FIFTY-THIRD DAY - MARCH 31, 2025

LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE FIRST SESSION

FIFTY-THIRD DAY

Legislative Chamber, Lincoln, Nebraska Monday, March 31, 2025

PRAYER

The prayer was offered by Senator Moser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Senator Lippincott.

ROLL CALL

Pursuant to adjournment, the Legislature met at 10:00 a.m., Senator DeBoer presiding.

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators Bostar, Conrad, Dover, Hunt, and Prokop who were excused until they arrive.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE JOURNAL

The Journal for the fifty-second day was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 470. Placed on General File. **LEGISLATIVE BILL 518.** Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 519. Placed on General File with amendment. <u>AM761</u> 1 1. On page 2, line 10, strike "may", show as stricken, and insert 2 "<u>shall</u>".

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

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SELECT FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 113. Senator Raybould offered the following motion: <u>MO143</u> Bracket until June 9, 2025.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The Raybould motion failed with 1 aye, 26 nays, 18 present and not voting, and 4 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould asked unanimous consent to withdraw <u>AM626</u>, found on page 880, and replace it with substitute amendment, <u>AM811</u>, found on page 909. No objections. So ordered.

Senator Raybould offered AM811, found on page 909.

The Raybould amendment lost with 1 aye, 33 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould offered AM625, found on page 881.

The Raybould amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Holdcroft withdrew AM682, found on page 886.

Senator Clements offered AM624, found on page 909.

The Clements amendment lost with 10 ayes, 25 nays, 11 present and not voting, and 3 excused and not voting.

Senator Dover offered AM843, found on page 927.

The Dover amendment was adopted with 35 ayes, 0 nays, 12 present and not voting, and 2 excused and not voting.

Senator Holdcroft offered the following amendment: <u>AM851</u>

- 1 1. Insert the following new section:
- 2 Sec. 5. If any section in this act or any part of any section is
- 3 declared invalid or unconstitutional, the declaration shall not affect
- 4 the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions.

5 2. Renumber the remaining section accordingly.

The Holdcroft amendment was adopted with 40 ayes, 1 nay, 7 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

Senator Raybould requested a machine vote on the advancement of the bill.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review for Engrossment with 33 ayes, 2 nays, 13 present and not voting, and 1 excused and not voting.

RESOLUTION(S)

Pursuant to Rule 4, Sec. 5(b), LRs 76, 77, 78, and 79 were adopted.

SPEAKER SIGNED

While the Legislature was in session and capable of transacting business, the Speaker signed the following: LRs 76, 77, 78, and 79.

AMENDMENT(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Hardin filed the following amendment to LB332: AM828

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM729)

1 1. Insert the following new section:

- 2 Sec. 39. (1) For purposes of this section, program means the Rural
- 3 Health Opportunity Program that encourages students from rural
- 4 communities to pursue health care professions and return to practice in
- 5 those rural communities.
- 6 (2)(a) The Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and the
- 7 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska shall enter into a
- 8 memorandum of understanding to administer the program, including a joint
- 9 application and interview process to select students to participate in
- 10 the program and be provisionally admitted into one of the eligible health 11 care programs at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- 12 (b) To be eligible, students shall:
- 13 (i) Attend, or be a graduate of, an approved or accredited high
- 14 school in Nebraska or receive an equivalent of a diploma of high school 15 equivalency in Nebraska; and
- 16 (ii) Have lived in, or been a resident of, a rural area of Nebraska
- 17 as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges and 18 the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.
- 19 (3) A student who participates in the program is entitled to a 20 waiver of one hundred percent of the cost of tuition and fees per
- 21 academic year for up to four years at a state college for the purpose of
- 22 completing the established health care program coursework at such state
- 23 college that is required for early admission and transfer to an eligible
- 24 health care program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.
- 25 (4) It is the intent of the Legislature to consider continued
- 26 funding for the program in an appropriate amount equal to or more than
- 1 one-half of the cost of the tuition waivers or fees granted pursuant to
- 2 this section as part of the biennial budget process.
- 3 2. Correct the operative date section so the section added by this
- 4 amendment becomes operative three calendar months after the adjournment
- 5 of this legislative session.

63. Renumber the remaining sections accordingly.

Senator Ibach filed the following amendment to LB646: AM829 is available in the Bill Room.

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VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were music students from the Nebraska Music Education Association – UNO, UNK, Doane, and Wesleyan; students from Aurora Public School, Aurora; members of the Nebraska Grocers and Wholesalers on behalf of the Grocery Industry Association.

RECESS

At 11:52 a.m., on a motion by Senator Moser, the Legislature recessed until 1:30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The Legislature reconvened at 1:30 p.m., President Kelly presiding.

ROLL CALL

The roll was called and all members were present except Senators M. Cavanaugh, Dover, Hardin, Hunt, Raybould, and Strommen who were excused until they arrive.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 246. Title read. Considered.

Committee AM226, found on page 809, was offered.

SPEAKER ARCH PRESIDING

The committee amendment was adopted with 33 ayes, 1 nay, and 15 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 33 ayes, 4 nays, and 12 present and not voting.

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

Senator Jacobson filed the following amendment to <u>LB474</u>: <u>AM669</u> is available in the Bill Room.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 99. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; 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;

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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 D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship was held on March 8, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team competed in the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart Irish defeated the Dorchester Longhorns 52-25; and

WHEREAS, this is the ninth state title for Falls City Sacred Heart and they finished their season with a 25-4 record; and

WHEREAS, the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team is coached by Luke Santo; and

WHEREAS, such a team achievement is made possible through the support of teachers, administrators, parents, 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 Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team on earning the 2025 Class D-2 Girls State Basketball Championship title.

2. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Falls City Sacred Heart High School girls basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 100. Introduced by Hallstrom, 1; 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; 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; von Gillern, 4; Wordekemper, 15.

WHEREAS, the 2025 Nebraska School Activities Association Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship was held on March 15, 2025, at Pinnacle Bank Arena in Lincoln, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team won the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock Eagles defeated the Howells-Dodge Jaguars in the championship game by a score of 61-49; and

WHEREAS, this is the third-straight championship title for the Johnson-Brock boys basketball team; and

WHEREAS, the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team is coached by Lucus Dalinghaus; 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 Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team on winning the 2025 Class D-1 Boys State Basketball Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Johnson-Brock High School boys basketball team.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 101. Introduced by Jacobson, 42; Andersen, 49; Dorn, 30; Guereca, 7; Hallstrom, 1; Hardin, 48; Ibach, 44; McKeon, 41; Storer, 43; Storm, 23; Strommen, 47.

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef, LLC opened a meat processing facility in North Platte, Nebraska, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by over a thousand people; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef will help cattle producers grow their businesses and will create long-term growth for the North Platte community; and

WHEREAS, the new facility will provide a local outlet for quality cattle at a premium price and will serve as a driver for new growth in the North Platte region; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was created to help cattle producers integrate their operations to allow them to achieve a birth to retail outlet concept locally; and

WHEREAS, Sustainable Beef was the result of a determined group of cattle producers who had the vision to carry the project to its conclusion; and

WHEREAS, the four hundred million dollar plant will process about one thousand five hundred cattle per day and will employ about eight hundred fifty workers.

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Sustainable Beef, LLC on their successful opening ceremony.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Sustainable Beef.

Laid over.

GENERAL FILE

LEGISLATIVE BILL 257. Title read. Considered.

Senator Quick offered the following amendment: AM850

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

3 Section 1. Section 38-2125, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 4 2024, is amended to read:

5 38-2125 (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (3) of this

6 section, the The department, with the recommendation of the board, may 7 issue a license based on licensure in another jurisdiction to an

8 individual who:

9 (a) Meets the licensure requirements of the Mental Health Practice 10 Act or substantially equivalent requirements as determined by the

11 department, with the recommendation of the board; or

12 (b) Has been in active practice in the appropriate discipline for at

13 least five years following initial licensure or certification in another

14 jurisdiction and has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

15 (2) The department may issue a license based on a privilege to

16 practice in Nebraska under the Licensed Professional Counselors

17 Interstate Compact as provided in section 5 of such compact.

18 (3) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall,

19 based on licensure in another jurisdiction, issue a mental health

20 practitioner license or an independent mental health practitioner license 21 to a marriage and family therapist who:

22 (a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage

23 and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good

24 standing with such state or territory;

25 (b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and

26 (c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

27 (4)(3) An applicant for a license who is a military spouse may apply

1 for a temporary license as provided in section 38-129.01.

2 Sec. 2. Section 38-2130, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 3 2024, is amended to read:

4 38-2130 (1) The department, with the recommendation of the board,

5 may issue a certificate based on licensure in another jurisdiction to

6 represent oneself as a certified marriage and family therapist, a

7 certified professional counselor, a social worker, or a certified art

8 therapist to an individual who meets the requirements of the Mental

9 Health Practice Act relating to marriage and family therapy, professional

10 counseling, social work, or art therapy, as appropriate, or substantially 11 equivalent requirements as determined by the department, with the

12 recommendation of the board.

13 (2) The department, with the recommendation of the board, shall

14 issue a certificate to a marriage and family therapist based on licensure 15 in another jurisdiction to an individual who:

16 (a) Has a valid, independent, and unrestricted license as a marriage 17 and family therapist in another state or territory that is in good

18 standing with such state or territory;

19 (b) Completes an application and pays all applicable fees; and 20 (c) Has passed the Nebraska jurisprudence examination.

21 (3) An applicant for a certificate who is a military spouse may

22 apply for a temporary certificate as provided in section 38-129.01.

23 Sec. 3. Original sections 38-2125 and 38-2130, Revised Statutes

24 Cumulative Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

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The Quick amendment was adopted with 42 ayes, 0 nays, and 7 present and not voting.

Senator Hansen offered the following amendment: $\underline{AM866}$ is available in the Bill Room.

The Hansen amendment was adopted with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

Advanced to Enrollment and Review Initial with 43 ayes, 0 nays, and 6 present and not voting.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 258. Senator Conrad offered <u>MO7</u>, found on page 193, to indefinitely postpone pursuant to Rule 6, Sec. 3(f).

Senator Raybould opened on her bill, LB258.

Senator Conrad opened on her motion, MO7.

Pending.

COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

Judiciary

LEGISLATIVE BILL 606. Placed on General File.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 322. Placed on General File with amendment. <u>AM767</u> is available in the Bill Room.

LEGISLATIVE BILL 412. Placed on General File with amendment. AM732

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new

2 sections:

3 Section 1. Section 43-1401, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is 4 amended to read:

5 43-1401 For purposes of sections 43-1401 to 43-1418:

- 6 (1) Except as provided in sections 43-1411 and 43-1414, child
- 7 <u>meansChild shall mean</u> a child under the age of eighteen years born out of 8 wedlock;
- 9 (2) Child born out of wedlock meanshall mean a child whose parents
- 10 were not married to each other at the time of its birth, except that a
- 11 child shall not be considered as born out of wedlock if theirs parents

12 were married at the time of the child'sits conception but divorced at the

13 time of its birth. The definition of legitimacy or illegitimacy for other 14 purposes shall not be affected by the provisions of such sections 43-1401

15 to 43-1418; and 16 (2) Symmetric includes shell include reasonable of

16 (3) Support <u>includesshall include</u> reasonable education.
17 Sec. 2. Section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,

18 2024, is amended to read:

- 19 43-1411 (1) A civil proceeding to establish the paternity of a child
- 20 may be instituted, in the court of the district where the child is

21 domiciled or found or, for cases under the Uniform Interstate Family

22 Support Act, where the alleged father is domiciled, by:

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23 (a) The mother or the alleged father of such child, or by a person 24 who has reason to believe he is the biological father of the child, 25 either during pregnancy or within four years after the child's birth, 26 unless:

27 (i) A valid consent or relinquishment has been made pursuant to 1 sections 43-104.08 to 43-104.24 or section 43-105 for purposes of 2 adoption; or

3 (ii) A county court or separate juvenile court has jurisdiction over 4 the custody of the child or jurisdiction over an adoption matter with

5 respect to such child pursuant to sections 43-101 to 43-116; or

6 (b) The guardian or next friend of such child or the state, either

7 during pregnancy or within eighteen years after the child's birth.

8 (2) Summons shall issue and be served as in other civil proceedings, 9 except that such summons may be directed to the sheriff of any county in 10 the state and may be served in any county.

11 (3)(a)(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a person who

12 has reason to believe he isclaiming to be the biological father of a

13 child over which the juvenile court already has jurisdiction may file a

14 complaint to intervene in such juvenile proceeding to institute an action

15 to establish the paternity of the child. The complaint to intervene shall

16 be accompanied by an affidavit under oath that the complainantaffiant 17 believes he is the biological father of the juvenile. No filing fee shall

18 be charged for filing the complaint and affidavit.

19 (b) Upon filing of the complaint and affidavit, the juvenile court

20 mayshall enter an order pursuant to section 43-1414 to require genetic

21 testing and to require the juvenile to be made available for genetic

22 testing. The costs of genetic testing shall be paid by the

23 complainantintervenor, the county, or the state at the discretion of the 24 iuvenile court.

25 (c) This subsection does not authorize intervention by a person

26 whose parental rights to such child have been terminated by the order of 27 any court of competent jurisdiction.

28 (4) For purposes of this section, child means a person under the age 29 of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of

30 wedlock. 31 Sec. 3. Section 43-1414, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

1 amended to read:

2 43-1414 (1)(a)(1) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the 3 court may, on its own motion, or shall, on a timely request of a party, 4 after notice and hearing, require the child, the mother, and the alleged 5 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other 6 appropriate genetic testing material. Failure to comply with such 7 requirement for genetic testing shall constitute contempt and may be 8 dealt with in the same manner as other contempts. If genetic testing is

9 required, the court shall direct that inherited characteristics be 10 determined by appropriate testing procedures and shall appoint an expert

11 in genetic testing and qualified as an examiner of genetic markers to

12 analyze and interpret the results and to report to the court. The court

13 shall determine the number of experts required.

14 (b) For purposes of this subsection, child means a person under the 15 age of eighteen years, regardless of whether the person was born out of 16 wedlock.

17 (2) In any proceeding to establish paternity, the Department of

18 Health and Human Services, county attorneys, and authorized attorneys

19 have the authority to require the child, the mother, and the alleged

20 father to submit to genetic testing to be performed on blood or any other

21 appropriate genetic testing material. All genetic testing shall be

22 performed by a laboratory accredited by the College of American

23 Pathologists or any other national accrediting body or public agency

24 which has requirements that are substantially equivalent to or more

25 comprehensive than those of the college.

26 (3) Except as authorized under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, a person 27 shall not disclose information obtained from genetic paternity testing 28 that is done pursuant to such sections. 29 (4) If an alleged father who is tested as part of an action under 30 such sections is found to be the child's father, the testing laboratory 31 shall retain the genetic testing material of the alleged father, mother, 1 and child for no longer than the period of years prescribed by the 2 national standards under which the laboratory is accredited. If a man is 3 found not to be the child's father, the testing laboratory shall destroy 4 the man's genetic testing material in the presence of a witness after 5 such material is used in the paternity action. The witness may be an 6 individual who is a party to the destruction of the genetic testing 7 material. After the man's genetic testing material is destroyed, the 8 testing laboratory shall make and keep a written record of the 9 destruction and have the individual who witnessed the destruction sign 10 the record. The testing laboratory shall also expunge its records 11 regarding the genetic paternity testing performed on the genetic testing 12 material in accordance with the national standards under which the 13 laboratory is accredited. The testing laboratory shall retain the genetic 14 testing material of the mother and child for no longer than the period of 15 years prescribed by the national standards under which the laboratory is 16 accredited. After a testing laboratory destroys an individual's genetic 17 testing material as provided in this subsection, it shall notify the 18 adult individual, or the parent or legal guardian of a minor individual, 19 by certified mail that the genetic testing material was destroyed. 20 (5) A testing laboratory is required to protect the confidentiality 21 of genetic testing material, except as required for a paternity 22 determination. The court and its officers shall not use or disclose 23 genetic testing material for a purpose other than the paternity 24 determination. 25 (6) A person shall not buy, sell, transfer, or offer genetic testing 26 material obtained under sections 43-1414 to 43-1418. 27 (7) A testing laboratory shall annually have an independent audit 28 verifying the contracting laboratory's compliance with this section. The 29 audit shall not disclose the names of, or otherwise identify, the test 30 subjects required to submit to testing during the previous year. The 31 testing laboratory shall forward the audit to the department. 1 (8) Any person convicted of violating this section shall be guilty 2 of a Class IV misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class III 3 misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offense. 4 (9) For purposes of sections 43-1414 to 43-1418, an expert in 5 génetic testing means a person who has formal doctoral training or 6 postdoctoral training in human genetics. 7 Sec. 4. Original sections 43-1401 and 43-1414, Reissue Revised 8 Statutes of Nebraska, and section 43-1411, Revised Statutes Cumulative 9 Supplement, 2024, are repealed.

(Signed) Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

MOTION(S) - Print in Journal

Senator Spivey filed the following motion to <u>LB632</u>: <u>MO144</u> Indefinitely postpone.

RESOLUTION(S)

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 102. Introduced by McKinney, 11; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; McKeon, 41; 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, the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championships were held on March 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Antrell Taylor of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln won the 157-pound title against Joey Blaze of Purdue; and

WHEREAS, Taylor's victory earned him a second All-American honor and his fiftieth career win; and

WHEREAS, Taylor finished his season with a twenty-seven wins and four losses record; 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 Antrell Taylor on winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Wrestling Championship at 157 pounds.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Antrell Taylor.

Laid over.

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 103. Introduced by McKeon, 41; 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; Hunt, 8; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Juarez, 5; Kauth, 31; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; 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, the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship was held at the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Ridge Lovett competed in the Championship for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln wrestling team; and

WHEREAS, Lovett won the 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship by defeating the number 1 seed, Caleb Henson of Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Lovett was the first national champion since 2011 for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; and

WHEREAS, Lovett also earned the title of 2025 Big Ten Champion and is a four-time National Collegiate Athletic Association All-American; and WHEREAS, outside of competition, Lovett is active with his church and community, volunteering with local projects and programs, as well as coaching with Team Real Life, an outreach ministry that Lovett grew up with; and

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

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

1. That the Legislature congratulates Ridge Lovett on winning the 2025 149-pound National Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championship.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Ridge Lovett.

Laid over.

ANNOUNCEMENT(S)

Speaker Arch announced the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee will hold its hearing on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, in Room 1507 instead of Room 1510.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT - Add Cointroducer(s)

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

Senator Murman name added to LB169. Senator Murman name added to LB170. Senator Murman name added to LB258. Senator Ballard name added to LR92.

VISITOR(S)

Visitors to the Chamber were students from Washington Elementary, Omaha.

The Doctor of the Day was Dr. Eric Thomsen, Beatrice.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:09 p.m., on a motion by Senator Clouse, the Legislature adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 1, 2025.

Brandon Metzler Clerk of the Legislature