

**FORTY-EIGHTH DAY - MARCH 20, 2025****LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL****ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION****FORTY-EIGHTH DAY**

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

**PRAYER**

The prayer was offered by Lynette Janssen, Ralston United Church of Christ, Ralston.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Hughes.

**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, M. Cavanaugh, Conrad, Hunt, Raybould, and Spivey who were excused until they arrive.

**CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL**

The Journal for the forty-seventh day was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORT(S)**  
Health and Human Services

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 332.** Placed on General File with amendment.  
[AM729](#) is available in the Bill Room.

(Signed) Brian Hardin, Chairperson

**AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator Juarez filed the following amendment to [LB299](#):  
[AM727](#)

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM464)

- 1 1. Insert the following new amendment:
- 2 4. On page 7, line 9, reinstate the stricken language.

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE HEARING(S)**

Judiciary  
Room 1525 1:00 PM

Thursday, March 27, 2025  
LB273

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

### **REPORTS**

Agency reports electronically filed with the Legislature can be found on the [Nebraska Legislature's website](#).

### **REPORT OF REGISTERED LOBBYISTS**

Following is a list of all lobbyists who have registered as of March 19, 2025, in accordance with Section 49-1481, Revised Statutes of Nebraska. Additional lobbyists who have registered will be filed weekly.

(Signed) Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

Baldocchi, Danny  
Airbnb, Inc. (Withdrawn 03/18/2025)  
CP Strategies LLC  
Combat Hate Foundation Inc.  
Richters, Rebecca S.  
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)  
Severino, Dylan  
ACLU Nebraska (Withdrawn 03/14/2025)  
Simmons, Kameron  
Flock Safety  
Steingart, Nick  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation

### **RESOLUTION(S)**

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 67, 68, and 69 were adopted.

### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 67, 68, and 69.

**BILL ON FINAL READING****Dispense With Reading at Large**

Pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 8, the Legislature approved the dispensing of the reading at large of LB116 with 41 ayes, 1 nay, 3 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

The following bill was put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 116.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation; to amend sections 81-3717 and 81-3720, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and sections 13-2603, 13-2604, 13-2605, and 13-2610, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act and the Nebraska Visitors Development Act; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 43:

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

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen      Spivey

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M.      Conrad      Hunt      Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

The following bills were read and put upon final passage:

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 123.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to political subdivisions; to amend sections 13-522 and 19-2907, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 13-3407, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to withholding money due to the noncompliance of certain political subdivisions regarding budget limits, form submissions relating to property tax request authority and unused property tax request authority, and annual audits; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 297.** With Emergency Clause.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Employment Security Law; to amend section 48-649.03, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to the combined tax rate; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass with the emergency clause attached?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 45:

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

Voting in the negative, 0.

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

A constitutional two-thirds majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed with the emergency clause and the title agreed to.

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 373.**

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to roads; to amend sections 39-1722, 39-1724, and 39-1725, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, and section 39-1410, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2024; to change provisions relating to section lines and vacation or abandonment of public roads; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Whereupon the President stated: "All provisions of law relative to procedure having been complied with, the question is, 'Shall the bill pass?' "

Voting in the affirmative, 44:

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

Voting in the negative, 1:

Riepe\*

Excused and not voting, 4:

Cavanaugh, M. Conrad Hunt Moser

\* Senator was Present Not Voting at the time of the recorded vote (Rule 6, Sec.9).

A constitutional majority having voted in the affirmative, the bill was declared passed and the title agreed to.

#### **MOTION(S) - Return LB41 to Select File**

Senator Riepe moved to return LB41 to Select File for his specific amendment, [AM637](#), found on page 802.

The Riepe motion to return prevailed with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

#### **SELECT FILE**

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 41.** The Riepe specific amendment, [AM637](#), found on page 802, was adopted with 44 ayes, 0 nays, 1 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Reengrossment.

#### **SPEAKER SIGNED**

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORT(S)** Revenue

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 384.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM703](#)

1 1. On page 2, line 26, strike "a majority of the elected members"  
2 and insert "one voting member".

(Signed) R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

Transportation and Telecommunications

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 323.** Placed on General File with amendment.

[AM554](#)

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. Section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
4 2024, is amended to read:  
5 39-1348 (1) Except as otherwise provided in sections 39-2808 to  
6 39-2823, when letting contracts for the construction, reconstruction,  
7 improvement, maintenance, or repair of roads, bridges, and their  
8 appurtenances, the department shall solicit bids as follows:  
9 ~~(a)(i)(a)~~ For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the  
10 department, of greater than two hundred fifty thousand dollars, the  
11 department shall provide notice of the department's solicitation

12 ~~of advertise for sealed bids using the following methods: for not less than~~  
13 ~~twenty days by publication of a notice thereof~~  
14 (A) Publish notice once a week for three consecutive weeks in the  
15 official county newspaper designated by the county board in the county  
16 where the work is to be done and in such additional newspaper or  
17 newspapers as may appear necessary to the department in order to give  
18 notice of the receiving of bids; and  
19 (B) Publish notice on the official webpage designated by the  
20 department beginning at least twenty days before the deadline for receipt  
21 of bids. The notice will be deemed to comply with this requirement even  
22 if there are temporary or occasional times when Internet service is down  
23 or the designated webpage is not available for any reason.  
24 (ii) Such ~~notice advertisement~~ shall identify the general project  
25 location, state the place where the plans and specifications for the work  
26 may be inspected, and shall designate the time when the bids shall be  
27 filed and opened. The newspaper notice shall identify the department's  
1 official webpage where the details of the bid letting may be viewed  
2 electronically.  
3 (iii) The notice requirements of this section shall be deemed to  
4 have been met if notice of the bid solicitation has been published on the  
5 department's designated webpage for at least twenty days prior to the  
6 time when bids will be opened, even if there is any defect with the  
7 newspaper notice described in subdivision (1)(a)(i)(A) of this section,  
8 including, but not limited to, meeting a publication deadline that has  
9 been moved by the publisher resulting in an inability to satisfy the  
10 requirement of three consecutive weeks of published notice.  
11 (iv) If through no fault of the department publication of such  
12 notice fails to appear as prescribed in subdivisions (1)(a)(i) and (ii)  
13 of this section in any newspaper or newspapers in the manner provided in  
14 this subdivision, the department shall be deemed to have fulfilled the  
15 requirements of this subdivision; and  
16 (b) For contracts with an estimated cost, as determined by the  
17 department, of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less, the  
18 department, in its sole discretion, shall either:  
19 (i) Follow the procedures given in subdivision (a) of this  
20 subsection; or  
21 (ii) Request bids from at least three potential bidders for such  
22 work. If the department requests bids under this subdivision, it shall  
23 designate a time when the bids shall be opened. The department may award  
24 a contract pursuant to this subdivision if it receives at least one  
25 responsive bid.  
26 (2) The Department of Transportation may adjust the amounts in  
27 subdivisions (1)(a) and (b) of this section annually on October 1 by the  
28 percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers  
29 published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor  
30 Statistics, at the close of the twelve-month period ending on August 31  
31 of such year. The amounts shall be rounded to the next highest one-  
1 thousand-dollar amount.  
2 Sec. 2. Section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
3 amended to read:  
4 39-1355 (1) The department shall have authority to:  
5 (a) Purchase, lease, employ, or acquire by other means, all  
6 needed road materials, machinery, equipment, supplies, services, and  
7 labor necessary for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and  
8 control of the state highway system and all tools and materials necessary  
9 to keep such machinery and equipment in repair; and  
10 (b) Lease. The department shall also have authority to lease,  
11 purchase, construct, or cause to be constructed, buildings for office  
12 accommodations, which are necessary in the administration of the duties  
13 of the department, and buildings for the storing and housing of

14 materials, machinery, equipment, and supplies.  
 15 ~~(2) The department shall not. Provided, that the department may not~~  
 16 ~~construct or cause to be constructed any building with an estimated cost~~  
 17 ~~greater than the adjusted dollar amount established for capital~~  
 18 ~~construction projects in section 81-1114.01 exceeding a cost of one~~  
 19 ~~hundred thousand dollars~~ without the consent of the Legislature.  
 20 (3) The maintenance, protection, and control of the materials,  
 21 machinery, equipment, supplies, tools, and buildings shall be under the  
 22 authority and responsibility of the department.  
 23 Sec. 3. Original section 39-1355, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
 24 Nebraska, and section 39-1348, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
 25 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Mike Moser, Chairperson

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 287.** Title read. Considered.

Committee [AM608](#), found on page 805, was offered.

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

Senator Fredrickson requested a roll call vote on the adoption of the committee amendment.

Voting in the affirmative, 26:

Andersen	Conrad	Hughes	Murman	Sorrentino
Armendariz	DeBoer	Juarez	Prokop	Spivey
Bostar	DeKay	Lippincott	Quick	
Brandt	Dungan	Lonowski	Raybould	
Cavanaugh, J.	Fredrickson	McKinney	Rountree	
Clouse	Guereca	Meyer	Sanders	

Voting in the negative, 2:

Hansen	Storer
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Present and not voting, 16:

Arch	Dorn	Holdcroft	Riepe
Ballard	Dover	Ibach	Strommen
Bosn	Hallstrom	Jacobson	von Gillern
Clements	Hardin	McKeon	Wordekemper

Excused and not voting, 5:

Cavanaugh, M.	Hunt	Kauth	Moser	Storm
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The committee amendment was adopted with 26 ayes, 2 nays, 16 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 29 ayes, 1 nay, 14 present and not voting, and 5 excused and not voting.

### PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR

Presented to the Governor on March 20, 2025, at 10:02 a.m. were the following: LBs 116, 123, 297e, and 373.

(Signed) Jamie Leishman  
Clerk of the Legislature's Office

### COMMITTEE REPORT(S) Judiciary

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 159.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson  
Executive Board

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 228.** Placed on General File.

(Signed) Ben Hansen, Chairperson

### AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Riepe filed the following amendment to LB41A:

AM739

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:  
3 Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$8,798 from the  
4 Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$19,223 from federal funds  
5 for FY2025-26 and (2) \$7,655 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit  
6 Fund and \$16,305 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
7 Health and Human Services, for Program 344, to aid in carrying out the  
8 provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
9 Session, 2025.  
10 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
11 \$8,798 Cash Funds and \$19,223 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
12 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
13 this program for FY2026-27 \$7,655 Cash Funds and \$16,305 federal funds  
14 for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
15 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
16 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
17 section.  
18 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated (1) \$69,777 from the Medicaid  
19 Managed Care Excess Profit Fund and \$85,802 from federal funds for  
20 FY2025-26 and (2) \$72,860 from the Medicaid Managed Care Excess Profit

21 Fund and \$86,780 from federal funds for FY2026-27 to the Department of  
 22 Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to aid in carrying out the  
 23 provisions of Legislative Bill 41, One Hundred Ninth Legislature, First  
 24 Session, 2025.  
 25 There is included in the appropriation to this program for FY2025-26  
 26 \$69,777 Cash Funds and \$85,802 federal funds for state aid, which shall  
 27 only be used for such purpose. There is included in the appropriation to  
 1 this program for FY2026-27 \$72,860 Cash Funds and \$86,780 federal funds  
 2 for state aid, which shall only be used for such purpose.  
 3 No expenditures for permanent and temporary salaries and per diems  
 4 for state employees shall be made from funds appropriated in this  
 5 section.

### GENERAL FILE

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 415.** Senator McKinney offered the following motion:

[MO110](#)

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

Senator Ballard opened on his bill, LB415.

Senator McKinney opened on his motion, MO110.

Senator Holdercroft called the question. The question is, "Shall the debate now close?"

Senator McKinney moved for a call of the house. The motion prevailed with 23 ayes, 0 nays, and 26 not voting.

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

Voting in the affirmative, 31:

Andersen	DeKay	Hughes	Meyer	Strommen
Armendariz	Dorn	Ibach	Murman	von Gillern
Ballard	Dover	Jacobson	Riepe	Wordekemper
Bosn	Hallstrom	Kauth	Sanders	
Brandt	Hansen	Lippincott	Sorrentino	
Clements	Hardin	Lonowski	Storer	
Clouse	Holdercroft	McKeon	Storm	

Voting in the negative, 11:

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

Present and not voting, 6:

Arch	DeBoer	Fredrickson
Bostar	Dungan	Prokop

Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The Holdcroft motion to cease debate prevailed with 31 ayes, 11 nays, 6 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Guereca requested a roll call vote, in reverse order, on the motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Voting in the affirmative, 11:

Cavanaugh, J.	Guereca	McKinney	Rountree
Conrad	Hunt	Prokop	Spivey
DeBoer	Juarez	Quick	

Voting in the negative, 32:

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

Present and not voting, 5:

Bostar	Cavanaugh, M.	Dungan	Fredrickson	Raybould
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Excused and not voting, 1:

Moser

The McKinney motion to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f), failed with 11 ayes, 32 nays, 5 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

The Chair declared the call raised.

Senator Dungan offered the following motion:

[MO113](#)

Reconsider the vote taken on MO110.

Pending.

**MOTION(S) - Print in Journal**

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB170:

[MO114](#)

Bracket until May 30, 2025.

[MO115](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO116](#)

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

Senator M. Cavanaugh filed the following motions to LB169:

[MO117](#)

Bracket until May 30, 2025.

[MO118](#)

Recommit to the Revenue Committee.

[MO119](#)

Indefinitely postpone.

Senator McKinney filed the following motions to LB415:

[MO111](#)

Bracket until June 9, 2025.

[MO112](#)

Recommit to the Business and Labor Committee.

**RESOLUTION(S)**

**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 79.** Introduced by Bosn, 25; Andersen, 49; Arch, 14; Armendariz, 18; Ballard, 21; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Clements, 2; Clouse, 37; Conrad, 46; DeBoer, 10; 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; McKinney, 11; Meyer, 17; Moser, 22; Murman, 38; Prokop, 27; Raybould, 28; Riepe, 12; Rountree, 3; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Spivey, 13; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team won the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln Christian Crusaders defeated the Milford High School Eagles in the championship game by a score of 49-42; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln Christian finished the season with a perfect twenty-eight wins and zero losses; and

WHEREAS, this is the second consecutive state title for Lincoln Christian and the fourth state title overall; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of parents, teachers, administrators, classmates, and the community; 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 the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and its coaches on winning the 2025 Class C-1 Girls State Basketball Championship.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Lincoln Christian High School girls basketball team and Head Coach Scott Klein.

Laid over.

#### **UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)**

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

Senator Juarez name added to LB179.

Senator Conrad name added to LB439.

#### **VISITOR(S)**

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Syracuse Middle School, Syracuse; students from Voices for Children, Nebraska; Anna Meier, Gering.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:56 a.m., on a motion by Senator Conrad, the Legislature adjourned until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Brandon Metzler  
Clerk of the Legislature

