

FORTY-SECOND DAY - MARCH 12, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SESSION**

FORTY-SECOND DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Kaitlin Reece, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Omaha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator DeKay.

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 Senators Arch, Bostar, J. Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Dover, Guereca, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the forty-first day was approved.

MESSAGE(S) FROM THE GOVERNOR

March 11, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bills 10e, 21, 42, 59, 98e, 118, 139, 160, 180, 187e, 196, 197, 231, 240e, 250, 251e, 296, 296A, 335, 357, 362, 609, and 609A were received in my office on March 6, 2025, and signed March 11, 2025.

These bills were delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

March 11, 2025

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature
State Capitol, Room 2018
Lincoln, NE 68509

Dear Mr. Metzler:

Engrossed Legislative Bill 229 was received in my office on March 10, 2025, and signed on March 11, 2025.

This bill was delivered to the Secretary of State on March 11, 2025.

Sincerely,
(Signed) Jim Pillen
Governor

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

Urban Affairs - LB287
Banking, Commerce and Insurance - LB198

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 67. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Tyson Terry competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Terry won the Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Roberto Macias-Sidzyik of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Terry is the first wrestler in Nebraska state history to win four state wrestling championships at the heavyweight division going 169-0; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Omaha North High School wrestler Tyson Terry on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 285-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Tyson Terry.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 68. Introduced by McKinney, 11.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association State Wrestling Tournament was held from February 20 through February 22 at the CHI Health Center Omaha; and

WHEREAS, Jermaine Dortch competed in the tournament for the Omaha North High School boys wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Dortch won the Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship by defeating Myles Sanchez of Creighton Preparatory School; and

WHEREAS, Dortch maintained an undefeated 49-0 season; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of the youth of our state.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Omaha North High School wrestler Jermaine Dortch on winning the 2025 Boys Class A 138-pound State Wrestling Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to Omaha North High School and Jermaine Dortch.

Laid over.

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 61, 62, and 63 were adopted.

PRESIDENT SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the President signed the following: LRs 61, 62, and 63.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 527A. Title read. Considered.

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

MOTION(S) - Confirmation Report(s)

Senator Bosn moved the adoption of the Judiciary Committee report for the confirmation of the following appointment(s) found on page 719:

Crime Victim's Reparations Committee
 Candice Batton
 Shawn Eatherton
 David Nelson

Voting in the affirmative, 36:

Andersen	DeKay	Ibach	Moser	Storm
Ballard	Dorn	Jacobson	Murman	Strommen
Bosn	Dungan	Juarez	Prokop	von Gillern
Bostar	Fredrickson	Kauth	Quick	Wordekemper
Brandt	Guereca	Lippincott	Riepe	
Clements	Hallstrom	Lonowski	Sanders	
Clouse	Hansen	McKeon	Sorrentino	
DeBoer	Holdcroft	Meyer	Storer	

Voting in the negative, 0.

Present and not voting, 9:

Armendariz	Cavanaugh, M.	Hardin	McKinney	Spivey
Cavanaugh, J.	Conrad	Hughes	Rountree	

Excused and not voting, 4:

Arch	Dover	Hunt	Raybould
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The appointments were confirmed with 36 ayes, 0 nays, 9 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

General Affairs - LB9 and LB677
 Quick - LB257

BILLS ON FIRST READING

The following bills were read for the first time by title:

LEGISLATIVE BILL 148A. Introduced by Hansen, 16.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 148, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 22A. Introduced by Dungan, 26.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 22, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 41A. Introduced by Riepe, 12.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to aid in carrying out the provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First Session, 2025.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Nebraska Retirement Systems
Room 1525 12:00 PM

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System
Experience Study to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(4)(a)

Presentation of the Nebraska Public Employees Retirement System
Annual Report to the Retirement Committee pursuant to section 84-1503(3)

(Signed) Beau Ballard, Chairperson

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 69. Introduced by Holdcroft, 36; Riepe, 12.

WHEREAS, the American Legion was founded in Paris, France, on March 15, 1919, and March 15, 2025, marks the one-hundred-sixth anniversary of the founding of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, as one of the largest nonprofit United States veteran organizations in the world, the American Legion provides support to the United States military and veterans and their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion's motto is "Veterans Strengthening America" and the American Legion has been a stalwart advocate for the well-being of Nebraskan veterans for one hundred six years; and

WHEREAS, the American Legion posts in Nebraska help promote the four pillars of the American Legion: children and youth, Americanism, national security, and veterans affairs and rehabilitation; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska American Legion has over twenty-two thousand Legionnaires and three hundred forty-seven posts statewide; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the American Legion for one hundred six years of service and appreciates its continued support for the military and veterans across Nebraska and all of the United States.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates the American Legion on one hundred six years of service to the military and veterans.

2. That the Legislature expresses appreciation to all Nebraska Legionnaires for their contributions to the state and to the nation.

3. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the American Legion Department of Nebraska.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 135. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM99](#), found on page 519, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 4 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft offered [AM477](#), found on page 653.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 30 ayes, 3 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 9 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Health and Human Services

LEGISLATIVE BILL 610. Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM267](#)

- 1 1. On page 2, line 6, strike "equal", show as stricken, and insert
- 2 "not exceed"; and in line 14 after "The" insert "department may
- 3 distribute" and strike "shall be distributed exclusively" and show as
- 4 stricken.
- 5 2. On page 3, line 10, strike "shall", show as stricken, and insert

6 "may".

7 3. On page 4, lines 2 and 6, strike "shall", show as stricken, and
8 insert "may"; and in line 23 strike "2025" and insert "2026".

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator J. Cavanaugh filed the following amendments to LB316:

FA31

On page 2, line 20 strike "total" and insert "delta-9".

FA32

On page 2, line 18 strike "viable".

Senator von Gillern filed the following amendment to LB568:

AM508

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM269)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

2 Sec. 11. Section 60-3,100, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
3 2024, is amended to read:

4 60-3,100 (1) The department shall issue to every person whose motor
5 vehicle or trailer is registered one or two fully reflectorized license
6 plates upon which shall be displayed (a) the registration number
7 consisting of letters and numerals assigned to such motor vehicle or
8 trailer in figures not less than two and one-half inches nor more than
9 three inches in height and (b) also the word Nebraska suitably lettered
10 so as to be attractive. The license plates shall be of a color designated
11 by the director. The color of the plates shall be changed each time the
12 license plates are changed. Each time the license plates are changed, the
13 director shall secure competitive bids for materials pursuant to the
14 State Procurement Act. Autocycle, motorcycle, minitruck, low-speed
15 vehicle, and trailer license plate letters and numerals may be one-half
16 the size of those required in this section.

17 ~~(2)~~(a) This subsection applies on and before December 31, 2028.

18 ~~(b)~~~~(2)~~(a) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, two
19 license plates shall be issued for every motor vehicle.

20 ~~(c)~~(b) One license plate shall be issued for (i) apportionable
21 vehicles, (ii) buses, (iii) dealers, (iv) minitrucks, (v) motorcycles,
22 other than autocycles, (vi) special interest motor vehicles that use the
23 special interest motor vehicle license plate authorized by and issued
24 under section 60-3,135.01, (vii) trailers, and (viii) truck-tractors.

25 ~~(d)~~(i)~~(e)~~(i) One license plate shall be issued, upon request and
26 compliance with this subdivision, for any passenger car which is not
1 manufactured to be equipped with a bracket on the front of the vehicle to
2 display a license plate. A license decal shall be issued with the license
3 plate as provided in subdivision (ii) of this subdivision and shall be
4 displayed on the driver's side of the windshield. In order to request a
5 single license plate and license decal, there shall be an additional
6 annual nonrefundable registration fee of fifty dollars plus the cost of
7 the decal paid to the county treasurer at the time of registration. All
8 fees collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State
9 Treasurer for credit to the Highway Trust Fund.

10 (ii) The department shall design, procure, and furnish to the county
11 treasurers a license decal which shall be displayed as evidence that a
12 license plate has been obtained under this subdivision. Each county
13 treasurer shall furnish a license decal to the person obtaining the
14 plate.

15 ~~(c)~~(d) When two license plates are issued, one shall be prominently
 16 displayed at all times on the front and one on the rear of the registered
 17 motor vehicle or trailer. When only one plate is issued, it shall be
 18 prominently displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or
 19 trailer. When only one plate is issued for motor vehicles registered
 20 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, it shall be prominently
 21 displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle.

22 ~~(3)~~(a) This subsection applies on and after January 1, 2029.

23 (b) One license plate shall be issued for every registered motor
 24 vehicle or trailer.

25 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the license
 26 plate for a registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be prominently
 27 displayed on the rear of the registered motor vehicle or trailer.

28 (d) When a license plate is issued for motor vehicles registered
 29 pursuant to section 60-3,198 and truck-tractors, such license plate shall
 30 be prominently displayed on the front of the apportionable vehicle or
 31 truck-tractor.

1 2. On page 1, lines 8, 17, and 19; page 2, lines 5 and 22; page 3,
 2 lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page 8, line 4; page 35,
 3 lines 1, 6, 13, and 28; page 36, lines 6 and 28; page 37, line 10; page
 4 38, line 30; page 39, line 6; page 44, lines 6 and 20; page 45, lines 3,
 5 11, 21, and 31; page 46, line 13; and page 47, line 5, strike "25" and
 6 insert "26".

7 3. On page 3, line 2; page 8, line 3; and page 39, line 10, strike
 8 "23" and insert "24".

9 4. On page 3, lines 2 and 31; page 4, line 9; page 6, line 25; page
 10 8, line 3; page 35, line 13; and page 39, line 10, strike "24" and insert
 11 "25".

12 5. On page 47, line 18, after "60-396," insert "60-3,100,".

Senator Brandt filed the following amendment to LB170:

AM603

1 1. Strike original section 2 and insert the following new sections:

2 Section 1. Section 53-160, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
 3 amended to read:

4 53-160 ~~(1)(a)~~(+) For the purpose of raising revenue, a tax is
 5 imposed upon the privilege of engaging in business as a manufacturer or a
 6 wholesaler at a rate of:

7 (i) Thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer manufactured and sold by
 8 such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in
 9 the course of such business;

10 (ii) Ninety-five cents per gallon for wine manufactured and sold by
 11 such manufacturer or shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in
 12 the course of such business, except for wines produced and released from
 13 bond in farm wineries;

14 (iii) Six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond
 15 in farm wineries and manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or
 16 shipped for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such
 17 business;

18 (iv) Two dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on alcohol and
 19 spirits that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures
 20 and sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the
 21 course of such business, one hundred thousand gallons of alcohol or
 22 spirits or less within such calendar year; and

23 (v) Four dollars and fifty cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits
 24 that are manufactured by a manufacturer that either manufactures and
 25 sells in this state, or ships in this state via a wholesaler in the
 26 course of such business, more than one hundred thousand gallons of
 27 alcohol or spirits within such calendar year.

1 ~~thirty-one cents per gallon on all beer; ninety-five cents per~~

2 gallon for wine, except for wines produced and released from bond in farm
 3 wineries; six cents per gallon for wine produced and released from bond
 4 in farm wineries; and three dollars and seventy-five cents per gallon on
 5 alcohol and spirits manufactured and sold by such manufacturer or shipped
 6 for sale in this state by such wholesaler in the course of such business.

7 (b) The gallonage tax imposed by this subsection shall be imposed
 8 only on alcoholic liquor upon which a federal excise tax is imposed.
 9 (2) Manufacturers or wholesalers of alcoholic liquor shall be exempt
 10 from the payment of the gallonage tax on such alcoholic liquor upon
 11 satisfactory proof, including bills of lading furnished to the commission
 12 by affidavit or otherwise as the commission may require, that such
 13 alcoholic liquor was manufactured in this state but shipped out of the
 14 state for sale and consumption outside this state.

15 (3) Dry wines or fortified wines manufactured or shipped into this
 16 state solely and exclusively for sacramental purposes and uses shall not
 17 be subject to the gallonage tax.

18 (4) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon any alcoholic
 19 liquor, whether manufactured in or shipped into this state, when sold to
 20 a licensed nonbeverage user for use in the manufacture of any of the
 21 following when such products are unfit for beverage purposes: Patent and
 22 proprietary medicines and medicinal, antiseptic, and toilet preparations;
 23 flavoring extracts, syrups, food products, and confections or candy;
 24 scientific, industrial, and chemical products, except denatured alcohol;
 25 or products for scientific, chemical, experimental, or mechanical
 26 purposes.

27 (5) The gallonage tax shall not be imposed upon the privilege of
 28 engaging in any business in interstate commerce or otherwise, which
 29 business may not, under the Constitution and statutes of the United
 30 States, be made the subject of taxation by this state.

31 (6) The gallonage tax shall be in addition to all other occupation
 1 or privilege taxes imposed by this state or by any municipal corporation
 2 or political subdivision thereof.

3 (7) The commission shall collect the gallonage tax and shall account
 4 for and remit to the State Treasurer at least once each week all money
 5 collected pursuant to this section. If any alcoholic liquor manufactured
 6 in or shipped into this state is sold to a licensed manufacturer or
 7 wholesaler of this state to be used solely as an ingredient in the
 8 manufacture of any beverage for human consumption, the tax imposed upon
 9 such manufacturer or wholesaler shall be reduced by the amount of the
 10 taxes which have been paid as to such alcoholic liquor so used under the
 11 Nebraska Liquor Control Act. The net proceeds of all revenue arising
 12 under this section shall be credited to the General Fund.

13 Sec. 2. Section 77-2602, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
 14 2024, is amended to read:

15 77-2602 (1) Every stamping agent engaged in distributing or selling
 16 cigarettes at wholesale in this state shall pay to the Tax Commissioner
 17 of this state a special privilege tax. This shall be in addition to all
 18 other taxes. It shall be paid prior to or at the time of the sale, gift,
 19 or delivery to the retail dealer in the several amounts as follows:

20 (a) On each package of cigarettes intended to be burned which
 21 ~~contains~~ containing not more than twenty cigarettes, one dollar and
 22 thirty-six~~sixty-four~~ cents per package; and on packages containing more
 23 than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as provided on packages containing
 24 not more than twenty cigarettes for the first twenty cigarettes in each
 25 package and a tax of one-twentieth of the tax on the first twenty
 26 cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty cigarettes in each
 27 package; or-

28 (b) On each package of cigarettes intended to be heated which
 29 contains not more than twenty cigarettes, thirty-two cents per package;
 30 and on packages containing more than twenty cigarettes, the same tax as

31 provided on packages containing not more than twenty cigarettes for the
 1 first twenty cigarettes in each package and a tax of one-twentieth of the
 2 tax on the first twenty cigarettes on each cigarette in excess of twenty
 3 cigarettes in each package.

4 (2) ~~Beginning July 1, 2025~~ ~~October 1, 2004~~, the State Treasurer shall
 5 place the equivalent of ~~one dollar and twenty-one~~ ~~forty-nine~~ cents of
 6 ~~the~~ ~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section in the
 7 General Fund. For purposes of this section, the equivalent of a specified
 8 number of cents of the tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this
 9 section shall mean that portion of the proceeds of the tax equal to the
 10 specified number divided by the tax rate per package of cigarettes
 11 containing not more than twenty cigarettes.

12 (3) The State Treasurer shall distribute the remaining proceeds of
 13 ~~the~~ ~~such~~ tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of this section as follows:

14 (a) Beginning July 1, 1980, the State Treasurer shall place the
 15 equivalent of one cent of such tax in the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation
 16 Development Cash Fund. For fiscal year distributions occurring after
 17 FY 1998-99, the distribution under this subdivision shall not be less than
 18 the amount distributed under this subdivision for FY 1997-98. Any money
 19 needed to increase the amount distributed under this subdivision to the
 20 FY 1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the General Fund;

21 (b) Beginning July 1, 1993, the State Treasurer shall place the
 22 equivalent of three cents of such tax in the Health and Human Services
 23 Cash Fund to carry out sections 81-637 to 81-640. For fiscal year
 24 distributions occurring after FY 1998-99, the distribution under this
 25 subdivision shall not be less than the amount distributed under this
 26 subdivision for FY 1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount
 27 distributed under this subdivision to the FY 1997-98 amount shall reduce
 28 the distribution to the General Fund;

29 (c) Beginning October 1, 2002, and continuing until all the purposes
 30 of the Deferred Building Renewal Act have been fulfilled, the State
 31 Treasurer shall place the equivalent of seven cents of such tax in the
 1 Building Renewal Allocation Fund. The distribution under this subdivision
 2 shall not be less than the amount distributed under this subdivision for
 3 FY 1997-98. Any money needed to increase the amount distributed under this
 4 subdivision to the FY 1997-98 amount shall reduce the distribution to the
 5 General Fund;

6 (d) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the
 7 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of three million eight hundred
 8 twenty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Public Safety
 9 Communication System Cash Fund. If necessary, the State Treasurer shall
 10 reduce the distribution of tax proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to
 11 subsection (2) of this section by such amount required to fulfill the
 12 distribution pursuant to this subdivision; and

13 (e) Beginning July 1, 2016, and every fiscal year thereafter, the
 14 State Treasurer shall place the equivalent of one million two hundred
 15 fifty thousand dollars of such tax in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund.
 16 If necessary, the State Treasurer shall reduce the distribution of tax
 17 proceeds to the General Fund pursuant to subsection (2) of this section
 18 by such amount required to fulfill the distribution pursuant to this
 19 subdivision.

20 (4) If, after distributing the proceeds of ~~the~~ ~~such~~ tax imposed under
 21 subdivision (1)(a) of this section pursuant to subsections (2) and (3) of
 22 this section, any proceeds of such tax remain, the State Treasurer shall
 23 place such remainder in the Nebraska Capital Construction Fund.

24 (5) The Legislature hereby finds and determines that the projects
 25 funded from the Building Renewal Allocation Fund are of critical
 26 importance to the State of Nebraska. It is the intent of the Legislature
 27 that the allocations and appropriations made by the Legislature to such
 28 fund not be reduced until all contracts and securities relating to the

29 construction and financing of the projects or portions of the projects
30 funded from such fund are completed or paid, and that until such time any
31 reductions in the cigarette tax rate imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of
1 this section that are made by the Legislature shall be simultaneously
2 accompanied by equivalent reductions in the amount dedicated to the
3 General Fund from such cigarette tax revenue. Any provision made by the
4 Legislature for distribution of the proceeds of the cigarette tax imposed
5 under subdivision (1)(a) of this section for projects or programs other
6 than those to (a) the General Fund, (b) the Nebraska Outdoor Recreation
7 Development Cash Fund, (c) the Health and Human Services Cash Fund, (d)
8 the Building Renewal Allocation Fund, (e) the Nebraska Public Safety
9 Communication System Cash Fund, and (f) the Nebraska Health Care Cash
10 Fund shall not be made a higher priority than or an equal priority to any
11 of the programs or projects specified in subdivisions (a) through (f) of
12 this subsection.

13 (6) Beginning July 1, 2025, the State Treasurer shall place all of
14 the cigarette tax revenue received pursuant to subdivision (1)(b) of this
15 section in the General Fund.

16 Sec. 4. Section 81-638, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
17 amended to read:

18 81-638 (1) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the
19 Legislature shall appropriate for each year from the Health and Human
20 Services Cash Fund to the department an amount derived from one cent of
21 the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of ~~by~~ section 77-2602,
22 less any amount appropriated from the fund specifically to the University
23 of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases.
24 The department shall, after deducting expenses incurred in the
25 administration of such funds, distribute such funds exclusively for
26 grants and contracts for research of cancer and smoking diseases, for
27 funding the cancer registry prescribed in sections 81-642 to 81-650, and
28 for associated expenses due to the establishment and maintenance of such
29 cancer registry. Not more than two hundred thousand dollars shall be
30 appropriated for funding the cancer registry and associated expenses. The
31 University of Nebraska may receive such grants and contracts, and other
1 postsecondary institutions having colleges of medicine located in the
2 State of Nebraska may receive such contracts.

3 (2) Subject to subsection (4) of this section, the Legislature shall
4 appropriate for each year from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to
5 the department for cancer research an amount derived from two cents of
6 the cigarette tax imposed under subdivision (1)(a) of ~~by~~ section 77-2602
7 to be used exclusively for grants and contracts for research on cancer
8 and smoking diseases. No amount shall be appropriated or used pursuant to
9 this subsection for the operation and associated expenses of the cancer
10 registry. Not more than one-half of the funds appropriated pursuant to
11 this subsection shall be distributed to the University of Nebraska
12 Medical Center for research in cancer and allied diseases and the
13 University of Nebraska Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied
14 Diseases. The remaining funds available pursuant to this subsection shall
15 be distributed for contracts with other postsecondary educational
16 institutions having colleges of medicine located in Nebraska which have
17 cancer research programs for the purpose of conducting research in cancer
18 and allied diseases.

19 (3) Any contract between the department and another postsecondary
20 educational institution for cancer research under subsection (2) of this
21 section shall provide that:

22 (a) Any money appropriated for such contract shall only be used for
23 cancer research and shall not be used to support any other program in the
24 institution;

25 (b) Full and detailed reporting of the expenditure of all funds
26 under the contract is required. The report shall include, but not be

27 limited to, separate accounting for personal services, equipment
 28 purchases or leases, and supplies. Such reports shall be made available
 29 electronically to the Legislature; and
 30 (c) No money appropriated for such contract shall be spent for
 31 travel, building construction, or any other purpose not directly related
 1 to the research that is the subject of the contract.
 2 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer seven million dollars from
 3 the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the General Fund on or before
 4 June 30, 2018, on such dates and in such amounts as directed by the
 5 budget administrator of the budget division of the Department of
 6 Administrative Services. It is the intent of the Legislature that the
 7 transfer to the General Fund in this subsection be from funds credited to
 8 the Cancer Research subfund of the Health and Human Services Cash Fund
 9 which were in excess of appropriations established in subsections (1) and
 10 (2) of this section.
 11 Sec. 5. This act becomes operative on July 1, 2025.
 12 Sec. 7. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
 13 passed and approved according to law.
 14 2. Renumber the remaining sections and correct the repealer
 15 accordingly.

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB230:
[AM577](#) is available in the Bill Room.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Priority designation(s) received:

J. Cavanaugh - LB192
 Hardin - LB168
 Bosn - LB559
 Clements - LB468
 Natural Resources - LB36 and LB317

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)

Revenue
 Room 1524 1:30 PM

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

LB643
 LB558
 LB649
 LB647
 LB648

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

PROPOSED RULES CHANGE(S)

Senator Dungan filed the following proposed rule change:

Amend Rule 5, Sec. 4(d) to add "Bills introduced under Rule 5, Sec. 7(f) will not be included in the limitation.", and to remove language, "Starting with the 2025 legislative session,".

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 529. Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM27](#), found on page 519, was offered.

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 0 nays, 14 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 37 ayes, 0 nays, 10 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 326. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 27 ayes, 0 nays, 20 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 457. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 31 ayes, 0 nays, 17 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 84. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 32 ayes, 0 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 355. Title read. Considered.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 0 nays, 19 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were members of Youth Leadership Kearney; members of the Girl Scouts, Lincoln; students from David City Elementary, Bellwood; Sally Grandgenett, Joanna Lindberg, Kathy Knowlton, and Denise Jardine, Ashland; Mark Daly, Chair of the Irish Senate; students from Joslyn Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Angela McLaughlin, Wayne.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on a motion by Senator Holdcroft, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Brandon Metzler
Clerk of the Legislature