Ravens, where he finished his professional career with thirty-two touchdowns; and

WHEREAS, Woodhead scored a touchdown during Super Bowl XLVI while playing for the New England Patriots.

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

- 1. That the Legislature congratulates Danny Woodhead for his induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.
- 2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Danny Woodhead and to President Ron K. Patterson of Chadron State College.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Natural Resources Committee will conduct its hearing on March 5, 2025, in Room 2102, instead of Room 1023, at 1:30 p.m.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 230. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM55, found on page 473, was offered.

Senator Hallstrom offered AM381, found on page 593, to the committee amendment.

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

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

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

LEGISLATIVE BILL 501. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 38 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 592. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 40 ayes, 0 nays, 7 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 300. Title read. Considered.

SENATOR DEBOER PRESIDING

Committee AM168, found on page 483, was offered.

Senator Murman withdrew <u>FA18</u>, found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Senator Murman withdrew <u>FA19</u>, found on page 487, to the committee amendment.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 124. Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 371.** Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 133. Placed on General File with amendment.

<u>AM25</u>

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 28-1008, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 4 2024, is amended to read:
- 5 28-1008 For purposes of sections 28-1008 to 28-1017, 28-1019, and
- 6 28-1020:

- 7 (1) Abandon means to leave any animal in one's care, whether as 8 owner or custodian, for any length of time without making effective 9 provision for its food, water, or other care as is reasonably necessary 10 for the animal's health;
- 11 (2) Animal means any vertebrate member of the animal kingdom. Animal
- 12 does not include an uncaptured wild creature or a livestock animal as
- 13 defined in section 54-902;
- 14 (3) Animal control officer means a person authorized by a city,
- 15 village, or county to enforce any state or local animal control law,
- 16 rule, regulation, resolution, or ordinance concerning animal welfare;
- 17 (4)(3) Cruelly mistreat means to knowingly and intentionally kill,
- 18 maim, disfigure, torture, beat, kick, hit, strike in any manner,
- 19 mutilate, burn, scald, or otherwise inflict harm upon any animal;
- 20 (5)(4) Cruelly neglect means to fail to provide any animal in one's
- 21 care, whether as owner or custodian, with food, water, or other care as
- 22 is reasonably necessary for the animal's health;
- 23 (6)(5) Humane killing means the destruction of an animal by a method
- 24 which causes the animal a minimum of pain and suffering; 25 (7)(6) Law enforcement officer means any member of the Nebraska
- 26 State Patrol, any county or deputy sheriff, any member of the police
- 27 force of any city or village, or any other public official authorized by
- 1 a city or village to enforce state or local animal control laws, rules,
- 2 regulations, or ordinances. Law enforcement officer also includes a
- 3 special investigator appointed as a deputy state sheriff as authorized
- 4 pursuant to section 81-201 while acting within the authority of the
- 5 Director of Agriculture under the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator
- 6 Inspection Act;
- $7 \frac{(8)(7)}{(8)}$ Mutilation means intentionally causing permanent injury,
- 8 disfigurement, degradation of function, incapacitation, or imperfection
- 9 to an animal. Mutilation does not include conduct performed by a
- 10 veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in this
- 11 state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices;
- 12 (9)(8) Owner or custodian means any person owning, keeping,
- 13 possessing, harboring, or knowingly permitting an animal to remain on or
- 14 about any premises owned or occupied by such person;
- 15 (10)(9) Police animal means a horse or dog owned or controlled by
- 16 the State of Nebraska or any county, city, or village for the purpose of

20 animal by a person resulting in serious injury or illness or death to the

- 17 assisting a law enforcement officer in the performance of his or her
- 18 official enforcement duties; 19 (11)(10) Repeated beating means intentional successive strikes to an
- 21 animal:
- 22 (12)(11) Serious injury or illness includes any injury or illness to 23 any animal which creates a substantial risk of death or which causes
- 24 broken bones, prolonged impairment of health, or prolonged loss or
- 25 impairment of the function of any bodily organ; and
- 26 (13)(12) Torture means intentionally subjecting an animal to extreme
- 27 pain, suffering, or agony. Torture does not include conduct performed by
- 28 a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine and surgery in
- 29 this state or conduct that conforms to accepted veterinary practices.
- 30 Sec. 2. Section 28-1012, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 31 2024, is amended to read:
- 1 28-1012 (1) AnyA law enforcement officer or animal control officer
- 2 who has reason to believe that an animal has been abandoned or is being
- 3 cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated may seek a warrant authorizing
- 4 entry by a law enforcement officer or an animal control officer who is
- 5 accompanied by a law enforcement officer upon private property to
- 6 inspect, care for, or impound the animal.
- 7 (2) It shall be the duty of anya law enforcement officer or animal
- 8 control officer who has reason to believe that an animal has been

- LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL 616 9 abandoned or is being cruelly neglected or cruelly mistreated to make 10 prompt investigation of such violation. Any A law enforcement officer or 11 animal control officer may, in lieu of making an arrest, issue a citation 12 to the owner or custodian as prescribed in sections 29-422 to 29-429. 13 (3) Any equipment, device, or other property or things involved in a 14 violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010 shall be subject to seizure, and 15 distribution or disposition may be made in such manner as the court may 16 direct. Any animal involved in a violation of section 28-1009 or 28-1010 17 shall be subject to seizure. Distribution or disposition shall be made 18 under section 28-1012.01 as the court may direct. 19 (4) Any law enforcement officer or animal control officer acting 20 under this section shall not be liable for damage to property if such 21 damage is not the result of the law enforcement officer's or animal 22 control officer's negligence. 23 Sec. 3. Section 28-1012.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 24 2024, is amended to read: 25 28-1012.01 (1) Any animal seized under a search warrant or validly 26 seized without a warrant may be kept on the property of the owner or 27 custodian by the law enforcement officer or animal control officer 28 seizing the animal. When a criminal complaint has been filed in 29 connection with a seized animal, the court in which such complaint was 30 filed shall have exclusive jurisdiction for disposition of the animal and 31 to determine any rights therein, including questions respecting the 1 title, possession, control, and disposition thereof as provided in this 2 section. 3 (2) Within ten business days after the date an animal has been 4 seized pursuant to section 28-1006 or 28-1012, the county attorney of the 5 county where the animal was seized shall file an application with the 6 court having appropriate jurisdiction for a hearing to determine the 7 disposition and the cost for the care of the animal. Notice of such 8 hearing shall be given to the owner or custodian from whom such animal 9 was seized and to any holder of a lien or security interest of record in 10 such animal specifying the date, time, and place of such hearing. Such 11 notice shall be served by personal or residential service or by certified 12 mail. If such notice cannot be served by such methods, service may be 13 made by publication in the county where such animal was seized. Such 14 publication shall be made after application and order of the court. The 15 hearing shall be held as soon as practicable and not more than ten 16 business days after the date of application for the hearing unless 17 otherwise determined and ordered by the court. 18 (3) If the court finds that probable cause exists that an animal has 19 been abandoned or cruelly neglected or mistreated, the court may: 20 (a) Order immediate forfeiture of the animal to the agency that took 21 custody of the animal and authorize appropriate disposition of the animal 22 including adoption, donation to a suitable shelter, humane destruction, 23 or any other manner of disposition approved by the court. The court may 24 consider adoption alternatives through humane societies or comparable 25 institutions and the protection of such animal's welfare. For a humane 26 society or comparable institution to be considered as an adoption
- 2 (b) Issue an order to the owner or custodian setting forth the 3 conditions under which custody of the animal shall be returned to the 4 owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized or to any other person 5 claiming an interest in the animal. Such order may include any management 6 actions deemed necessary and prudent by the court, including reducing the

28 Department of Agriculture as having passed the inspection requirements in 29 the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act and paid the fee for 30 inspection under the act. The court may prohibit an adopting or 31 purchasing party from selling such animal for a period not to exceed one

27 alternative under this subsection, it must first be licensed by the

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7 number of animals harbored or owned by the owner or custodian by humane
8 destruction or forfeiture and securing necessary care, including
9 veterinary care, sufficient for the maintenance of any remaining animals;
11 (c) Order the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized to
12 post a bond or other security or to otherwise order payment in an amount
13 that is sufficient to reimburse all reasonable expenses, as determined by
14 the court, for the care of the animal including veterinary care incurred
15 by the agency from the date of seizure and necessitated by the possession
16 of the animal. Payments shall be for a succeeding thirty-day period with 17 the first payment due on or before the tenth day following the hearing.
18 Payments for each subsequent thirty-day period, if any, shall be due on
19 or before the tenth day of such period. The bond or security shall be
20 placed with, or payments ordered under this subdivision shall be paid to,
21 the agency that took custody of the animal. The agency shall provide an
22 accounting of expenses to the court when the animal is no longer in the
23 custody of the agency or upon request by the court. The county attorney
24 of the county where the animal was seized may apply to the court for a
25 subsequent hearing under this section at any time. The hearing shall be
26 held as soon as practicable and not more than ten business days after the
27 date of application for the hearing unless otherwise determined and
28 ordered by the court. When all expenses covered by the bond or security
29 are exhausted and subsequent bond or security has not been posted, or if
30 a person becomes delinquent in his or her payments for the expenses of
31 the animal, the animal shall be forfeited to the agency.
1 (4) If custody of an animal is returned to the owner or custodian
2 prior to seizure, any proceeds of a bond or security or any payment or
3 portion of payment ordered under this section not used for the care of
4 the animal during the time the animal was held by the agency shall be
5 returned to the owner or custodian.
6 (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent the humane destruction of
7 a seized animal at any time as determined necessary by a licensed
8 veterinarian or as authorized by court order.
9 (6) An appeal may be filed within ten days after a hearing held
10 under this section. Any person filing an appeal shall post a bond or
11 security sufficient to pay reasonable costs of care of the animal for
12 thirty days. Such bond or surety shall be required for each succeeding
13 thirty-day period until the appeal is final.
14 (7) If the owner or custodian from whom the animal was seized is
15 found not guilty in an associated criminal proceeding, all funds paid for
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16 the expenses of the animal remaining after the actual expenses incurred 17 by the agency have been paid shall be returned to the owner or custodian. 18 (8) This section shall not preempt any ordinance of a city of the 19 metropolitan or primary class. 20 Sec. 4. Section 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 21 2024, is amended to read: 22 28-1019 (1)(a) If a person is convicted of a felony under section 23 28-1005 or 28-1009, the sentencing court shall order such person not to 24 own, possess, or reside with any animal for at least five years after the 25 date of conviction, but such time restriction shall not exceed fifteen 26 years. Any person violating such court order shall be guilty of a Class I

28 (b) If a person is convicted of a Class I misdemeanor under section 29 28-1005.01 or 28-1009 or a Class III misdemeanor under section 28-1010, 30 the sentencing court may order such person not to own, possess, or reside 31 with any animal after the date of conviction, but such time restriction, 1 if any, shall not exceed five years. Any person violating such court 2 order shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor. 3 (c) Any animal involved in a violation of a court order under

4 subdivision (a) or (b) of this subsection shall be subject to seizure by

27 misdemeanor.

- 5 any law enforcement officer or animal control officer. Distribution or
- 6 disposition shall be made under section 28-1012.01.
- 7 (2) This section shall not apply to any person convicted under
- 8 section 28-1005, 28-1005.01, or 28-1009 if a licensed physician confirms
- 9 in writing that ownership or possession of or residence with an animal is
- 10 essential to the health of such person.
- 11 Sec. 5. Original sections 28-1008, 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and
- 12 28-1019, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.
- 13 Sec. 6. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
- 14 passed and approved according to law.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 136. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 25-1030.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 25-1030.01 (1) Upon filing an application for determination of
- 6 liability of the garnishee, the plaintiff shall give the garnishee and
- 7 the defendant in the original action notice of the filing thereof and of
- 8 the time and place of trial thereon. Subject to subsections (2) and (3)
- 9 of this section, the The notice shall be given within such time and in
- 10 such manner as the court shall direct.
- 11 (2) For purposes of this section:
- 12 (a) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability
- 13 company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability
 14 company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of
- 15 Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska;
- 16 and
- 17 (b) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution as
- 18 described in subsection (6) of section 25-1056.
- 19 (3)(a) If the garnishee is a corporate entity, notice under
- 20 subsection (1) of this section shall be served upon the location of the
- 21 corporate entity's registered agent for service of process in this state.
- 22 (b) If service is unable to be accomplished as provided in
- 23 subdivision (3)(a) of this section, such notice shall be served in
- 24 accordance with section 25-509.01.
- 25 (4) In a case involving a garnishment served upon a corporate entity
- 26 against wages due to a judgment debtor, the corporate entity shall not be
- 27 liable as a garnishee under this section unless the plaintiff shows:
- 1 (a) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(a) of
- 2 this section; or
- 3 (b) That service was made in accordance with subdivision (3)(b) of
- 4 this section and:
- 5 (i) That a copy of the notice described in subsection (1) of this
- 6 section was sent to the location of the corporate entity's registered
- 8 (ii) That the garnishee requested no such copy be sent to such
- 9 location; or
- 10 (iii) That the corporate entity does not have a registered agent in
- 11 this state.
- 12 Sec. 2. Section 25-1056, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
- 13 amended to read:
- 14 25-1056 (1) In all cases when a judgment has been entered by any
- 15 court of record and the judgment creditor or his or her agent or attorney
- 16 has filed an affidavit setting forth the amount due on the judgment,
- 17 interest, and costs in the office of the clerk of the court where the
- 18 judgment has been entered and that he or she has good reason to and does
- 19 believe that any person, partnership, limited liability company, or
- 20 corporation, naming him, her, or it, has property of and is indebted to

- 21 the judgment debtor, the clerk shall issue a summons which shall set 22 forth the amount due on the judgment, interest, and costs as shown in the 23 affidavit and require such person, partnership, limited liability 24 company, or corporation, as garnishee, to answer written interrogatories 25 to be furnished by the plaintiff and to be attached to such summons 26 respecting the matters set forth in section 25-1026. The summons shall be 27 returnable within ten days from the date of its issuance and shall 28 require the garnishee to answer within ten days from the date of service 29 upon him or her. Except when wages are involved, the garnishee shall hold 30 the property of every description and the credits of the defendant in his 31 or her possession or under his or her control at the time of the service 1 of the summons and interrogatories until the further order of the court. 2 If the only property in the possession or under the control of the 3 garnishee at the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories 4 is credits of the defendant and the amount of such credits is not in 5 dispute by the garnishee, then such garnishee shall only hold the credits 6 of the defendant in his or her possession or under his or her control at 7 the time of the service of the summons and interrogatories to the extent 8 of the amount of the judgment, interest, and costs set forth in the 9 summons until further order of the court. When wages are involved, the 10 garnishee shall pay to the employee all disposable earnings exempted from 11 garnishment by statute, and any disposable earnings remaining after such 12 payment shall be retained by the garnishee until further order of the 13 court. Thereafter, the service of the summons and interrogatories and all 14 further proceedings shall be in all respects the same as is provided for 15 in sections 25-1011 and 25-1026 to 25-1031.01 unless inconsistent with 16 this section. 17 (2) If it appears from the answer of the garnishee that the judgment 18 debtor was an employee of the garnishee, that the garnishee otherwise 19 owed earnings to the judgment debtor when the garnishment order was 20 served, or that earnings would be owed within sixty days thereafter and 21 there is not a successful written objection to the order or the answer of 22 the garnishee filed, on application by the judgment creditor, the court 23 shall order that the nonexempt earnings, if any, withheld by the 24 garnishee after service of the order be transferred to the court for 25 delivery to the judgment creditor who is entitled to such earnings. 26 Except for garnishments in support of a person, the payments may be made 27 payable to the judgment creditor or assignee and shall be forwarded to 28 the issuing court to record the judgment payment prior to the court 29 delivering the payment to the judgment creditor or assignee. The court 30 shall, upon application of the judgment creditor, further order that the 31 garnishment is a continuing lien against the nonexempt earnings of the 1 judgment debtor. An order of continuing lien on nonexempt earnings 2 entered pursuant to this section shall require the garnishee to continue 3 to withhold the nonexempt earnings of the judgment debtor for as long as 4 the continuing lien remains in effect. 5 Beginning with the pay period during which the writ was served and 6 while the continuing lien remains in effect, the garnishee shall deliver 7 the nonexempt earnings to the court from which the garnishment was issued
- 10 pay period. 11 (3) A continuing lien ordered pursuant to this section shall be
- 12 invalid and shall have no force and effect upon the occurrence of any of

8 for each pay period or on a monthly basis if the garnishee so desires and 9 shall deliver to the judgment debtor his or her exempt earnings for each

- 13 the following:
- 14 (a) The underlying judgment is satisfied in full or vacated or
- 15 expires;
- 16 (b) The judgment debtor leaves the garnishee's employ for more than
- 17 sixty days;
- 18 (c) The judgment creditor releases the garnishment;

- 19 (d) The proceedings are stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction,
- 20 including the United States Bankruptcy Court;
- 21 (e) The judgment debtor has not earned any nonexempt earnings for at
- 22 least sixty days;
- 23 (f) The court orders that the garnishment be quashed; or
- 24 (g) Ninety days have expired since service of the writ. The judgment
- 25 creditor may extend the lien for a second ninety-day period by filing 26 with the court a notice of extension during the fifteen days immediately
- 27 prior to the expiration of the initial lien, and the continuing lien in
- 28 favor of the initial judgment creditor shall continue for a second
- 29 ninety-day period.
- 30 (4)(a) To determine priority, garnishments and liens shall rank
- 31 according to time of service.
- 1 (b) Garnishments, liens, and wage assignments which are not for the
- 2 support of a person shall be inferior to wage assignments for the support
- 3 of a person. Garnishments which are not for the support of a person and
- 4 liens shall be inferior to garnishments for the support of a person.
- 5 (5) Only one order of continuing lien against earnings due the
- 6 judgment debtor shall be in effect at one time. If an employee's wages
- 7 are already being garnished pursuant to a continuing lien at the time of
- 8 service of a garnishment upon an employer, the answer to garnishment 9 interrogatories shall include such information along with the date of
- 10 termination of such continuing lien and the title of the case from which
- 11 such garnishment is issued. Except as provided in subsection (4) of this
- 12 section, a continuing lien obtained pursuant to this section shall have
- 13 priority over any subsequent garnishment or wage assignment.
- 14 (6)(a) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a
- 15 financial institution where deposits are received within this state, the
- 16 financial institution shall (i) if its main chartered office is located
- 17 in this state, designate its main chartered office for the service of
- 18 summons or (ii) if its main chartered office is located in another state,
- 19 designate any one of its offices or branches or its agent for service of
- 20 process in this state for service of summons. The designation of a main
- 21 chartered office or an office or branch or the agent for service of
- 22 process under this subdivision shall be made by filing a notice of
- 23 designation with the Department of Banking and Finance, shall contain the
- 24 physical address of the main chartered office or the office or branch or
- 25 the agent for service of process designated, and shall be effective upon
- 26 placement on the department website. The department shall post the list
- 27 of such designated main chartered offices and offices or branches or
- 28 agents for service of process on its website for access by the public. A
- 29 financial institution may modify or revoke a designation made under this
- 30 subdivision by filing the modification or revocation with the department.
- 31 The modification or revocation shall be effective when the department's 1 website has been updated to reflect the modification or revocation,
- 2 except that the judgment creditor may rely upon the designation that was 3 modified or revoked during the thirty-day period following the effective
- 4 date of the modification or revocation if the summons is timely served
- 5 upon the financial institution. The department shall update its website
- 6 to reflect a filing by a financial institution pursuant to this
- 7 subdivision or a modification or revocation filed by a financial
- 8 institution pursuant to this subdivision within ten business days
- 9 following the filing by the financial institution. The department website 10 shall reflect the date its online records for each financial institution
- 11 have most recently been updated.
- 12 (b) If a financial institution where deposits are received has
- 13 designated its main chartered office or one of its offices or branches or
- 14 its agent for service of process for the service of summons, service made
- 15 on the main chartered office or the office or branch or the agent for
- 16 service of process so designated shall be valid and effective as to any

- 17 property or credits of the defendant in the possession or control of the
- 18 main chartered office of the financial institution in this state and any
- 19 of the financial institution offices or branches located within this
- 20 state. If service of summons is not made on the main chartered office or
- 21 the office or branch or the agent for service of process designated by
- 22 the financial institution, but instead is made at another office or
- 23 branch of the financial institution located in Nebraska, the financial
- 24 institution, in its discretion, and without violating any obligation to
- 25 its customer, may elect to treat the service of summons as valid and
- 26 effective as to any property or credits of the defendant in the
- 27 possession or control of the main chartered office of the financial
- 28 institution in this state and any of the financial institution offices or
- 29 branches located within this state. In the absence of such an election,
- 30 the financial institution shall file a statement with the interrogatories
- 31 that the summons was not served at the financial institution's designated
- 1 location for receiving service of summons and, therefore, was not
- 2 processed, and shall provide the address at which the financial
- 3 institution is to receive service of summons.
- 4 (c) For purposes of this subsection, financial institution means a
- 5 bank, savings bank, building and loan association, savings and loan
- 6 association, or credit union whether chartered by the United States, the
- 7 Department of Banking and Finance, or a foreign state agency.
- 8 (d) The notice of designation, modification, or revocation shall be
- 9 made by a financial institution on forms prescribed by the Department of
- 10 Banking and Financedepartment.
- 11 (e) The Department of Banking and Finance, any employee of the
- 12 department, or any person acting on behalf of the department shall be
- 13 immune from civil and criminal liability for any acts or omissions which
- 14 occur as a result of the requirements of this subsection.
- 15 (7)(a) For purposes of this section:
- 16 (i) Corporate entity means any corporation, limited liability
- 17 company, limited liability partnership, or series limited liability
- 18 company or any other corporate entity that is required by the statutes of
- 19 Nebraska to have a registered agent for service of process in Nebraska;
- 20 and
- 21 (ii) Corporate entity does not include any financial institution
- 22 described in subsection (6) of this section.
- 23 (b) In any case involving service of a garnishment summons on a
- 24 corporate entity against wages due to a judgment debtor from the
- 25 corporate entity, service shall be made upon the corporate entity in
- 26 accordance with section 25-509.01 or in a manner mutually agreed upon by
- 27 the garnishee and judgment creditor.
- 28 (c) If service is not made upon the corporate entity's registered
- 29 agent for service of process in this state, the judgment creditor shall
- 30 send a copy of such summons to the location of the corporate entity's
- 31 registered agent for service of process in this state unless the
- 1 corporate entity has requested that no such copy be sent or no such
- 2 registered agent exists. Proof of compliance with this subdivision (7)(c)
- 3 is not required for a garnishment to continue.
 4 Sec. 3. Original sections 25-1030.01 and 25-1056, Reissue Revised
- 5 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 404. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 29-2262.06, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 29-2262.06 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
- 6 whenever a district court or county court sentences an adult offender to

7 probation, the court shall require the probationer to pay a one-time 8 administrative enrollment fee and thereafter a monthly probation 9 programming fee.

10 (2) Participants in non-probation-based programs or services in

- 11 which probation personnel or probation resources are utilized pursuant to
- 12 an interlocal agreement authorized by subdivision (16) of section 29-2252
- 13 and in which all or a portion of the costs of such probation personnel or
- 14 such probation resources are covered by funds provided pursuant to
- 15 section 29-2262.07 shall pay the one-time administrative enrollment fee
- 16 described in subdivision (3)(a) of this section and the monthly probation
- 17 programming fee described in subdivision (3)(c) of this section. In
- 18 addition, the provisions of subsections (4), (7), and (11)(10) of this
- 19 section applicable to probationers apply to participants in non-
- 20 probation-based programs or services. Any participant in a non-probation-
- 21 based program or service who defaults on the payment of any such fees
- 22 may, at the discretion of the court, be subject to removal from such non-
- 23 probation-based program or service. This subdivision does not preclude a
- 24 court or other governmental entity from charging additional local fees
- 25 for participation in such non-probation-based programs and services or
- 26 other similar non-probation-based programs and services.
- 27 (3) The court shall establish the administrative enrollment fee and
- 1 monthly probation programming fees as follows:
- 2 (a) Adult probationers placed on either probation or intensive
- 3 supervision probation and participants in non-probation-based programs or
- 4 services shall pay a one-time administrative enrollment fee of thirty
- 5 dollars. The fee shall be paid in a lump sum upon the beginning of
- 6 probation supervision or participation in a non-probation-based program 7 or service:
- 8 (b) Adult probationers placed on probation shall pay a monthly
- 9 probation programming fee of twenty-five dollars, not later than the
- 10 tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation; and
- 11 (c) Adult probationers placed on intensive supervision probation and
- 12 participants in non-probation-based programs or services shall pay a
- 13 monthly probation programming fee of thirty-five dollars, not later than
- 14 the tenth day of each month, for the duration of probation or
- 15 participation in a non-probation-based program or service.
- 16 (4) The court shall waive payment of the monthly probation
- 17 programming fees in whole or in part if after a hearing a determination
- 18 is made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the
- 19 offender due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical
- 20 or mental handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period
- 21 of time that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based
- 22 program or service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation
- 23 programming fee.
- 24 (5) If a probationer defaults in the payment of monthly probation
- 25 programming fees or any installment thereof, the court may revoke his or
- 26 her probation for nonpayment, except that probation shall not be revoked
- 27 nor shall the offender be imprisoned for such nonpayment if the
- 28 probationer is financially unable to make the payment, if he or she so
- 29 states to the court in writing under oath, and if the court so finds
- 30 after a hearing.
- 31 (6) If the court determines that the default in payment described in
- 1 subsection (5) of this section was not attributable to a deliberate
- 2 refusal to obey the order of the court or to failure on the probationer's
- 3 part to make a good faith effort to obtain the funds required for
- 4 payment, the court may enter an order allowing the probationer additional
- 5 time for payment, reducing the amount of each installment, or revoking
- 6 the fees or the unpaid portion in whole or in part.
- 7 (7) No probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program
- 8 or service shall be required to pay more than one monthly probation

- 9 programming fee per month. This subsection does not preclude local fees 10 as provided in subsection (2) of this section.
- 11 (8) The imposition of monthly probation programming fees in this
- 12 section shall be considered separate and apart from the fees described in
- 13 subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262.
- 14 (9) The court may waive payment of the fees described in
- 15 subdivisions (2)(m) and (o) of section 29-2262 in whole or in part if the
- 16 offender has been previously found to be indigent in the case for which
- 17 he or she is placed on probation or if after a hearing a determination is
- 18 made that such payment would constitute an undue hardship on the offender
- 19 due to limited income, employment or school status, or physical or mental
- 20 handicap. Such waiver shall be in effect only during the period of time
- 21 that the probationer or participant in a non-probation-based program or
- 22 service is unable to pay his or her monthly probation programming fee.
- 23 (10)(9) Any adult probationer received for supervision pursuant to
- 24 section 29-2637 or the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision
- 25 shall be assessed both a one-time administrative enrollment fee and
- 26 monthly probation programming fees during the period of time the
- 27 probationer is actively supervised by Nebraska probation authorities.
- 28 (11)(10) The probationer or participant in a non-probation-based
- 29 program or service shall pay the fees described in this section to the
- 30 clerk of the court. The clerk of the court shall remit all fees so
- 31 collected to the State Treasurer for credit to the Probation Program Cash 1 Fund.
- 2 Sec. 2. Section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 3 2024, is amended to read:
- 4 29-2263 (1)(a) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section,
- 5 when a court has sentenced an offender to probation, the court shall 6 specify the term of such probation which shall be not more than five
- 7 years upon conviction of a felony or second offense misdemeanor and two
- 8 years upon conviction of a first offense misdemeanor.
- 9 (b) At sentencing, the court shall provide notice to the offender
- 10 that the offender may be eligible to have the conviction set aside as
- 11 provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264 and shall provide
- 12 information on how to file such a petition. The State Court Administrator 13 shall develop standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to
- 14 carry out this subdivision.
- 15 (c) The court, on application of a probation officer or of the
- 16 probationer or on its own motion, may discharge a probationer at any
- 18 (2) When a court has sentenced an offender to post-release
- 19 supervision, the court shall specify the term of such post-release
- 20 supervision as provided in section 28-105. The court, on application of a
- 21 probation officer or of the probationer or on its own motion, may
- 22 discharge a probationer at any time.
- 23 (3) During the term of probation, the court on application of a
- 24 probation officer or of the probationer, or its own motion, may modify or
- 25 eliminate any of the conditions imposed on the probationer or add further
- 26 conditions authorized by section 29-2262. The court on joint application
- 27 of the probation officer and the probationer may extend the term of 28 probation within the limits authorized by subdivision (1)(a) of this
- 29 section. This subsection does not preclude a probation officer from
- 30 imposing administrative sanctions with the probationer's full knowledge
- 31 and consent as authorized by sections 29-2266.01 and 29-2266.02. 1 (4)(a) Upon completion of the term of probation, or the earlier
- 2 discharge of the probationer, the probationer shall be relieved of any
- 3 obligations imposed by the order of the court and shall have satisfied
- 4 the sentence for his or her crime.
- 5 (b) Upon satisfactory fulfillment of the conditions of probation for
- 6 the entire period or after discharge from probation prior to the

- 7 termination of the period of probation, a probation officer shall notify 8 the probationer that the probationer may be eligible to have the 9 conviction set aside as provided in subsection (2) of section 29-2264. 10 The notice shall include an explanation of the requirements for a 11 conviction to be set aside, how to file a petition for a conviction to be 12 set aside, and the effect of and limitations of having a conviction set 13 aside and an advisement that the probationer consult with an attorney 14 prior to filing a petition. The State Court Administrator shall develop 15 standardized advisement language and any forms necessary to carry out 16 this subdivision. 17 (5) Whenever a probationer disappears or leaves the jurisdiction of 18 the court without permission, the time during which he or she keeps his 19 or her whereabouts hidden or remains away from the jurisdiction of the 20 court shall be added to the original term of probation. 21 Sec. 3. Section 29-2267, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 22 amended to read: 23 29-2267 (1) Whenever a motion or information to revoke probation is 24 filed, the probationer shall be entitled to a prompt consideration of 25 such charge by the sentencing court. The court shall not revoke probation 26 or increase the probation requirements imposed on the probationer, except 27 after a hearing upon proper notice where the violation of probation is 28 established by clear and convincing evidence. 29 (2) The probationer shall have the right to receive, prior to the 30 hearing, a copy of the information or written notice of the grounds on 31 which the information is based. The probationer shall have the right to
- 1 hear and controvert the evidence against him or her, to offer evidence in 2 his or her defense, and to be represented by counsel.
- 3 (3) For a probationer convicted of a felony, revocation proceedings 4 may only be instituted in response to a substance abuse or noncriminal 5 violation if the probationer has served ninety days of cumulative
- 6 custodial sanctions during the current probation term. 7 (4) When a motion or information to revoke probation is filed, the 8 probation term may be extended at the joint request of the probationer 9 and prosecutor until final resolution of the motion or information to 10 revoke probation or until the expiration of the statutorily defined
- 11 maximum period of probation for the offense for which the probationer has 12 been placed on probation. A court shall accept such request to extend a
- 13 term of probation so long as the probationer is represented by counsel or 14 the court finds, in open court, that the probationer makes the request
- 15 freely, voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently.
 16 Sec. 4. Original sections 29-2262.06 and 29-2267, Reissue Revised
- 17 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 29-2263, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 18 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

LEGISLATIVE BILL 32. Placed on General File with amendment.

- 1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new
- 2 sections:
- 3 Section 1. Section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
- 4 is amended to read:
- 5 49-1474.01 (1) Except for an individual or individuals acting
- 6 independently utilizing their own personal resources or as provided in
- 7 subsection (2) of this section, the The person, except an individual or
- 8 individuals acting independently utilizing their own personal resources,
- 9 who pays for the production, distribution, or posting of a billboard,

- 10 placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed matter relating to a
- 11 candidate or ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name
- 12 and street address of the person to appear on such matter. The person who
- 13 pays for a radio or television advertisement relating to a candidate or
- 14 ballot question shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such
- 15 person to be included in the advertisement, and the radio or television
- 16 station shall, for a period of at least six months, keep the street
- 17 address of such person on file and divulge it to any person upon request.
- 18 (2) If a candidate pays for the production, distribution, or posting
- 19 of a billboard, placard, poster, pamphlet, or other printed material
- 20 relating to such candidate, then the candidate shall cause a disclaimer
- 21 containing the name and street address or post office box number of such
- 22 candidate to appear on such matter. If a candidate pays for a radio or
- 23 television advertisement relating to such candidate, then the candidate
- 24 shall cause a disclaimer containing the name of such candidate to be
- 25 included in the advertisement, and the radio or television station shall,
- 26 for a period of at least six months, keep the street address or post
- 27 office box number of such candidate on file and divulge it to any person 1 upon request.
- 2(3)(2) The size and placement of the disclaimer shall be determined
- 3 by rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the commission. The
- 4 rules and regulations shall exempt from the disclaimer required by this
- 5 section windshield stickers, yard signs, bumper stickers, campaign
- 6 buttons, and balloons and may also exempt other items relating to a
- 7 candidate or committee which are printed or reproduced at the request of
- 8 such candidate or committee.
- 9 (4)(3) Any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this
- 10 section shall be guilty of a Class IV misdemeanor.
- 11 Sec. 2. Original section 49-1474.01, Reissue Revised Statutes of
- 12 Nebraska, is repealed.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 560. Placed on General File with amendment.

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- 1 1. On page 2, strike lines 27 through 31 and insert the following
- 2 new subdivision:
- 3 "(b) When awarding innovative tourism grants under the program, the
- 4 commission shall award up to five hundred thousand dollars in innovative
- 5 tourism grants to any such city or village each fiscal year.".
- 6 2. On page 3, strike line 1.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 29. Reported to the Legislature for further consideration.

(Signed) Rita Sanders, Chairperson

Executive Board

LEGISLATIVE BILL 364. Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

Natural Resources

The Natural Resources 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.

Game and Parks Commission:

Kurt Arganbright Stephen D Mossman

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

The Natural Resources 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.

Nebraska Ethanol Board:

Randy L Gard

Aye: 8. Brandt, Clouse, Conrad, DeKay, Hughes, Juarez, Moser, Raybould. Nay: 0. Absent: 0. Present and not voting: 0.

(Signed) Tom Brandt, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Ballard filed the following amendments to <u>LB415</u>:

On Page 5, Line 13, strike "Any employer" and insert "Employers".

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On Page 3, Line 23 strike "any right" and insert "rights".

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Business and Labor Committee will conduct its hearing on March 3, 2025, in Room 1023, and the General Affairs Committee will conduct its hearing in Room 1510, both at 1:30 p.m.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator J. Cavanaugh name added to LB404. Senator Sanders name added to LB530.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were Naasir Spivey, Omaha; Hyrum Duggar, Lincoln; students from St. Wenceslaus, Wahoo; nursing students of the Nebraska Nurses Association – College of St. Mary, Nebraska Methodist

College, UNMC-Kearney, Lincoln, Norfolk and Omaha; students from Faith Christian School, Kearney; students from Woodland Park Elementary, Norfolk.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Jacobson, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, February 28, 2025.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature